

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

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MINE LEADERS PROVE AGATI FIRED FIRST SHOT

MASS AGITATION TO FREE MOONEY, BILLINGS, BEGINS

Labor Defense Tells Plan of Campaign

SEATTLE, Wash., April 12.—As part of the campaign to secure the release from prison of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, who have served 12 years in jail as a result of a frame-up in connection with the 1916 Preparedness Day explosion in San Francisco, documents will be made public showing that even those who helped in the conviction are now in favor of their release. This was announced today by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense.

This will be part of the national campaign that Mooney and Billings authorized the International Labor Defense to conduct in their behalf when Cannon visited Mooney in San Quentin Prison.

Letter From Wilson

The documents that will be made public shortly, Cannon added, will include a letter from the then President Woodrow Wilson to Governor Stephens of California urging the release of the two workers, as well as letters written by members of the jury which convicted them. A letter from Judge Frank Griffin, who presided at the trial, will be included. Other evidence uncovered since the trial of Mooney and Billings will be revealed shortly.

Cannon stated that the International Labor Defense would have the cooperation of its branches throughout the country in the liberation campaign.

"The International Labor Defense," (Continued on Page Two)

PICKETING VOIDS NO STRIKE WRIT

Kenosha Hose Strikers Patrol Mill Gate

KENOSHA, Wis., April 12 (FP).—Federal injunctions against picketing don't look any bigger to the Kenosha factory strikers than does the owner of the Allen-A plant. They are successfully fighting the boss and since the government lines up with him they are taking it on too. As if in answer to the conspiracy trial of 19 union leaders that came in federal court in Milwaukee April 17, a flood of pickets swarmed police and detectives in the streets leading to the plant. There were men and women and several hundred of the children that had surrounded the place 600 strong some days earlier yelling 'scab' and 'out' at the strikebreakers as they sneaked out of the gate.

Can't Call Scabs, Scabs

Federal Judge Geisler's injunction forbids picketing and forbids calling scabs, scabs.

The strike here is of exceptional importance to the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers. The future of the western hosiery market from the union point of view is pretty closely bound up with the outcome of the fight for union recognition and against speed-ups being waged against the \$4,000,000 Kenosha mill. It is owned by eastern capital.

The normal output of the mill is 2,000 dozen pair of women's silk hose a day. Production since the strike began in January has dropped to 250 dozen a day and of such poor quality that the Allen-A trade name is kept off the stockings.

Poor Quality

There are being sold at 31 to unwarv customers in the Boston store, in Chicago and elsewhere, without the brand and without the high quality that the skilled workers now on strike used to put into them.

Frank Wilson, chief scab herder for the company and a professional strikebreaker in the hosiery industry, is herding no more for the present. He was last seen in public drunk and flourishing a gun. A law and order committee disarmed him before he could shoot Organizer Louis Budenz of the union and now Mr. Wilson is convalescing with a doctor and nurse in the Dayton hotel. Gazing into a mirror he reflects that other things besides strikes are occasionally broken.

Lord's Servant Hires Out to Loan Sharks

A "servant of the lord" was the star witness at Wednesday's federal hearings in the "loan shark" investigation.

John K. Bouvier, of 1827 85th St., Brooklyn, who described himself as a student minister, told of his exploits while working as "strong arm" man for Daniel Carney, head of the Reliance Detective Agency, which seizes automobiles on which loans have been made.

"Supposing we had already seized a car," said Bouvier, telling how he operated, "we would then in that car follow another car we wanted. We would bump into the car ahead. The driver would jump out to see what damage had been done, and one of my crew would jump in and drive off with it."

When asked who paid for repair of the resulting damages on the cars, he replied, "The owners. The loan companies would charge it to them."

N. J. DRIVERS TO FIGHT TO FINISH

Provisional Organization Already Formed

NEWARK, N. J., April 12.—The fighting front of the Newark, Elizabeth, East Orange and Bloomfield taxicab drivers was stiffened today as a result of a mass meeting last night attended by more than 300 strikers at Engineers' Hall, 4 Fleming Avenue here.

A provisional organization was formed for a continuation and spreading of the strike. Harry Dailey, elected provisional president at the meeting, told the assembled workers that more than 500 in the affected district were unwavering in their support of the movement for improved conditions and recognition.

500 in the Fight. "There are more than 500 ready to keep up the fight to a finish without a compromise of any sort," Dailey said.

The men are striking for an increase in their proportion of receipts from 33 and a third to 40 per cent; union recognition; reasonable meal periods; abolition of a regulation requiring the drivers to pay damages for accident's and holdups and abolition of the 18-hour day drivers who are compelled to work once a week.

Phillip Simwits was elected vice-president and Patrick Tynon secretary. N. Kleinman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, also addressed the strikers.

Service Stopped

Taxicab companies affected by the strike have given up all attempts to operate their cabs at night and virtually all day-time service has been suspended, so complete is the solidarity of the drivers.

Application for a local charter has been made to the American Federation of Labor, but up to today no reply had been received at strike headquarters. A reply was expected in time for the meeting last night.

OHIO WORKERS RAIDED

Were Selling Pictures of Sacco-Vanzetti

(By a Worker Correspondent)

WARREN, O., April 12.—The mill owners here are using the chief of police J. B. Gillen to break up every attempt of the workers to organize themselves.

On Sunday, April 8, the chief of police tore into a meeting of Greek workers held in a Greek coffee house at 416 Pine Street and arrested two workers, Charles Solon of Youngstown, and John Skaro, of Niles. There was no charge against these workers. They are being held on a technical charge of suspicion pending a federal investigation.

The chief of police says that they are dangerous fellows. Their crime consists in criticizing the federal government, soliciting subscriptions for the Greek workers' paper, Empros, selling pictures of Sacco and Vanzetti and literature on politics and economics.

Textile Workers Are Voting for New Bedford Strike

UNORGANIZED TO JOIN STRUGGLE AGAINST 10% CUT

Rhode Island Mills Also Cutting Wages

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 12.—Returns from last night's balloting will show an overwhelming vote for a general strike in the New Bedford textile unions according to the determination expressed by the organized as well as unorganized workers here to fight the 10 per cent wage cut scheduled for 35,000 operatives in the cotton mills here Monday. Strike vote returns are not yet available.

Even the capitalist press and employers' trade journals are admitting that the strike vote will be heavy.

The belief prevalent that a strike in this center will spread rapidly to other centers of New England, is gaining ground as information comes in that mill committees are being formed among unorganized textile workers in the New England states.

Further Cuts

Further confirmation of this belief is contained in a dispatch received that the Rhode Island textile mills are beginning to post notices of wage cuts, effective immediately. The Rhode Island plants have not participated in the wave of wage reductions that has swept New England in the last few months.

That a repetition of the betrayal engineered by the Fall River textile council officials, when they announced the result of a similar strike vote on a wage cut several months ago as 11 votes short of a two-thirds majority is highly improbable, is the belief of observers here. This is in spite of the fact that the conservative union leadership here is also demanding a two-thirds vote and a majority of locals in the New Bedford Council before a strike vote will be put into effect.

The militancy of the workers, however is compelling the officials of the American Federation of Textile Operatives to take steps toward the organization of strike machinery.

Support Pledged

The United Textile Mill Committees, an organization of progressive textile workers throughout New England speaking in the name of its New (Continued on Page Two)

Aid Class War Victims

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—Four and a half million roubles have been contributed by workers and peasants of the Soviet Union in the last three years to aid proletarian fighters imprisoned in capitalist countries, according to the report issued by the International Red Aid.

TWO COUPLES DROWNED

WILMINGTON, Del., April 12.—Two young couples were drowned in a mill-race along Park Drive here during the night, police revealed today with the finding of their automobile overturned in the creek.

Philadelphia Youth Send Food Caravans to Striking Miners



The Philadelphia Youth Conference, composed of militant young workers of that city, have organized miners' relief caravans, and are now operating a regular relief service from Philadelphia to the strike coal regions. Photo above shows one of the trucks in the caravan being loaded with food and clothing, before its departure for the strike zone, in western Pennsylvania.

TOMBS WORST JAIL, PRISONERS DECLARE

"For the last three days my mouth has been burning with the air here; I don't know the cause, but I'd do a day without food if it could be changed," writes David Gordon, 18-year-old victim of class "justice," in a letter to The DAILY WORKER from Tombs Prison, which was delayed in the mail.

Gordon is now in the New York County Reformatory at Hempstead Farms, where he was taken from the Tombs last Monday. He will be compelled to remain in the reformatory for three years for writing the poem, "America," which was printed in The DAILY WORKER in March, 1927.

Offends Patriots. The poem aroused the disfavor of certain patriotic societies, who started court proceedings in an effort to crush the only newspaper in the English language that fights unremittingly in the interest of the workers.

The professional patriots led by the Key Men of America and the Military Order of the World War, succeeded in obtaining the conviction of Gordon and in imposing a \$500 fine on The DAILY WORKER.

"Eight boys left for Elmira this morning," Gordon's letter continues. "But some new faces made up for the doomed departed ones. I notice there is quite a large turnover in the membership of the Tombs Prison organization. Some boys are quite undisciplined members but 'alma mater' (Continued on Page Two)

SPRING BRINGS NO RELIEF IN WAGES

ALBANY, N. Y., April 12 (FP).—March, ordinarily the month when spring production reaches a peak, failed utterly this year to check the downward movement of factory employment. Reports from 1,460 firms show a job increase of 3-10ths of 1 per cent between February and March, the worst record since 1919.

"The present surplus of unemployment workers has been created gradually," reports James A. Hamilton, state industrial commissioner. "For the past two years manufacturing concerns in New York state have added fewer workers to their forces in the busy season and have laid off more than the usual number in the dull season.

"The result is that the year 1926 closed with 50,000 fewer workers on the payrolls of factories than were employed at the end of 1925 and the year 1927, with 65,000 fewer than 1926. In March of this year there were about 75,000 fewer factory workers employed than in March, 1927."

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS 4 MINERS

Scab Companies Violate Safety Laws

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Apr. 12.—Four non-union miners were killed in a gas explosion at the Hutchinson Mine of the Westmoreland Coal Company, near West Newton, Pa., late yesterday afternoon. The number of the injured is unknown.

Three hundred miners were employed in the mine, it is stated. The others according to the company, escaped from the scene after the explosion.

Explosions leading to the deaths of miners working non-union mines, have increased in frequency of late owing to the growing indifference of the companies to conditions in their pits. Previously the union forced the companies to observe the safety requirements of the law.

Fight Over Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Altho a political row threatened to stir up a lively debate in the senate, a final vote on the McNary-Haugen farm bill was expected within forty-eight hours. The political row was projected by Senator Brookhart (R) of Iowa, who charged George N. Peek, close friend of Vice President Dawes, was "insincere" in supporting the bill.

FIGHT CAVELL FILM

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The rising protest against American exhibition of the British film "Dawn," depicting the execution of Edith Cavell, by the German military governor of Brussels in 1915, threatens to start diplomatic exchanges between Germany and the United States. German diplomatic agents have exercised every possible influence against the showing.

PIONEER MEET TONIGHT

Jay Lovestone Will Welcome Convention

The convention of the Young Pioneers of America of District 2, New York, will open tonight with a gala "Welcome Convention" meeting at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, will address the hundreds of Pioneers, their friends and parents who are expected. Another feature of the program will be a living newspaper, a mass pageant in which hundreds of children will participate.

BONITA, MOLESKI MENDOLA CONFIRM THEIR INNOCENCE

Case Stirs Workers of Country

WILKES BARRE, Pa., April 12.—"Agati fired the first shot." These words in tones which carried conviction to all present in the crowded court room were yesterday uttered by Sam Bonita, young Pittston mine leader on trial here for the killing of Frank Agati, contractor and Cappelini machine gunman.

Self Defense

"I killed him, but Agati fired the first shot," was the testimony of the youthful president of local 1703, in response to the question of his attorney. Not a sound was heard in the tense court room as the dramatic recital of the events leading to the killing of the Cappelini henchman and body guard was delivered by Bonita, testifying in his own defense.

Earlier in the testimony, Captain William A. Jones, a gun expert had sworn that the bullet found imbedded in the wall of the office was fired from a weapon other than that in the possession of the defendants. The gun from which the shot came, now known to have been fired by Agati, has mysteriously disappeared.

Adam Moleski and Steve Mendola, jointly indicted with Bonita, also testified at yesterday's session. Both verified the testimony of Bonita. In addition they denied the impression which the prosecution had sought to give out that they had come to the office to "get Agati."

Pictures Events

Bonita gave in detail the incidents which led to the shooting. Not until Agati had taken a gun from his pocket, had taken deliberate aim and pulled the trigger, did Bonita take out his own weapon.

The defense of the three miners on trial for their lives is being handled by the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, 513 Coal Exchange Building.

STRIKING MINERS MAINTAIN FIGHT

Penn.-Ohio Committee Issues Call

PITTSBURGH, April 12.—Despite tear gas bombs, unspeakable brutality at the hands of coal and iron police and state troopers, striking miners and their wives are determined to fight on—come what may—until the strike is won. They are calling to their fellow-workers throughout the country to stand behind them in this bitter struggle. The least they can do is supply bread for the children. Thru the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee thousands of families are receiving shipments of food and clothing every other week. But this isn't enough. Hundreds of other locals are appealing for help. More than 100,000 miners in the non-union fields are preparing to join the strike on April 16, to spread the strike and bring it to a successful termination.

Cold Weather

With the return of cold weather, children of striking miners are forced to stay indoors. Especially in Libraries, Pa., where the schools have been closed because the Pittsburgh Coal Company refuses to allow the state health department to put the scab camp at the Montour No. 10 mine under quarantine, not a child is seen outside the barracks.

"When warm food is inside of them, it isn't so bad," their mothers (Continued on Page Three)

TRY INTERSTELLAR AIRSHIP

MUNICH, April 12.—The first steps toward the construction of an interstellar airship were taken today when the Opel Motor Works conducted try-outs here of a rocket motor. The car to which the motor was attached reached the speed of 100 kilometers an hour within eight seconds after the start.

# MILITANT MINER EXPOSES LIES OF YELLOW FORWARD

## Stops Orders of Paper Opposing Workers

BROWNSVILLE, Pa. April 12.—Condemnation of the "yellow socialist sheet," the Daily Forward, for the position taken by that organ in the miners' struggle was voiced today by A. Rodriguez, a miner of this town who has been receiving the paper "without knowing its character" and who has acted as the distributor for this and other papers among the miners of his section.

**Stops Orders.**  
In a letter to the editor of the Forward, Rodriguez orders the immediate stoppage of his subscriptions, giving the reason for the act. At the same time he indicates to its editor that ways will be found to give publicity to the facts even though the Forward will refuse to do so.

Rodriguez's letter to the editor and business manager of the Forward as well as to the Metropolitan News Service, the distributor, follow:

A "Yellow Sheet."  
So. Brownsville, Pa.  
P. O. Box 260,  
April 10, 1928.

Jewish Daily Forward,  
Dear City Editor:

Thanks to your yellow sheet of paper, the Jewish Forward, for the publicity that you give me, in connection with the Save-the-Union Conference of the United Mine Workers of America held at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1st.

Your yellow socialist sheet carried the news that a prosperous Mexican business man of Brownsville, Pa., attended the conference, as to make it appear that this conference was merely attended by business men, and not by miners.

I want you to know this: A. Rodriguez is a member of Local Union 762, United Mine Workers of America. I have worked in the Vesta No. 5 mine until 1925. I am not a business man as your yellow sheet said, but a miner.

**Forward Against Workers.**

The policies of your paper tend to discredit the real struggle of the workers against the present ruling class; your paper is helping the present ruling class to mislead the American public sentiment against every left wing movement of the American working class. I am an American citizen and will continue to fight hand in hand with my fellow workers, with the slogans, "Lewis Must Go!" Organize the Unorganized," not only in the coal industry but also in other industries, till the workers are free from wages and slavery.

I was handing your paper at my newsstand at Brownsville, Pa., not knowing the character of your yellow sheet; from now on I will not handle it because I consider it a crime to sell your yellow sheet to the workers.

Fraternally yours,

A. RODRIGUEZ.

**Inform Circulation Manager.**

Jewish Daily Forward,  
Circulation Manager.

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you that you must at once discontinue sending copies of your yellow sheet, the Jewish Daily Forward, to me.

Please send your bill at once.

Fraternally yours,

A. RODRIGUEZ.

P. S. You may not publish this letter in your paper but I will see to it that other papers will do so.

Also to News Agency.

Metropolitan News Co.,  
47 Chrystie Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please do not send any more copies of the Jewish Forward, only two copies of the Jewish Morning Journal daily.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A. RODRIGUEZ.

# JOBLESS TO MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

## Workers Will Demand Immediate Relief

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—A mass meeting of unemployed workers will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at 1208 Tasker St. under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party.

"City authorities continue indifferent," says a statement issued by the Party, "in the face of growing unemployment. Organize and demand work and wages!"

The statement calls upon the workers to demand:  
"The opening of kitchens maintained by the city and administered by the unemployed where they may obtain wholesome food; no landlord to be permitted to evict unemployed for non-payment of rent; opening of armories and other public buildings to provide warm shelter for homeless unemployed."

The speakers will be Mike Toohy, Dominick Flaiani and Jennie Cooper.

# Air Imperialist



The Fatherland is trying an imperialist publicity come-back by encouraging Captain Herman Koehl, above, pilot of the plane, Bremen, to cross the Atlantic. Koehl is accompanied by a former crown prince of the former crown prince.

# May Day to Call Workers For Victory

The World Congress of the Red International of Trade Unions in Moscow ended after adopting resolutions of a militant character and laying plans for new activity of the revolutionary trade unions, based on the present conditions of depression the world over.

The demonstrations on May Day are always inseparably connected with the struggle of the trade unions against the employers and the struggle within the trade unions for militant and class-conscious leadership. Such a struggle has been waged actively for over two years in the needle trades and has come to a head there as well as in the miners' union. This year's May Day demonstration will center around the fight in the miners' union as the forerunner of the fight in all the other trade unions of the country.

**Workers Endorse Meeting.**

Therefore all the militant workers of New York City are endorsing the Madison Square Garden meeting scheduled for May 1 and are actively cooperating to make this meeting a successful demonstration against all the enemies of labor, within or without the ranks of the movement.

With May Day approaching once more the working class sees how it has already covered a long stretch of road. The two great forces, the Communist International and the Red International of Labor Unions, have come into being. Millions and millions of proletarians and semi-proletarians from the colonial and semi-colonial countries are drawn into the fight. The path is cleared for the creation of a united class-fighting trade union international.

**New Significance.**

There is no spot on the whole globe where the question of power of labor does not arise in its full significance on the first of May. The power of labor is not a dream for the distant future but an existing fact which has found territorial and national expression in the Soviet Union since October 1917. Since that date the old festival of May 1 has gained new significance; socialism has come down to earth out of the misty distance, down from the cloudy heights; the day of celebration of fighting and work has become a festival not only of victories anticipated in the future but also of those already won.

# Knapp Graft Witness Who Received \$5,300 Hide From Subpoena

ALBANY, N. Y., April 12.—Hiding in her room in the homestead dormitory at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., since early Tuesday morning, Miss Clara Blanche Knapp, step-daughter of Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, today continued to evade the authorities of Vermont and New York who were sent to serve her with a summons directing her to come to Albany to testify before the grand jury which has returned eight indictments against Mrs. Knapp for the alleged juggling of the \$1,200,000 census fund of 1925.

Miss Knapp is an instructor of home economics at the Middlebury College. She received \$5,300 for census work which the state contends she never performed. Of this amount, checks and drafts totalling \$4,800 were endorsed by Mrs. Knapp, according to Deputy Attorney General Medina.

# DISCLOSE WIDE CORRUPTION IN KLAN

## Frauds Are Described by Ex-Grand-Dragon, Himself in Jail

CHICAGO, April 12.—In his deposition today, David C. Stephenson told of his own trial for the murder of Madge Oberholzer of Noblesville, Ind., for whose murder he is serving a life term. "I am in a position to know that a man from Nebraska wrote the so-called dying declaration of Madge Oberholzer some four or five days after she was a corpse," Stephenson said. "I can also prove that one of the talesmen was approached by a member of a woman's organization who told him to vote constantly against me."

**8 Year Olds.**  
"Mr. Stephenson, do you know the types of men that are in the Klan?" he was asked.  
"Yes, on the whole they are medi-

ocre," Stephenson replied, "I never met a man connected officially with the leadership and who has been brought in recently whose moral caliber is above that of a village constable and intellectually with an 8th grade pupil."  
"One of the men in the Klan, from Milwaukee, would do anything in the category of crime. There is very little that he has not done. His police court record is voluminous."  
**Embezzled Huge Sums.**  
"Another instance is a man from Indianapolis now shown by civil action in the courts to have taken advantage of his position with the Klan to embezzle an enormous amount of money which he had previously extracted from widows and orphans and

# PITTSBURGH RUSHES MAY DAY 'DAILY' DRIVE

# Picket White House to Protest War on Nicaragua

# DELEGATES FROM MANY CITIES TO JOIN IN PROTEST

## Demand Withdrawal of Imperialist Troops

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Arrangements for the picketing of the White House Saturday as a protest against the U. S. marines' war on the Nicaraguan army of liberation are completed, representatives of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League announced today. The picketing is scheduled to take place shortly before noon.

Delegations from many nearby cities will participate in the picketing, including representatives from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Newark.

The demonstrators will carry placards denouncing the invasion of Nicaragua and demanding the immediate withdrawal of the United States forces.

The first of the demonstrators are expected to arrive here tomorrow, the rest early Saturday morning. Some will go by train and others by automobile while still others will hitchhike.

# TOMBS AIR BAD, GORDON WRITES

## More Funds Needed to Save "Daily Worker"

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Tombs Worst Jail.  
"I think they're all contemptuous of my 'crime' when I mention it. 'Eyer wants tuh fight the rich yuh gotta do it like us, wit guns and not wit woids.' These futile individualists do not understand the mass power of the workers."

"I'd like to be freed or at least hurried immediately to the reformatory. Many of my friends here say that of all the places they've been in, New York and out-of-town, the Tombs is 'the worst they've come across in a long while.' It seems, then, that all of us without exception are used to living in better places than this."

**Some Workers Respond.**

This 18-year-old victim of capitalist oppression in the land of "democracy" and "free speech" appealed to the class-conscious workers of this country in a previous letter to repay times the \$500 fine imposed on the DAILY WORKER. Some of the workers have responded to this appeal. The Ukrainian Women's Society in Chicago has sent \$8 to defend the DAILY WORKER through its secretary, H. Lotoshynsky. Street Nucleus 9, Section 2, of Chicago, taxed each of the nine members at a recent meeting \$5 for the Daily.

In addition, this nucleus has decided to distribute 100 copies of The DAILY WORKER every week in order to build its circulation.

**"Daily" Must Be Saved!**

Other workers must follow these examples and help save The DAILY WORKER. Workers should remember that the campaign of the patriots against the Daily has not ended. A federal indictment is pending, which may result in the jailing of the editors and the imposition of additional heavy fines on the paper. The DAILY WORKER is also defendant in a \$50,000 libel suit instituted by Adolph Lessig, a former labor spy.

The DAILY WORKER is fighting for its life. Only the American workers can save it! Rush funds at once to the office of the Daily, 33 First St., New York City.

# Newark Taxi Drivers' Solidarity in Strike Ties Up All Cabs



The solidarity of the taxicab drivers in Newark, who are striking for recognition, and better pay and working hours, has resulted in tying up practically every cab in Newark and its suburbs. The few cabs hired by the Yellow and Brown and White Companies have no licenses to drive cabs, strike leaders charged. A group of taxi strikers are shown above on the picket line.

# SINCLAIR'S INSIDE TRACK DESCRIBED

## Bidders Wired Hoover, Harding in Vain

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Appeals were made in vain by other bidders to President Harding, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, former Secretary of War John Weeks and former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty while the Teapot Dome oil lease was being sewed up for Harry F. Sinclair, witnesses showed at the trial of Sinclair for criminal conspiracy today.

Testimony showed that former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, who was originally charged jointly with Sinclair with conspiracy, gave the other bidders the "run around" until the Sinclair lease on the government oil reserves was signed. This is said to have been part of the service for which Sinclair gave Fall nearly \$300,000 in bonds.

**Sought Lease.**

Birch Helms, of the Texas-Pacific Oil Company, made the rounds of Washington in the spring of 1922 seeking a lease on Teapot Dome, he testified.

"I was referred to Secretary Fall," Helms declared. "He told me he would be glad to consider a proposition."

Sinclair had actually signed a lease a week before this, on April 7.

Helms then returned to Fort Worth to confer with his company and prepare a bid. From the papers, however, he learned of the Sinclair lease. He promptly wired not only Fall but also President Harding in protest against the discrimination. Other telegrams went to Attorney General Daugherty, Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of War Weeks. Helms was demanding an interview with Harding.

**No Answer.**

Daugherty failed to answer; Weeks wired that for "good reasons" he couldn't do anything; Hoover replied he knew nothing about the matter and George Christian, secretary to the president, wired that an appointment with Mr. Harding was impossible.

Fall answered saying merely: "Teapot Dome closed; Salt Creek Royalties still open." Others told of similar experiences.

R. B. Brooks, president of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Producers Association, testified that April 14 his association wired to Fall in the name of 95 per cent of the oil men of Wyoming protesting against the lack of available information about Teapot Dome and asking for an opportunity to bid.

# MOONEY-BILLINGS CAMPAIGN BEGINS

## Reveal New Proof of Their Innocence

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Cannon said here, "will call upon the working class of America to make the drive for the release of these two brave working class fighters one of its major tasks. All forces of the labor movement must actively join in the activities that will shortly be underway throughout the nation."  
"The International Labor Defense will not rest content until the doors of San Quentin and Folsom Prisons open and Mooney and Billings walk out as free men to take their rightful place again in the labor movement of this country where they belong."

**Campaign Endorsed.**

"Mooney and Billings will be freed if the working class of America energetically work for their release. Only militant action by the workers of the world saved their lives 12 years ago. Now we must go further and secure their unconditional freedom. All workers must join in the movement."  
"Mooney and Billings have endorsed the campaign. Freedom or continued imprisonment of our two fellow workers is the issue now. I feel sure our campaign will result in their liberation."

**A BID FOR LABOR SUPPORT.**  
WASHINGTON, April 12 (FP).—Sen. Dill of Washington has introduced a bill forbidding the employment of any employee of a railroad engaged in interstate commerce, for more than 6 days consecutively, except in emergency. When such emergency is declared by a division superintendent or higher official of the road, the employe may work as long as 13 days, but he must have at least 4 days of rest in every month. Rates of pay must not be reduced because of this law.

# Infected Pork Fatal To One; 41 Infected

ALBANY, N. Y., April 12.—Trichinosis, a serious illness caused by eating infected pork has resulted in one death and 41 cases of infection here and at Mechanicsville. Albany authorities are confronted today with the worst epidemic of the disease ever known to this part of the state.

The epidemic is supposed to have originated with a diseased pig.

There are thirteen Spanish residents of this city in a critical condition in the Albany hospital, while 28 others have been treated here and in Mechanicsville.

# CHURCH CANCELS MALL FOR NEARING

## But Milwaukee Meetings Will Be Held

MILWAUKEE, April 12.—Despite the fact that the authorities of the St. John's Cathedral, supported by the business interests of the city, have cancelled the agreement for the use of the church auditorium for Scott Nearing's two lectures on the Soviet Union, they will nevertheless be held on the same dates scheduled, altho at a different hall.

The meetings will be held at the Freie Gemunde Hall, 8th and Walnut Sts. Nearing will speak Monday on "Education in Soviet Russia" at 4:30 p. m., and on "Russia and China" at 8 p. m.

# WAGE CUT FORECAST

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## Rhode Island Mills Also Slashing Wages

(Continued from Page One)

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W. T. Murdock, secretary of the above organization, in his letter to William Batty, secretary of the textile council, declares that the mill committees will do everything in their power to make the strike 100 per cent effective by a walkout of the unorganized workers. Murdock, in his letter to Batty states:

**Makes Statement.**

"I have been instructed by the executive board to make to you the following statement, and pledge of support to the American Federation of Textile Operatives."

"The Textile Mill Committees consider the action of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association in cutting the wages of the New Bedford workers, to be a challenge to the workers in the industry throughout the entire country."

"The Textile Mill Committees have strength in the New Bedford mills amongst those workers who are not in your union. These workers will support you in the fight to resist the common attack on our living standards. We suggest that a strike committee composed of representatives of the workers in all the mills in the city in order that common united action be guaranteed."

"The Textile Mill Committees further pledge themselves to take measures necessary to secure common united action in other centers throughout New England."

The mill committees in some of the largest mills in the city are now issuing circulars for distribution among the workers in the textile plants. According to a statement issued by the committee over 25,000 leaflets calling upon the unorganized workers in the mills to strike with their brothers in the American Federation of Textile Operatives, have been issued in English and Portuguese.

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# ARRANGE FREE DISTRIBUTION BEFORE SHOPS

## Urge Newsstands to Display Paper

An intensified campaign to start at once and last two months will add 500 new subscribers to The DAILY WORKER, if the decisions of the paper's agents in the Pittsburgh district, approved at a recent meeting of the DAILY WORKER agents, are successfully carried thru.

After a long discussion the paper's Pittsburgh agents have laid down a consistent campaign to increase the readers and subscribers to The DAILY WORKER in their district and are energetically preparing to realize results. Detailed plans for the subscription drive have been left to a committee of two who will formulate further arrangements with John Kasper, the district agent for The DAILY WORKER.

Special attention is being given to the work of pushing the May Day issue of The DAILY WORKER in District 3 and preparations for a free distribution of hundreds of copies of the paper are being made. Numbers of greetings are being secured from all labor and fraternal organizations who will greet the paper on May Day.

All nuclei of the Workers (Communist) Party are instructed to order weekly bundles of The DAILY WORKER for distribution at the gates of the shops and mills.

Attention is being focussed upon the newsstand activity. News stand dealers are urged to give The DAILY WORKER a prominent display on their stands.

The importance of establishing a DAILY WORKER literature cooperative store is also being earnestly considered by the Pittsburgh workers.

# MUST SEND FREE SUBS TO MINERS

## Strikers Need "Daily" In Save-Union Fight

Appeals from striking miners for free subscriptions to The DAILY WORKER continue to pile up in the office of the paper. In spite of the efforts of the American working class to keep for the miners their fighting paper, there are still hundreds of miners who have not been supplied with free subscriptions and who are too poor to buy the paper themselves.

These miners must be sent free subscriptions by the American workers. For more than a year the miners throughout the coal fields of the country have been carrying on a courageous struggle against the terrorism of the mine barons and the treachery of their own reactionary leadership within the United Mine Workers Union.

It is The DAILY WORKER which has been constantly at their side in this campaign, making the miners' interests its own and supporting them in their bitter fight. The miners consider The DAILY WORKER their paper. They recognize the only militant English labor daily as their paper, which is indispensable to them in their further struggles.

Today the miners are waging a tremendous struggle to save their union from the treason of such misleaders as Lewis, Cappellini and Fagan. The miners must have their paper in this struggle. They must not be left without it. It is up to every militant American worker to see that the miners who are fighting the battles of the whole American working class have The DAILY WORKER during this fight.

Send a free subscription to a striking miner. Fill out the attached blank. Make sure that you have struck a blow for the miners today.

**Striking Miner's Free Subscription.**  
Daily Worker,  
33 First St.,  
New York City.

I am enclosing herewith \$..... for a free subscription to a striking miner.

\$6.00 ..... 12 months  
3.50 ..... 6 months  
2.00 ..... 3 months  
1.50 ..... 2 months  
1.00 ..... 1 month

Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....

Are you a "DAILY WORKER" worker daily?



# A. F. OF L. NEGLECT FAILS TO BREAK PLUMBER HELPERS' FIGHTING SPIRIT; UNION IS GROWING

(By a Worker Correspondent)

In spite of the constant attempt of the labor bureaucracy who have endeavored to keep the plumbers' helpers disorganized for the past number of years, the officials found themselves heartbroken when they saw the organization of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers arise.

The consolidation of the American Federation of Labor refusing to organize the Plumbers' Helpers caused great many helpers to break away from their union and register with the company union that has recently been established by the leaders of Plumbers' Union. But sure enough, the helpers that left the

true organization soon returned, for the simple reason that they did not gain anything by signing up with them.

Of course we helpers know of the rotten conditions that prevail among the helpers. And on the Bowery you will notice many Plumbers' Helpers who are walking the streets with empty stom-

achs for the simple reason that the fakers refused to help us get a charter at the time we sent a delegation to Chicago.

But nevertheless we are going to stick together, even if we have to go to jail for what we intend to do the fakers when we meet them in the street.

—JOHN BURTON.

## "Vote Strike!" Weaver Correspondent Urges New Bedford Textile Workers

### "WATCH LEADERS," HE WARNS; "NOTE BALLOT PROVISIO"

Sees Walkout on All New England Scale

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., (By Mail).—Emboldened by the success of their wage slashing policy in other centers, the Cotton Manufacturers Association has announced a general wage cut ranging from 25 per cent to 10 per cent for the workers of this city and Taunton.

There are 40,000 textile workers here, of whom 6,000 of the more highly skilled are organized in the American Federation of Textile Operatives. This union, the leaders of which stole the strike vote, which was cast in Fall River some weeks ago, will take a ballot of their workers on Thursday, and judging from the spirit of resistance which the workers are themselves showing, it seems certain that a strike will be declared. In that case New England will witness a struggle on a much wider scale than the manufacturers bargain for.

New Bedford can be the center of revolt against the inhuman condition existing in the industry.

In spite of the fact that Salvation Batty, who smashed the dyehouse workers' strike last year in the Pacific Mills of Lawrence, is preparing to follow in the footsteps of police commissioner and union president Tansy of Fall River, the militant action of the small group of workers in the New Bedford silk mills indicates that the union will vote to strike.

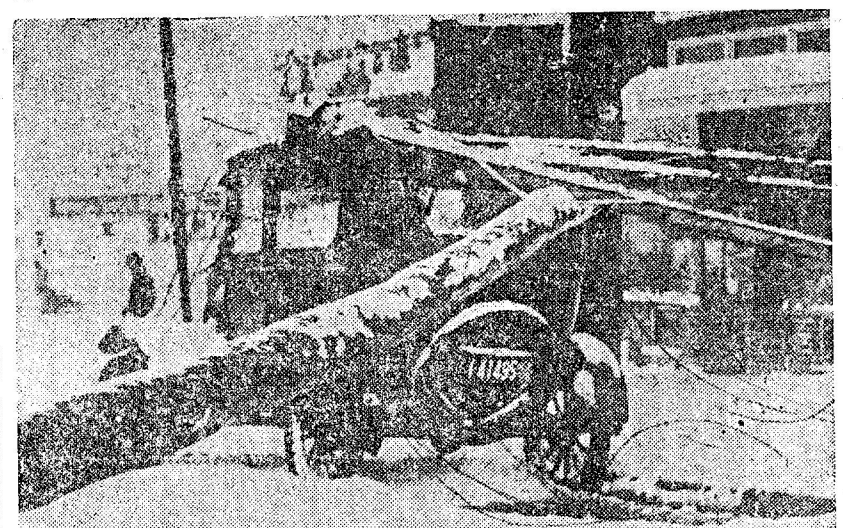
Preparations for the steal have been made in the provision that four out of seven locals in the New Bedford Council must have a two-thirds majority for strike before action can be taken. The leaders, among them Samuel Ross, associate commissioner of Massachusetts state labor board, are talking very loudly and very militantly of a strike. But a glance at the balloting conditions and a remembrance of what happened at Fall River will teach us to "watch our leaders."

Every man who is in the American Federation of Textile Operatives in New Bedford must vote strike at Thursday night's meeting. The action of the New Bedford silk workers must be taken as a hat thrown into the ring.

Every member of the American Federation of Textile Operatives must support the workers who have thrown down the challenge to the bosses and the union leaders.

—JOHN MACDONALD, Weaver.

### Where the Linesmen Find Icy Work in Winter



An army of linesmen are maintained by the electrical companies to keep up the power, telegraph and telephone lines throughout the United States. These workers face death daily from the high tension lines and falls from heights. Doing the heaviest manual labor, they suffer bitterly in winter.

### GERMAN SEAMEN TIED UP PORT ON MAY DAY

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I am a German worker and I am surprised how different May Day is celebrated in America than in Germany. I want to tell you a story of a May Day I saw in Hamburg in 1907.

The complete tie-up of the port of Hamburg on the First of May in 1907 shows how the German workers will fight if their holiday is threatened. Ships which came in on April 30 demanded stevedores for unloading as usual for the following day.

The hiring of port workers in Hamburg was done entirely through the union. The union considered May First as a day of no-work and proceeded accordingly. No stevedores were furnished.

The Marcus Cohn and Sohn is a big shipping company at Hamburg. One of their ships came in on April 30, and the company decided that May Day was all hump; unloading must go on as usual. They demanded 200 stevedores for the next day from the union, threatening to import them if the union refused. The union refused. The German workers must have their "Maifeier."

On May First two barges, came in to port with about 100 laborers, ready to unload the ship. They had been recruited by the company at Altona, a town near Hamburg. As soon as the union workers realized what the barge contained, stones and rotten vegetables and everything lying around the port which they could lay their hands on, went flying through the air into the barges. The men never landed. Four of the scabs were hurt.

A clerk of the company came down to the wharf to get onto the ship. "You intend boarding that ship?" a worker asked. "You work on May First?" asked several others. There was no time to answer, for a good kick had landed the white collar slave in the water.

Come to Union. The next day the company again came to the union for workers. The union obliged and the ship was unloaded.

This ship was only one of the many that waited in vain for workers on May First. The German workers are jealous of their May First tradition of no work. They will fight any effort on the part of the employers to encroach on their holiday, and in recent years they came to many bloody clashes in various German cities.

I see that in New York we are going to celebrate May First in Madison Square Garden this year. That is fine. Every worker should refuse to work on May First and come at 3 o'clock to the "Garden."

### Federation Elects

ALEXANDRIA, La., (FP) April 12.—After a three day session the State Federation closed with the election of: Charles W. Swallow, Shreveport, president; Robert Perigoni, New Orleans, vice-president; Frank Manning, New Orleans, second vice-president; D. J. Green, Monroe, fifth vice-president; Ernest H. Zwally, Shreveport, secretary-treasurer; Charles W. Swallow, delegate to the American Federation convention in New Orleans in November. Monroe, La., was selected as the city for the next annual convention.

### 9 Hurt in Crash

Nine persons were injured yesterday when a truck collided head on with a Hudson trolley car at Newark Ave. and 2nd St., Jersey City. Russell Coleman, a Negro, driver of the truck, was the most seriously injured, his left leg having been fractured in two places. The motor-man of the car was only slightly hurt as were seven passengers in the car.

### SAVE ELECTRICAL UNION; BROACH MUST GO, IS PLEA

Agreement "Sells" Men to Bosses

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I being one of the electrical workers not allowed in the meeting of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and not having a chance to speak out my mind on the ways and means of making a living, hope that you will print this in The DAILY WORKER which, I think, is the only militant union paper in America.

Good Men Ousted. Why am I kept out of the meeting together with hundreds of others? Simply for trying to be a good union man and not sitting in the meeting hall like a dummy and not talking. All of us that are kept out have paid up cards. Anyone who gets up at a meeting now is kept out and has to stay out.

This is a one man union now under the misleadership of "Mussolini Broach." All the officials are mere puppets and pay-rollers. Members can be out of work for three months and still have to pay their dues just the same.

Treachurous Agreement. The officials get from \$100 to \$125 per week and are elected for one year. The agreement between the contractors and the local is the greatest piece of treachery, cowardice and "no-guts" on the part of the officials. There is no word with which to describe this sham, fake and fraud piece of work. One of the articles says in black and white: "The employer shall be the judge of the competency of the employe, and he shall be at liberty to employ and discharge whomsoever he sees fit." And this goes under the name of a union.

There is a job in this city, the New York Life Building, a big structure. The superintendent, who does the hiring for this job, has the nerve to ask everyone who applies for a job: "Have you a letter?" A letter is usually from this or that Democratic or Republican leader of a district, and not everyone can get a letter. The officials allow this to go on, altho it has been called to their attention.

There are thousands of men out of work. Yet they allow men who are fortunate to be working on some jobs where they allow overtime.

Why are all these ills in our union? I will try to state why in a few words:

1. Men Like Broach are more dangerous in their effort to destroy the trade union movement than a Major Berry of the Pressmen's Union. For Broach has the gift of gab and is well read and so can deceive the ignorant.

2. Men in the union are too suspicious of one another, because they are brought up in that way, and they are too apathetic.

The militants of this union ought to adopt a "Save-the-Union" program. After all this is our very existence, the Union.

### Police, Morgue Officials Aid Ambulance Chasers

Police officers, hospital authorities, employes in the medical examiner's office and morgue attendants have been assisting ambulance chasers in getting names of victims, according to Abraham Gagner, an experienced runner for over twenty years. Certain lawyers have "control" of various police stations where they have access to all police records and can find all the information they desire in order to sap their prospective clients to the utmost, it was brought out in the testimony, at the inquiry before Supreme Court Justice Wasservogel.

Gagner and many accident victims were testifying against his former employers, Levy & Becker.

### Witness Says State Attorney Got \$25,000

BOSTON, April 12.—Arthur K. Reading, attorney general and representative of his office in the Sacco-Vanzetti case, received \$25,000 from the Decimo Club June 8, last, and on the next day gave out a statement to the press saying that he had "investigated the activities of the Decimo Club and found no violation of our laws," according to the testimony of Herbert L. Barrett, a Boston attorney. Barrett said that he had cashed the check for Reading.

Barrett was a witness before the legislative committee investigating Reading's conduct while in office.

### DANCE FETE IS TRIBUTE TO ISADORA DUNCAN

Plans are being made for a massive dance festival to be held here sometime in October, in memory of Isadora Duncan, according to an announcement sent out by S. Hurok, former manager of the famous dancer.

Several hundred of her former pupils from Russia and elsewhere in Europe as well as the United States will participate in the event, which is designed to stimulate interest in a proposed memorial to Miss Duncan... series of performances is planned, with Irma Duncan as leader of the company of classic dancers. The huge testimonial, which will run for six days will probably take place in Madison Square Garden.

Isadora Duncan spent a good deal of her last years in Soviet Russia conducting special dancing groups, and for a time, was in complete charge of classic dancing, teaching the younger groups.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYHOUSE TO STAGE "ISRAEL" AT MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE IN MAY

J. Blake Scott, who stepped into the emergency created when Olin Howland left the cast of "L'Historie du Soldat" recently, will play important roles in the three parts of the production which the Neighborhood Playhouse in conjunction with the Cleveland Orchestra, will make at the Manhattan Opera House, May 4th, 5th, and 6th. He will have an important part in the dramatic expression of Bloch's symphony, "Israel," and Debussy's "Nuages" and "Fetes," and in "Borodin's 'On the Steppes of Central Asia.'"

Mr. Scott has been associated with the Neighborhood Playhouse in various productions ever since he left the Ziegfeld Follies because he wanted to act rather than dance. He appeared in the Neighborhood Playhouse production of "The Player Queen," "The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet" and in various editions of the Grand Street Follies. He is also identified with Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory Theatre, where he is at present teaching fencing and dancing to the junior group.

### No Wages for Rubin Cafe's 30 Waiters

(By a Worker Correspondent)

January 25, a friend of mine got a job for \$3 from the Clarendon Employment Agency as a waiter at Rubin's Restaurant, with a promise from the agency that the job was worth \$100 a week.

Reporting at the job the next day, he was accepted and started to work. At the end of the week he inquired about wages and to his surprise he was informed that at Rubin's Restaurant no waiter receives wages.

Not satisfied with paying no wages, the manager, a man named Craoco, made it compulsory, under the penalty of discharge, for each waiter to pay every week day sixty cents, every Saturday seventy-five cents and every Sunday one dollar, out of his tips, for the services of a bus boy. Out of this money collected from the waiters, the management paid the bus boys' wages. The average money the waiters earned in tips did not amount to more than \$28 or \$32.

As time passed the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union came to help and advise us. We told them about the unsanitary condition of the waiters' locker room and the unbearable treatment we got from the manager. Our clothes were kept in a little hole next a butcher-shop which smelled like the butcher shop.

Our hours were never less than 12 a day. So we signed up with the Amalgamated Food Workers. Somehow a yellow rat signed up also with the rest of the boys. So Mr. Craoco called all the help to his office to question everyone individually about the coming strike. All those who refused to give him satisfactory information were fired the next day. "I hear there's a union meeting today," they told us, "You'd better go up and don't come back." Only one was kept on the rat.

Fellow workers, I am sending this information to The DAILY WORKER because I am sure that no other paper will print it. I am doing this so that you may all realize the necessity for a union. Join the Food Workers' Union and better your own and your fellow workers' conditions.

—J. F. F.

### OFFER QUAKER CITY JOBLESS SILLY SCHEME

Women's Organization Has "Nice" Plan

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—Altho the best press of this city continues to prate about "prosperity," the liberal, semi-liberal, socialist and ex-socialist bourgeoisie recognize that this so-called "prosperity" is a figment of the imagination.

"Safe and Sane." An organization made up chiefly of liberals and social democrats, all perfectly "safe and sane," and calling itself the Women's Trade Union League, has issued thousands of leaflets reading as follows: "The allies of the Women's Trade Union League of Philadelphia ask you to join in a city-wide effort of wise housekeepers to decrease unemployment in Philadelphia.

"Many thousands of men and women are unemployed and without the necessities of life for their families. Workers in factories, offices and stores are being laid off. Do what you can and do it now. Household jobs, window cleaning, curtain washing, gardening. Repairs: house, furniture, clothes, books, music, clocks. Renewal: linen, pots and pans, dishes, stationary."

Union Not Considered. Any worker reading this leaflet can easily see that the Window Cleaners' Union is not taken into consideration at all, despite the fact that these people call themselves the Women's Trade Union League.

—C.

KATHERINE ALEXANDER.



With Roland Young in "The Queen's Husband," Robert S. Sherwood's clever satire at the Playhouse.

### Wage Cuts Heavier

Organized workers registered 59 wage increases in February, according to Labor Bureau's April survey. But 14 groups, mostly unorganized, reported cuts. By far a larger number were effected by cuts than by increases. Strongly unionized printing trades workers won nearly half the gains, building trades union were second and transportation trades, also organized, were third. Ten of the 14 wage reductions were suffered by the unorganized New England textile workers, three by building employes and one by city employes.

## Defenders of THE DAILY WORKER

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Ed. Kramer	3.00
Thomas Ropman	1.00
A. Forbes	1.00
Joseph Frechlich	1.00

### Kenosha Scabs. Slash Hosiery Mill Strikers

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

KENOSHA, Wis., (By Mail).—I am sending you this clipping in the hope that you can use it. It is from the Kenosha Hosiery Worker published by The American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers locked out of the Allen-A Mill here. It shows what we have to go thru.

—ALLEN A

For several weeks we have been stating publicly that the strike breakers in the Allen-A Mill are armed to the teeth. We have said that they have shot-guns, rifles and revolvers. On the night of April 2, Walter Duffin, a union man, was murderously assaulted by Charles Gerhardt, a strikebreaker at the mill. Duffin was out for a ride with his wife and approached Gerhardt to ask him to join the union. Gerhardt drew his knife and slashed the face of Duffin in a frightful manner. The thugs inside the mill have brought several of our men to the point of death.

## AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre Guild presents Eugene O'Neill's Play, John Golden Theatre, 58th St. E. of 57th Ave. Evenings Only at 5:30.

ALL THIS WEEK VOLPONE Guild Th. W. 52d St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30 Week of Apr. 16: "Marco Millions"

Madison Sq. Garden 49 & 50 Sts. Twice daily (except Sun.) 2 and 8 BROTHERS AND BARNUM & BAILEY Including Among 10,000 Marvels GOLIATH, monster sea elephant ADMISSION TO ALL SEATS \$2.50 (incl. Seat and War Tax). Children under 12 half price at all Aft. Performances except Saturdays.

National Theatre, 41 St. W. of E'way Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30 "The Trial of Mary Dugan" By Bayard Veiller with Ann Harding-Rex Cherryman

30th WEEK DRACULA FULTON E'way, 46 St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30 "Bitchy Blood-curdling." —Herald-Tribune.

ERLANGER W. 44 St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30 GEO. M. COHAN (HIMSELF) AND HIS COMEDIANS MERRY MALONES IN THE

HUDSON Theatre, West 44th Street. Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. THE ABSOLUTE HIT OF THE TOWN WHISPERING FRIENDS By GEORGE M. COHAN.

KEITH ALBEE HARRY LANGDON CAMEO LANGDON in his newest comedy "THE CHASER" 425 5th Ave. W151789

SAM HARRIS Thea., 42d. W. of H. Mats. Wed. & Sat. LOVELY LADY with Wilda Bennett & Guy Robertson.

Actors Are Workers Actors are workers, Gotham courts decided in a test case brought under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Twenty-five thousand theatre workers are affected.

VISIT SOVIET RUSSIA THIS SUMMER

All tours include a 10-day stayover in MOSCOW and LENINGRAD where places of historical and educational interest will be visited.

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# Arrest 8 More Fruit Store Pickets as Organization Gains Victories

## BOSSSES CONTINUE TO SURRENDER TO STRIKING CLERKS

### 50 Join Fruit Workers As 4 Dealers Settle

Eight more striking fruit store clerks were arrested yesterday while picketing the shops of the retail fruit stores in the Bronx. This brings the number of arrests up to 43 in the three day fight of the Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union to organize the exploited fruit store workers. Four of those arrested are to come up today in the 8th District Magistrate Court, two come up for trial today in the night court, and two were dismissed in the 6th District Magistrate Court.

The employers' attempt to intimidate the strikers and destroy their morale by the continued and wholesale arrests has only served to intensify their determination to fight all the harder, in spite of the fact that most of these workers have never belonged to a union. To prove this they point to the fact that the committees visiting the stores not yet on strike have succeeded in recruiting 50 more strikers yesterday. Each day of the strike also shows an increase in the number of bosses applying for settlements, the strike leaders declare.

Yesterday four more stores signed agreements with the workers' organization, the Korn Fruit Exchange, 169th St. and Grand Ave.; Morris Brik, 322 Boston Road; and Max Finckelman, 71 Featherbed Lane. One of these firms controls two stores.

## TO HOLD BANQUET FOR LABOR CENTER

### Left Wing Leaders Will Be Among Speakers

Saturday, April 27, has been fixed as the date of the banquet which will mark the high point of the drive for \$80,000 to purchase and finance the new Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square.

The banquet will be held at 8 p. m. at the new building, and all members of the Workers (Communist) Party, as well as all other militant workers, will be invited. Since the sums collected by the various Party divisions will be announced at this banquet, all sections, subsections and units are bending their energies toward making their totals as large as possible for this occasion. The banquet is also expected to give further momentum to the drive, which will come to an end a few days later.

Leaders of the Workers (Communist) Party and of the left wing movement, prominent trade unionists and officials of workingclass organizations will be present at the banquet to welcome the workers to the new home of the revolutionary movement of New York City and vicinity.

Among those who will be present will be Jay Lovestone, William Z. Foster, William W. Weinstein, Bert Wolfe, James Cannon, Jack Stachel, Bert Miller, Alexander Trachtenberg, Scott Nearing, Joseph Brodsky, Ben Lifshitz, Meilach Epstein, Moissaye Olgin, Manuel Gomez, Robert W. Dunn, Ben Gold, Robert Minor, D. Benjamin and many others.

## St. Paul R. R. Workers Get Small Pay Boost

CHICAGO, (FP) April 12.—The Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, successor to the bankrupt St. Paul, has agreed with the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks on a wage increase of 3 cents an hour for clerks and 2 cents for freight handlers, effective for two years from March 16. About 2,000 employees are benefited. E. R. Kinley and H. S. Love were the brotherhood negotiators.

THE MILWAUKEE ELECTION MILWAUKEE, (FP) April 12.—The official count gives 6 out of 23 aldermen to the socialists instead of 3 as first hoped. Recounts are asked by 4 defeated socialists.

## Jury in So-called Trial of Sinclair for Teapot Dome Oil Steal



Photo shows the jury which has been picked in the so-called trial of Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil magnate, who it is charged gave cash to the Harding-Coolidge cabinet for the Teapot Dome oil reserve lease. Three of the witnesses in the trial have skipped the country. Sinclair is not expected to serve a jail term. Members of the jury are Harry E. Brooks, steamfitter; William H. Wrenn, grocer; Lebn D. Vanderloo, real estate; Nevins Ladd, chain store manager; Fred R. Kocher, grocer; Howard A. Bradley, automobile salesman; William F. Throop, merchant; Edward J. Lynch, clerk; Benjamin F. Anderson, manager of a transfer company; L. Clark Brown, investment broker; Roy R. Shockey, clerk, and Kenneth Carter, railway agent. The case is being tried before Justice Jennings Bailey.

## MINERS' TAG DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

### Four Stations Will Open at 9 a. m.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—The struggle of the coal miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio having increased in scope, more men having struck, and a much larger area being now affected, the Philadelphia committee of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee has decided to enlarge its organization and intensify its work.

A house-to-house collection is held every Sunday which is participated in by many workers.

This coming Sunday a special drive will be held, the largest ever arranged in Philadelphia. Four stations have been established where the volunteer collectors will report at 9 a. m. and receive instructions and be given collection lists.

The stations are located at 1208 Tasker St., where Margaret Irwin will be in charge; 226 Gordon St., where Katherine Werner will be manager; 521 York Ave., where Jennie Cooper will direct activities, and 4035 Girard Avenue, where the workers will report to Sam Burt.

Mike Toohy, secretary of the committee, will be in charge of the entire drive.

Miners Booth at Bazaar. There will be a special miners booth at the bazaar of the International Labor Defense at New Traymore Hall, Columbia Avenue and Franklin Street this Friday and Saturday.

## NITTI WILL SPEAK AT SOZZI PROTEST

### Meeting Will Expose Fascist Terror

Vincenzo Nitti, son of former Premier Nitti of Italy, will be one of the principal speakers at the Sozzi memorial and protest meeting which is to be held at Tammany Hall, 145 E. 14th St. on Sunday, April 15th at 2 p. m. Nitti will relate how Gastone Sozzi, the 23-year-old Communist, was done to death in the Perouse prison near Rome at the express orders of Mussolini and how the entire fascist machine in Italy tried to suppress the news of the murder reaching the outside world.

Speakers will include Arturo Giovannitti, Carlo Tresca, Francesco Coco, Dr. Charles Fama, Robert Minor, Norman Thomas, William W. Weinstein, Max Shachtman, Hugo Gellert and Moissaye Olgin. Norman Haggood will act as chairman of the meeting which has been arranged by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America.

ARMY FLYERS KILLED BATON ROUGE, La., April 12.—Two United States army flyers were killed yesterday when their airplane fell in the Mississippi here yesterday afternoon.

## Workers' Calendar

**Boston Mine Meet.** BOSTON.—A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held Friday, April 16 at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple. The speakers will be Roger Baldwin, Alice Stone Blackwell and a Pennsylvania miner.

**Chicago Anti-Fascist.** CHICAGO.—The Anti-Fascist Alliance will hold a mass meeting Friday, April 13, at West Side Auditorium, Racine Ave. and Taylor St., to protest against the murder of Gastone Sozzi, a member of the Communist Party of Italy.

**New England Mine Relief Meet.** BOSTON.—The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee of New England will hold a conference April 15 at 2 p. m. at 62 Chambers St.

**Nearing in Milwaukee.** MILWAUKEE.—Scott Nearing will speak at two meetings here Monday, April 16, at St. Johns Cathedral auditorium, 500 Jackson St. The hours are 4:30 and 8 p. m. The subjects will be Education in Soviet Russia and Russia and China.

**Philadelphia Bazaar.** PHILADELPHIA.—The International Labor Defense will hold a bazaar at New Traymore Hall, Columbia Ave. and Franklin St., Friday and Saturday.

**Allentown Dance.** ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The Workers' Club will hold a dance Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Hungarian Hall, 420 Union St. Music will be furnished by Willie Friedman's orchestra.

**Nearing in Pittsburgh Sunday.** PITTSBURGH.—Scott Nearing will lecture on "Russia and China," Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, under the auspices of the Workers' International Relief. The proceeds will be donated to the striking miners.

**Boston Dance Saturday.** BOSTON.—The Young Workers League will hold an International Dance Saturday evening at Butler Hall, 1098 Tremont Ave.

**Baltimore Lecture Friday.** BALTIMORE.—E. H. Isaac will speak on the miners' strike, Friday, at 8 p. m. at 12000 E. Lexington St.

**Chicago Anti-Imperialist Dance.** CHICAGO.—An anti-imperialist dance and entertainment with Mexican food and dances, Saturday, at 8 p. m. at Temple Hall, Marshfield and Van Buren St.

**Philadelphia Open Forum.** PHILADELPHIA.—Robert W. Dunn will lecture on "The Menace of Company Unionism, Welfare Schemes and Labor Spies," Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Workers' Forum, 1626 Arch St.

**East Pittsburgh Dance.** EAST PITTSBURGH.—A concert and dance will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Turners Hall, East Pittsburgh, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee.

**Chicago Inter-Racial Dance.** CHICAGO.—An inter-racial dance will be held Saturday at Forum Hall, 322 E. 43rd St. at 8:30 p. m.

## JOINT BOARD IN ELECTION CALL

### Active Cloakmakers to Meet Tonight

A joint meeting of the executive boards of the locals belonging to the left wing New York Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union, held yesterday, issued a call to the workers for mass participation in the coming elections for delegates to the national convention. The elections are to take place on April 17 in several polling stations.

Bryant Hall, 42nd St. and 6th Ave., Local 22 headquarters, 16 W. 21st St., and the offices of the Pressers' Local 35 at 8 W. 21st St., are to be kept open for voting purposes from 8 a. m. until 9 p. m.

The statement declares that the elections should be used by the cloak and dress makers as a protest demonstration against the union-wrecking activities of the officialdom of the International.

Although the Joint Board officers and the membership as a whole are convinced that the reactionary Sigmund machine in control of the union will not permit the delegation of the left wing to be seated at the convention in May, a full delegation will be sent to Boston since the left wing Joint Board alone represents the cloak and dressmakers.

**Lynn Meeting Friday.** LYNN, Mass.—James P. Reid will speak Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Lesters Hall, 24 Andrew St., for the benefit of the striking miners.

**Philadelphia Tag Day.** PHILADELPHIA.—A miners' relief tag day will be held Sunday. Volunteers should report to 2226 Gordon St. at 9 a. m.

**Cannon Tour Dates.** 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. JLD Conference of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

## DETROIT WORKERS TO PROTEST ANTI-FOREIGN BILLS

### 2 Mass Meetings Called by Council

DETROIT, April 12.—Two local mass protest meetings against the anti-foreign-born bills now before the United States congress have been called by the Detroit section of the Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers.

The first will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Dom Polski Hall, 2231 E. Forest Ave., and the second Monday at 8 p. m. at Carpatia Hall, 3500 Elmwood Ave.

Speakers Sunday afternoon will be: Judge Edward J. Jeffries; Joseph Wedda, editor of the Polish Record; S. A. Trojanowski, editor of the Polish News; Maurice Sugar, committeeman of the National Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers; Jeannette D. Pearl, field organizer for the National Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers.

Those Monday evening will be: Prof. Chas. M. Novak, Mrs. Myron B. Vorce, Arthur Rohan, of the Auto Workers' Union, and Jeannette D. Pearl.

The meetings are open to all workers interested in preventing the passing of the anti-foreign-born bills which propose the registration and deportation of non-citizens.

## Advisory Committee of Pioneer Camp to Meet

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—The advisory committee of the Young Pioneer Camp of Philadelphia will hold its next meeting on Sunday, 3:30 p. m. at the Progressive Library, 4035 Girard Ave.

All committees will report on their activities. The financial committee will report on the contribution certificates that are now on sale and on an affair scheduled for May 27.

## A Fascist Boast

Speaking at a luncheon given here by the Board of Trade, Baron Giacomo de Martino, Italian ambassador to the United States, boasted of the suppression of trade unions in Italy by the blackshirt regime.

## Welcome Back Militant Cloak Union Leader

The progressive workers' organization of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union has arranged a "proletarian banquet" to welcome back to New York Sam Lipzin, one of the leading left wingers in the needle trades of New York.

Lipzin, one of the leading figures in the fight against the reactionary administration of the Amalgamated Union, has for the past number of months been touring the country to raise funds for the Joint Defense and Relief Committee of Cloak and Dressmakers.

## Women's Labor Laws Are Attacked by Employers

The National Association of Manufacturers has opened a drive to remove all statutory limitations of the amount of hours women can work. A report drawn up by a committee of women factory managers and foremen will be presented to the next meeting of the board of directors of the association for action.

## FALSE REPORT ON HAITI ATTACKED

### Protest Meeting Will Be Held Sunday

The optimistic picture of conditions in Haiti presented in the annual report submitted by General John H. Russell, American High Commissioner, was called deliberately false by Henry Charles Rosemond, first adviser of the Haitian Patriotic Union in a statement issued yesterday.

"While Americans have taken over practically all of the lucrative positions in the civil service, Haitian workers receive wages that are 80 per cent lower than those paid to the worst paid American workers," he said.

A mass meeting to protest against American rule in Haiti, at which Rosemond and Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the "Crisis" will speak, will be held at the Embassy Mansions, 20 W. 115th St., on Sunday at 2:30. Other speakers will be Mme. Theodora Holly, school inspector in Haiti, Robert Minor, editor of the DAILY WORKER, R. T. de Bekkar, secretary of the Committee on Haiti and Richard D. Moore of the American Negro Labor Congress.

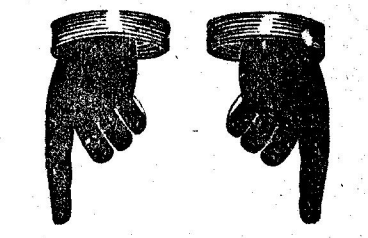
The meeting will be held under the auspices of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League.

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By Fred Ellis

**Bosses Like Dawes Record; Aid His Drive**

WASHINGTON, April 12 (FP).—Vice-President Dawes is finding it more difficult every day to maintain his pretense that he is supporting Lowden and is not an active candidate for the presidency. Word has come to Washington that Gen. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has thrown his strength in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in favor of Dawes. The anti-labor record of Atterbury and Dawes is almost identical.

On pages 299 to 306 of the democratic campaign book for 1924 is set forth Dawes' record as gas and electric magnate, collector of campaign funds for Mark Hanna in 1896, defender of Lorimer, and partner in the Pure Oil Co., which figured largely in the Teapot Dome and Daugherty investigations. There is also recited his record as a foe of organized labor, both in the Harding administration and after his own nomination to the vice-presidency.

Dawes organized the anti-labor Minute Men of the Constitution after a talk with President Harding at a house party in Florida in March, 1923.

In support of his claim that he was an apostle of law and order, Dawes asserted that his Minute Men had saved from defeat in the last election Judges Sullivan and Holden, who had been branded as injunction judges.

**School Superintendent Sues 'Big Bill' Thompson**

CHICAGO, April 12. — Suit for \$250,000 libel against Mayor William Hale Thompson was filed in the superior court here today in behalf of former Superintendent of Schools William McAndrew.

McAndrew charges that Mayor Thompson, in his "war against England," maliciously attempted to destroy McAndrew's reputation for patriotism and as an educator.

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**Mooney Speaks Aloud Again**

The drive of the International Labor Defense to arouse the movement of the workers again for the liberation of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings should stir the hearts of every worker.

It is good to know that Tom Mooney himself writes "that the present policy that I have been following for the past five years will not bring justice to Billings and Mooney,—that our appeal will largely have to be centered upon the great mass of workers," etc.

These words show that Mooney's eyes are penetrating the fogs of an old illusion—an illusion with the aid of which the capitalist class has enmeshed and destroyed many a champion of the working class. Mooney and Billings and our whole class must come thoroughly to know that reforms are a by-product of class struggle, and not the willing concessions of benign slave-drivers. Sad to say, Sacco and Vanzetti were sacrificed to the executioner partly because the illusion prevailed among those officially charged with their defense, that "Justice" would somehow come out of a capitalist class court if only the evidence were convincing.

Release of class war prisoners is, like all reforms in capitalist society, solely a by-product of class struggle.

What of all these years that have been allowed to pass while our brothers Mooney and Billings have suffered in prison?

When they were first arrested the entire official trade union bureaucracy of the State of California, dominated by such men as P. H. McCarthy (later caught taking \$10,000 from the bosses during labor troubles) and Brouillet (who was thrown out of the presidency of the San Francisco Labor Council by the workers for conspiring with the prosecutor of Mooney)—this official bureaucracy was the active agent for the hanging of Mooney and Billings. Also the national bureaucracy headed by Gompers was for the hanging of the two militant labor leaders who had dared to pull a strike against the United Railways which the corrupt San Francisco trade union "leaders" had agreed to protect. The socialist party official leaders, with a very few notable exceptions, were willing to accept the hanging of Mooney, a member of the socialist party, in those first months.

Under those conditions the defense of Mooney, Billings, Nolan, Weinstein and Rena Mooney was "unavoidably" an affair of revolutionary workers. For three years the whole of the militant labor struggle of the workers was bound up with the "Mooney-Billings" defense.

The defense movement became a mass movement of the greatest importance, and it can truly be said that this was the first organized left wing in the trade unions. By 1919 the capitalist press was driven to lay the Seattle general strike to this movement in the trade unions for the release of Mooney and Billings. The terrific labors of the revolutionary sections of the workers were so effective as to win the great mass of their class to solidarity with their champions. The official A. F. of L. moved ponderously over from the prosecution to take up a pose of being on the popular side. The socialist party leaders in the end, at least formally, followed Gene Debs over to the defense.

Then the hellish mistake was made. The mass movement stopped, and the cowardly labor bureaucracy was relied on to do the job.

The revolutionary workers' demonstrations in Petrograd had in the earlier period saved Mooney's life.

Now came the period of "respectability"—the period when illusions began to stifle the defense of Mooney and Billings. Some dirty politician of the capitalist class, some "nice" judge was "just going to do something if you would only keep quiet." "Respectable" gentlemen couldn't do anything while rough working class militants were making a noise among the masses. Samuel Gompers whiled away his entire time from then until his death in the act of being about ready to start to do something if the workers would only quiet down.

The mass movement was deliberately sacrificed as a price to pay the bureaucrats for empty promises.

The Mooney-Billings defense fell under this stifling deadly illusion. This is the period which Mooney's letter describes as lasting five years.

The total results of this policy are wasted years and grey hairs for the two brave men who suffered for us, now, twelve years of torture.

Tom Mooney is right to throw to the winds this ruinous policy of cultivated and systematized timidity. We repeat: The release of Mooney and Billings will only come as a by-product of class struggle.

Every worker should gladly spring to the aid of the International Workers' Defense to build an organized mass movement for the release of our brothers, Tom Mooney in San Quentin prison and Warren Billings in Folsom.

**Hail the Young Pioneers!**

Today there meets in New York City—the Young Pioneers. There can be no doubt that among these delegates of the young Communists of from ten to sixteen years of age are men and women who will participate in guiding the Soviet republic of the American workers.

Meanwhile the tremendous struggle is to be won, the revolution made, by which the workers will become the ruling class. And in this struggle and in the victory of their class, these Young Pioneers of today will be no grey-beards! These youthful working class fighters are fighters of today—not of tomorrow. The fight is to the young! Boys and girls of Communism are not the children of the side-lines, but active participants in the class struggle.

Every serious working class father and mother should take pride in helping his boys and girls learn about and enter the ranks of these young conquerors of working class freedom.

And the Young Pioneers can be counted on to win over the youthful members of their class.

Hail, Young Pioneers! Sons and daughters of Lenin and the Communist International. The DAILY WORKER salutes you with pride!



To get Tom Mooney and Warren Billings out of the capitalist hell-holes of San Quentin and Folsom penitentiaries!

**The Transformation of the Socialist Party**

By JOHN PEPPER

The national convention of the socialist party of America shows a basically different socialist party from that of the previous period. The socialist party today is in every respect an anti-proletarian and pro-capitalist organization. The whole history of the socialist party for the last fifteen years is but the history of reformism, gradual degradation, and the big post-war strike battles of the American working class were the chief instruments in bringing about the transformation of the socialist party. Since the splitting off of the left wing and the creation of the Communist Party the socialist party has never been able to recover. Its road was destined clearly towards opportunism and betrayal.

Last Militant Leader.

But the post-war socialist party still had many good proletarian elements, and a part of its leadership even tried to put up an appearance of militancy, at times supported the actions of the Communist Party, and made certain attempts to drag the socialist party into the class struggle. Eugene Debs was the last honest leader of the socialist party. Despite all his shortcomings he represented the sentiments of large sections of the American working class. He took a stand for the Russian Workers' Republic, supported the Trade Union Educational League, wages a fight for all class-war prisoners, and came out for a united front with the Communist Party. The death of Eugene Debs and the complete merging of the socialist

party in the LaFollette movement of 1924 marks the end of this period in the life of the socialist party. Up until 1924 there was a more or less strong left wing within the socialist party. The open letter I wrote to Eugene Debs ("Underground Radicalism") rightly characterized the socialist party of that time as a house divided in itself, as a party of two wings without a body. Our Party used correct tactics toward the socialist party, offering a united front with its left wing as against its right wing. Only the Loreites in our ranks opposed these tactics, solely for the reason that they felt themselves so near to the socialists that they did not dare make any united front with any section of the socialist party.

A Petty Bourgeois Party.

The transformation of the socialist party from an opportunist mass party, which claimed to be a party of the working class, into an anti-proletarian, petty-bourgeois party has been consummated. There is no justification for continuing our united front tactics with the socialist party in the old form. It is no longer necessary to appeal to the leaders of the socialist party or to any left wing (which no longer exists) in the socialist party. Any united front attempt must assume the form of a direct appeal to the working class, rank and file followers of the socialist party over the head of the party itself and of its leadership. We must sharpen our attitude toward the socialist party. In our agitation and propaganda we must treat it as an anti-proletarian and pro-capitalist organization. In our election tactics we must follow as a general rule

the policy of not voting for any candidate of the socialist party. We shall put on our own candidate or shall participate in labor party campaigns. Only exceptional local situations might justify an exception to this general rule.

Without going into details, I shall try to enumerate the most important changes in the character of the socialist party which constitute its transformation:

1. The socialist party today is not a mass party at all. As an organization it has no roots in the working class.

Workers Desert Socialists.

2. The social composition of the socialist party has undergone basic changes. The working class elements have deserted it, and it is composed today largely of certain strata of highly skilled workers, small businessmen, salesmen, and professional people.

3. There is no longer any substantial left wing within the socialist party. If a few years ago it was a house divided in itself, today it is a shattered shanty. If a few years ago it was an organization of two wings without a body, today it has only a right wing and even that has lost most of its feathers.

4. In the previous period there was still a special socialist party trade union leadership as distinguished from the typical bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. Today this is a thing of the past. The socialist party trade union officials have merged completely, in every union, on the whole front, with the worst, most reactionary anti-socialist elements of the A. F. of L.

5. In the most important trades—the outstanding example is that of the needle trades—where the socialist party had a real influence, the Communist Party has been able to defeat the socialist party; and today not the socialist party but the Communist Party is the dominating factor in the needle trades as far as the masses are concerned.

6. In the most important mass movements of the American working class at present—which are bound to decide the whole fate of the American labor movement for the immediate future—such as the heroic struggle of the miners and the developing movements in the textile and shoe industries, the socialist party as a party has not played any role at all. Its membership stands apart from the struggle, and the socialist party leadership is backing the infamous Lewis machine.

7. In its present election campaign the socialist party is making frantic and hectic attempts to abandon the last remnants of its old form of membership organization and transform it into a ward organization of voters, aping the old capitalist parties.

These are the most significant features of the transformation of the socialist party. There is no longer anything left of that socialist party which at least claimed to be a party of the working class and the class struggle. Debs carried to his grave the last remnants of socialist party militancy. The socialist party today is the worst slanderer of the Workers' Republic in Russia. It fights the battles of Green and Matthew Woll in the labor movement. It spreads

the shallowest and silliest pacifist ideology about the imperialist war. It helps American imperialism to conceal the looming imperialist war danger. It is now definitely clear that the formation of a labor party in America can be brought about only against the A. F. of L. and the socialist party.

Must Expose Socialists.

The members of our party must take cognizance of the transformation of the socialist party. We must explain this basic change to the whole working class. We must sharpen our attitude toward the socialist party. That is the only effective way to take away the last true proletarian followers of the socialist party. Our party must be aware of the real situation, which is fundamentally different from the situation in most of the European countries. In Europe the socialist parties are powerful mass parties, and one of the basic tasks of our Communist parties there is to carry out a life-and-death struggle with them for the masses, for the majority of the working class. In America the problem of approaching the masses, of conquering the majority of the working class, presents itself in a different form. The socialist party of America must be exposed; its last remnants must be eradicated from the American labor movement; but the winning over of the proletarian masses for Communism has very little to do with the socialist party. The main road to the masses of the working class leads over the head of the socialist party. It leads to the trade unions and even more directly to the vast masses of unorganized workers.

**How Open Shoppers Framed Up Tom Mooney and Warren Billings**

By WALT CARMON.

Tom Mooney has appealed through the International Labor Defense to the workers of America to raise their voices to bring about the liberation of Warren Billings and himself from the California prisons where they have been confined for nearly 12 years on framed-up charges.

In the summer of 1916 a bitter struggle was raging in San Francisco between the bosses, organized in the Chamber of Commerce and the workers in the trade unions. Strikes were the order of the day. The building trades workers, steam-boat workers, longshoremen, cooks and carmen were fighting for existence. A state of open warfare existed. The strikes were featured by violence, shooting, clubbing and murder.

Grafters in Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce raised a fund of a million dollars to crush the workers. With the press, the police and the local government in their hands, and taking advantage of the war preparedness hysteria, they saw an opportunity to break the unions and beat down the workers.

The administration chosen, had for

its district attorney, Fickert, a notorious labor-hater, who at once squashed all indictments against the grafters, and who was in the midst of the struggle for the bosses in 1916.

Preparedness Parade Explosion.

To whip up patriotic hysteria and use it to crush the labor unions, a preparedness parade was organized by the Chamber of Commerce for July 22. Every union man was forced to march in it under the threat of losing his job. The feeling between the bosses and workers was now at white heat.

The parade began at 1:30 and at 2:06 a terrific explosion on Stuart Street near Market, killed 6 people and wounded 44.

"Get Tom Mooney."

At this time police again began looking for Tom Mooney, who was then organizing the carmen on the United Railroads. Mooney and his wife were arrested a few days previously for distributing handbills calling for organization among the carmen.

The United Railroads also, thru Fickert, had hired a corporation detective, Martin Swanson, to "get" Mooney. Swanson had offered Wein-

berg, a jitney driver, \$5,000 to swear he had driven Mooney out to the hills 10 miles south of San Francisco, where on June 11th transmission towers of the United Railroads had been dynamited, and for which both Mooney and Billings were nearly framed. Swanson also offered Billings \$5,000 and a good job for evidence that Mooney had blown the transmission towers.

Following the bomb explosion at the parade, on July 26, once again they attempted to "get" Mooney. Mooney and his wife had left for a vacation two days after the explosion. On learning that they were wanted they immediately wired the police of their whereabouts, and were arrested on a train returning to San Francisco.

The Frame-up.

Police Captain Matheson declared later he had no evidence against Mooney at the time of his arrest. Yet Mooney was kept "incommunicado" for eight days—not permitted to secure legal aid or to see friends.

Three of their friends, Warren K. Billings, Israel Weinberg, a jitney driver and Edward Nolan, radical labor leader, had already been arrested.

On August 1 all of them jointly were indicted for murder of each of the victims of the bomb explosion, eight of whom had died by this time.

In September, Billings was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. In January Mooney was placed on trial for murder. Between these two trials, the defense obtained a court order permitting them access to the negatives of photographs held by the district attorney, which he did not present in full at the trial of Billings, showing the Mooneys on the roof of the Eiler Building, a mile and a quarter away from the scene of the explosion, with the parade in progress below. A clock in the picture showed the exact time the explosion occurred, with the Mooneys on the roof in full view!

Despite these now famous photographs, Mooney was convicted of February 9. Only two witnesses were presented by the state claiming to have seen the Mooneys at Stuart and Market Streets just previous to the explosion. Both Frank Oxman and MacDonald were proven frauds. The first even was tried for perjury and saved from jail by official whitewash.

Judge Griffin sentenced Mooney to

hang in May. On presentation of new evidence, an investigation by a commission sent by President Wilson, an exposure published by Denmore, a special investigator who with government agents had planted a dictaphone in the district attorney's office, protests of labor the world over and the threats of a general strike, the sentence was postponed to August 23, then to December 13 and was finally commuted to life imprisonment.

Rena Mooney was acquitted on July 26. On October 27 Israel Weinberg was acquitted. Both, however, were acquitted only on one indictment, being released on bail on seven other identical indictments.

Indictments against Edward Nolan were dismissed 2 years, 6 months and 2 days after arrest for "lack of evidence"! Yet Nolan spent 9 months of this time in jail and was out on bail the balance of that time.

Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings have now spent twelve years in jail. For the rest of their natural lives, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings are doomed to rot behind prison walls. Only Labor can free them.