

TOM MOONEY APPEALS TO WORKERS FOR FREEDOM

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

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BONITA FIRED IN SELF DEFENSE, EXPERT SHOWS

TO REVIVE CASE OF BILLINGS, MOONEY, FRAME-UP VICTIMS

"Center on Masses," Is Message From Cell

By JAMES P. CANNON. SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Tom Mooney today appealed through the International Labor Defense to the workers of America and the world to raise their voices again in his behalf and bring about the liberation of himself and Warren Billings from the California prisons, where they have been confined for nearly twelve years on framed up charges. I talked to him for two hours today in San Quentin Penitentiary and he asked me to make it clear that he has not given up the fight for his freedom or the hope that, with the help of the working class, it will be gained. Courts in vain.

"Our hope is in a new protest movement," he said. "Every possible legal and technical move has been made to prove our innocence and our right to an unconditional pardon, but without success. The years go by until nearly twelve have elapsed, and still we are held in prison for a crime of which the world knows we are not guilty. Our crime was loyalty to the workers. Now, let the workers speak again in our behalf. I have confidence that our friends will find the way to make our appeal heard throughout the world."

Twelve years of prison have made their mark on Tom Mooney. It has grayed his hair and impaired his once robust health; but his indomitable spirit, which was the marvel of all who knew him, remains unshaken. His mind is as keen as ever and his eyes flash with the old fire of the fighter who never admits defeat. He still believes in the power of labor solidarity, and is full of hope that the power of the workers will yet bring about his vindication and his freedom from San Quentin Prison.

Recalls Protest of Russian Labor. "I have been fortified all through these years of prison," he said, "by my faith in the movement which I serve in this outpost of the class struggle and by the consciousness that, even though confined here, I am an instrument of the workers' cause and a symbol of their struggle. I have not forgotten the protest of the Russian workers which saved us from the gallows, and I have not lost my confidence that the workers of America, and the world, will again make their mighty voices heard in our behalf."

I brought him greetings from the mass meetings I have addressed throughout the country; particularly from the Colorado miners, who, in the midst of their own desperate struggle, have not forgotten the names of Mooney and Billings and who asked me to take a special message of cheer and encouragement to them.

Asks About Miners' Struggle. His face lighted up with satisfaction and he inquired eagerly regarding (Continued on Page Two)

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 85 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 (Continued on Page Two)

Frame-up Victims Approve New Labor Campaign for Release



TOM MOONEY.

TAXICAB DRIVERS WINNING STRIKE

A. F. of L. Will Reply on Charter Application

With the walkout of the Newark, Elizabeth, East Orange and Bloomfield taxi cab drivers so complete that the Yellow and Brown & White taxi companies were compelled Tuesday night to withdraw their machines from the streets, the answer of the American Federation of Labor to the union's application for a charter was expected last night. The taxi drivers are striking for union (Continued on Page Two)

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.

Send \$3,200 to Miners

The Youth Conference of the Pennsylvania-Ontario Miners' Relief Committee has called attention to the fact that up to date the youth committee has sent \$3,200 to the coal fields, not \$1,500 as was previously announced.

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.

P. S. Would like to see Owen and Sam "The Frenchman"—Tom at their earliest convenience.

California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal. 3-27-28.

Mr. James P. Cannon, Secretary International Labor Defense, Care Edgar Owen, 1212 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

My Dear Cannon:

After my talk with Fremont Older and your self today with respect to the Governors present attitude regarding my petition for pardon, I am convinced that a broader appeal will have to be made—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, organized and unorganized, as well, that great body of liberal minded people throughout the entire nation.

Anything you can do, in this direction to help us secure some small measure of justice after twelve years of imprisonment, I will, and I am more than certain that My co-sufferer Billings will also appreciate any efforts put forth by your organization to bring about the desired results.

I enjoyed your visit very much and hope that you will pay a return call upon your return from Los Angeles—some day other than Saturday or Sunday, preferably, as there is not such a crowd in the reception room.

with all good wishes for the success of your trip and the International Labor Defense in whose behalf you are making it, I remain, as ever, fraternally and sincerely yours,

Tom Mooney



BILLINGS.

Tom Mooney has just endorsed the revival of a new campaign calling for the organization of a mass movement to bring about his freedom and that of Warren K. Billings. Both workers were framed-up for murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness parade in 1916. Mooney was condemned to be hanged after a trial unparalleled for the number of perjured witnesses against him. Only the protest which swept through the entire world compelled the governor of California to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Following a visit to his cell in San Quentin prison by Jas. P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, Mooney urged the new campaign which is to be initiated.

OIL QUIZ TURNS TO SHOOTING OF WILSON

Reminiscent of the series of mysterious deaths of the closing days of the Harding administration, including that of Jesse Smith, the senate's Teapot Dome scandal investigation turned yesterday to the unexplained shooting here recently of Attorney Dallett H. Wilson.

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 \$30,000 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 (Continued on Page Two)

Teapot Dome Papers Disappear.

Wilson was allegedly shot by his estranged wife, Mrs. Esther Evans de Forest Wilson, Washington society woman and big game huntress. But it has been learned that private documents relating to the leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair and to the graft in the alien property office disappeared from his files at or about the time of the shooting.

Wilson not long ago is reported to have sent a telegram to an unnamed senator charging that a considerable portion of the Liberty Bonds which Sinclair and others gave the republican national committee in 1923 for campaign purposes were misappropriated.

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DESCRIBE KLAN MURDER PLANS

Victims Branded; Ears Cut Off

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—The Knight Riders, a branch of the Ku Klux Klan, had thousands of rounds of rifle and pistol ammunition stored in caves and barns "for bombings and shootings," J. R. Ramsey, of Dayton, former Klan investigator, testified today in federal court.

Van A. Barrickman, defense counsel, sought to show that the Klan was instrumental in shaping political policy in Ohio, but was blocked by Klan counsel. Ramsey said, however, that the Klan was active in obtaining political jobs.

Murder Charged. Reading of the deposition of Col. William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, Ga., founder of the Ku Klux Klan, in which Col. Simmons alleges that Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, planned to murder him, was begun in court this afternoon.

In the document Simmons alleges that Evans perpetrated the murder of Capt. W. B. Coburn, Atlanta attorney.

The reading was halted, however, (Continued on Page Two)

LEVIATHAN SEAMEN WORK 16 HOURS

Suit for Deducted Wages Thrown Out in Magistrate's Court

A suit brot by a seaman of the S. S. Leviathan against the United States Shipping Board for two days pay that had been deducted from his wages was dismissed by Magistrate O'Neil in the First District Court yesterday afternoon.

Garlick appeared in court as his own attorney in opposition to the high priced lawyers of the shipping board and several functionaries of that organization.

H. C. Campbell, who headed the shipping boards legal battery, stated that the case was of "major importance" because if successful, other seamen, dissatisfied with the treatment on board ship would also resort to legal suits.

Garlick told the court he was com-

pelled to work 16 hours a day in spite of the fact that the Seamen's Act prohibits more than 8 hours in port and 12 hours at sea. Garlick was dismissed when he refused to work overtime and do the work of a longshoreman.

"I refuse to scab on the longshoremen," asserted Garlick, "nor will I (Continued on Page Five)

YOUNG MINE LEADER ACTED AFTER AGATI, CAPPELINI AGENT, LAUNCHED ATTACK

Observers at Trial Agree Evidence Warrants an Immediate Acquittal of Defendants

Defense Committee Warns Against Over-Confidence Pointing to Previous Convictions

WILKES-BARRE, April 11.—That Frank Agati, contractor and member of the Cappelini machine fired the first shot in the affair which led to the death of Agati, was yesterday conclusively demonstrated as a result of the testimony of Captain William A. Jones, a gun expert who was called by the prosecution to establish its own case against Sam Bonita on trial here for his life.

Agati Fired First. A sixth bullet found imbedded in the wall of the room, Jones testified, came from a gun not found on either Bonita or Adam Moleski, his companion. That this was a weapon in the hands of Agati who on previous occasions had beaten Bonita and who at the time of the shooting which led to his death had again struck Bonita was the conclusion drawn from the testimony of the expert called by the state to uphold its own case. The gun has disappeared.

Lawyers and competent observers who are closely following the case are uniformly of the opinion that nothing has been established to show that Bonita is guilty. They believe that the young labor leader will be acquitted if the decision is made on the basis of the evidence in the case. The Bonita - Moleski - Mendola Defense Committee, however, yesterday warned against over-confidence in the matter and pointed out that decisions (Continued on Page Two)

TEXTILE STRIKE BALLOT TONIGHT

New Bedford Vote Will Affect 33,000

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 11.—The membership of the seven textile unions in New Bedford affiliated with the Textile Council will cast ballots Thursday night calling a general strike in the New Bedford cotton manufacturing mills. Seven years of continuous layoffs, speed-up, wage cuts, both official and unofficial make almost certain the result of the balloting which is expected to be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike as an answer to the new wage slash of 10 per cent made several days ago and which is to affect 33,000 textile workers in the 37 mills of New Bedford and Taunton, according to the sentiment here.

Action Anticipated. An announcement from the union headquarters states that the strike ballots will be in as simple a form as is possible. There will be one slip of paper perforated in the middle. One side will be printed with "strike," and the other "no strike."

The mood the workers are in after this brutal attack on their standards is such as to justify belief prevalent that they will brook no action similar to that taken by the officials of the Fall River Textile Council when they announced the result of a strike vote to be 11 votes short of a two-thirds majority, demanded by the officialdom. This occurred when the Fall River mills made a similar reduction several months ago.

The strike sentiment is being crystallized by the activity of mill committees formed by a national progressive textile workers' organization. These committees, established in every mill, are issuing leaflets calling upon the workers to strike against the wage reduction.

Flimsy Excuse. The excuse given by the mill owners of Taunton and New Bedford, which is that they are compelled to (Continued on Page Four)

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 Hapgood will act as chairman of the meeting which has been arranged by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America.

Matters of vital importance to the district is to be taken up, it is announced by A. Gussakoff, district literature agent, and a full attendance is urged.

DENEEN MACHINE WINS THE GRAVY

Will Have Grip on Two Billion in Contracts

CHICAGO, April 11.—With election returns showing a majority of 450,000 for Secretary of State Louis L. Emerson, Democratic candidate and with Judge John A. Swanson defeating State Attorney Robert Crowe for the Cook County prosecutor's office, the Deneen machine won a clean victory in the Chicago primary election struggle for the \$2,000,000,000 in fat contracts which has been appropriated by the state, county and city the next four years.

Col. Frank L. Smith, who sought the nomination for United States Senator, after being ousted from the Senate because of huge campaign expenses, was defeated by Otis F. Glenn, Deneen candidate.

Grand jury "investigation" into murders, sluggings, kidnappings, bombings, withholding of ballot boxes and other outrages which marked Chicago's primary election yesterday became a certainty today with an announcement by Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom.

Carlstrom, at the appeal of Senator Charles S. Deneen, is making arrangement to empanel a special grand jury "to sift the disorders" and to take over the functions of the defeated state's attorney, Robert E. Crowe.

District Literature Agents Meet Tonight

William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party, will speak at an important conference of district literature agents to be held tonight at 8 o'clock at 103 E. 14th St.

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Mine Families Defeat "Yellow-Dog" Starvation Scheme of Lewis Machine

ATTACK OFFICIAL WHO GIVES FOOD TO FEW IN NEED

Troopers Threaten to Hurl Bombs

PITTSBURGH, April 11. — State troopers, deputy sheriffs and constables threatened to explode tear gas bombs to disperse fifty enraged wives of striking miners of Avella, Pa., who stoned a committee which distributed relief brought in by the United Mine Workers' Union among only 14 of the 72 families living in the barracks three miles outside of Avella. Carl Wolcott, district organizer of the union, who denied relief to all those who had refused to sign a pledge repudiating and denouncing the Save-the-Union Committee, was badly beaten and had a tooth knocked out.

Reject "Yellow-Dog."
Wolcott cut off all relief since last Saturday when the great majority of the miners refused to sign the "yellow-dog starvation pledge," as the miners term it. A truckload of foodstuffs including dainties like pies, butter, etc., such as never before had been received from the union, was brought in early Monday morning. When the women discovered that only fourteen families who had signed the pledge were receiving relief, the women demanded their share.

When the committee disregarded them, the women stoned the men and rushed for the foodstuffs. The larger portion of the food was stored in the "picket house" to be divided equally. Word that relief was being distributed in Avella reached the barracks several hours later, and the women piled into automobiles and rushed there. More than fifty women lined up at the relief hall, demanding their share. By this time, Wolcott arrived from Pittsburgh. When he refused to give relief to anybody who did not sign the pledge, the women declared, "we're entitled to relief, and by God, we'll get it!" and attacked the union organizer. State troopers, deputies and constables arrived in the midst of the fray, and ordered that no relief be distributed unless it be to everybody.

These locals 1355 and 2881 were strongly represented at the National Save-the-Union Conference in Pittsburgh, April 1st. At this conference they decided to organize district and national conventions of the union and out the officialdom whose policies, they declare, are responsible for the weak condition of the union. As soon as they returned from the conference, Wolcott visiting the district bringing the "declaration of policy" which most of the miners refused to sign. Wolcott was run out of town by the miners and their wives.

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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, B. Lifshitz, Meilach Epstein, Moiseyev, Olgin, Manuel Gomez, Robert W. Dunn, Ben Gold, Robert Minor, D. Benjamin and many others.
The Brownsville section of the Workers (Communist) Party is the first to start collection work on a section scale. At a meeting of the section, held the other night, \$74 in cash was collected and \$217 was promised in pledges. Committees were appointed to canvas workingclass organizations and section members who were not present at the meeting. This section is determined to surpass its quota of \$400, according to section functionaries.

Workers Party members of Paterson, N. J., meeting at the Governor St. headquarters of the Party the other night, greeted enthusiastically the campaign for the new Workers Center and voted to start work immediately collecting funds. A meeting of all New Jersey organizers has been called for Saturday afternoon in Newark for the purpose of discussing plans for raising the New Jersey quota.
Collection lists and receipt books are now being printed, it is announced by the board of directors of the Workers Center, and are being sent to the various units as soon as they come off the press. The receipt books are to be used for more substantial contributions, each such contributor receiving an engraved certificate.

BALTIMORE PUSHES CAMPAIGN FOR SPECIAL MAY DAY "WORKER"

Gathering of greetings for the special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER, arrangements for its distribution on a wide scale, and preparations for the formation of a DAILY WORKER "Builders' Club," are being pushed as part of the campaign for intensifying interest in the May 1 issue of the paper.
Under the able direction of Philip Stanton, The DAILY WORKER agent in the Baltimore area, the work of gathering greetings for the May Day edition is being widened and all

labor and fraternal organizations are being approached in an effort to ensure their representation in the pages of the May 1 DAILY WORKER.
The greatest enthusiasm prevails both among the workers in this field of activity and among the organizations themselves. Scores of greetings have already been obtained and many more are promised.
The preparations for a city-wide distribution of The DAILY WORKER on May Day are being pushed with the

same energy. All arrangements are being effected and it is expected that the May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER will reach sections of the working class in Baltimore who have not previously been familiar with the paper.
The formation of a DAILY WORKER "Builders' Club," it is being pointed out, will greatly facilitate the activities for the only working class daily paper in the United States. Baltimore workers are eagerly looking forward to the possibility of such an organization.

Free Subs Are Vital Need of Mine Strikers

"The American working class hasn't realized the vital importance to it of the striking miners' struggle," declared A. Ravitch, the circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER, in re-emphasizing his appeal for free subscriptions for the hundreds of miners who have been impoverished by their long struggle against the coal barons and their reactionary leadership.
"In the past The DAILY WORKER has sent hundreds of subs free to the coal mines. Scores of requests for subscriptions to the paper, which has become a necessity to the men in their fight, are being received daily.
"It is the militant American workers who must respond to this urgent appeal of the strikers throughout the American coal regions. Workers, fill out the attached blank. See today that one more striking miner is assured of his subscription to The DAILY WORKER thru you. Send a free sub to a class fighter.

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

Judith to Lecture at Dressmakers T. U. E. L.

"The Role of the Trade Union Educational League in the Unions," is to be the subject of a lecture to be delivered by P. Judith, labor editor of the Jewish Communist daily, the Freiheit, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place.
The lecture has been arranged by the Dressmakers' section of the Trade Union Educational League.

WILL REVIVE CASE OF TOM MOONEY AND BILLINGS, FRAME-UP VICTIMS

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ing the latest developments in the labor movement and the miners' strike. Tom Mooney is a labor man through and through. The cause of the workers for which he has already suffered twelve years in prison is uppermost in his mind and heart, and he looks forward eagerly for the day of liberation which will bring him back to active work in the ranks.
There has been some talk of efforts to secure his release on parole; but Tom Mooney doesn't want to come out that way. "I am not guilty of any crime, so why should I be paroled and have all my movements mortgaged and restricted. I want to be free to take up my work where I left it off twelve years ago."
We discussed various methods and plans of reviving the public interest in the case and of putting the names of Mooney and Billings again on the agenda of the labor movement. An aggressive campaign to rebuild the protest movement for the unconditional release of Mooney and Billings was the center of the understanding arrived at.
As we shook hands at parting, he said, "Go ahead! You have my full approval and authorization for the work in our behalf."

I. L. D. Replies.
The International Labor Defense, from its national offices at 80 E. 11th Street, New York, yesterday replied to Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings regarding the revival of a mass movement to free them from prison.
The letter follows:
"International Labor Defense welcomes the statement of Tom Mooney calling upon the working masses, through International Labor Defense, to organize a mass movement of protest for the release of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.
"Not reliance upon courts and laws and dependence upon American capitalist justice prevented Mooney and Billings from traveling the road of Sacco and Vanzetti to death. Only the international mass protest of the

BOMBS, RIFLES, POWDER, STORED BY KLAN KILLERS

Stephenson Tells of Burning Men Alive

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when it touched upon conspiracy charges and squandering of klan funds, Judge Thomson holding this was outside the scope of the trial.
Evans was directly responsible for the riots at Carnegie, Pa., in 1923, in which one klansman was killed, N. C. Hogue, of Swissvale, former klan leader of the order, charged.
Despite the fact that Carnegie officials had refused the klansmen a permit to parade, Sam Rich, Klan leader, gave the order to march. Hogue said, saying that "Evans had ordered it."

Stephenson Deposes.
CHICAGO, April 11. — David C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, today told how Senator Simeon D. Fess was made the object of a plot because he had voted against a bill to abolish parochial schools by national legislation.
The deposition continues as a part of their 100 per cent Americanism, 15 or 20 "heroes" took one unfortunate covering individual into the woods, unmercifully beat and torture him, even to burning him alive.

"In many instances they even branded victims, cut off their ears and turned them loose as a lasting walking delegate of frightfulness.
"Another instance was when they tried to direct Tom Austin to employ a woman and use her in an attack upon me. Austin refused. They therefore arranged to assign him to New Jersey or lower New York. Austin obeyed the assignment, went to the designated spot, and very shortly after he arrived the gunman stationed there with instructions to kill Austin, met him on the street and began firing at him. Austin returned the fire and both men fell dead.
"I was awakened one night by a terrible noise," Stephenson said, "I got up and found two boys and two men dressed in policemen's uniforms in my room. One of them had a bottle of liquor. I was arrested. Later they claimed I had been banished from the Ku Klux Klan as a part of this affair."

Fake Claims in Chicago.
By CARL HAESSLER.
CHICAGO, (FP) April 11.—"We have recently raised the wages of our drivers to an aggregate of half a million dollars," brags John Hertz, the former prize fight boy who is now president of the Yellow Cab Co., the largest Chicago taxi concern. It is the most bitterly anti-union outfit in town.
While Hertz boasts, his drivers squeeze out a hollow laugh. They would like a small of that half million. It is true that the driver's percentage of receipts has been recently raised from a 27-35 per cent basis to a 30-40 level, depending on the length of service. But the Yellow takes back with a dozen hands what it offers with one.
Pay Held Back.
Right after the percentage boost the company cut passenger rates from 55 cents for the 1st mile to 45 cents for the 1st mile and a quarter. This reduces the driver's commission and also the tips, which are usually estimated by passengers on a percentage basis. New drivers have to buy uniform, leggings and cap for which the company charges about \$30. A week's pay is held out to dock drivers for possible accidents. Dead mileage is charged against drivers at 10 cents for each mile without passengers in excess of the miles with passengers. If he wants to hold his job he has to pay 50 cents a week into a company club organized to promote employee stock ownership. Spotters cruise constantly to have him docket for petty rule infractions. If they don't report enough men they lose their own job.
The "Yellow Dog" Plan.
When an applicant enters the personnel office of the Yellow Cab Co. he is asked not only his name and address but if he belongs to a union—any union at all, if he ever belonged in the past or if his wife, father,

ACROBATS, CLOWNS, ORGANIZE UNION

To Combat Greedy Booking Agents; Establish Minimum Wage

The Federated Novelty Acts, organized to protect the interests of acrobats, wire walkers and all other "dumb" act performers will hold a meeting Friday at 10 p. m. at Bossi Hall, 568 9th Avenue, which all novelty vaudeville and circus performers have been invited to attend. The Federated Novelty Acts is now conducting a campaign to organize the 6,000 novelty entertainers in its organization. More than 500 have joined already.
To Establish Minimum Wage.
The purpose of the organization as stated in its "Aims and Objects" is "to establish a minimum wage scale for all novelty acts worthy of being in the theatrical profession" and to "function only and honestly to better conditions and personnel of the novelty artists."
A member of the Federated Novelty Acts pointed out yesterday the importance of the organization to the vaudeville artists. "In addition to the regular 10 per cent that the booking agents deduct from the artists' salary," he said, "they sometimes keep as much as \$300 a week. They sign an act up for, let us say, \$200 weekly and then book it with the theatres for \$500. The agents keep the entire \$300 and in addition, deduct

Militant Newark Taxi Strikers Force Bosses to Withdraw Machines



The Newark taxi drivers strike has proved so successful that the Yellow and Brown and White taxi companies have been compelled to withdraw all of their machines. There are too few cabs to operate the cars. Spirit like that displayed in the picket lines shown above are winning the strike for the taxi drivers. (Photo by Newark Ledger).

NEWARK TAXICAB STRIKERS GAIN

Expect A.F.L. Apply on Charter Application

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recognition, better pay and better working hours.
Altho the company put its cabs into operation this morning, it hired scabs who did not have their licenses and who did not know their way around Newark, union officials charged.
Four thugs who had severely beaten Patsy Casiera, a striker who was picketing the Yellow Cab garage, were arrested after a mile chase that ended in East Orange. The thugs were heavily armed, the police said.

Noted Artists At the Miners' Affair Sunday

Eugene Helmer, the youthful pianist, who is well known as a soloist for the Havana Philharmonic Orchestra, will open the program of the Miners' Varieties, to be given Sunday, April 15, at the Central Opera House, Third Ave. and 67th St. Dorsha, famous dancer who has donated her services free of charge to aid the Pennsylvania and Ohio Relief Committee's work for the striking miners, will play a prominent part in the program. She will perform her famous dance, "Marche Slave."
Another feature of the "Varieties" program will be the Miners' Trio from Illinois, who will give an original presentation of miners' ballads, including strike songs. The proceeds of the concert will go to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Fund Committee. Tickets are 50 cents in advance and 75 cents at the door.

MILLER MAY NOT SERVE SENTENCE

Former Harding Apptee Knows About Oil

Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian under President Harding may never serve the 18 months' sentence meted out to him for defrauding the government in the return of \$7,000,000 worth of property to the American Metal Company seized during the war. The United States supreme court upheld the conviction last Monday.
It is rumored that Miller will appeal for probation for the duration of sentence to Federal Judge Knox, who presided at the trial and sentenced Miller. It is believed that Miller will make the appeal at once with a good chance of its being granted.
Miller was charged with splitting \$301,000 with former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, one of the Ohio gang and the late John T. King. He is now using his knowledge of the oil graft deals in an attempt to force political pressure in his own case.
brother or sister belong or ever belonged. Yes to any one of these questions blackballs him on the spot.
And the magnificent wage for which the Yellow driver submits to all this is claimed by the company to average \$35 a week, but actually comes to \$26 or \$27 according to the drivers themselves.

BONITA FIRED TO DEFEND HIMSELF

Mine Leader Acted After Attack

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in the case of workers are seldom rendered on the basis of the evidence presented.
Fight Over Contract Evil.
Defense counsel, Thomas Dando, assisted by J. Frank Flannery and J. Harold Flannery, took every opportunity to introduce the mine contracting evil, responsible for the mine feud in Pittston which has caused three murders, the attempted murder of Sam Greco and the murder indictment of the three defendants. The court and the district attorney made equal efforts to keep it out.
District President Cappellini probably will not be called as a witness. State witnesses yesterday were International organizers Figlock, Sweeney, Sifka, Kometz, followed by local officials, and board members, many of whom were forced to admit appointments came through recommendations from Cappellini to John L. Lewis.
The district officers, testifying at the trial, are the typical officialdom, prosperous looking, heavy-set, overbearing and stand out in marked contrast to the rank and file miners who crowd the court room.
Agati is alleged to have owned a forty thousand dollar house, an expensive car, all acquired in three years, as a result of mine contracting. The spirit of Alex Campbell and Peter Kelly dominate the courtroom causing a shiver of horror at the frequent mention of their names and work in defense of the present defendants, as well as their long and active record as progressives fighting the machine and the contract system.

5 FIREMEN HURT AS TRUCKS HIT

Condition of One Very Critical

Five firemen were injured one critically, today in a collision between a pumper and a commercial truck at Jefferts Boulevard and Jerome Ave., Richmond Hill, Queens.
The injured are: Capt. James P. Shannon, in charge of Engine Company 270, suffering from shock; Fireman Charles F. Sielinger, concussion of the brain and lacerations; Fireman Albert D. Troje, 14 Doscher Street, Williamsburg; Fireman Joseph Murphy 89-04 204th Street, Bellerose, Queens, and Fireman Louis J. Riblinz, 1490 Pennam Avenue, Brooklyn.
Sielinger, Troje and Murphy were taken to Jamaica Hospital.

FLIER'S BODY WASHED UP

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Commander T. G. Ellyson and two companions in a naval seaplane while enroute from Norfolk to Annapolis a month ago was partially cleared up today when the body of Commander Ellyson was washed ashore near Norfolk.

Previously the well-fed master of ceremonies at the regular service had told the worker he could not have the floor unless he talked about god. The worker said that was exactly what he wanted to do.
"I want to say that god won't do us a damn bit of good," he said.
Supported by Others.
The other men in the unventilated hall urged that he be allowed to speak.
"Let him talk! Let him have the floor," several called out.
He had not spoken long, however, before the master of ceremonies called two professional persons to help him put the speaker out. The worker continued to deliver his message, however, until he was shoved outside into the night by superior numbers.

JOINT BOARD CALL ON MILITANTS TO ELECT DELEGATES

Active Cloak Members to Meet Tonight
(Continued from Page One)
and the membership as a whole are convinced that the reactionary Sigman 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.

A meeting of all the active members of the Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union will be held tonight at Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave., at 7 o'clock.
Leaders of the union will report on plans for the coming convention of the International Union. These will be thoroughly discussed and steps will be taken for their execution.
The strike declared by the left wing Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union in the shop of L. Schwartz, 13-15 W. 23rd St., Tuesday morning, resulted in the full response of the workers despite the fact that the firm has an agreement with the right wing union.
The discharge of Irving Stone, a member of the Cutters' Local 10, after the boss had been instructed to do so by the right wing officials of his local was the cause of the strike action.

2 MEETINGS FOR JOBLESS TODAY

Unemployed Worker a Suicide

With one New York worker reported dying from starvation in Bellevue Hospital and another dead by his own hand as a result of discouragement over long enforced unemployment, the New York Council of the Unemployed has called two mass protest meetings for today.
One of the meetings will be held at Workers' Hall, 101 W. 27th St., at 2 p. m. and the other at 8 p. m. at St. Ann's St. and 138th St. Speakers will be John Di Santo, secretary of the council and Louis A. Baum, secretary of the Photographic Workers' Union.
Hungry Worker Collapses.
Weakened by lack of food, due to unemployment, John Kent, 58 years old, collapsed yesterday on the sidewalk at Fifth Ave. and 26th St. Before lapsing into unconsciousness Kent told attendants he has been unable to find work for two months and had not eaten for two days.
David Rosenblatt, 33, a furrier, unemployed since last November and despondent at seeing his wife and two children inadequately cared for, ended his own life by jumping from the roof of the building in which he lived at 1020 St. John Ave., Bronx.
An unemployed worker caused consternation among the operators of the All-night Mission at 8 Bowery night before last when he took the floor in the presence of 150 men.
"I object to all these hymns and sermons," the worker shouted. "You are trying to make the workers forget their demands for work and wages."
The other men in the unventilated hall urged that he be allowed to speak.
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KNAPP TRIAL APRIL 30

ALBANY, N. Y., April 11.—Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former secretary of state, is scheduled to go on trial Monday, April 30, for alleged juggling of the \$1,200,000 1925 census fund.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TEXTILE WORKERS, PAID \$14 A WEEK, ARE EAGER FOR ORGANIZATION

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 WILTON, N. H. (By mail).—The workers in the woolen mills, the Hillsboro and Souhigan, have been given a wage cut on which they can barely exist. Workers in the Souhigan Mill work part time receiving for a ten-hour day three dollars and fifty cents or

thirty-five cents an hour, so that working from three to four days a week, they make about \$10.50-\$14 per week. The speed-up system is the same as everywhere. The workers are forced to work on the high loom sys-

tem and have only a short lunch period. The young people in these mills are paid about one third less than the adults. They, more than the others, plug for their meagre pay. They leave school at the first or second year of high that they may help keep

together their homes. They would anxiously help the older workers to organize. The workers, mostly French Canadian, are listening with interest to the question of organization and want to organize and improve their conditions. —W. C.

“Textile Committee Distributes Appeal at Amoskeag Mill Gates:” Correspondent

RETURN 10% WAGE SLASH; ABOLISH SPEED-UP, PLEA

Set Up Your Own Shop Paper, Is Demand

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 MANCHESTER, N. H. (By Mail).—Enclosed is a leaflet issued by the Textile Mill Committee of the Amoskeag Mill direct to the mill workers at the gates this morning. The leaflet

The bosses own the factories and the machines and with these they own our jobs and control our lives. The boss does not care for us, except to hire us cheaper, to make us work harder, all for profits for himself. So the boss cuts our wages and speeds up the work and makes us work longer hours. He tries to fool us with fake employee representation or company union plans.

We have no use for the bosses' company union which gave us the wage cut. We want an organization of our own—an organization that will fight for a better standard of living.

Such an organization has been formed. A big New England Textile Conference of progressive textile workers' unions and clubs was held in Boston March 11th. This conference decided to build a new Progressive Textile Workers' organization to be known as the Textile Mill Committees. These workers' committees are to be built up in every textile mill and to be joined together into one strong united national body of Mill Committees. Already workers in Lawrence, Lowell, Fall River, New Bedford and Providence mills have their committees. Right here in the Amoskeag mill a committee has been formed. Join it when your fellow-worker asks you. Join it when the organizer comes to your house.

The Textile Mill Committees stand for:

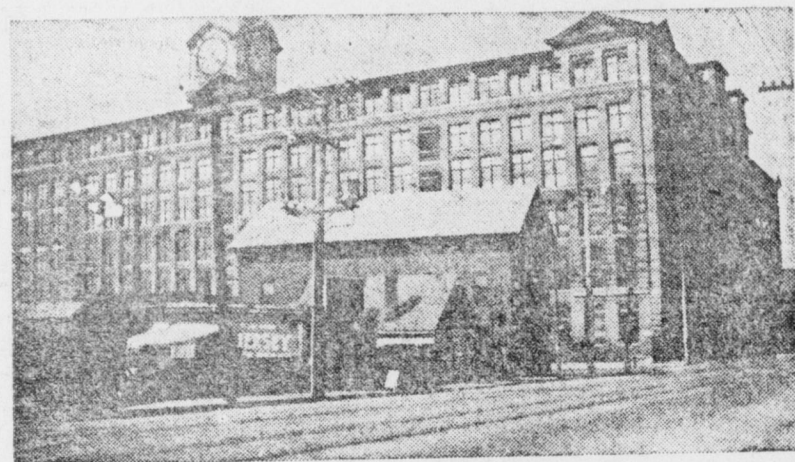
1. The recognition of the Textile Mill Committees!
2. Return of the 10 per cent cut in wages stolen from us last December!
3. For an increase of wages!
4. The 40-hour 5 day week!
5. The abolition of the speed-up system!
6. For a worker's shop paper!

The Textile Mill Committees are against:

- Employee representation or company union plans started by the bosses to fool us and to make it easier to put over wage cuts, speeding up, etc.!
- All textile clubs of the bosses!
- All newspapers controlled by the bosses!

Issued by the Textile Mill Committee of the Amoskeag Mill, National Headquarters, 1755 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.

Progressive Textile Committee In This Mill



The Ayer Woolen Mill, above, is one of the three largest textile mills in Lawrence, Mass. The workers in the textile industry, underpaid, laid-off and speeded up, have set up their Textile Mill Committee in this mill. The Mill Committees have already spread throught New England as the industry seethes with unrest.

PIONEERS' CONVENTION AND CHILD PROBLEMS

By LOUIS SISSELMAN.
 At the same time that an army of 5,000,000 unemployed march along the streets of our "glorious land of prosperity," there are two and one-half million children from five to sixteen mercilessly exploited in the American industries.

Child Slaves.
 These children are slaving under the most miserable conditions. They are found in the street industries, that is, bootblacking, newsboys, in the candy industry, textile mills, coal mines, zinc industry and especially in the beet fields of Michigan and the cotton plantations of the South.

In a system where everything is based on profits, it is quite obvious that the financial magnates will very readily fire adult workers and replace them with child laborers who offer a better means of exploitation, since their demands are fewer, and they offer less resistance. Because of this we find that the problem of child labor besides being a problem for the adults, is a special problem to the children themselves, a problem of vital importance.

The children must also fight the overcrowded conditions in the schools, they must fight unsanitary conditions, all of which are common to schools in the working class neighborhoods.

Military Propaganda.
 The workers' children must demand the establishment of kitchens in the schools where the children of the unemployed will be fed. The children must fight the anti-labor propaganda instilled in our children in the schools. The teachers are willing and plant tools of the capitalist class. In the intensification of the militarization of the youth in the preparation for a new war, military training is being installed in even the elementary schools.

The worker's child must be taught to carry on a militant struggle against the preparing of workers' children ideologically and physically for the coming imperialist war.

Especially must our children fight against the propaganda against the young workers' and farmers' government, the Soviet Union. They must teach the other children that such a government is the only government that really is for the workers.

Pioneers in Lead.
 However, in order that our children meet these problems effectively, it is necessary for them to be organized effectively.

The Young Pioneers of America is ideologically near to the revolutionary section of the working class, and gets its leadership and organizational help from the Young Workers (Communist) League.

During the Pioneer's period of existence in New York they have ac-

complished much. Each Pioneer knows that his "shop" is his school. He knows that it is there that he must carry on his fight to win the worker's child for the working class. The Pioneers have carried on successful struggles in the schools against overcrowding, against discrimination of pupils. In their fights they have rallied thousands of children. Every month the Pioneers distribute copies of the Young Comrade, the organ of the Pioneers, among their school mates with the view of countering capitalist propaganda. Under the leadership of the Pioneers a conference for miners' relief was called in January. At this conference over ten thousand children were represented. Now thousands of workers' children have been drawn into the relief work, and have become acquainted with the miners' struggle.

Pioneers' Camp.
 The New York district has conducted a camp for three summers, where many workers' children had their vacation. At every celebration of the working class, at every revolutionary meeting, the participation of the Pioneers has infused new blood and enthusiasm to those present.

They have carried on systematic education within the organization. Special classes have been formed for the functionaries. The older Pioneers are being prepared to enter the Young Workers (Communist) League. At the recent Liebknecht memorial meeting of the League fifty Pioneers were graduated into the ranks of the League. All of these are already actively participating in its work.

The Young Pioneers coming to their district convention proud of their past, are full of hope and enthusiasm for the future tasks that are facing them. The tasks are great, yet we can very confidently say that the Pioneers will carry on their work among the workers' children, in the interests of the workers' children and the working class, successfully.

The Pioneers have proved by their past deeds that they are the children who are destined to be in the forefront of the coming struggles of the American working class.

If the workers will not understand the necessity of a strong children's organization our children will be won by the bourgeoisie. Every worker who is honest to his class must support the Pioneer movement, must see to it that his own children join its ranks, must see to it that every worker's child he comes in contact with becomes a Pioneer.

To you, young brave fighters, we send our hearty greetings on your convention. Forward to a real workers' children's organization that will be the pride of the American workers!

NORDBERG ENGINE CO. DRIVES MEN 9 AND 11 HOURS

But Milwaukee Slaves Are Paid for 3 and 4

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
 MILWAUKEE, Wis., (By Mail).—I have lately been victimized by the Nordberg Manufacturing Co. for Party activities.

Open Shop.
 This is a large engineering plant which specializes in the construction of Diesel and steam engines. It employs over 1,000 men in open shop conditions. The day shift is nine and one-half hours and the night shift 11½ hours.

According to the Company's word we get paid for a 10 and 12 hour shift respectively. But in truth we only get paid for about three and four hours of work. Most of the tradesmen are started out with only fifty cents an hour. Yet the company has the audacity to say that we get paid according to our ability. (I find that my ability is about double in a union shop).

Men Buy Own Tools.
 A few of the men have been here over 20 years, but are still unable to retire because they will never get a pension. This is one way that the company "economizes." Another way is by not providing sufficient tools in the tool-cribs, and by forcing the workers to buy tools, which the company sells at retail prices to the men. Thus the men are made to spend their own money to save the company from doing so and in order to make profit for the company.

The locker-room is very dirty, overcrowded and lacks many conveniences. Good clothes would soon be ruined there.

To save hiring helpers or laborers for the mechanics, the new men are made to do a great deal of that work.

Boss Propaganda.
 The men are kept divided among themselves by receiving different wages and partly by boss propaganda, daily on the bulletin board, urging the men to "be loyal," "efficient," to produce more, to worship the goddess success, to be satisfied and so on. The company employs labor spies too.

At present six huge high pressure gas compressors are under construction for the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corporation. These are of a new and special design and will be used in the coming war for making explosives or lethal gas and for chemical fertilizers in time of peace.

—D.

Answer Is Easy

NEWARK, N. J., April 11.—Will business interests of New Jersey give heed to polite recommendations by the Social Service Bureau that they conduct a survey of Newark unemployment and create a permanent employment clearing house? The bureau has formally requested such action by the state chamber of commerce.

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“Greenwich Village Follies” Opens at Winter Garden

THE first of many revues and musical comedies that are expected to open in New York during the next month or so, is the “Greenwich Village Follies,” now playing at the Winter Garden.

Those who have visited the “Greenwich Village Follies” in the past will be well satisfied with the present edition that is by far the best of the series, and ranks as one of the outstanding revues of the current season.

While the music is utterly lacking in catchy tunes the show is impeccable. None of the songs are of such a character as to be remembered long after one leaves the theatre.

When one comes to discussing the comedians, there is a different story to tell. Dr. Rockwell, known for many years to vaudeville fans, is one of the chief funmakers. His style of comedy is slightly similar to Joe Cook, and while he is not so expert in handling his part, the audience is kept in a constant uproar.

A team known as Jans and Wahlen contribute a great deal to the gaiety of the evening. Their dialogue is fast and adds prestige to the entire production.

Blossom Seeley is another member of a large and distinguished cast. Those who have seen her in years gone by must sadly admit that her type of humor seems sort of slow in 1928.

Some of the serious moments of the evening are when Grace La Rue sings several sentimental songs. The revue also has some very fine dancing numbers directed by Chester Hale and Ralph Reader, while a team of dancers called Carlos and Vakeria execute faultlessly remarkably fine exhibitions.

There are 27 numbers all told in the production. The dramas that are travestied as usual in revues, are “The Silent House,” “The Trial of Mary Dugan,” and “The Command to Love.”

The extravaganza opens on a bus bound to Greenwich Village, which deposits its passengers in the Purple Cat. The rest of the revue is devoted to the adventures that take place thereafter.

The sketches are by Harold Atteridge and the music by Ray Perkins and Maurie Rubens. The lyrics are by Max and Nathaniel Lief. J. C. Huffman is responsible for the staging. —S. A. P.

ADMIT UNEMPLOYMENT.
 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 11.—Admission of the serious unemployment crisis was made when the city council yesterday approved the recommendation of Mayor Parker for the appropriation of several hundred thousand dollars for public works.

TEXTILE UNIONS VOTE ON STRIKE

Workers Demand Fight Against Wage Cut

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 cut wages because of competition is branded as hypocritical by the workers. They prove that all the mills in Maine, New Hampshire, and the South which produce the same quality of fine cotton goods and rayon mixtures, do not equal in output that of three large mills in New Bedford. These are the only mills where the wage problem may prove an excuse for competition.

As for the large mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island, where the quantity of production may be sufficient to compete with New Bedford, these mills have not made a wage reduction in spite of the fact that wages are higher than in New Bedford.

Buying Difficult.
 Another significant fact pointed to by the workers is that several Southern mill owners made statements to the trade journals giving specific instances to prove that they were never able to come within several cents a yard of the low prices quoted by the New Bedford Mills, in spite of their cheap labor.

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They were joined yesterday in a sympathy strike by the 50 reamers who remained at work last Monday. This takes the last man out of the mill in spite of the fact that the mill operators had posted notices yesterday that they are reopening the plant, and will take back those returning on the company terms.

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Broadway Briefs

The Theatre Guild will postpone the opening of “Playing at Love,” scheduled for next Monday at the Republic Theatre. The play may open on the following Monday or in the middle of the week of the 16th.

“A Lady for a Night,” the new Hutcheson Boyd comedy will open tonight at the 49th Street Theatre. Esther Howard is featured in the leading role with a supporting cast that includes Helen Lowell, Dorothy Hall and Betty Lawrence.

John Gilbert and Greta Garbo are to appear in “A Son of St. Moritz,” a screen story of Viennese life. Before starting work on this film the two players will appear in individual pictures. Mr. Gilbert will act in “Four Walls,” from the John Golden production recently seen here, and Miss Garbo will be seen in “War in the Dark.”

Philip Goodman, on his recent visit to Paris completed arrangements with Maurice Chevalier for his first American appearance next January.

AMUSEMENTS

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 By Bayard Veiller,
 with Ann Harding-Rex Cherryman

30th WEEK
DRACULA
 Fulton 15 W. 46 St. Evs. 8:30
 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30
 “Ghastly Blood-curdling.”
 —Herald-Tribune.

The screen rights to George M. Cohan's comedy, “The Baby Cyclone,” have been purchased by Metro and will be released sometime later this season.

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MUSIC AND CONCERTS

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Eight More Fruit Store Pickets Arrested 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 Brick, 322 Boston Road; and Max Pinkelman, 71 Featherbed Lane. One of these firms controls two stores.

WILSON SHOOTING IS UP IN OIL QUIZ

Blackmer, Teapot Dome Witness "Absent"

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riated. He is said to have charged, moreover, that certain bank accounts would reveal the disposition of these funds. Miller is reported to have been named in the telegram.

Miller May Escape.
Because of what he knows about the Harding-Coolidge-republican party oil deals with Sinclair, Edward L. Doheny and other oil magnates, Miller is in a fair way to escape service of the 18 months' sentence. He has intimated that he is ready to tell what he knows if political pressure is not brought to bear to obtain probation for him. The senate committee on public lands investigating the Teapot Dome deal has already summoned Miller as a witness.

Associate of Harding Gang.
During the time the oil leases were being negotiated behind the closed doors of the Harding-Coolidge cabinet Wilson and Miller were closely associated. Wilson was also intimately connected with the graft-laden campaign to liquidate the \$2,000,000 republican deficit following the 1920 election of the Harding-Coolidge "Ohio gang" ticket. Information bearing on various sources of the slush fund contributions aside from Sinclair and Doheny is reported to have been in the missing Wilson files.

Persons here and in Washington who are powerful politically are attempting to bring about the dismissal of the charge against Mrs. Wilson, who is slated for trial for the shooting, presumably to forestall investigation of a political motive.

Wilson was shot and seriously wounded in his office at 730 Fifth Ave. the afternoon of March 29.

Blackmer "Absent."
WASHINGTON, April 11.—The name of Harry M. Blackmer, American oil man, was called futilely three times today at the criminal conspiracy trial of Harry F. Sinclair.

Blackmer is one of the three missing witnesses in the Teapot Dome case. At present he is in France with a subpoena in his pocket which he is ignoring.

The government would like to question him, James E. O'Neil, also in Europe, and Henry Smith Osler, least heard of in Africa, about an oil deal which resulted in profits for them and Sinclair which later turned into Liberty Bonds. Certain of these bonds, to the amount of \$233,000 found their way into the hands of former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, allegedly as a bribe to induce him to lease the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Sinclair.

The case against Fall, named as a party to the alleged conspiracy, has been as good as dropped and Fall is now vacationing in California.

Federal Prosecutor Owen J. Roberts had no expectation that Blackmer would answer to his name. He had it called merely as a technicality. The so-called "search" for the missing witness has been farcical.

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Miners Wives In Thick of Save-Union Fight



"They wouldn't let us women on the picket line, but we have defied the Lewis machine and we picket the mines along with our men," said Mrs. Christine Dolence, (above), miner's wife from Library, Pa., who was a delegate at the Save-the-Union meeting on April 1 in Pittsburgh. The wives of the miners bear every hardship in the miners' struggle for a living wage.

Workers Party Activities

May Day Tickets.
Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now ready at the district office for distribution and can also be obtained thru section organizers. Comrades who can dispose of tickets are urged to get them at once.

Spring Dance.
A "Red Spring" entertainment and dance will be given by Branch 4, Section 5, this Saturday at 2075 Clinton Ave.

Section 2 Organizers Meet.
A meeting of all subsection and unit organizers of Section 2 will be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All organizers must be present.

Literature Agents Meet Thursday.
William W. Weinstein will talk at the district conference of literature agents and members of the literature squad, today, at 8 p. m. at 103 E. 14th St.

Unit 3E 3F.
Unit 3E 3F will meet today at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Mass Meeting on Traction.
Louis A. Baum will talk on the traction question at 143rd St. and Third Ave., tonight.

Downtown Y. W. L.
The Downtown Section of the Young Workers League will have its next open forum this Sunday at 8 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place. The subject for discussion will be "American Youth and the Press." Dancing will follow.

To Unit Organizers.
Unit organizers should call for collection lists for the Workers Center Building fund at 26-28 E. Union Square or 198 E. 14th St.

Unemployed Comrades.
The Party calls upon all unemployed comrades to respond for work of first rate revolutionary character. During the next few weeks special tasks in connection with addressing and organizing unemployed forces in the present campaign, will demand the efforts of all comrades who can be secured.

Report at the local district office immediately.
The response to this work must be larger than for any previous task.
Bert Miller, Organization Secretary.

Subsections 2E and 2F Meet.
A joint membership meeting of Subsections 2E and 2F will be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 191 W. 27th St.

2AFB Meet.
Section 2A, Factory District 3 will meet Thursday at 6 p. m. at 101

13,000 HURT BY BOSS NEGLIGENCE

Report Ignores Violations of Safety Laws

The New York State Department of Labor report recently issued shows 13,304 workers suffering from serious injuries and infections from handling rough pieces of wood, glass, wires and other sharp objects. Nearly 9,500 of the 13,304 infections were of the hands and fingers. The report makes no mention of the long months of waiting to receive the small amount of Workmen's Compensation benefit which workers are paid to live on when they are the victims of accidents, or of the battle with employers and insurance companies out to rob the worker entirely of the benefit due him. Nor does the report charge employers with violating of safety laws and criminal negligence in allowing dangerous working conditions to jeopardize the health and lives of workers.

The report complains only of the fact that \$1,500,000 might have been saved in Workmen's Compensation payments if the infections had been prevented. The 13,304 cases of infection for which awards were made in 1926-27 included 2,180 permanent injuries and 94 deaths or permanent total disabilities.

"Bleeding China"

The second in the series of lectures on the subject, "Bleeding China," to be delivered by Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will be given Sunday 8 p. m. at the Brownsville Youth Center, 122 Osborn St., Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Brownsville branch of the International Labor Defense.

TWO MILLION FACE OLD AGE WITHOUT AID IN THE U. S.

Maurer, at Conference, Praises USSR Laws

The grim prospect of homelessness which faces all workers after a lifetime of toil was described by speakers Tuesday at the First National Conference on Old Age Pensions which opened at the Community Church, 34th St. and Park Avenue.

"More than 2,000,000 workers are facing old age without any means of support," declared James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, and one of the speakers at the conference.

Problems Worse Than Ever.

Discussing specific conditions in Pennsylvania, Maurer declared that the misery of the workers there has grown in intensity due to the present acute unemployment situation. He said that at the Pennsylvania legislative hearing on the old age pension law, the political henchmen of the Mellon interests who fought and defeated the bill, boasted of the almshouses maintained for the poor. Maurer described these as "as hell for the inmates."

Praises Soviet Union.

Referring to the system of labor protection in the Soviet Union,—old age pensions, sickness insurance, doctor, medicine, hospital and sanatorium care, clothing, maternity insurance, etc., Maurer said that in mining regions in the U. S. S. R. where the production is about 1,000 lbs. a day against the four to five gross tons output in Pennsylvania, the strong-hold of coal and steel, the Russian workers enjoy the profits of industry by an insurance law that guarantees protection to all workers against the common emergencies of life, and leaves no worker facing the prospect of being junked on the scrap heap in old age. Maurer argued that the American Association for Old Age Security should not waste its time on old age pensions alone, but direct the fight to winning old age security, sickness insurance and unemployment insurance.

Among the other speakers were Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain of Columbia University who discussed the \$10,000 appropriation granted this year to the Joint Legislative Welfare Commission.

Abraham Epstein, formerly Research Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Old Age Pensions, is the Executive Secretary of the American Association for Old Age Security.

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Labor and Fraternal News

Nearing To Lecture in Yonkers.
Scott Nearing will lecture on "What Is Happening Today in China and Soviet Russia," at the Workers Cooperative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, on Friday, April 20, at 8 p. m. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Workers International League, and the proceeds will go for miners' relief.

League for Mutual Aid.
The League for Mutual Aid will hold a Spring level, tomorrow, at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St.

Plumbers' Helpers Mass Meet.
A mass meeting of the Plumbers' Helpers' Union will be held today at Manhattan Lyceum, 60 E. 4th St.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball.
The United Council of Workingclass Housewives, Councils 1, 2 and 8, will hold a concert and ball tomorrow, at 362d Third Ave., near 103rd St. The proceeds will be donated to miners' relief.

Dr. Liber To Lecture.
Dr. B. Liber will lecture on "Religion and Health" at the Ingersoll Forum, Guild Hall, Steinway Building, 113 W. 57th St., this Sunday at 8 p. m.

Dance For Miners Saturday.
The Lower Bronx Branch of the Workers International Relief will hold a dance Saturday night at 715 E. 128th St. to raise funds for the relief of the striking miners.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball.
On April 14th, Councils 1, 2 and 8, of the United Council of Workingclass Women of the Bronx, will give a concert and ball Saturday at 3296 Third Ave. for the benefit of the striking miners. An interesting and varied program will be presented. All Bronx workers should demonstrate their solidarity with the striking miners by their attendance.

Kaplan to Lecture.
A lecture on "The Youth and the Press" will be given by Nat Kaplan tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. at the headquarters of the Friends of Solidarity, 184 S. 8th St., Williamsburg.

To Hike Sunday.
The Friends of Solidarity will conduct a hike Sunday at 8 a. m. from their headquarters, 184 S. 8th St., Williamsburg.

Juliet Poyntz Lecture.
Juliet Poyntz will lecture on "World Labor Problems Today" at the forum of the Unity Arbeter Cooperative, 1800 7th Ave., tomorrow at 8:30.

Downtown I. L. D.
A meeting of the Downtown Branch I. L. D. will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Weinstein Lecture.
William W. Weinstein will lecture at the Workers School Forum, 108 E. 14th St., this Sunday at 8 p. m. on "The New Tammany Hall."

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Freiheit Gesang Concert.
The Freiheit Gesang Concert of the Freiheit Gesang Verein of New York and Paterson will be held Saturday, May 12, at Carnegie Hall.

Hungarian Actors' Concert.
The Hungarian Actors' and Artists' Union will hold its annual concert, on Sunday, April 22, at 3:15 p. m. at Yorkville Casino. On the program will be Lajos Serly, prominent Hungarian composer; Elizabeth Biro, of the Roxy Theatre; Charles De Thomas, concert pianist, and other prominent Hungarian artists.

Poyntz to Lecture.
Juliet Stuart Poyntz will lecture on "Women in America Today" at a meeting tonight at 8:30 of Council 5 of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives. The lecture will be given at 2901 Mermaid Ave., Coney Island.

Women's Councils Central Body.
All Central Body delegates of the Women's Councils are urged to be present at the next Central Body meeting place today at 8 p. m. on the balcony at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. Many important subjects will come up for discussion. Councils which have not elected Central Body delegates should send other representatives.

Friends of Nature.
On Sunday, April 15, the Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hike from Tarrytown to Valhalla with Florence Pitcher as leader. The hikers will meet at 242nd Street Van Courtlandt Park at 7:30 a. m. Fares will amount to 50 cents.

The Junior Section will hold its monthly meeting Friday, April 12th, at its regular meeting rooms. All members will kindly be present.

Shachtman Lecture.
Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will give an illustrated lecture on "Bleeding China," this Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Brownsville Youth Center, 122 Osborn St., Brooklyn. Admission will be 25 cents.

DETROIT WORKERS TO PICKET POLISH FASCIST COUNCIL

Will Protest Against the Pilsudski Terror

DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—The workers of Detroit will demonstrate their opposition to the terrorist methods adopted by the fascist government of Pilsudski toward the Workers and Peasants Party of White Russia, by a mass demonstration before the Polish consulate, 80 Garfield Ave., E., Saturday at 10 a. m.

Arrange Mass Meets.
The Ukrainians, Russians, White Russians, Lithuanians, Jewish and Polish workers will lead this protest demonstration, it was announced today.

A mass meeting has been arranged by the Ukrainian branches of the International Labor Defense for Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 p. m. at the Ukrainian Home, Martin and Lindsey and at Yemans Hall, 3014 Yemans St., Hamtramck, Mich.

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CAPITALISM "TRIES" ITS ENEMIES

By Fred Ellis

San Francisco I. L. D. Helps Mine Relief

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., (By Mail).—As I have shaken my boss and so now have some leisure time on my hands, I will give you a few particulars about the activities of the comrades in this vicinity. First as to the relief work for the Colorado miners.

16 Organizations.

We have been able to get the cooperation of a quite a number of the best elements among the I. W. W., tho officially we were not able to get delegates from that organization, except in one instance. But we managed to draw into the work 16 organizations in all.

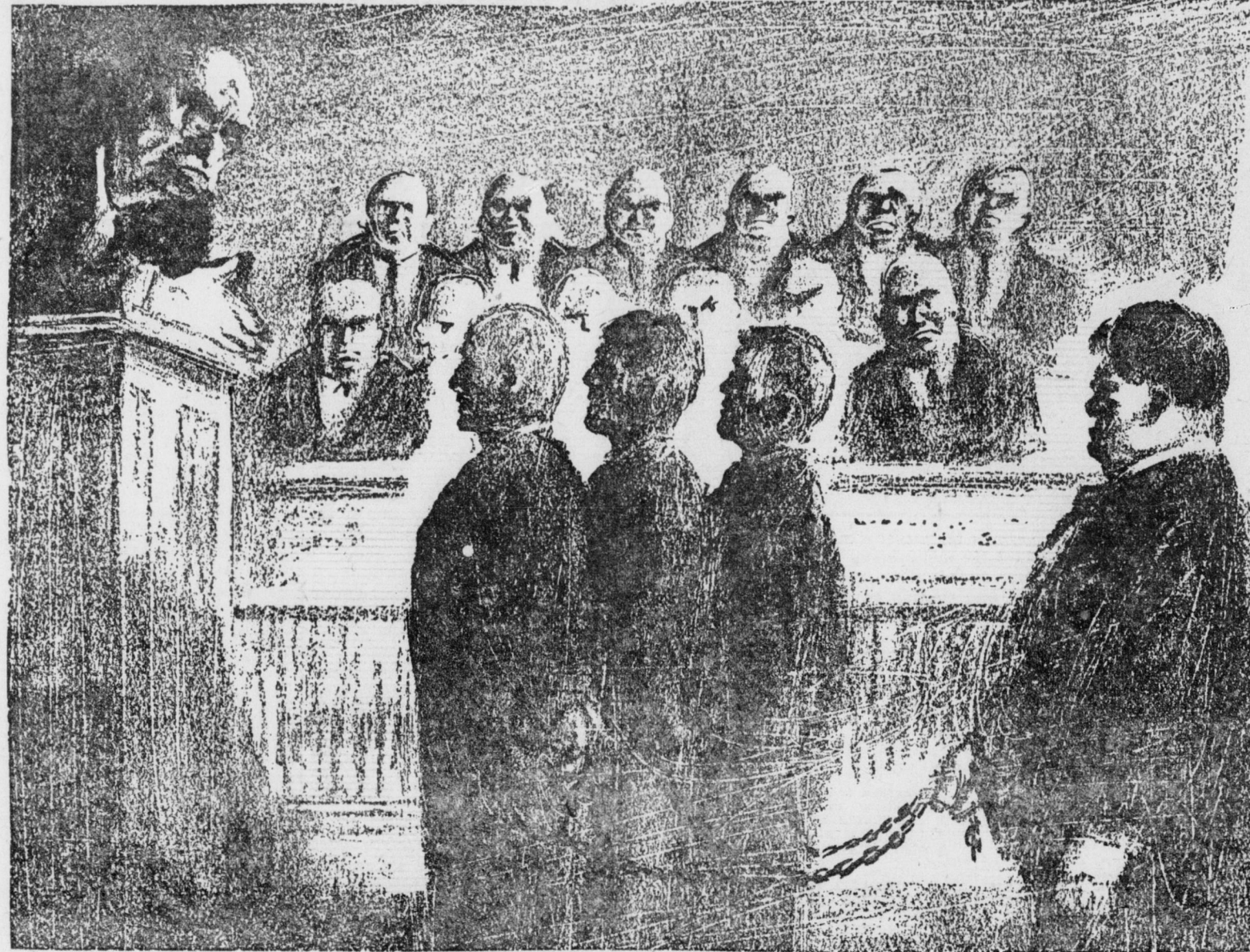
We held three mass meetings in Frisco, two in Oakland and one in San Jose, the latter in the Labor Temple which was donated free. In spite of the small attendance \$100 was raised for the relief. At all these meetings the I. W. W. speakers were the principle ones.

As a result we have added to the membership of the International Labor Defense, and have sent from San Francisco to Colorado close to \$800, besides 3,000 lbs. of clothes, for which we had to pay about \$200 for transportation. We still have a few dollars from the dance recently held.

Push Penn.-Ohio Relief.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio miners' relief has also been pushed, principally among the American Federation of Labor. A number of unions have donated to the relief fund. I understand that a carload of clothes has been sent east. There have been many individual donations sent with the lists which the committee sent out from Pittsburgh.

—FRISCO WORKER.



Sam Bonita, Adam Moleski and Steve Mendola, members of the United Mine Workers' Union, are on trial in the coal operators' court. Into this capitalist court, with the demand for their death, John L. Lewis, agent of the operators, drives these workers because they dared to fight to save the union from betrayal and destruction.

Chicago Is "Cleaned Up."

Big Bill Thompson is beaten. Len Small and the whole Thompson ticket for republican nominations for state offices in Illinois seem to have been snowed under by the "moral" wave of voters supporting the candidates of Senator Deneen.

"The vote," says Deneen, "will restore law and order and will elevate the standards of public service."

To the class-conscious worker looking over the record of republican and democratic capitalist politics in Illinois, this is a bit of screaming irony. The conscious worker cannot fail to know that between the Deneen gang, supported by the majority of the preachers of Chicago, and the Len Small-Big Bill Thompson gang, supported by particularly straight-shooting and bomb-throwing underworld criminals, the difference is more apparent than real.

The outcome of the primary election, insofar as the two gangs of politicians is concerned, is a victory of a ring of municipal contract grabbers and a supporting set of professional underworld criminals, over another ring of contract grabbers supported by another ring of underworld criminals.

The Deneen gang proved themselves to be better gunmen than those of Big Bill, and that is saying much. But then the Deneen contractors and thugs had the advantage of being supported by most of the preachers, who are also useful in politics. If the Big Bill gangsters succeeded in murdering "Diamond Joe" Esposito and Octavius Granady in the effort to secure the victory for the \$77,000,000 city contracts and to elect the "draft Coolidge" delegation to the state republican convention, these murders in the good cause were clumsy beside shrewder crookedness of the "moral" forces of Deneen.

But the victory for "morality" means much more than that. The flying automobile loads of sharpshooters with which this gentle American democratic primary election was fought out are only the surface facts. Behind the gunmen, and behind even the contractors snatching at tens of millions of dollars of profits, are the bigger criminals of capitalism—the real ruling class of the country.

Their "law and order" and "public service" are merely strike-breaking and more efficient exploitation of the working class.

Look over the victors. Lowden, the Pullman multimillionaire, obtains personal control of the state republican convention and an apparently better shot at the presidential nomination. Lowden, enemy of the working class, the meanest exploiter of labor, is an inside man in the biggest ring of republican looters of the country. Ruth Hanna McCormick, daughter of the late and odious Mark Hanna and another of the top ring of the ruling class, is equally an enemy of the working class.

Chicago and Illinois are "cleaned up" against one gang of the enemies of the working class, for another gang of the enemies of the working class.

Chicago and Illinois will continue to be ruled by the same big business forces, through only a slightly different set of professional criminals of the underworld, with the assistance of a rather larger sprinkling of preachers. The working class will continue to be exploited as before, but even more exploited as the processes of intensifying the exploitation are developed.

As far as the working class is concerned, the choice between the candidates of the republican party, although it determined which set of politicians and contractors and bootleggers should enjoy the fruits and immunities, meant nothing for their welfare one way or the other. The cold fact is that the working class could gain nothing from the election except insofar as the election could be utilized to make workers see and understand the meaning of capitalist class rule and the capitalist state—only insofar as the working class could be mobilized during the election period for the struggle against the capitalist class, against all capitalist class parties and against the capitalist state itself, including these "democratic" forms of rule so elegantly shown in the career of "Diamond Joe" Esposito and Ruth Hanna McCormick.

Because the working class is still under the illusion that it can gain its emancipation through the capitalist state and the so-called democratic forms of election, participation in these elections can be made a means of training the workers in the struggle against their enemies. The Workers (Communist) Party in Chicago, Illinois, participated in the elections for such purposes.

The mobilization of development of the class-consciousness of the working class can be given a tremendous push forward by the formation of a Labor Party based primarily upon the trade unions. But the trade union bureaucracy of Chicago is not interested in the welfare of the workers. They prefer the advantages which accrue to themselves out of the loot-laden victories of such a gang as that of Thompson and the \$77,000,000 bond issue.

The overthrow of the entire gang that participated on both sides of the Chicago fight, and the labor bureaucrats who support them, and the capitalist class which really rules them, is the task of the working class. Not the reformism of Ruth Hanna McCormick and the labor-hating king of the Pullman empire, but the revolutionary program of the Workers (Communist) Party, will give the workers their liberation from the gunman rule of capital.

Two Features of the Miners' Conference

By MARTIN ABERN

The Save-the-Union conference had many important features, but two of which are herein dealt with: One, the delegation from the Illinois district, and two, discussion on the Anthracite situation.

At this conference the delegation from Illinois, district 12, was represented by close to one hundred delegates.

Veteran Leaders.

The delegation was led by the old leaders among the Illinois miners, such as, John Watts, Tom Parry, Freeman Thompson, George Voyzey and others. They represented mature, seasoned fighters in the struggle of the United Mine Workers Union. They had been leaders in the famous "wild-cat strike" throughout Illinois in 1921, a militant leadership which refused to acquiesce in the moth-worm conservative traditions of the Farrington-Lewis machine; and they brought out the workers then in that strike, among other things, in behalf of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

The delegation from Illinois, in many ways, was the most substantial delegation at the Save-the-Union Conference, particularly when it is considered that they came from the distances of Southern and Central Illinois. This delegation gave solidity and substance to the conference which was attended by 1125 delegates altogether.

The conference was a demonstration to the Labor movement in general, as well as to the membership of the United Mine Workers, that the Save-the-Union movement was not merely an upstart movement, led by some "irresponsible youngsters, new leaders, etc."

Rather it showed that the old militant fighters of the type of Thompson, Watts, Perry, Slinger, were as one with the younger elements coming forward in the United Mine Workers of the type of Minerich, Hapgood, as well as the older types like Bronny in other districts, etc., and were uniting their energies and forces to carry out the elementary needs of the membership in the union.

Needs of Union.

These needs are: To restore the Union to the rank and file; to remove the Union control and domination from the traitors and crooks like Lewis and Cappelini and place it into the hands of honest, militant unionists; to fight for a national agreement; to develop and spread the strike into Illinois and unorganized territories in support of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Miners; to organize the unorganized;—in brief: To save the union for the rank and file.

The Illinois delegation from the outset took a prominent and leading part in the proceedings of the conference. It is not a matter of passing attention, but of quite some significance that the chairman of the conference was John Watts from the Illinois district. Watts is one of the old mine leaders among the progressive and militant forces in Illinois and has a record of struggle of many years against John L. Lewis and Farrington.

The Illinois delegation represented genuine progressives and left-wingers and not pseudo-progressives of the type of John Hindmarsh who play

"You Can Jail Us but You Can't Stop Mass Picketing"



Police "cosacks" who attempted to smash the mass picket line at Library, Pa., are shown above. "You can throw us into jail, but you can't stop us and you can't stop mass picketing," the courageous wives of the striking miners cried as the police charged. Tear bombs were the reply of the authorities to the resistance of the militant miners and their wives.

which was led by Brophy, Minerich, Toohey, Pleachy, Hapgood, etc., showed the following:

One, that the mass of the delegates had confidence in the integrity of the leadership of the Save-the-Union forces. Such confidence in the honesty of leadership is not obtained merely by words of the leaders, but by a demonstration of their abilities and activities in the struggle. This had evidently been shown to the satisfaction of the delegates.

Two, this discussion brought forward qualities of leadership both among the established leaders of the Save-the-Union forces, as well as among the new elements.

Three, it demonstrated the ability of the mass of delegates at the conference to reason and think out the concrete situation correctly, and not be swayed merely by their desires and emotional reactions. It proved conclusively that this Save-the-Union delegation was miles ahead, intellectually and in leadership, of any previous gathering of miners hitherto held.

Four, this discussion particularly prepared the delegates to return to their local unions and districts to go ahead militantly for carrying out the program of the conference, and particularly for spreading the miners' strike systematically and persistently in every field.

Problems of Delegates.

At the same time it must be pointed out that even this difficult situation at the conference might have been avoided by a greater clarification and preparation of the miners before the conference in regard to the miners' situation, especially in the anthracite territory. After all, it is too simple and easy to excuse these difficulties because we have been successful in passing through the crisis. The main problems yet remain before the miners.

The delegates must go back to the locals and districts and mobilize the membership to carry out the program; to carry out local elections to oust the reactionaries and put in militant and progressive forces on the Save-the-Union program; to prepare for district conferences for the struggle to kick the Lewis machine out of the union; and to take over the Miners' Union for the rank and file.

This conference demonstrated that our Party is sinking its roots more and more among the workers in the basic industries. With continued militant and organized leadership of the progressive and Party forces, our program and movement will win.

At the recent convention and plenums of our Party the perspective that the working class in America would be drawn very shortly into bitter struggles against capitalist oppression and intense exploitation and governmental persecution was drawn and accepted. This perspective has been fully justified and the successful conference of the Save-the-Union forces of the United Mine Workers of America, held in Pittsburgh, April 1st and 2d, bears witness that these struggles are developing the class consciousness and organization of the workers, under the direction of a militant left wing policy which receives its clearest expression in the policy and program of the Workers (Communist) Party.

between the progressives and the Lewis forces.

This large delegation from Illinois made certain that a real fight will be made as the delegates return; that the scab mines in Illinois will be picketed en masse; that a 100 per cent strike in Illinois in support of the Pennsylvania and Ohio miners will be attained.

The Anthracite Issue.

The propaganda carried on by the forces of the Save-the-Union Committee for spreading the strike into organized and unorganized mine territories now at work, had its repercussions and effects at the Conference. This demand for the general strike of the coal fields to win the strike is correct agitation and propaganda and represents the best interests of the rank and file. That this demand of the progressive and mili-

tant forces for a general strike was echoed time and again by the delegates at the Save-the-Union Conference demonstrated fully that the delegates at this conference had a fundamental, sound and healthy outlook on the miners' needs.

During the course of the discussion on the organization of the unorganized, the question of tactics regarding striking other fields came up for discussion. The recommendation of the sub-committee was first to strike Illinois, Indiana and Kansas on April 1st, and then on the 16th the Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset and Green counties, i.e., Pennsylvania unorganized territory, and use these as a base for spreading into other unorganized sections.

It was proposed also by delegates that a call be issued at once for a strike in the Anthracite. A discussion

for many hours took place. However, at this point the sound leadership and the understanding of the delegates came to the front. Everyone desired the general strike called. But in the Anthracite territory, where the Lewis-Cappelini machine still has some strength; where the Brennan opposition forces tend to dissipate and weaken a united action of the rank and file by playing between the Cappelini and Lewis machines; where the progressive and left-wingers supporting the program of the Save-the-Union Committee is not yet sufficiently strong—the delegation came to the conclusion that to issue a call now for an anthracite strike would be premature, unlikely to be widely successful, and would play into the hands of the Lewis-Cappelini oligarchy.

The resentment of the delegates at the division Lewis had created among the miners by a separate agreement in the Anthracite was strong. A healthy sentiment for a struggle was present, but the delegates realized that a strike now would have demonstrated unpreparedness of the progressive forces in that territory and finally accepted, virtually unanimously, the recommendation of the sub-committee to refer this question to the national committee to work out a program for drawing the anthracite into the strike as soon as possible to achieve success.

Significant Features.

This vehement discussion for a number of hours at the conference showed many significant features of great importance to the movement among the miners. The aims of the conference, as pointed out, first spoke generally for the issuance of the anthracite strike call, but sound leadership prevailed. This overwhelming vote and discussion on the question,

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—HENRY REICH, Jr.