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ALL UNORGANIZED WEST PENN. MINERS STRIKE TODAY

ANSWER CALL OF 300,000 ALREADY IN BATTLE LINE

Districts Report Strong Sentiment.

PITTSBURGH, April 15.—One hundred thousand miners strike today.

Roused by the recent great Save-the-Union Conference, one hundred thousand exploited slaves of the coal barons in Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset and Greene counties will today give the momentous signal which will stir twenty millions of other unorganized, similarly exploited slaves in American industries to revolt.

Three hundred thousand coal diggers in Pennsylvania, in Ohio, in Illinois, in other sections, already in the struggle amidst the most extreme suffering and sacrifices for over a year have raised their voices so that these one hundred thousand in the west Penn mines may hear and respond to the common need and against the common enemy.

"Lay Down Your Tools!" "Lay down your tools and join our strike today," is the cry of these union strikers in the bituminous fields to the unorganized miners in Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland counties. "Organize and join our union! Together we can win the strike!"

Swear to Come Out. Thousands of unorganized miners who have found their way into the mines in the union fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio have also promised the pickets that they will join the strike. "But not under Lewis," is reiterated everywhere. The pickets reply that under the leadership of the "Save-the-Union" Committee of the union, the present leadership will be ousted and the rank and file will again take control and rebuild the union into the most powerful labor organization in the country.

Districts Are Ready. BROWNSVILLE, Pa., April 15.—Thousands of unorganized miners throughout Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland and Somerset counties have pledged themselves to join the strike April 16th in answer to the call of the "Save-the-Union" Committee.

A second batch of over 100,000 leaflets declaring, "Miners, strike on April 16th for a union, wage increase and the Jacksonville scale, check-weighmen, pit committees, a national agreement for all miners and the provision, 'No more betrayals by Lewis,'" are being distributed in the mines by committees elected by the miners. Several committeemen have been arrested, but others quickly took their places until they were released.

The call was signed by the entire executive committee of the Save-the-Union Committee, John Brophy, chairman; John T. Watt, vice-chairman; Pat Toohy, secretary, and Anthony P. Minerich, Vincent Kernenovich and Charles W. Fulp, organizers in the

U. S. EMPIRE IN HAITI DENOUNCED

Du Bois, Minor, Others Speak at Meeting

The immediate cessation of the war against Nicaragua, the withdrawal of marines from that country, Haiti and all Latin American countries and the immediate release of all those jailed in the anti-imperialist demonstration held in Washington on Saturday, was demanded in a resolution unanimously passed at a mass meeting to protest against the occupation of Haiti held yesterday afternoon at the Embassy Mansions, 20 W. 115th St.

The resolution was telegraphed to President Coolidge. Denounce Occupation. The occupation of Haiti was characterized as disgraceful by W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of "The Crisis," one of the speakers at the meeting.

"At present," he said, "the indictments against the American occupation are: the stopping of popular elections, the depreciation of Haitian currency and mal-administration of the national debt; depriving the peasants of their land and making it necessary for large numbers to emigrate; the increase of prostitution on account of

Militant Framed Up



Photo shows Sam Bonita, militant president of local 1703 of the United Mine Workers, who has been found guilty of manslaughter in Pittston for the shooting in self-defense of Frank Agati, Lewis-Cappellini henchman. Judge W. S. McLean refused to accept the jury's first verdict of involuntary manslaughter.

BONITA VERDICT MANSLAUGHTER

10 to 20 Years for Class Justice Victim

WILKES-BARRE, April 15.—Manslaughter was the verdict brought in by the jury in the case of Sam Bonita, on trial in connection with the shooting of Frank Agati, contractor and Cappellini henchman. Recommending clemency in obvious admission of the innocence of the young mine leader, the jury, nevertheless, carried out its part in what from the first has been branded a "frame-up" on the part of the operator-controlled court, the officials of the city assisted by the reactionary officials of the Lewis-Cappellini machine.

The verdict which came after 45 hours practically at the order of the

OHIO MINERS IN DRIVE FOR UNION

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 15.—At an enthusiastic mass meeting attended by over 250 miners at Harryette last night, the membership of the five locals present unanimously pledged their support to the Save-the-Union Committee and endorsed its program.

Before the meeting adjourned plans were laid for the formation of a sub-district Save-the-Union Committee and for the electing of representatives to the district committee. Work of mobilizing the other locals of the sub-district, with the end of calling a sub-district convention in the near future to oust the corrupt Lewis supporters in official positions, will get under way at once. At the same time the men determined to strengthen the strike here by starting mass picketing of the many "cooperative" mines which are being operated. This the sub-district officials, headed by the vice-president, have prevented the

DEMAND McMAHON FIGHT WAGE CUTS

PASSAIC, N. J., April 15.—At a conference of all the Passaic textile union locals, in which representatives of unorganized workers in the woolen and worsted mills also participated, held Friday and Saturday, a resolution was passed calling upon President Thomas F. McMahon of the United Textile Workers' Union to conduct an investigation and take immediate steps to combat the evils under which the mill employees were forced to work.

The statement was issued Saturday by Gus Deak, president of the Passaic textile council, who declared that the mill owners were secretly putting in effect by coercion drastic wage

A permanent mass army of the unemployed has become an established fact in the United States. The unemployment crisis of last winter and this Spring has brought recognition of this development in the most "prosperous" country in the world. It is estimated that at present 2,000,000 men and women workers have been permanently displaced in industry and agriculture.

That this army of unemployed is greater than is generally conceded and is increasing consistently is shown by an examination of employment and industrial statistics since the war. Two leading causes are the ruthlessly extending speed-up system and

30,000 to Tie Up Mills in New Bedford Walkout Today

107 Anti-War Pickets Face Trial in Washington

WORKERS MARCH AT CAPITAL FOR SANDINO CAUSE

Protest Against Wall St. War Intensifies

WASHINGTON, April 15.—One hundred and seven pickets arrested while demonstrating against Wall Street invasion of Nicaragua in the name of American labor at the White House Saturday are scheduled to go on trial here Monday.

The picket line was organized by the All-American Anti-Imperialist League. Manuel Gomez, secretary of the United States section, was among those arrested.

Held in Jail. About half of the demonstrators were held in jail over the week-end, the others being released one by one on bail as rapidly as funds could be posted. Another of those arrested was Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense.

Among the slogans carried aloft on placards by the marching pickets were: "We Demand the Immediate Withdrawal of Marines From Nicaragua," "We Do Not Appeal to the White House, But to the Masses Against the White House," "Wall Street and Not Sandino is the Real Bandit," "Millions Are Unemployed While We Scourge the Treasury on Conquest," "We Are For Sandino and Not Against Him."

Divided in Groups. Police and plain-clothes officers, accompanied by department of justice agents, arrived in a body in automobiles and surrounded the demonstrators, seizing their placards and ordering them to line up. They were marched two abreast to police headquarters, where the police spent a half hour discussing possible charges. The 107 workers and liberals were finally booked for a violation of an ordinance regulating public assemblages and were split into groups for imprisonment in 14 different police stations to await trial.

Workers from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wilmington participated in the demonstration. Youths Participate. "These people were taking part in a parade around the White House grounds for the alleged purpose of creating sympathy for Sandino, the Nicaraguan rebel, and contrary to the policy set up by the state department and the president of the United States."

Police in Missouri Beat Negro Woman to Death

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 15.—Mrs. Lula Bailey, a Negro woman, died here as a result of injuries sustained when policemen who raided her home looking for an alleged gambling game, beat her severely. She was reported to have been struck in the stomach by an officer. Mrs. Bailey was an expectant mother.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT PERMANENT

Job Displacement in U. S. Reaches 2,000,000 with Spring

A permanent mass army of the unemployed has become an established fact in the United States. The unemployment crisis of last winter and this Spring has brought recognition of this development in the most "prosperous" country in the world. It is estimated that at present 2,000,000 men and women workers have been permanently displaced in industry and agriculture.

Stunt Flyers Boosting German Monarchy May Fly to N. Y.



Photo shows interior view of the German Junkers plane Bremen, in which Baron Huenefeld, and Captain Kohl, German monarchists, and James Fitzmaurice, of the Irish Free State air force, flew from Ireland to Greenley Island, near Nova Scotia, Canada. The flight was a publicity stunt for the Hohenzollern family, as part of its scheme to regain the German throne. Fitzmaurice is shown above. The airmen may fly on to New York.

CLOAKMAKERS TO ELECT DELEGATES

Sigman Will Bar Left Wing from Convention

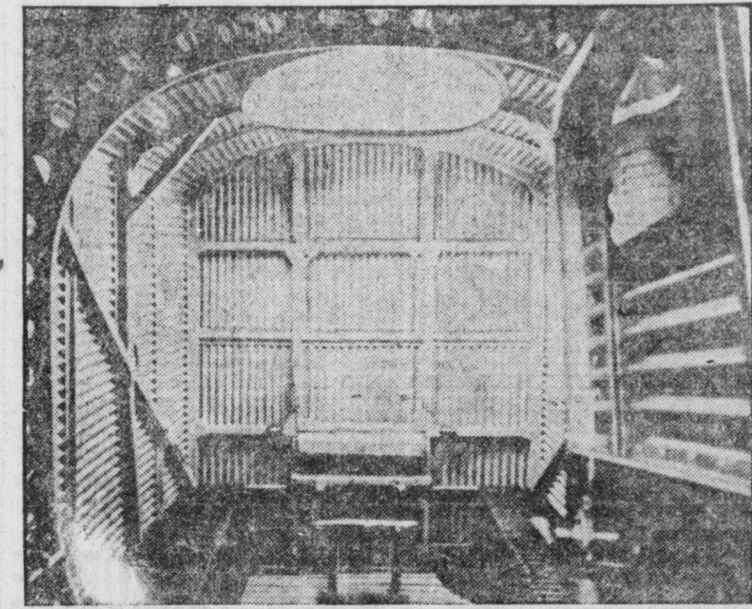
Beginning tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, and continuing thru the day till 9 in the evening, cloak and dressmakers will hold elections for delegates to the national convention of the union which begins soon in Boston.

The elections are to be held in Bryant Hall, 6th Ave. and 42nd St., the Joint Board headquarters at 16 W. 21st St., and at the offices of Pressers' Local 35, 6 W. 21st St. The sentiment among the workers in the cloak and dress markets shows that these elections are to be used not merely for registering their choice of delegates, but also as a protest demonstration of the union wrecking activities of the Sigman, Breslau and Dubinsky gang, which will control the convention. The right wing clique has already announced its intention not to permit the left wing delegates to take their seats at the convention.

A statement issued by the Joint Board in calling the cloakmakers to the polls declares: "Tuesday's election must be an overwhelming demonstration of the confidence of the cloak and dressmakers in their legally elected local officers and Joint Board. It must be a demonstration of your readiness to rally around the Joint Board in the struggle for a union administered by officers chosen and controlled by the workers in the interest of all."

"Cloak and Dressmakers: Tuesday is the day when you must thru your votes make clear that you will not be fooled by the campaign of the Dubinsky, Breslau and 'Forward' boys for Schlesinger as the next president of the International. "The miserable conditions of the cloak and dressmakers will not be alleviated irrespective whether Sigman

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CALL AMERICAN LABOR TO FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

Pointing to the wage-slashing, union smashing policy by which American capitalism is seeking to crush the militant American working class on the domestic field while it seeks to impose its rule on the peoples of Latin America, the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America has issued the following appeal to all the American workers to consolidate their ranks on one of the most important May Days in the history of Labor in this hemisphere.

DENY APPEAL FOR FUR PRISONERS

Appellate Court Upholds Jail Sentences

The appeal for a new trial of the nine furriers sentenced to long prison terms in a Mineola, Long Island, court last year, has been denied by the Brooklyn Appellate Division Court in a decision made public Saturday. In denying the request for a new trial the judges of the Brooklyn court upheld the frame-up and provocation engineered with the help of the right wing against nine of the most active and militant members of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union.

A statement issued by the Joint Board and by the Joint Defense and Relief Committee for Cloakmaker and Furrier Prisoners declares that proceedings will be begun Monday morning to appeal the case to the highest courts in the state. The district attorney of Mineola demanded that the nine workers be immediately incarcerated in prison. The legal steps taken by the Joint Board may, however, prevent their confinement till the case can be heard in higher courts.

The sentences to be served by the furriers are: Jack Schneider, chairman of the Joint Board; Samuel Menscher, head of the general picketing committee during the furriers' strike of 1926; Oscar Mileaf, Martin Rosenberg, Joe Katz, George Weiss, A. Franklin, M. Malkin, are to serve a 2 1/2 to 5 year prison term in Sing Sing, and Otto Lenhart a term of 1 1/2 years in a reformatory.

The original trial took place just a

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STRIKE DEMAND OVERWHELMING IN ALL LOCALS

Rank and File Shouts Forced Ballot Count

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 15.—Thirty thousand textile workers will walk out tomorrow morning in a fight for the restoration of the 10 per cent wage cut, which was to have been put into effect Monday by the 27 mills of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

Rank and File for Strike. The New Bedford Textile Council leadership have been in almost continuous session since Saturday night, formulating plans for the erection of a strike machinery. Their attempt to halt the strike by offering to delay counting the strike vote returns if the mill owners would postpone the wage cut for a week having been defeated by the membership's demand for an immediate count. Every local union voted overwhelming majorities for a strike.

The Textile Mill Committees, an organization of progressive workers, with units in every mill, whose aim is to organize the textile industry 100 per cent, are energetically mobilizing the unorganized workers to join the union men in their fight against the wage cut. The unions are composed mainly of the skilled workers.

Distribute Strike Call. A large number of volunteers, members of the Young Workers (Communist) League, have arrived in New Bedford from Boston to assist the Textile Mill Committees in rallying the workers for the strike. Tens of thousands of leaflets, containing the strike call of the Mill Committees, were distributed by them in front of the mill gates of all the plants.

Mill Committees Aid. In a statement issued recently, the Textile Mill Committees announced their intention of supporting the union leadership in the conduct of the strike, but declared that should the Textile Council officials attempt a last minute postponement, they would brand such action as a betrayal, and immediately assume leadership in the struggle. They also demanded the organization of a large general strike committee where the unorganized workers will be amply represented.

A detailed account of how the union membership forced the publication of the strike vote became known yesterday. When the offer of the manufacturers to postpone the wage cut for one week if the union officials agreed to postpone the strike vote, was met by the offer of the council officials to keep the vote results secret, since it was considered too late to stop the vote, the enraged membership at once demanded that a public count be taken.

Force Officials Action. The sentiment ran so high that the union officials were compelled to give in to this demand, and the Textile Council delegates were called to a meeting to count the votes. The demand of the union members that the meeting take place in a large hall was also conceded. Thousands of members attended the meeting. Several officials led by Samuel Ross, head of the Mule Spinners' local, demanded

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SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION. The socialist party's national convention in session here is planning to delete recognition of the class struggle from the pledge which members are asked to take. A committee is prepared to recommend that the convention delete from the pledge the phrase referring to "the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class."

The convention has been occupied particularly to date with a proposal that the party establish a fraternal insurance order, or lodge. Prohibition also took up considerable time, with delegates from the middle west leading opposition to any change in the Volstead Act.

INDIAN TURNING WHITE.

WINNEBAGO, Neb., April 15.—Louis Armell, a full blooded Winnebago Indian, has become an object of scientific attention, due to the fact that his skin has been slowly changing from swart to white. Copper patches adorn his skin now and it is believed that Armell will be entirely white in two years.

LABOR BUREAU DEFENDS CAPITALISM.

At such a moment, when solidarity is so badly needed, when organization and fighting spirit are so badly needed, the corrupt officials of the American Federation of Labor seek to prevent the organization of the unorganized, betray the struggles of the miners, the needle trades, the textile and the shoe workers, and hinder and cripple the forces of the working class on a hundred battle fronts. The Socialist Party openly supports the A. F. of L. bureaucracy in this betrayal.

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STEEL INGOT PRODUCTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS 6 PER CENT GREATER IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR THAN IN FEBRUARY, 1927, AND PIG IRON PRODUCTION WAS ONLY 1 PER CENT LOWER, YET EMPLOYMENT IN THIS INDUSTRY DROPPED 9 PER CENT.

Other industries showed similar discrepancies between production and employment. (Continued on Page Three)

Corbishley, from Prison, Writes Labor Defense of Desire to Help the Miners

ROUSED BY GREAT PITTSBURGH MEET; WISHES FREEDOM

Would Like to Carry on Miners' Fight

Henry Corbishley, fighting miner of southern Illinois, put behind prison bars by the reactionary Farrington machine in the infamous "Ziegler frame-up," has written to the International Labor Defense of his wish for freedom especially at this time so he can participate in the fight now being waged by the miners to save their union.

"I sure would like to have been in Pittsburgh," he writes, "and to have attended the historic conference. The time is now ripe, with the Illinois operators refusing to recognize the union, when action must take place of talking."

"I wish that some one in Illinois or St. Louis would come down to see me occasionally as I have so much to talk about and so little space to write that I can't afford to start."

Illinois Waking.
"My brother Frank was down last week and from what he tells me, things are beginning to shape up some in southern Illinois. The most reactionary local in the state, Orient, No. 2, in the face of Fishwick threatening to expel all that took part, selected delegates to Pittsburgh."

"I sure hate to be cramped up here when there is so much to be done and so few hands that will take the lead."

Thanks for Books.
"I am grateful to the International Labor Defense and the workers who have contributed funds for books for labor prisoners," Corbishley writes, "I am much interested in the book proposition. I have already made my request for some and I'm sure glad to get them, as it is mighty hard to get reading material here."

"My regards to all and tell them I am making out fine."

STRIKING BARBERS GET \$5 INCREASE

White Plains Workers Vote to Return

WHITE PLAINS, April 15.—The White Plains local of the Journeymen Barbers Union, on strike since last Monday reached an agreement with the Master Barbers Association and went back to work yesterday, after the bosses had granted the workers a \$5 a week increase in wages.

The original demands of the strikers had been a wage raise of \$10 a week and a larger percentage of the receipts earned by each chair. The workers also gained part of the percentage increase they demanded. The rest of the demands have been given over for "arbitration" to the State Board of Arbitration by the union leadership.

While the prices have been raised, the workers point out that the new schedule had gone into effect before the strike had been called.

CHILDREN TO JOIN IN MAY 1 MEETING

Will March to Madison Square Garden

Delegates from 50 working class children's organizations formed plans for the children's celebration of May Day at a conference held at the Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., yesterday. The conference, held under the auspices of the Young Pioneers of America, passed a resolution that their members march from Central Park to Madison Square, on May 1.

Among the organizations represented were the Young Pioneers; American Non-Partisan Jewish Workers School; Czechoslovak Labor School; Sons of Culture; Miners' Relief Scouts Groups; Ukrainian Labor School, and Finnish Labor School. The conference unanimously adopted as a May Day slogan, "All workers' children out of the schools on May Day." The delegates at the conference urged that workers' children demonstrate their solidarity with the workers by taking part in the Madison Square Garden demonstration on May 1.

Attempt to Lynch Negro in Mississippi Fails

HAZLEHURST, Miss., Apr. 15.—Trailed by a mob of 500 whites, Green Kirk, a Negro, charged with the murder of a deputy sheriff, was saved Friday when he was refused lodging in the county jail because it was crowded. The mob arrived shortly afterwards and found that Kirk had been taken elsewhere.

URGE ALL MAY DAY GREETINGS BE SENT TO THE "DAILY" NOW

All units of the Workers (Communist) Party are urged to send in the greetings which they have secured from labor and fraternal organizations to The DAILY WORKER as soon as possible, according to announcement of the business office of the paper.

Scores of greetings for the special issue of the press have already been received and all other organizations which are planning to be represented among the friends of The DAILY WORKER on May Day should send them in at once. The business office stresses the economy which the early receipt of the greetings represents to the paper since the greetings can now be set up as they come in. Later, when a great many have accumulated, they will have to be set up under pressure and the overtime will mean an added expense to the already heavily burdened workers' press. This appeal is especially addressed to all cities and districts in the remoter sections of the United States from which it takes longer for the greetings to reach The DAILY WORKER.

The enthusiasm with which the greetings have been sent to the office of the paper to date are an evidence of the importance which all fraternal and labor organizations throughout the country attach to having a pledge of their support appear in The DAILY WORKER'S May Day issue. This special edition of the paper, on one of the most important May Days in American labor history, is one which no organization can afford to be absent from. All labor and sympathetic groups and individuals must send their greetings to the special May Day DAILY and all Party units must see that they are turned in promptly.

Fire Perils Workers



The lives of scores of workers and their families were endangered in a midnight fire in the tenements at 142-144 Greene St. The tenements were the typical fire traps in which workers are forced to dwell. Three firemen were hurt in the blaze.

KELLOGG ATTACK ON SOVIET UNION IN STATEMENT

Wall St. Puppets Won't Recognize U. S. S. R.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—That the republican party and the Coolidge administration will persist in opposing "relations with the present regime in Russia" was made clear in a statement by Secretary of State Kellogg and issued by Chairman Butler of the Republican National Committee.

Seconding the policy of the tory government in Britain which broke off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, Kellogg declared that the "experiences of various governments which have recognized and entered into relations with the Soviet regime have demonstrated conclusively the wisdom of the policy of the United States."

The struggle of Latin American and Chinese workers against "the government of the United States" was cited as one of the reasons for the administration policy.

POLICE TERRORIZE FRUIT STRIKERS

Club Woman Speaker; 7 Pickets Arrested

Despite the police terror against the strike of the retail fruit store clerks who are fighting since last Monday for the recognition of their union, the workers' militancy has succeeded in breaking up the attempt of their employers to organize a bosses' association, and in signing agreements with 27 of the largest stores in the Bronx.

Police Terror Fails.
For the past few days the police have tried by mass arrests of pickets and by breaking up open air meetings called for the strikers, to break the morale of the clerks, most of whom are young workers. They succeeded, however, only in increasing their numbers.

An open air meeting held on the corner of 155th St. and Prospect Ave., was broken up when about a dozen police charged the crowd and the speakers with swinging clubs. Mrs. Nevins, one of the speakers for the United Council of Working Class Women, was so badly clubbed as to need treatment from a physician. This organization of working women has been assisting the strikers by mobilizing sentiment against the non-union fruit stores. The strikers succeeded, however, in holding a monster open air meeting near the non-union stores in the Claremont Parkway and Bathgate Ave. neighborhoods.

Several days ago representatives sent from the strike headquarters of the union at the Bronx Lyceum, 3960 Third Ave., had appeared before a meeting of the Bronx section of the Young Workers (Communist) League to appeal for assistance in carrying on the struggle against the non-union bosses there. Approximately 40 members of the League volunteered to go on picket duty for the strikers.

Court Denies Appeal to Left Wing Furriers

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year ago, and originally included under charges of criminal assault the two leaders of the furriers, Ben Gold and I. Shapiro. They were acquitted, however, when the evidence furnished by the right wing and the American Federation of Labor officialdom was not sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty from the prejudiced jury of local business men.

The sentenced workers were framed up with having destroyed property, and assaulted two employers engaged in operating a scab shop in Mineola during the general strike in 1926, when the furriers were victorious in obtaining the 40-hour week and other concessions from the employers.

In spite of the fact that the stenographic records of trial, as quoted by Frank P. Walsh when the hearing for the appeal came up in the Appellate Division, showed that the judge in the Mineola court made decision after decision which was illegal, the seven judges in the Appellate Division decided to refuse a new trial.

The Joint Defense and Relief Committee is launching a new campaign to raise money for the defense of the nine victims of the right wing frame-up it was learned yesterday.

Law Respects Rich



A United States circuit court has reversed the life sentence on W. K. Hale, millionaire cattleman (above) known as "King of the Osage Country" (Oklahoma), for the murder of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian, two years ago. Hale was said to have been the head of a murder ring formed to kill Osage Indians to procure their lands.

WORKERS' CENTER CAMPAIGN GROWS

Unemployed Furriers Aid \$30,000 Fund

Among the units of the Workers (Communist) Party that are showing the way in raising the \$30,000 fund necessary to finance the acquisition of the new Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square is 2D 1F.

Despite the fact that many of the members of this unit are unemployed furriers, \$37 was collected at a recent meeting and \$75 was promised in pledges as this unit's initial effort in the drive. Section 4, Unit 2 has made a temporary collection of \$34 among its members and Section 4, Unit A has thus far collected \$31.

Other workers, both Party and non-Party, are urged to start intensive work at once and turn in the funds to 26-28 Union Square or 108 E. 14th St. Collection lists, receipt books and banquet tickets can be obtained at these two addresses.

The drive for funds will culminate at a banquet to be held in the new home of the militant workers Saturday evening, April 27.

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military occupation; and the unlawful extension of the Treaty of 1918." The fundamental question at present, Du Bois continued, is the economic question. The attempt is now being made to complete the enslavement of the Haitian workers by ousting them from the land and forcing them into wage-slavery, he said.

Imperialism Save Everywhere.
The role of modern imperialism was explained by Robert Minor, editor of The DAILY WORKER, who described the various phases of imperialism in Asia, India, Africa and China. Color, Minor said, was but a pretext used by the exploiters everywhere.

In such states as Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee, he pointed out, Negro and white workers are exploited with equal intensity.

"One hundred and sixty million workers in the Soviet Union have succeeded in freeing themselves from slavery, and 400,000,000 Chinese workers will ultimately be free with the consummation of the Chinese Revolution," he said.

Other speakers were Henry Rosemond, of the Haitian Patriotic Union, L. T. De Bekker, secretary of the Committee on Haiti, Madame Theodora Holly, school inspector of Haiti, and Richard Moore of the American Negro Labor Congress.

Harriet Silverman, secretary of the New York Branch of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, who presided at the meeting, said that the local branch was striving to build up its work along the lines of the national organization, making special efforts to recruit organized workers in the New York labor unions.

WORKERS PARTY CALLS LABOR TO MAY DAY UNITY

See Preparation for War on Soviet Union

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itant workers instead of fighting against the bosses and try to cripple the unions by expelling the militants for such "crimes" as trying to organize the unorganized or trying to wage a real fight against the employers.

The American working class, after a period of defeats, demoralization and relative passivity, are beginning to fight back again. In the mine fields, in the textile strikes and shoe strikers among the needle trades workers of the clothing centers, in the fresh growth of sentiment for a Labor Party,—these are a few of the signs of the growing determination of the workers to defend themselves against wage-cuts, union-smashing, and the offensive of the bosses.

Help the Miners.
The basic struggle of the American workers at the present time centers in the mine fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia and the other coal regions of the country. Here the immediate future of the labor movement is largely being determined. Here tens of thousands of coal miners under the militant leadership of the Save-the-Union Committee, are fighting against the combined forces of the coal barons, the national government, the state constabulary, the gunmen and the treacherous officials of the Lewis machine, who have crippled the United Mine Workers and laid the basis of its destruction.

After more than a year of heroic struggle under treacherous leadership, the miners have begun to take their organization into their own hands, to sweep out the reactionary officials, to spread the strike to the unorganized fields, to organize mass picketing, to defy injunctions, and to develop fresh energies which will sweep the union clean of traitors and rebuild it and win the strike.

Miners! May Day is a day to dedicate to saving the union from the reactionary bureaucracy, to sweeping out Lewis and his henchmen, to organizing the unorganized fields, to strengthening the picket lines, to smashing the injunctions, to repelling the attacks of the coal barons, to spreading and winning the strike.

Railroad workers! Don't haul scab coal!

Workers in all industries! Let us this May Day pledge our solidarity to the fighting miners and get behind them in their struggle. Their heroic battle is the fight of the entire American working class. If they lose, it is a crushing blow to all of us. If they win, it will strengthen the workers everywhere. May Day is the day for every worker to pledge his solidarity to the striking miners. Let us come to their support with relief. Let us double and treble the relief. Stand

100,000 MORE MINERS OUT; FREE SUBS VITAL

One hundred thousand coal miners will strike today in the unorganized coal fields of Pennsylvania. These men are prepared to throw their force into the year-long bitter struggle which their brothers in other parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio have been carrying on almost single-handed for over a year. The walk-out of these unorganized thousands is of tremendous importance in the struggle of the miners against the coal barons and against the reactionary officialdom within the Mine Workers' Union.

The Daily Worker.
It is The DAILY WORKER which has fought through the bitter year of struggle at the side of the Pennsylvania and Ohio miners. It is The DAILY WORKER which will go into the fight with the new forces from the unorganized coal fields. As the striking miners in the other fields have come to look upon The DAILY WORKER as their strongest and most loyal ally in the struggle with the mine bosses, the workers of the unorganized fields will learn to depend upon their militant daily paper for direction and encouragement in the battle upon which they are entering.

Load on Diver's Back

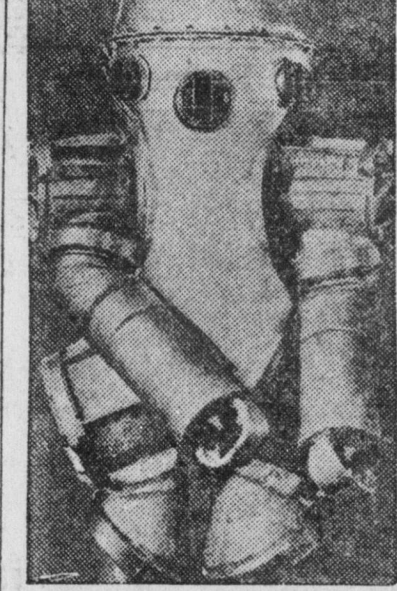


Photo above shows a new all-metal diving suit, which, according to its inventor, H. L. Bowdoin of Whitestone, Long Island, will enable a diver to descend 200 feet below the surface with "perfect safety." The suit weighs 1,400 pounds. Besides the heavy load a diver must carry, the undersea worker risks death when the cable attached snaps, as often occurs.

by the fighting miners! Help them win their strike!

Class Struggle!
Workers in all industries! Dedicate this day to a struggle against wage-cuts, to building and strengthening our organizations, to organizing the unorganized, to sweeping out the corrupt officials and advocates of class collaboration, that cripple and betray our unions, to developing powerful fighting unions, to building a labor party that will help us to take vast masses of workers out of the bosses' parties, to smashing the bosses' offensive, to fighting against the injunction and the strike-breaking government, to fighting against the bosses' government and for a workers' government.

To all workers who are awake to the interests of their class, we say: "This day you can best observe in accordance with the fighting spirit that it symbolizes by joining the Workers (Communist) Party, the fighting party that leads the struggle against the capitalist system. It is the American section of the Communist International, leader of the workers and oppressed masses of the world. Come to the May Day meetings arranged by the Workers (Communist) Party throughout the country. Enlist in its ranks and take part in its struggle to build the unions, to give them a fighting policy, to sweep out the treacherous officials, to organize the unorganized, to fight wage-cuts, to defeat the war against Nicaragua and to fight imperialism, to fight unemployment, to fight injunctions, the use of troops, police and gunmen against the workers, to fight against the bosses' government and for a workers' government, to fight against the capitalist system with its unemployment and exploitation and war and to fight for the establishment of a socialist order of society.

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BONITA DEFENSE BRANDS VERDICT CLASS JUSTICE

Will Fight to Free Three Miners

WILKES-BARRE, April 15.—Bitter denunciation of the verdict by which Sam Bonita, young Pittston mine leader, was sentenced to serve from ten to twenty years in prison, was made today by the Bonita-Mendola-Molecki Defense Committee with headquarters at 513 Coal Exchange Bldg., in this city.

In a long statement analyzing the forces behind the verdict as a result of which 'one of the leading fighters in the anthracite is to be placed behind the bars, Stanley Dziengielewski, secretary of the committee, exposed the nature of the operator-controlled justice and the treachery of the union officials who more than any others are responsible for the attempt to railroad the militant union leader. The statement follows:

"Sam Bonita has been sentenced to serve from ten to twenty years in prison. The verdict of manslaughter against one of our leading fighters whom the whole working class knows to be innocent, is a confirmation of the warning which we have issued.

"Sam Bonita is innocent—as everyone knows.

"Yet the forces of boss-controlled justice with the assistance of the treacherous officials of the Lewis-Cappellini machine have succeeded in bringing about a verdict of guilt.

"For the moment our enemies seem to have triumphed. The object sought by the coal operators, the officials of the Lewis-Cappellini machine and their other indirect accomplices in the union appears to have been attained. Nor is this all.

"In the next few days, Adam Molecki and Steve Mendola will be placed on trial in an attempt to send them to the same fate as has been ordained for Bonita. This is the aim of our enemies.

"Bonita, Molecki and Mendola are being persecuted not merely because they have led the fight in the anthracite against the enslaving individual contract system; our fellow workers are suffering not alone because they have dared to challenge the corrupt Lewis machine in the miners' union.

"They are being tortured because at the present moment they symbolize the whole struggle of the working class. Already their cause must be read with that of Sacco and Vanzetti, with Mooney and Billings, with Domineck Venturato and the Ziegler miners, with the scores of other labor martyrs who have fallen victims of the hatred of the ruling class and its agents.

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MINERS IN WEST PENN. TO STRIKE

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district. They report an enthusiastic response on the part of the unorganized miners who are ready to go to any length to organize.

False Rumors.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 15.—Malicious statements in the form of news releases attacking the United Mine Workers of America and discrediting the "Save-the-Union" Committee of the union, were brought to the attention of the committee today. Pat Tooley, secretary of the "Save-the-Union" Committee declares that these statements are forgeries which never came from the office of the committee.

Pan-Pacific Trade Unions Meet at Moscow; Plan Fight on War Danger

SIMON OPPOSES ANY CHANGE IN INDIAN STATUS

Has Support of Labor Party Reformists

LONDON, April 15.—That the Indian Statutory Commission will recommend no fundamental change in the Status of India, was admitted by Sir John Simon, head of the Commission, who arrived here yesterday. The commission has received the support of the Labor as well as the Conservative and Liberal Parties.



Sir J. Simon, Imperialist

"The Commission will recommend no sweeping changes in the Indian form of government," Sir John Simon said. "The Indian people are not yet ready for a large measure of independence."

The Simon Commission was denounced as imperialist by Indian political and trade union leaders who organized a strike and a boycott to protest against the commission's arrival. One Indian worker was killed and a number wounded when police opened fire on a demonstration against the commission at Madras.

In spite of the criticism of a large section of the Labor Party, Ramsay MacDonald and other leaders of the Party have steadily supported the Simon Commission. A number of members of the Commission are members of the Labor Party.

DEMAND McMAHON FIGHT WAGE CUTS

Passaic Locals Issue Statement

(Continued from Page One) cuts, speed-up systems and compulsory insurance schemes.

McMahon Does Nothing. Although these complaints were made to President McMahon repeatedly, he did nothing after statements had been issued by the mill barons denying that they were worsening the working conditions.

While denying the unions' charges in the press the bosses' are forcing 20 per cent wage reductions by threats of hiring unemployed to replace those objecting against wage cuts.

Denounce Wage Cuts. "We, the organized textile workers, denounce the wage cutting policy of some of the mill owners, and, if things that are taking place in the mills in Passaic continue, no one can stop a repetition of 1926," is the declaration made by the Council in a statement to the mill owners.

A statement to McMahon made public Saturday by Deak, declares: "It is a fact the wage slashing policy of the New England textile bosses has been adopted by some of the mills in Passaic, although the other day our daily papers stated that there will be no wage cutting in Passaic, the very same day, the Gera and N. J. Spinning Company cut the wages of its workers 20 per cent."

RESIST JAP MERCHANTS. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 15.—Declaring that The Daily People, official organ of the Japanese Camp & Mill Workers' Union, "was in the habit of publishing articles which were very radical and causing disturbances of the peace and order of the Japanese community here in this province," Japanese merchants have withdrawn their advertising and are carrying on a campaign against the paper and the union. The workers have rallied to their paper, boycotted the merchants and opened a co-operative store.

French Militarists Plan Propaganda Flight



Sargeant DeTrojan, French army flyer, has been grooming a plane at Le Bourget airport, Paris, for a flight to New York. Henri Delage, right, may accompany him. The flight is one of the attempts of the Poincaré government to make France "air-conscious" in order to facilitate the development of a huge militarist air force.

PERMANENT ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED

Report Shows 2,000,000 "Surplus" Workers

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"This suggests," the Labor Bureau declares, "that unless there is some marked error in production figures, technological advances are taking place at such a rapid rate as to perpetuate unemployment even during a period of industrial revival. It also suggests that we cannot rely upon mere business pick-up to solve the unemployment problem."

George Soule, one of the directors of the Labor Bureau, yesterday estimated that the permanent army of the unemployed in the United States at the present time is about 2,000,000.

"Industrial production during the last year has been only about 10 per cent below normal," he said, "while unemployment has been far above normal and has reached a crisis. If we take 4,000,000 as the estimate of the number of unemployed at the present time, I should say that about one-half have been thrown out of work because of technological improvements and belong to an apparently permanent army of the unemployed."

Figures from all sources show the total number of unemployed is considerably greater than 4,000,000 now.

The recognition of the Soviet Union would aid in decreasing unemployment in this country by increasing the demand for American goods, Soule declared.

Statistics released by State Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton also showed the existence of large masses of unemployed workers. Despite the fact that March is generally the month when spring production is at its highest, employment has increased but three-tenths of 1 per cent between February and March, reports from 1,460 firms show.

At the close of 1927, the commissioner reports, there were 65,000 fewer factory workers employed in New York than at the close of 1926, and during March of this year employment in factories was 75,000 less than in March of last year.

In addition to technological improvements, the "speed-up" system, whereby millions of thousands of workers are exploited to the maximum is responsible for the displacement of hundreds of thousands. Under this method one man or woman does the work previously done by two or more, with no increase in wages and often at less wages.

Fascist Troops Kill 200 Natives in Africa

ROME, April 15.—More than two hundred natives were killed in a battle with Fascist troops about seventy-five miles south of Cyrene, according to reports received here. The Italian troops used bombing planes and tanks.

Two airplanes were damaged by the natives.

OHIO MINERS ARE FOR GREAT FIGHT

Fall Behind Save-the-Union Committee

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men from doing ever since the mines started up.

Without one dissenting vote the meeting passed the following resolution:

Condemns Lewis Machine.

"Whereas the miners of Ohio and western Pennsylvania have been on strike for over one year and, whereas the criminal policies of John L. Lewis and our official leadership, in signing district and local agreements, in failing to call the anthracite on strike, in failing to organize the unorganized miners, in preventing a militant strike policy, in failing to provide adequate relief to the strikers while drawing tremendous salaries themselves.

"Be it resolved, that we, the members of the Harryette, Buckeye, Murray, McFarlan and Little Kate locals, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby condemn the criminal policies of our officials which are losing the strike and leading our union to complete destruction.

Endorse Save-Union.

"And be it further resolved, that we hereby endorse the policies and program of the Save-the-Union Committee, and call upon all members of the United Mine Workers of America to rally to the support of the Save-the-Union Committee, in order that we, the rank and file, may kick out the traitors and take the control of our union into our own hands, and put into effect the policies of the Save-the-Union Committee—the only policies which can win the present strike, save our union, and build it once more into the powerful protector of the mine workers which it once was."

Several more mass meetings are being called by the Cambridge sub-district Save-the-Union Committee for this section this week. It is expected that the response of the other locals to the fighting program of the progressives will be excellent.

PICKETS JAILED FOR PROTESTING NICARAGUA WAR

107 Awaiting Trial for War Protest

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States," an official statement issued by the police said following the arrest.

The prisoners were quizzed thruout the afternoon as to their birthplace. Women and girls among the demonstrators were asked such questions as, "Are you a prostitute?"

Three-fourths of the demonstrators were youths. Several children also took part in the demonstration.

The defendants are represented by Attorney John Hornback, retained by the International Labor Defense, and Clayton Spear, of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The American Legion threatened to attack a protest meeting held here Saturday night, it was learned yesterday, but thought better of it.

"There's the guy that said something about Coolidge; let me get at him," a legionnaire who holds a clerkship in the government said in a loud voice at the police station when Gomez was being transferred.

Nothing happened. Gomez and Shachtman were among the speakers at the Saturday night meeting, held in Musicians' Hall. Both told the audience that congress through passivity was a party with Coolidge and his cabinet to the Nicaraguan invasion. Gomez pointed out that both Senators Borah and Shipstead had refused to support a bill calling for a congressional investigation of the invasion.

"Our demonstration is only the beginning of a militant campaign," Gomez continued. "More demonstrations are already being planned and we are going to intensify our campaign to collect bandages and other medical supplies."

Shachtman said Sandino and his army of liberation were deserving of the support of the American workers.

Benjamin Marsh, of the People's Reconstruction League, another speaker, charged that the Coolidge administration had violated the constitution in sending the marine corps to Nicaragua.

Among others arrested and held for trial Monday were Elizabeth Helen Richardson, Rose Lyons, Alex Stahler and Benjamin Gross, all of New York.

Stamp Decision Pending.

The federal district court here Saturday decided to hold in reserve its decision in the case in which the postoffice authorities barred the Anti-Imperialist League's Nicaraguan war protest stamps from the mails. The stamps, sold for use on envelopes and all other mail, protest against the invasion of Nicaragua by the United States marine corps. The postoffice authorities have barred from the mail all letters and packages bearing these stamps. The league is now protesting against this action.

Where Fascists Are Carrying on New 'Red Raids'



Photo shows view of street in Milan, where a bomb planted by Mussolini's agents killed fourteen and wounded scores of others. The bomb was planted as a basis for a new attack on the working class. Hundreds of workers have been arrested by the fascist police.

Japanese Arrest Four Soldiers as Radicals

TOKIO, April 15.—Four workers in the Maizuru arsenal have been arrested on the charge of engaging in "Communist activity."

In addition to the arrests in the arsenal, two privates in a Fukuoka regiment were also placed under arrest.

SHIP USSR GOLD TO GERMAN PORT

Frustrate Scheme of French Tories

LONDON, April 15.—The attempt of the Bank of France to confiscate the \$5,000,000 of Soviet Gold which was rejected for assay by the United States was frustrated when the gold was transferred from the steamer Dresden to another German vessel in mid-channel off Falmouth at midnight and shipped direct to Bremen. The Dresden will stop at the French port of Cherbourg.

Arrangements were made for the transfer of the gold when it was learned that the Bank of France had made an application for attachment of the gold on its arrival in Cherbourg.

Try to Jail Textile Striker in Pawtucket

PAWTUCKET, R. I., April 15.—With the failure of the attempt of the police authorities to halt the picket demonstrations of the strikers in the Darlington plant, the mill owners have decided on a campaign to jail the most active and militant strikers.

A warrant was sworn out today at the request of the officials of the company for the arrest of one of the active strikers. They charge him with having participated in administering a beating to a scab hired by the company. The bosses allege that 6 men assailed the scab.

SCORE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AT SPECIAL SESSION

Latin Americans Pledge Co-operation

(Special to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 15.—The conference of trade unions of Pan-Pacific countries which has been held in Moscow in view of the growing aggressiveness of American imperialism and the intensification of imperialist conflicts in the Pacific, calls upon the workers of these countries for a united struggle against the danger of an imperialist war.

The conference heard the declaration of the Latin American delegation, stating that every effort will be made to get the trade union organizations of their countries to affiliate with the Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

American imperialism in Latin America, particularly intervention in Nicaragua, was severely attacked by the delegates, who pointed out the necessity of a united labor struggle against the menace of American imperialism.



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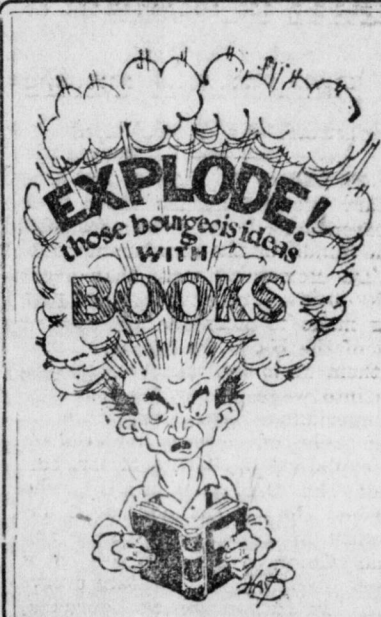
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STONE SHOE COMPANY, FIFTH AVENUE SHOP, FIRES MEN FOR PROGRESSIVE UNION ACTIVITY

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Since the Associated Shoe and Slipper Workers' Union began to function it has found great response and interest among the shoe workers. The miserable conditions under which the shoe workers lived and worked have now been brought clearly before them. The only solution they found was to organize against the bosses who are now using various methods to keep the workers down.

Among the first things that the union instructed all its members to do was to post and distribute stickers in all factories and shops that they could approach. This soon brought good results. An incident at the Stone Shoe Co., at 71 Fifth Ave., boldly shows what means the bosses are trying to use in order to prevent the shoe workers from organizing. This company first promised to give a raise to one or two. Seeing that the workers were dissatisfied, the company promised to give a bonus to those

who produced a certain amount of work, which really means a "standard of production," and if they made more than the boss thinks is "more" he promised them a bonus. But is there ever enough for a boss? But after a few days, the boss seeing that this "wonderful proposition" was ignored, began to use the old well-known method of firing the workers he suspected of union activity. When one of these workers asked why he was discharged the boss replied

that he did not produce enough to get a bonus. A few days later when one of the workers came to get his tools, the boss in a furious voice threatened to have the man deported. There is one thing which the shoe workers should learn from this: to organize and build a strong union which can protect their interests against the shoe manufacturers. —S.

Landless Farm Workers' "Strike" Is First in Maryland, Correspondent Says

STOP LABOR IN FIELDS AT BUSY SEASON FOR \$12

Whites, Negroes, Driven, Hated, Feared

(By a Worker Correspondent) CALIFORNIA, Md., (By Mail).—For some time I have thought of writing you about the conditions of the farm laborers and farm tenants in the South, not the South as a whole but one small section of it, southern Maryland.

Hell in Dixie. You must understand that the conditions in the far South are 1,000 times worse than the conditions I shall describe, as southern Maryland is heaven compared with Georgia or Mississippi.

I have spent the last six months in St. Mary's county, at a place called Pearson, 11 miles from Washington and 115 from Baltimore. I found that St. Mary's county is about 300 square miles in area and has a population of 16,000. It is the last county down in Maryland and borders on King and Queen county, Virginia. More than half the people are Negroes.

Caste System. I found a real caste system established. The "lowest class," more than half the total, are Negro laborers and tenants, landless, moneyless, held in contempt, hated and feared. Very few have been to school, as they are needed as farm laborers. The wages of the Negro laborer are nine dollars a week for a 60 hour week. If it rains no work can be done. Due to the weather not a cent has been earned this week, although this is considered the busy season. You must understand that in winter there is no work.

The next class is the poor white trash. They are the whites who own no property and work side by side with the Negroes under the same conditions of life. However, they look down on the Negro and consider themselves on a different plane.

"Rats" Their Food. The next class are the "foresters." They inhabit the central portion of the county, which is a forest. They are both white and colored. In summer they work a few half-starved acres of land in tobacco, either as tenants and part-time sharers or as owners. The tenants and part-time sharers have their fields divided into parts, one part for the owner of the land, the other for the farmer. In the winter they hire themselves out on oyster fleets. Their most common food is "rats," muskrats, in winter and fish in summer.

Next come the land owning farmers. Each farmer has several laborers and tenants working for him, but often works himself. Very often their farms are mortgaged and the farmer works his life away, together with the Negroes, only to lose his land to the bank which holds the mortgage.

At the top are the old landed aristocracy. They are the farmer slave-owning class. They don't need to have slaves now as their grandfathers and great-grandfathers became rich enough to do without slaves. Allied with these are millionaires from elsewhere.

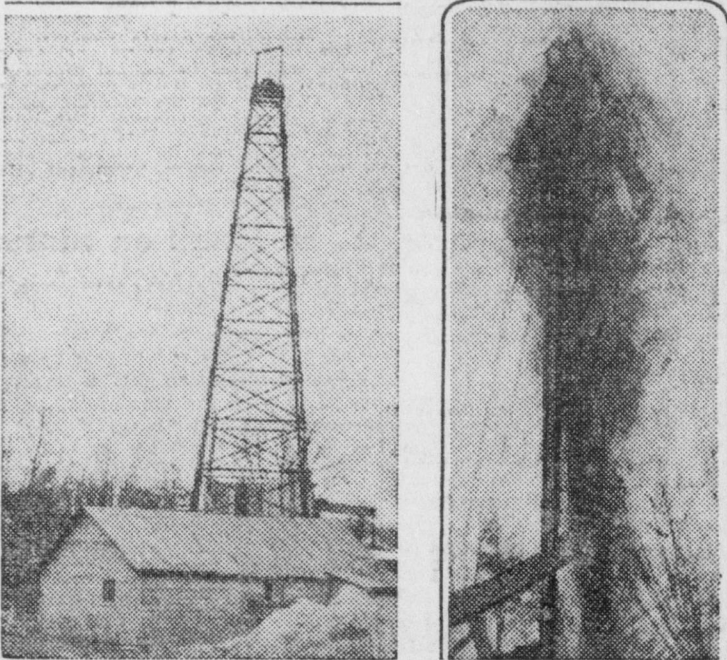
Absentee Ownership. The biggest farm in Pearson is Cedar Point Farm. It was purchased for \$30,000 and is now worth \$150,000. It is owned by Frank Furst, who made Ritchie governor of Maryland. About 40 laborers are employed there. The farm is run by an overseer. Frank Furst comes down for two weeks in a year.

The next largest farm is the Susquehanna, owned by Sam Young, a Texas oil millionaire. The next by a New York capitalist. There is absolutely no understanding here of the class struggle, of unions, or any idea of a world different from what it is now. The people are very religious. The Catholic religion is the religion of the Negroes and poor whites. Although their religion claims that we are all "god's" children, there are two different churches, one, a stone church on the hill for the whites, the other, a wooden one for the Negroes. There are different hours, too, for mass, for confession and for social activities. For all I know there may be two graveyards. The Methodist is the church of the farmers. They are anti-dancing, anti-theatre, anti-movies.

About 15 miles from Pearson is Valley Lee. There the laborers get \$12 a week. However, as the laborers of Pearson own neither autos or horses, they have no way of getting to Valley Lee and must remain in Pearson for \$9 a week.

Last week there was a strike at Pearson on one farm for \$12 a week. By strike I mean that the

Oil Fields Mean New Form of Slavery for Michigan Workers



Derrick and gusher, above, in the newly drilled Muskegon, Mich., oil fields mean millions for the owners of the oil-soaked soil, but only a new form of slavery for the workers. Once the serfs of the great Muskegon sawmills, toiling under indescribable conditions, thrown into the jobless armies when that industry died, the Muskegon workers will now be chained to the oil field gangs.

Aided Paper; Fired After 6 Years' Work

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

DENVER, Colo., (By Mail).—Comrade P. was a loyal and hard worker. He had to be for jobs were not plentiful and a wife suffering from tuberculosis and two children made it imperative that he bring home a weekly wage. This, with making payments on a small house which a real estate shark had inveigled him into buying, took every penny of his wages, \$22 a week.

Comrade P. was no grumbler even though there was neither time nor money to spend for pleasure. He had to forego Party activity because of the expense it might involve, such as carfare, etc. He did help all he could, however, by getting subscriptions to THE DAILY WORKER or Radnik, distributing circulars and selling tickets among his fellow workers.

Last week another South Slavic comrade asked him to sell tickets for the benefit of the Radnik. Glad of the opportunity to help he hustled and sold 39 tickets one morning before 11 o'clock.

At that time a notice appeared on the bulletin board, ordering the sale of the tickets stopped. At noon Comrade P. was told to get out! Six long years of efficient service could not outweigh the heinous crime of helping a workers' paper. So Comrade P. gounded on by a hungry family, is now pounding the pavements with thousands of others in search of work.

—H. U. Z.

Amoskeag Mill Workers Eager for Leaflets

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 15.—Two thousand leaflets were issued by the Textile Mill Committee of the Amoskeag mill to the 6,000 cotton and worsted workers of the plant today.

The workers eagerly grabbed the leaflets and read every word and carefully folded it and put it in their pockets. Many of the young boys and girls during the noon time distribution came out from the mill and asked for dozens of the leaflets to bring inside.

The leaflets are especially appropriate since the company expects to hold nominations for delegates to the company union on April 17th. The workers have utterly no use for the company union and when the ballots are given them turn them in blank. The boss then proceeds to give out the propaganda that it's functioning nice and dandy. Of course a few suckers and stool-pigeons are always secured to sit in. Then their are some honest workers accept such a job thru fear of losing their jobs. Some of the slogans on the leaflet were:

- The Textile Mill Committee stands for the recognition of the Textile Mill Committee!
 - A return of the 10 per cent cut in wages stolen from us last December and for an increase of wages!
 - The 40-hour—5 day week!
 - The abolition of the speed-up system!
 - For a workers' shop paper!
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CHIEFS BETRAYED HELPERS; BETRAY PLUMBERS TODAY

Juniors and Union Men Must Work Together

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

After the strike the plumbers' helpers went thru last year, we were promised by the officials of Local 1. Plumbers' Union, that they would consider our case at the general executive board meeting which was held in Chicago on Nov. 7.

Our association was invited to send delegates to this meeting. We sent Brothers Miller, M. Helfand, Seewald and Patrick.

When they got to Chicago, Mr. Thomas Burke, general secretary of the United Association of Plumbers, Gasfitters and Steamfitters, met them. He introduced them to Mr. Coffield, the general president of the United Association. Both told the delegates what a wonderful town Chicago was. These gentlemen told our delegates to come on the next day.

On the next day our delegates appeared before the meeting of the general executive board. Each one was allowed to speak. After that they were told to leave and the meeting would take up the matter concerning the plumbers' helpers. Before our delegates left the session they presented a set of demands to the officials.

A few days later when our delegates returned to the meeting, they were told that Mr. Leonard, organizer of the United Association had been instructed to call a meeting of all the New York Plumbers' Locals to consider the matter of the helpers.

No Conference. A few weeks later Mr. Leonard called a conference of all N. Y. locals. We sent two delegates to this conference. Our delegates were asked many questions. None of them had anything to do with the helpers themselves. We were promised a second conference but until this day the officials have never called one.

We tried to see "Bill" Doran, the president of Local 463, but he refused to see us. "Bill" Doran posed as a "progressive" before the election in Local 463. He has never been honest since. He sat in with Czar Brindell of the building trades fraud. Yet he has nerve enough to call himself a "progressive."

Call Cops. All our efforts to see Doran were in vain. So we staged a demonstration in front of the Plumbers' Union. Cops, who came at Doran's orders, arrested us.

The officials of Local 1 are no better. For a year Local 1 worked without an agreement. Now at last a new agreement is being presented to the membership. If the agreement should be adopted by the membership, Local 1 will be nothing more than a company union. The plumbers of Local 1 are being completely betrayed by their officials to the bosses.

Nothing is said in the agreement about the plumbers' helpers except the usual bunk about being a helper for five years. Further, after five years you have to be a so-called junior mechanic for over a year. This point is a great victory for the bosses. These phrases are not even worth the paper they are written on.

It is about time we helpers began exposing these officials as enemies of the plumbers and the plumbers' helpers together. We have been fooled too long by these "kindly gentlemen." We should show them up in their true colors.

They have been trying to kill us with "kindness." Are we going to let them do this? No one can better reply to this question than we ourselves. As individuals we are not strong enough to do anything, but as an organization we can do a whole lot.

It is the duty of every plumbers' helper to rally to the union. Our slogan should always be, "Every Plumbers' Helper a Union Man."

- Fred Miatoff 2.00
- S. Wolosevich50
- N. Koshevich50
- Evert Carlson25
- C. Fetherson25
- Herbert Ryden25
- Roland Soneaner25
- Edward Preusie25
- Nelsie Bjorkman25
- Annette Berggman50
- M. Rukonen50
- Nellie Johnson25
- Harry Franjeie25
- John Peerson50
- Hugo Larson15
- B. Feldman 2.00

Blood and Thunder Melodrama at the Royale

MAE WEST is back on Broadway, playing the leading role in her new play, "Diamond Lil," now showing at the Royale Theatre.

For an evening of blood and thunder melodrama, produced in a fashion that every minute is interesting, there is no play in New York today that is its equal.

Those who enjoyed Miss West in "Sex," the play that resulted in her taking a forced vacation on Blackwells Island, will find the present opus their meat. The boosters of "Rain" will also find the present production the best play of that type since Jeanne Eagels closed her sensational run at the Maxine Elliot Theatre.

"Diamond Lil" is concerned with life on the Bowery in the nineties. Of course, Miss West portrays the part of Lil, who made men her prey. They ran all the way from Gus Jordan, saloon owner and white slave trafficker, to Pablo Juarez, toro fighter of Seville. Captain Cummings of the Salvation Army is added to her list, but it is discovered that he is a detective in disguise, who jails the white slavers. The audience is then given a hint that Lil is not a bad girl after all, and that she will possibly marry Cummings.

In the last act, which shows us the Bowery saloon, all of the trimmings of the last century are present, and in a manner the producers can well be proud of. The gangsters and molls, singing waiters and five cent schooners of beer, are a portrait of a period of New York life that has completely disappeared.

Miss West as a Bowery queen is a splendid characterization. There is no other actress that could handle the part so capably. Curtis Cooksey, as Captain Cummings, is realistic, the same can be said for practically all members of a large supporting cast that includes Herbert Duffy, Jack La Rue, J. Merril Holmes and Raffaella Ottiano.

The play is staged by Jack Linder, who is to be highly commended for the fine results he has achieved.—S. A. P.

Vaudeville Theatres

PALACE
Alice Brady in "Juliet Comes First," a comedy by Harry Wagstaff Gribble, with Austin Fairman; Clayton, Jackson and Durante, assisted by the Parody Club Orchestra; Sylvia Clark, with Bobbie Kuhn list; Medley and Duprey; Tommy and Eleanor; Wade Booth; Archie and Gertie Falls.

BROADWAY
Eva Clark with Dan Caslar; The Colleanos featuring Maurice Colleanos; Russ Brown and Jean Whitaker; Gilbert and French; Frank Wheeler and Dorothy Sands; and Palermo's dogs. "The Crimson City," a romance of the China coast featuring Myrna Loy and John Miljan, is the screen feature.

JEFFERSON

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Henly and Cross; Gracella and Theodore; Bordee and Robinson; Louis Mann; Talent and Merit; and Dalton and Craig. Feature photoplay, "Doomsday" starring Florence Vidor. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday—Nancy Gibbs and Company; Bob Hall; Wilson and Dobson; Wyeth and Wynn; Leonard Sillman and Oca and Wyeth and Wynn. Feature photoplay, "Chicago," starring Phyllis Haver and Victor Varconi.

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Crutrin 1.00
M. Greenstien50
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- People's Dry Clean, Cleveland, O. .25
- S. Nars, Cleveland, Ohio.10
- M. Patera, Cleveland, Ohio.25
- G. Glavina, Cleveland, Ohio.50
- M. Reids, Cleveland, Ohio.50
- G. Grunberg, Cleveland, Ohio.15
- F. Zychich, Cleveland, Ohio.15
- W. Botoff, Cleveland, Ohio.25
- W. Hartman, River Rouge, Mich. 1.00
- A. Adamek, Chicago, Ill. 5.00
- A. Coleman, Phila., Pa. 3.00
- L. P. Lemley, (col.), Phila., Pa. .46.00
- Hanlon, Phoenix, Ariz.50
- Miller, Phoenix, Ariz. 1.00
- A. Proter, San Jose, Calif. 10.00
- C. C. Wilson, Houston, Texas. 11.00
- Int. Branch, W.P., Wilmington. 35.82
- S. Joffe, Detroit, Mich. 1.00
- H. Joffe, Detroit, Mich.25
- S. Helberg, Detroit, Mich.25

TOLEDO BOSSES HAVE SCHEME TO PLUNDER WAGES



Featured on the vaudeville program at the Jefferson Theatre the first part of this week.

The Martin Johnson African Expedition Corporation has presented to the American Museum of Natural History 200,000 feet of motion picture films secured by the Martin Johnsons during their four years' work in Africa. It was from this film that the 8,000 feet of the motion picture "Simba," recently shown at the Earl Carroll, was taken.

Walter Huston, Nan Sunderland, Harold Healy, Tom Blake, Carolyn Ferriday, Lyda McMillan, Thomas E. Gillen and Mark Sullivan will be in the cast of the Ring Lardner comedy, "Hurry Kane," which George M. Cohan is placing in rehearsal.

AMUSEMENTS

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Overland Car, Scale Co., in Chest Plot

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TOLEDO, Ohio, (By Mail).—Here's the latest on the Community Chest doings in Toledo affecting the workers in the factories. The foremen in each department see each man under them personally and intimidate, browbeat and give the worker to understand in a polite way that, Oh, well, they might be looking for another job soon. Then they present the worker with a card to sign which gives the company the right to deduct \$5.20 from his pay at the rate of ten cents a week, during 1928 and for several years to follow.

One worker quit, another absolutely refused. In general none of the workers took kindly to the proposition.

The Toledo Scale Co. and the Devilbiss Co. are the plants who are putting in the card system. At the Overland plant they were satisfied with one dollar from each worker. At Overland one worker when they came around to him said he wouldn't be so small as to give only one dollar. He told the boss to put him down for \$50 and quit that night.

Maybe some day the slaves will get enough.

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Elizabeth Risdon has been engaged by the Theatre Guild to play in its touring company next season. Miss Risdon will play in "Ned McCobb's Daughter," "The Doctor's Dilemma,"

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- men just remained at home and refused to work. As this is the busy season and labor is scarce, the overseer promised a raise as soon as the boss comes down. I guess this is the first time in St. Mary's County that this ever happened. And if one farm raises others will follow. —COMMUNE.

Cloakmakers' Joint Board Calls Workers to Send Militants to Convention

URGE MEMBERS TO FIGHT THE RIGHT WING IN ELECTION

Sigman Will Attempt to Bar Progressives

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together with the Forward will carry on the pogrom against the workers, or whether the Forward together with Schlesinger will dominate the union as in the good old days, disregarding the wishes and the interests of the membership.

"The cloak and dressmakers must thru their votes make clear to the Sigman as well as the Schlesinger clique that the workers will not give up the struggle until they have won the right to administer and control the affairs of their union."

Postpone Hearing on \$17,000 Fine.

The hearing which was to have come up Friday in the Appellate Division on the appeal made by the 18 leaders of the left wing Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union against the decision of a supreme court judge finding them guilty of contempt of court, and fining them \$17,000 was adjourned until the May term.

The case grew out of charges of contempt of court brought against the cloakmakers' leaders by the Dressing Manufacturers' Association, who, with the aid of affidavits and witnesses from the right wing Sigman regime in the International, succeeded in getting the judge to impose the heavy fine, the non-payment of which means long prison terms. The Joint Board had been forbidden to call strikes in the factories of the dress bosses' association.

WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

May Day Tickets.
Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now on sale 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.

To Unit Organizers.
Unit organizers should call for collection lists for the Workers Center Building fund at 26-28 E. Union Square or 108 E. 14th St.

Unemployed Comrades.
The Party calls upon all unemployed comrades to respond for work of first class 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.

Meeting For \$30,000 Drive.
All units, sections and subsections are to call special membership meetings this week to take up plans for raising \$30,000 for the new Workers Center in Union Square.

Special Meet. IAC GFD.
A special meeting of Section IAC GFD will be held today at 6 p. m. at 59 St. Marks Place.

3F and 2F, Subsection B.
A special meeting of Units 3F and 2F, Subsection B, will be held Tuesday, April 17, at 49 St. Marks Place.

Spanish Fraction Meeting.
The Spanish Fraction will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 8:30 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St.

Course For New Members.
Another course for new members of the Party is being given at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., on Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. No fee is charged.

FD3, Subsection 2E.
FD3, Subsection 2E will meet today at 6 p. m. at 126 E. 16th St. at 6 p. m.

Literature Agents, Attention.
The April "Communist" is out. Get your bundles and other literature at 108 E. 14th St. All the latest numbers of Inprocar are also to be obtained there.

Executive Committee, 3E.
An important meeting of the enlarged Executive Committee of Subsection 3E will be held today at 6:15 p. m. in the same place as the last meeting. Every unit organizer, secretary, agitprop and industrial organizer must be present and on time. A roll call will be taken.

3E International Branch.
The regular meeting of International Branch 1 will be held today at 101 W. 27th St.

3E 1F.
Unit 3E 1F will hold a meeting tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. at the same place as last meeting.

3E 3F.
3E 3F will meet Thursday, April 17, at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Branch 5, Section 5.
An educational meeting of Branch 5, Section 5 will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 2075 Clinton Ave.

Night Workers Meet Tomorrow.
A special meeting of the Night Workers Branch is called for tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock sharp. Matters of vital importance to be taken up. Printers' nucleus is requested to attend.

Section 1 Special Meetings.
All unit organizers of Section 1 should call special meetings this week to take up the May Day celebration, DAILY WORKER greetings and distribution, and also the new Workers Center.

Section 1 Unit Organizers.
All unit organizers of Section 1 will meet on Thursday, April 19, at 60 St. Marks Place. A report will be made on the reorganization of the section. Every organizer must bring along the list of his members to check off the assignments.

Financial secretaries of the section must prepare a complete financial statement of the units showing the amount owed for dues and rent.

Flood Brings Ruin to Nebraska Farmers



Spring thaws in the mountains sending the Missouri river on a rampage, have caused the eating away of the farmlands of many Nebraska farmers. So rapidly did the river cut in on the farmland pictured above that the farmers had no time to move their buildings.

NEW "MASCOT" WARMLY RECEIVED BY WORKERS

The third issue of "The Mascot" appeared at the gates of the Brewster Rolls Royce automobile plant last Thursday. The workers, who had been watching for it daily, greeted it with great enthusiasm. As before, those who were forced to work overtime came down to get their copies before all were gone. The foremen and officials of the company also came or sent out for a copy. The distributing committee received more voluntary contributions for the paper than ever before.

The leading article in the paper this month was an answer to the attempt of the officials to divide the workers on national grounds. An appeal had been made to the English workers by one of the English officials against "The Mascot."

Favorable comment has been heard on the article, which pointed out that workers are workers whether they come from England, Europe, United States or Canada.

The drive for unionization was carried on in this issue in an article on the importance and problems of organization. A special article called on the office workers to join the union and fight with their fellows in the shop.

Expose Plane Manufacture.
Another article told of the fact that plane parts manufactured on the second floor of the plant for bombing planes in the marine branch of the United States war department were used in the imperialistic expeditions in Nicaragua. It further pointed out that the workers are thus being employed to fight their Nicaraguan fellow workers, against whom they have no grievance.

Among the other features were articles on the all-important miners' conference held in Pittsburgh, the rank and file elections recently held in the plant, the effect of the unemployment situation on the workers employed in the Brewster plant, an interesting group of comments from the workers expressing their great sympathy with the "Mascot," and several lighter stories.

Art Work a Feature.
The art work is a special feature of this issue of "The Mascot." On the last page there was a copy of Art Young's cartoon showing the effect on the boss when the workers are organized. A small cut on the inside showed the head of the accounting department of Rolls Royce office working late at night with a cot all ready so that he would not even have to stop to go home. This was particularly appreciated by the office workers who have to work late without extra pay.

BONITA VERDICT MANSLAUGHTER

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judge, carries with it a sentence of between twelve and twenty years imprisonment depending upon the discretion of the court who by his rejection of the first verdict so clearly revealed his hatred of the militant mine worker. Sentence will be imposed some time this week.

Guy W. Evans, a merchant of Pittston, symbol of the class whose "justice" Bonita had offended, acted as the foreman of the jury and read from the written verdict in response to the question of Judge McLean, "Have you agreed upon a verdict?" The statement: "We, the jury in the case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Sam Bonita, of Pittston, find the defendant guilty of manslaughter and recommend him to the extreme mercy of the court."

Immediate appeal for a new trial and objections to the verdict were indicated by the attorneys for the defense.

There were in fact two verdicts by the jury. The first verdict was "involuntary manslaughter." When the jury brought in this decision, Judge McLean refused to accept it and ordered the jury back. It was then that the final verdict of manslaughter was brought in.

In a statement issued by the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee a call was sent out to the working-class for mass protests against the class verdict to defend Moleski and Mendola on a like sentence as well as to work for the freedom of Bonita.

SOZZI MURDER SCORED BY 2500 AT HUGE PROTEST

Expose Fascist Terror; Denounce Mussolini

The assassination of Gastone Sozzi, 23-year old Italian Communist, was protested by over 2500 workers yesterday afternoon at Tammany Hall, 145 E. 14th St. The name of Mussolini was booed and the fascist regime was denounced by the speakers.

Francesca Nitti, son of the former premier of Italy, Robert Minor, editor of The DAILY WORKER, Lieutenant Commander Rossetti, Francesco Coco, editor of Il Lavoratore, Arthur Giovannitti, Pietro Allegra and Morris Ernst of the Civil Liberties Union were among those who spoke. Carl Tresira, editor of Il Martello, was chairman.

Speakers at the meeting charged that Sozzi was killed by direct order of Mussolini at the Perouse prison near Rome on the night of February 7 of this year. His death was kept secret by the fascist press. Two guards who witnessed the torture of Sozzi carried the news out of Italy.

Allegra, one of the speakers, declared that he had been summarily dismissed from the De Nobili Co., 512 Hamilton St., Long Island City for his activities in the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America on the direct order of Mussolini. In introducing Allegra, Tresira charged that the former had been offered the sum of \$5,000 if he would not make this fact public.

A group of socialists in the front of the hall attempted to create a disturbance when Francesco Coco declared that the Communist Party was the only organization in Italy which is putting up courageous resistance to the "bloody fascist regime" and that the socialists together with other similar groups were fleeing the country.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Anti-Fascist League of North America.

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Labor and Fraternal News

Women Shoe Workers.

Women shoe workers and the wives of shoe workers are invited to a meeting called by the organization committee of the Women Shoe Workers this evening at 8 o'clock at 51 E. 10th St. Speakers will be Hyman Levine, official of the Shoe Workers' Union, Rose Wortis of the Joint Board of the Dressmakers' Union and Ray Ragazin, organizer of the Women's Councils. All interested are invited to attend this meeting.

Non-Partisan School Bazaar.
All Women's Council members must call at the central office, 799 Broadway to get tickets for the Non-Partisan School Bazaar and credentials for collecting articles. The time is short and there must be no delays now.

Newark I. L. D.
The Newark I. L. D. will meet tomorrow evening at the Center, 93 Mercer St.

Workers School Students' Council.
An important meeting of the Students' Council and Friends of the Workers School will be held this Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St. Room 45. One of the subjects to be discussed will be the moving of the Workers School to the new building at 26-28 Union Square.

Cooperative I. L. D.
The Cooperative I. L. D. branch will meet tonight at 8:30 at 2700 Bronx Park East, in the auditorium. Prominent speakers will address the meeting.

M. SCHACHTMAN TALKS ON CHINA

Will Start National Tour April 21

Max Schachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, lectured on "Bleeding China" Saturday at the Brownsville Youth Center. The lecture was one of a series given under the auspices of the International Labor Defense. Another meeting with Schachtman as speaker, will be held in the Bronx Wednesday, and meetings in Harlem and Yorkville will follow soon after Schachtman will begin a national tour in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 21, illustrating his talks on the Chinese Revolution with lantern slides.

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30,000 TEXTILE WORKERS GO ON STRIKE TODAY

Forced Officials to Act on Wage Slash

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(that the strike vote be not counted. While the council delegates were discussing this move on the platform, a few members raised the demand for a count. The demand was instantly taken up by the whole audience shouting in unison, "Count the ballots," "We want a count." After this demand was met the tabulated results showed a ratio of 93 to 7 in favor of immediate strike action.

Fall River Officials Don't Act.
FALL RIVER, Mass., April 15.—Instead of taking immediate steps to mobilize the textile workers here for spreading the strike of 35,000 workers which goes into effect in New Bedford tomorrow, the officials of the Textile Council here contented themselves with passing a resolution pledging "moral" support to the New Bedford workers.

Get All Your Literature from the District Literature Department. All latest numbers of Inprocar and Communist International on sale at office of the DISTRICT LITERATURE COMMITTEE 108 E. 14th St. New York City.

SUB-SECTION 3-C is giving a LECTURE with DR. LIBER on Friday, April 27, 1928, at 8 p. m. at MCKINLEY SQUARE GARDENS, 1258-60 Boston Road. THE TOPIC IS: "FALSE AND TRUE PREVENTION" PROCEEDS TO THE DAILY WORKER.

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Capitalist Justice

The conviction of the mine worker, Sam Bonita, for "manslaughter" is a coal operators' verdict, handed down by a coal operators' court, directed by a coal operators' judge, through a jury carefully selected to represent the coal operators' influence (if nothing more) upon the population of the mining community.

The jury in the case was obviously incapable of bringing in any verdict contrary to the interests of the coal companies, as The DAILY WORKER has pointed out from the beginning. A manager of a business concern, a justice of the peace, a wholesale merchant, a superintendent, a brother of the sheriff, a storekeeper, an insurance agent and a clerk, who made up the majority of the jury—these, in a community where the entire business life is dominated by big coal corporations, could not act independently of the interests of the coal operators.

The evidence in the trial showed conclusively that Bonita did nothing more than defend himself from a gunman who was at the moment attempting to shoot him down. But the evidence of the defense in the case of a labor prisoner in a capitalist court cannot affect the verdict, because the function of a capitalist court is to punish the enemies of the capitalists, and not to listen to evidence. The only effect of the conclusive evidence in favor of Bonita, is its effect in helping to show to the masses of workers how capitalist justice operates against the workers. It can affect the fate of Bonita only to the extent that it stirs up the workers outside the court and thereby brings pressure to bear upon the court which aims to electrocute the labor prisoner.

No matter what course of reasoning may be adopted by the petty dependents of the coal operators, who constituted the bulk of the jury, to explain their verdict, their real reason for convicting Bonita was that he is an enemy of the coal operators. To this is added the fact that Bonita is and was engaged in an internal fight in the union to save the union from destruction at the hands of the loathsome agents of the companies, Cappelini, and Cappelini's superior, John L. Lewis.

And no matter what devious explanations may be given by jurymen who recommended "mercy" while they carried out the operators' merciless will—the recommendation of "mercy" was the admission of the jury that Bonita was not guilty of any crime except opposing the coal operators.

The substitution of a long term of prison, instead of the verdict of death, is no act of mercy to Bonita. Its only purpose is to soften the resentment and resistance of the masses.

The outrageous verdict is simply an attack of the capitalist coal operators upon the workers of the mines and upon the working class.

Mine workers should not make the mistake of looking for any "justice" in the capitalist courts, or of permitting themselves to be fooled by the plea, of the coal operators' jury for "mercy" to the coal operators' enemy. "Justice" is class justice, and capitalist class justice is fully exposed in the verdict by which Sam Bonita is sent to a living death although everybody knows that he is not guilty of manslaughter or murder or any other crime.

Mine workers must understand that the biggest thing they can do to help Sam Bonita is to increase ten times over their Save-the-Union movement of which Bonita is a part.

To prepare the Anthracite districts to swing into the big strike movement, to beat the contract system, to effect a national agreement and to save the United Mine Workers' Union from destruction by the operators and the operators' agents, Lewis, Cappelini & Co., is the proper answer of the coal miners to the fiendish verdict of living death against our brother mine worker, Sam Bonita.

In most cases the best defensive is an offensive. In this case the best defense of Bonita, Moleski and Mendola is an offensive all down the line of the mine workers against the operators. Build the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee. Pass indignation resolutions, promising solidarity and protesting against the fiendish conviction—but to stimulate the mass movement against the operators and their agents, Lewis, Fishwick, Fagan, Cappelini and others, is the real answer to the conviction of Sam Bonita.

Build your Save-the-Union Committees wherever coal is dug!

Detroit Workers Help Miners

DETROIT, April 15.—The Detroit Conference for Relief of striking Coal Miners which has been organized since last December, has already accomplished a great deal and expects to do much more. Its two most important accomplishments so far were a mass meeting with Milka Sablich, S. Embree, and Mother Bloor, and the International Concert at Orchestra Hall. They were very successful, not only for the amounts of money sent, but also for the number of people reached. Many organizations also have been visited by members of this conference, thus widening the field for relief.

Tag Days Help.
There have been numerous tag days which have netted almost \$700 so far. The big tag day which is under the leadership of the Federation of Working Class Women, will be held on April 21st, and 22nd. These women are determined to raise a great deal of money and to let Detroit know that there is a coal strike which needs

its support. The foreign language groups have also organized conferences which are doing work among the workers of their nationality. The Poles have raised \$3,300; the Hungarians \$1,500; the South Slavs \$2,000; and with a total of \$4,600 collected by the general conference, make 11,400 already collected. New conferences are being organized. One in Wyandotte promises well, and an Italian conference will bring the work among the Italians.

For the future, besides the Tag Day by the women, an affair with many novelties at the Graystone Ballroom on May 21st, ought to yield about \$2,000 and thus show the miners that Detroit is behind them in this fight. The Detroit workers are fully realizing the significance of the miners struggle and are now more determined than ever to show their solidarity to the miners in the valiant struggle which they are carrying on.

GANGWAY!



The mine workers march forward to win the strike and to save the union. John L. Lewis, usurping head of the union, tries to obstruct the movement and will be pushed aside.

By Fred Ellis

Exhibit Art of Becker, Painter of Proletariat

Editor of The DAILY WORKER:
Should the worker in art always be pictured with back bent sweating under his load?

A very good comrade, known to both of us, almost bought one of my pictures which showed a Mexican charcoal peddler drinking pulque out of a jar. His donkey standing by with the sacks of charcoal tied on his back was fed on some corn husks. The scene was reposeful and the characters seemingly contented. Our friend finally passed up the picture. True enough he said in effect, "The subjects are sweaty, hard working, worthy characters, but the peacefulness is not to my liking. If they were more active and straining I'd like the picture better."

Well, I'm not going to quarrel with anyone's taste in pictures. I do think, however, that some comrades might enjoy seeing pictures of the workers on a holiday. There are canvases and water-colors of mine showing Negroes and whites sporting themselves by the sea and on the grass and always in the sunshine. Most of them are semi-naked too. But for the people who, like our comrade, must have the bent back in proletarian art there is a canvas full of old overalls, sledges, paving bricks, a Ford, sunshine, and sweat.

The exhibition is at the New Art Circle, 35 West 57th Street, until April 21st. It is open from 10 to 6 daily, Sundays closed.

Yours for an unbent back,
MAURICE BECKER.

Station Scaffold Falls

One worker was injured and a young woman suffered a possible fracture of the skull, a fractured right arm and other injuries when a scaffold on which three painters were working in the Pennsylvania Railroad station fell.

A wooden beam, four by six inches thick and several feet long was the sole support of the scaffold. It gave way, carrying the three workers to the floor, fifteen feet below. One end of the beam felled Anna Fox of Sharon Hill, Pa. The injured worker was James Mack of 262 W. 31st St.

May Day, Inspiration of World's Workers

"Eight hours we'd have for labor,
"Eight hours we'd have for sleep,
"Eight hours we'd have for playing,
"In free America—a."

This is the song of the old Knights of Labor, the first trade union movement in the United States, and the initiators of the May First General Strike for the eight-hour day in 1886, which inspired the working class of the whole world to adopt the First of May as their own holiday—to strive harder for both economic and political aims, and to express their international solidarity.

A Milestone in Labor History.

Under what circumstances did this historic event, which ended so tragically four days later, take place? Depression had gripped the country in the early eighties. By 1884 unemployment had grown to proportions which the country had hardly ever witnessed before. Wages were low, hours were long, the trade unions of the time, including the Knights of Labor, were weak and reached only the highly skilled workers.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1884, an event took place in Chicago which can probably be considered a milestone in the history of the American working class. Albert Parsons, who was later to become one of the vic-

tims of the Haymarket frame-up, had begun organizing the unemployed. On Thanksgiving Day 5,000 unemployed workers paraded through the streets of Chicago—the first time that unskilled workers took an organized part in the struggle of the working class of America.

The Arbeiter Zeitung of Chicago, commenting on this unemployment parade, said:

"Yesterday took place the birth of a new phase in the social struggle. Hitherto the revolutionary movement has been restricted to the better situated and the more intelligent German, Bohemian and Danish workmen. Since yesterday this is no longer the case. Yesterday the typically American working class carried the red flag through the streets and thereby proclaimed its solidarity with the international proletariat."

From that time on the agitation, which culminated on May 1, 1886, steadily increased. The following year saw a rush of trade union organization. During a period of a few months 600,000 workers joined the various unions. Strikes began to break out, led mostly by the Knights of Labor. The demand for eight-hour day grew stronger and stronger.

Fight for Eight-Hour Day.
By March, 1886 a special Eight-hour Association was formed in Chicago to organize and guide this mass

movement, which was crying for leadership. This Association was a united front organization in which representatives of practically all the currents of the labor movement of the time participated—the trade unions, the socialist labor party, the socialists, the "internationalists," and the Knights of Labor. This united front committee organized a monster demonstration for the Sunday preceding May 1, to agitate for the eight-hour day and to prepare for the event which it was hoped would bring it about. 25,000 workers took part in this demonstration.

The demand for the eight-hour day had grown, but the practical reason given for putting it into effect, was to shorten the day of those who had work, in order to give work to the unemployed. The program was to hold a general strike on May First and from that day on to work no more than eight hours. Thus unemployment then, just as now, played an important role on May Day!

General Strike.

On May First 360,000 workers had struck all over the United States. In Chicago alone, the centre of the agitation, and the leader of the national strike, over 40,000 workers struck on May 1, and before the four days were over which ended in the Haymarket tragedy, this number had increased to 80,000.

As a result, hundreds of thousands of workers gained the eight-hour day through striking, and at least 150,000 who took no part whatever in the demonstration, benefited similarly by the atmosphere which this unheard of mass movement created.

But these successes were short-lived, primarily due to the death blow which the Haymarket frame-up dealt the entire organized labor movement. The Knights of Labor, however, gained prestige as a result of the excellent guidance they had given the mass movement—a prestige which even the collapse of the movement itself could not hurt. Organization of the workers continued.

It seems as though the working class of America today is facing another such period as the pioneers of the movement faced in the early eighties. We are also toiling long hours—the eight-hour day is lost. We are also earning low wages—the myth of American prosperity has been shattered, just as it was shattered over and over again in those dark days for the proletarian immigrants who had expected so much from the land of wealth and freedom. The unemployed are again increasing in number, are parading as a demonstration of protest and demand for a relief of the situation—and their banding together into organization is

the herald for the organization of all the unskilled workers of the country.

May Day Tradition.

We must keep up the tradition of May First which was started in those dark days of 1886. We must learn all over again to own tools on May First and to make our demands as workers heard. But one thing we have learned from those pioneers of the American labor movement—no longer do we restrict our May Day demands to hours and wages only—we have become politically conscious.

We realize that the cause of the colonial workers is our cause; the battle of the Nicaraguan people against Yankee imperialism is our battle; the defense of Soviet Union is a matter of life and death not only for the workers of that revolutionary land, but for us in America as well, and for the workers of the whole world; that the struggle of the miners is not one for bread alone, but is the fore-runner of the struggle for smashing the bosses offensive against all unions—in short that every struggle of the workers taking place anywhere in the world affects all other sections of the working class.

Let us, therefore, show our solidarity with international labor by demonstrating in Madison Square Garden on May First! Let us uphold the tradition of the Chicago martyrs by downing tools on May First!

German Transatlantic Flyers Are Monarchist Tools

By W. W.

The German Junkers plane "Bremen," with Baron von Huenefeld and Capt. Herman Koehl aboard, has succeeded in crossing the Atlantic.

These fliers are the German monarchists and tools of the Hindenberg-Stressemann government that is suppressing the German working class and that is keeping over 300 militant workers in prison, refusing to grant them their freedom, and which conspires against the bravest section of the German working class, the Communist Party, and seeks to drive them underground and to throw the members of their Central Committee into the German dungeons.

For Imperialist Prestige.

The German imperialists, like the American imperialists, will exploit this event and seek to whip up the German masses in behalf of the plans of Hindenberg and Stressemann to strengthen their imperialist power. The use which the Coolidge administration, following the dictates of the

House of Morgan, has made of the flight of Lindbergh across the Atlantic and of his flight to Mexico and Latin America has been to disguise its efforts to suppress Mexico and the Latin-American countries under the cover of "good-will" ambassadors and under the camouflage of aiding the development of science. Lindbergh is a creature of the big business interests of the country and his flights have not been to cement the

friendship between peoples but to aid in subjecting still further the peoples of the world under the iron heel of American imperialism.

The American imperialists will pretend that this flight of the German aviators will draw closer together America with the German masses. The American imperialists will indeed be thankful for this opportunity to befuddle the minds of the American masses and to try to overcome the

hatred of the German workers for the Dawes Plan and of the European workers for oppressive Yankee imperialism. The mayor's committee will undoubtedly do everything in its power to carry out the real purpose of the reception to the German fliers.

Science For Capitalist Aims.

All pretense of impartially aiding the development of science is so much hypocrisy on the part of the Ameri-

can capitalist class. Science is a tool in their hands for more destructive warfare, for more extensive speed-up systems, and for crushing the lives of the workers in the factories. Only when the working class overthrows the capitalist system and establishes its own government will science be utilized for the benefit of the toiling masses of the world. Until such time science is an instrument in the hands of the ruling class for greater oppression of the workers and the poisonous capitalist press is utilized to deceive the masses as to the real purposes of the imperialists.

Beware of the preparations of the imperialists for a new world war! Do not be misled by these deceptions. Do not allow your admiration for physical exploits to blind you to the imperialist trip for which they are used. At this moment of popular interest it is necessary to demand the freedom of the 300 political prisoners in the German dungeons and to fight against the danger of world war which lurks in these trans-Atlantic trips and in the fake "good will" excursions of the Lindberghs to Latin America.

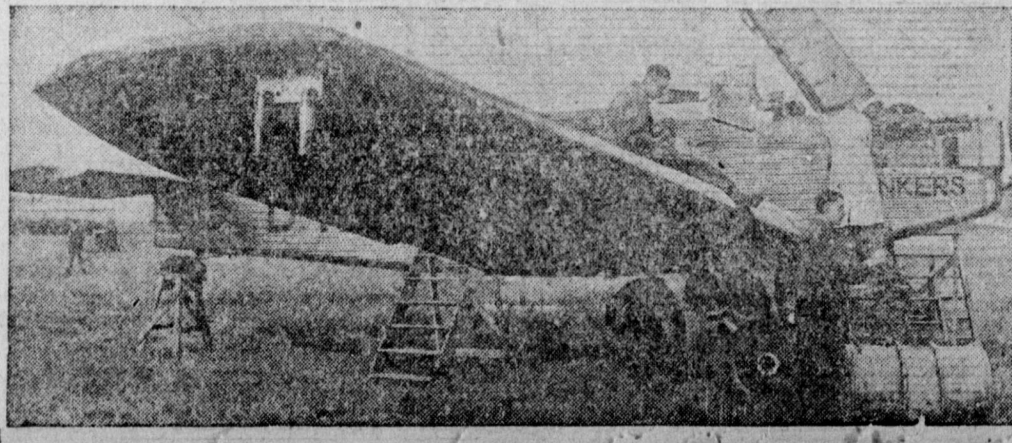


Photo shows the "Bremen," the Junkers plane in which Baron Huenefeld and Capt. Herman Koehl, German monarchists and imperialists, and Capt. Fitzmaurice, of the anti-worker Irish Free State have crossed the Atlantic.