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Machine Guns and John L. Lewis'
Scabs! All Support to Heroic
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Militant Traditions, Militant Mobilization and Militant Struggle in the Miner's Strike

The militant program and action of the National Miners' Union in Illinois, where 600 national guardsmen already have been sent into the field equipped with the most modern weapons for making war on striking workers, has revived one of the finest traditions of the American labor movement—a tradition especially strong among the coal and metal miners, a tradition which all the beraysals and corruption of Charles Moyer and John L. Lewis have been unable to kill.

No work while the troops are in!

This is the mine workers' tradition; and the Peabody Coal Company and the state authorities, smugly satisfied with the results of the work of their agents such as Farrington, Fishwick and Lewis in destroying the once powerful and militant United Mine Workers of America, now find the young National Miners' Union the bearer of its best traditions.

When a thousand miners, as in Taylorville, Ill., who are not members of the N. M. U., refuse to work when militia men are sent to "protect the Peabody properties" it means much more for the working class than the mere numbers of workers involved in this striking act of class solidarity. This one act gives the lie direct to the miserable whinnings of the Lovestone renegades and especially does it answer with proletarian bluntness the lie that American workers remain passive and inert under the increasing burdens of the speed-up, mass unemployment, wage cuts and war preparations.

The extensive military mobilization carried out by the bosses' government on the first day of the Illinois strike is sufficient proof that the coal barons and their capitalist kindred understand the temper of the coal miners if the renegades Lovestone, Wolfe, Gitlow, Lore and Cannon do not. No other strike in Illinois ever saw such speedy and extensive military mobilization since the American Railway Strike under the leadership of Eugene V. Debs in 1894. This can mean nothing else than that the coal barons and their government know that the miners have thrown off the class peace yoke of Lewis and Fishwick, that this section of the labor bureaucracy can no longer prevent the miners going into battle with the bosses and their state and that open measures of forcible suppression are to be used in a desperate effort to smash the strike, to crush out militant unionism among the miners.

This tactic of the bosses has and will have the support of the Lewises and Fishwicks, of the American Federation of Labor, of the socialist party bureaucracy and the whole social-fascist crew. It will put great obstacles in the way of the National Miners' Union but it will not succeed in destroying it. Neither will the N. M. U. be driven from the Illinois field.

The miners are on the march.
Mass picketing is going on.
Men, women and children are on the picket lines.

The miners and their families are fighting against unemployment and starvation, for the five-hour day and the six-day week. Illinois is the new sector of the class struggle. It is a battle ground and in this struggle there is not any "no man's land." Those who are not with the fighting miners are against them and against their militant union—the National Miners' Union. In the class struggle there can be no neutrality—the lines are too tightly drawn.

On one side the coal barons, their fellow capitalists, their government, and their agents in the ranks of the working class—the social traitors of all shades—the armed forces, troops, police and thugs. On the other side, the National Miners' Union, its leadership and membership, their wives and families, the Trade Union Unity League, its militant unions, the working class and its party—the Communist Party.

This is the line of battle—the historic alignment of class forces. The forces of our class must be organized to deliver smashing blows on every front: in the strike itself, in the field of agitation and propaganda, for relief and defense.

Mobilize our class to win this struggle!

Capitalist Law Comes to the Rescue of Murderers By Indicting a Witness

C. D. Saylor, North Carolina textile worker, has just been indicted for "murder." He was one of those kidnapped on Sept. 9. Everybody knows that Saylor did not commit any crime. Nor was he even a participant in the "battle of Gastonia" in which the heroic textile workers of that town defended themselves from an attack by armed thugs led by Sheriff Aderholt in which Aderholt was killed—an action in which no "murder" was committed, but as a result of which seven of the heroic textile union men are now under long prison sentences by capitalist justice. Saylor was not present when some of the workers justifiably fired in self-defense. But Saylor is indicted now, months after the affair.

Why?
Because just at this time eight gunmen of the Marion Mfg. Co., deputy sheriffs, are being put up to be given a fake trial (with acquittal arranged in advance by the prosecutor and judge) for the cold-blooded murder of six textile workers at Marion, N. C., last October.

The fixed "trial" of the known murderers of the Marion textile workers opened yesterday. Saylor, the Gastonia textile worker, was indicted just before the Marion case opened—in order to turn the attention of the working masses away from the case in which the law will deliberately white-wash the company gunmen. The indictment of Saylor is also a further offensive of the cotton mill barons against the National Textile Workers Union, of which he is a member, and against the terribly exploited textile workers it organizes and leads.

This is capitalist justice.
It is capitalist government in action. Innocent textile workers are given 20 years in prison for "murder," and bloody-handed murderers who killed textile workers for the benefit of the bosses are liberated—because the government and the courts are only instruments of the mill owners, bankers and other capitalists.

Every worker in this country must show his contempt and hatred of the criminal capitalist class and its government, and his loyalty to his own class, by defending Saylor and by upsetting the verdict of Gastonia!

But more than that. Build the Communist Party, the revolutionary workers' Party under whose leadership the working class will upset the whole dirty capitalist system.

Must Give Relief to Striking Illinois Miners — WIR

The Workers International Relief Fund is launching a nation-wide campaign to furnish relief for the striking Illinois miners. It announces that special headquarters are being established in Chicago and relief stations will be opened in the strike field as soon as possible.

The calling out of the National Guard," says the W.I.R., "on the first day of the strike of the Illinois miners shows that the bosses are taking no time in mobilizing all their forces to crush the fight of the brutally exploited coal diggers.

The fight of the Illinois miners is the fight of every worker, every man, woman and child, against the united all the reactionary forces of the bosses can command—state troops, police, thugs, and the strike-

U. S. WAR FLEET INVADING CHINA FOR IMPERIALISM

Hypocrites Who Sent Threat to Soviet Menace Chinese

Nanking Besieged Canton Near Fall as Generals Quarrel

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10.—With an American fleet of seven warships speeding here from Manila to be at the "center of trouble" in order to "protect American interests," according to Rear Admiral Charles B. McVay, and a swarm of British, French and other warships either already arrived or on the way to China's inner river ports, one can see just what these imperialist powers' signatures were worth to the infamous "Kellogg Pact" sent by the United States just a week ago to the Soviet Union threatening war because the Soviet Union defended its frontier against attack by Chinese militarist agents of these same imperialists.

Thus must be recalled the lines of the Soviet reply only four days ago, which reminded Secretary Stimson that:

"The actions of the Red Army had due consideration of self defense and were in no wise violations of any obligations of the Paris (Kellogg) Pact. That much cannot be said of armed forces in Chinese territory and Chinese ports of those powers who have applied today to the Soviet Union with identical declarations."

Although there are war vessels of the Red Fleet at Vladivostok, there are no Soviet war vessels rushing to (Continued on Page Three)

ANOTHER GASTON MURDER CHARGE

Want to Burn Saylor; Carter Out on Bail

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 10.—The very day that George Carter, the last of the seven Gastonia strikers sentenced to 20 years was freed from Mecklenburg County Prison, on bail pending appeal, the mill bosses of the South issued a warrant for C. D. Saylor, organizer for the International Labor Defense, charging him with murder.

The warrant came after the splendid Southern conference of the I. L. D. held at Charlotte, and marked an intensified reign of terror instituted by the bosses.

At the same time that Saylor is charged with conspiracy and murder in connection with the death of Chief O. D. Aderholt, the Charlotte textile mill owners' controlled press inaugurated a new campaign to incite the Black Hundreds to attack the headquarters of the I. L. D., stating that "the radical headquarters in Charlotte, on East Fourth St., were stocked with guns, and that armed guards are on duty there with orders to shoot if any body bothers around."

Saylor is singled out to be buried alive in Southern dungeons because he swore to a statement that in the Black Hundred mob which flogged Ben Wells were Solicitor John G. Carpenter and Major A. L. Bulwinkle. Saylor is now under perjury charge for his true statement in Mecklenburg County Court.

Robert Allen, former defendant whose case was not passed through the efforts of the I. L. D., has turned traitor to the workers and has been bought up to frame lies against them. The Charlotte News says that "new evidence against Saylor came up in an affidavit made Saturday in Gastonia by Robert Allen, former defendant, whose case was not passed." The News also writes that Allen gave the story about guns in the I. L. D. office.

Detroit Communists Arrange Mass Meet Against War Threat

The Communist Party of Detroit has arranged a big anti-war demonstration against the attack of American imperialism on the Soviet Union.

The Communist Party of Detroit is carrying on the most active campaign among the workers in the largest war industry of American imperialism. The anti-war meeting is to take place on Friday, December 13, in McCollister Hall, Forest and Cass Sts., and Comrades Stachel, Powers, Thompson, Price and Gietz will be the speakers at that meeting.

Mellon Gang Wants To Make Her Widow



Wife and children of Salvatore Accorsi who is threatened with being burned alive by the Mellon coal and iron trusts. Accorsi is accused with having killed Trooper Downey who met his rightful doom when he attacked a Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration of Cheswick, Pa. workers. At the time, Accorsi was 4 miles away at home. Mrs. Accorsi has suffered with her husband during the long strikes in the mines. Join the protest against the frame-up of Salvatore Accorsi. Workers, save Accorsi!

SPY, POLICE, TO FRAME ACCORSI

Coal Co. Menchenm Contradict Each Other

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 10.—Contradictory testimony by the state's perjurers featured the first day's testimony in the frame-up trial of Salvatore Accorsi today. The jury was secured yesterday, the first day of the trial. The state of Pennsylvania, owned by the Mellon coal and steel interests is trying to electrocute this militant miner, arrested in New York 18 months after State Trooper Downey was shot dead while trying to kill some miners at a Sacco-Vanzetti protest meeting, held at Cheswick, Pa., August 22, 1927.

State Trooper Brown, looking every inch a killer, but talking with a soft voice, today swore that he saw Accorsi "for less than a minute during the excitement of the raid on the meeting," and now ingenuitously (Continued on Page Three)

SAVINGS DEPOSITS DROP 25%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Further indications of the severity of the present unemployment, and proof of the growing crisis and its effects on the masses, is contained in the report of the Department of Commerce that savings deposits in all banks in the U. S. have dropped 25 per cent below the figure of last year. The drop in savings account deposits has been dropping at the rate of 10 to 17 per cent a week for the past two months.

VARE, ONE OF MELLON GANG, TO RUN AGAIN.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 9.—William S. Vare, recently ejected from the Senate because he couldn't successfully cover how he bought and paid for votes, says he will run again. Vare is one of the Mellon crew who are planning the legal murder of Salvatore Accorsi, a coal miner.

The Communist Party Is in Need of Funds!

Yesterday the recruiting drive started with its objective of 5,000 new members for the Communist Party and 15,000 new readers for the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party.

The general strike of the miners of Illinois at the call of the National Miners' Union, under the revolutionary Trade Union Unity League, has gotten under way successfully only because of the strong backbone of leadership given to these workers by the Communist Party.

Accorsi went to trial Monday, threatened with being burned alive by the Mellon courts. The successful mobilization of the working class in support of the International Labor Defense, to save this victim of capitalist class vengeance, is possible only because of the determined leadership in the movement by the Communist Party.

The attack on the working class and the militant resistance of the workers led by the Communist Party proceeds all along the line.
But our work must increase its tempo. Lack of funds should not choke the most elementary needs of our revolutionary Party apparatus itself.
We cannot halt our activities for one minute just because of lack of money. It is up to every class conscious worker, Party member and sympathizer, to DONATE IMMEDIATELY so that the effectiveness of our smashing blows against capitalism will not be lessened.
Prompt response from those who realize the importance of the present struggles that the Party is waging is a vital necessity.
Send your donation today to the Emergency Fund of the Communist Party. Send it to: Communist Party, 43 East 125th St., New York City.

HAITI REVOLT GROWS; MORE MARINES SENT

Ill-Armed Peasants Attack Marine Barracks

Borno Thanks Marines French Capitalists Score Stimson

(Wireless by Inprecorr)
MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—The "Pravda," organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, in editorial comment upon the actions of Hoover sending more U. S. marines to make war on the Haitian people, compares the U. S. intervention in Haiti with the insolent and hypocritical U. S. intervention in the Chinese-Soviet conflict.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 10.—Large detachments of marines are concentrating at Jacmel and other points where the Haitian masses have revolted against United States imperialist domination. Despite capitalist press reports that "all is quiet on the front," sporadic fighting is going on against the marines in several places.

Revolted Haitian peasants, armed with machetes (crude harvesting knives) stormed the marine barracks at Saint Michel in the Gonaives district. Lieutenant Bertin, a renegade (Continued on Page Three)

LONG TERMS FOR 3 OHIO WORKERS

Steel Trust Railroads in "Syndicalism" Case

St. CLAIRVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 10.—The steel-trust controlled court here today refused the demand by the International Labor Defense for a new trial for Tom Johnson, member of the Communist Party, Lillian Andrews, District Organizer of the Young Communist League and Charles Guynn, organizer for the National Communist League, and convicted on November 20 by a steel bosses' hand-picked jury on charges of "criminal syndicalism," arising out of their arrests when steel-trust (Continued on Page Three)

NEWS FLASHES

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4,000 Quit in Taylorville Section; 1,000 Refuse to Work While Soldiers Present; Women Arm, Demonstrate, March on Other Mines

Another UMWA Local Joins National Miners Union; Jail Thompson for Leading Pickets; Union Protests Sending Militia

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 10.—Thousands of miners are out on strike today, the second day of the state-wide strike in Illinois, led by the National Miners' Union. Miners and their families are on the picket lines in both the northern and southern fields, and clashes have already taken place between the sheriff's posses, made up of business men and company henchmen, U. M. W. A. gunmen, etc., and the militant strikers.

The governor of the state on the first day of the strike called out the militia and sent them to the Taylorville district, where nearly 4,000 miners are blocking the roads to the mines, and turning back all who try to come to work. Marching miners are moving on the rest of the field, and the strike is spreading in spite of all the forces of state, companies, and United Mine Workers misleaders like District President Fishwick and International President Lewis.

POLISH WORKERS DEFEND USSR; US CONSUL STORMED

Warsaw Masses Protest U. S. War Threat on Soviet Union

(Wireless by Inprecorr)
WARSAW, Dec. 9.—On Saturday there were surprise demonstrations before the Sejm (Polish parliament) and the Paviak prison where political prisoners are held. The workers broke windows of the United States consulate, protesting anti-Soviet intervention in the conflict on the Manchurian frontier. Armed police attacked the workers and made many arrests.

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The militia at Kincaid, Illinois, today attacked the mass picket line there with bayonets, but failed to disperse the pickets, who divided in smaller groups, listened to speeches by their leaders, and stopped all approaching the pits.

Freeman Thompson, old time fighter from Springfield, now organizer for the National Miners' Union, led hundreds of strikers in a march on the Kincaid mines, which belong to the Peabody Coal Co., the concern which in 1926 was discovered to be bribing Frank Farrington, district president then for the U. M. W. A., with \$25,000 a year. Farrington is now back in the union, Fishwick's right hand man helping him lead the U. M. W. A. attempt to break this miners' strike.

Thompson was arrested today at the orders of W. O. Argus, superintendent of the Peabody mine, who charged that the pickets stopped a car in which he was riding with a guard of five militiamen.

The union has denounced the use of troops.

Pickets Block Roads.
Mass picketing by the striking miners in the Taylorville section blocked roads leading to Peabody Coal Co. Mines No. 9 at Langleyville, No. 58 in Taylorville, No. 11 at Taylorville, and the same company's mines at Kincaid. Yesterday 300 miners at No. 9 and 150 at No. 11 walked out in response to the strike call. Picket lines were immediately formed and included not only men but the women and children of miners families. The women beat on dishes, and in many cases had brought along the family butcher knife to defend themselves with against attacks by operators' or United Mine Workers' thugs. All automobiles with miners intending to work in these mines were turned back, or stopped at the (Continued on Page Three)

Whitewashing Trial of Marion Deputies Now Starts in Burnsville

BURNSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 10.—The whitewashing of the eight deputies who admitted firing shots into the picket line at the Marion Manufacturing Co. mill when six workers were killed and over 20 wounded got under way here yesterday.

The trial takes place here because of a change of venue granted from McDowell to Yancy County. The murderous attack was led by Sheriff Adkins of Marion, but he was not even placed on trial by the bosses' courts, though many strikers told of seeing him shooting at them. The comparatively unknown deputies who will be tried now are: Robert Ward, B. L. Robbins, Taylor Greene, Charles Tate, W. A. Fender, Jim Owens, Dave Barrett and William Twigg.

A venire of 100 mountain farmers was called yesterday.

Belgian Workers Show Fine Fighting Spirit In Current Struggles

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10.—On Saturday the Brussels street car men pulled off a demonstration strike of 24 hours to give point to their demand for wage increases.

At Ostend, fishermen striking for more pay have rejected the agreement which treacherous reformist leaders fixed up with the employers. They are continuing the strike.

LAY OFF LUMBER WORKERS.
LAUREL, Del. (By Mail).—The entire working force of the Laurel Lumber Co., largest fruit and truck carrier manufacturer on Delmarva Peninsula, has been laid off. Three hundred workers are affected.

YOUNG WANTS RADIO COMBINE FOR WAR

Morgan Bankers Want Monopoly to Fight Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Owen D. Young, one of the leaders in Hoover's "grand fascist council," urges the further monopolization of the radio and telegraph system of the United States.

Young, who is head of the Radio Corporation, and General Electric Co., has a big interest in consolidating the communication system in the United States under the control of the Morgan bankers.

Besides further consolidation helping American capitalism in its struggle for world markets, Young declared that it would be a valuable war measure. He said:

"I beg of you not to put the communication services of the United States, which are essential to the development and extension of our business in times of peace, and of course essential to the national defense, in a position where others may dictate to us here and we are powerless to protect ourselves," he said.

The trustification that Young recommends, would be a profitable venture to the American Telegraph and Telephone Co., General Electric Co. and the Radio Corporation of America. It would be a direct slap at the consolidated British communications system, and would intensify world competition in this field.

Young wants a mild sort of government control. He wants all the resources of the imperialist government behind the Morgan bankers in their competition with the British imperialists.

Directly referring and linking up the struggle for more cruisers with the competition with British radio and telegraph companies, Young blurted out: "Parity, gentlemen, is important to the United States in more fields than warships; in none more so than communications."

Boston Communists Mobilize Workers to Defend Soviet Union

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 10.—A mass meeting to mobilize the workers in this city for the defense of the Soviet Union was held December 10, at Ambassador Palace, under the leadership of the Communist Party.

A mass distribution of leaflets inviting the workers of Boston to attend the meeting has been made. In rallying against Stimson's war threat the leaflet issued by the Communist Party in Boston, says:

"The Wall Street government at Washington does not want peace! They want to make war—to destroy the Soviet government and to take this vast territory out of control of the workers and bring it under control of the capitalists. American capitalism faced with an economic crisis which has begun and a shrinkage in markets and a rapid growth of production forces in the Soviet Union under the Five Year Plan which is socializing industry and fast improving the conditions of the workers, is taking the lead in the maneuvers to make war on the Soviet government.

"The Communist Party calls on the workers to take up the challenge of the imperialist tool in the White House and to stop the war preparations which are directed mainly against the Soviet Union."

Soviet Press Scores Latin Tools of U.S. Imperialism

If Directly Addressed by Panama, Cuba, Mexico and Santo Domingo, the Soviet Government Would Give Fitting Answer, Says the Soviet Paper, "Izvestia"

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The Soviet press arriving here is loaded with caustic comment and cartoons, referring to the passage of notes between the United States and the Soviet Union, on the conflict in Manchuria. The ridicule heaped upon Stimson by the American press (the American capitalist press scoring Stimson for his failure effectively to advance United States imperialist interests) is generously quoted. Much attention is given to the fact that the puppet governments of Latin-America whose peoples are oppressed and whose lands are invaded by American armed forces, participated in the United States note threatening the Soviet Union on account of its firm stand against attack on its Manchurian frontier. The official organ of the Soviet government, the "Izvestia," for example, states in part: "The support given the United States note by Panama, Cuba, Mexico and Santo Domingo, will hardly lessen the confusion of the United States government. The independence of these countries and their self-reliance in the matter of foreign policy is open to grave doubt, it being known that they are economic and political dependencies of the United States."

What a Jolt This Would Be! "If these countries, having joined in the note of the United States, appeal directly to the Soviet Government, they will receive a reply corresponding to the true sense of the significance of their actions." "Pravda" ironically pictures Panama as a dejected little nag being led by the nose by a booted and spurred Uncle Sam, with the caption saying, "An inducement for intervention." Argentine Press Cites Failure. Buenos Aires, Dec. 10.—The leading capitalist journal, "La Prensa," commenting on the failure of the United States to win in the diplomatic war move against the Soviet Union behind its facade of "maintaining peace" with the Kellogg pact, states that this experience "does not promise much" for the future efficiency of the Pact. The prestige of the Pact as a camouflage for making war is what is injured, of course, "La Prensa" concealing this fact by continuing to speak of it as an "instrument of peace"—but correctly noting that it has failed.

COMMUNISTS IN BATTLE FRONT IN ALL LANDS

Bear Brunt of Fight in West and East

SIDNEY, Australia (By Mail).—A reign of terror directed against the Communist Party and militant labor organizations is carried on by the "labor" government of Australia. Detectives armed with a search warrant for "seditious literature," especially mentioning the "A. B. C. of Communism," visited the party offices and searched it. This is the second raid on C. P. premises in three weeks, and following upon continuous police interference, suggests an attempt to break up the party center. On the first occasion a supply of working class literature, account books and correspondence was seized. This has almost completely crippled the organization of the Literature Department. The police refuse to return the records, as they state they contain evidence of the sale of "seditious literature." The growth of unemployment and the Communist Party's growing effectiveness in the class struggle is the reason behind the raids.



While the MacDonald "labor" government has signed an agreement with the Soviet Union, much against its desire and only because the British workers were insisting on it being no longer evaded, the "labor" cabinet ministers have stimulated all the "opposition" to talk against the agreement on every possible occasion. This will give these "labor" enemies of the Soviet Union an excuse to again break off relations and make war.

IN THE SHOPS

UMWA Sanctions Tricks of Illinois Coal Operators

(By a Worker Correspondent) SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By Mail).—At Riverton, the company, after having the mine closed for several months, informed the men that when they resumed operations it would be with the machines, and all the men were told they were to make applications for the new jobs. In this way the company was able to dispose of the old, physically weak and those who would fight for their rights on the job, employing only the young, husky fellows. The officialdom of the U. M. W. A. sanctioned this procedure. At the Cora mine, where the machines were first installed in the Springfield field, the conditions are almost intolerable. The men in the mine are being driven to their full capacity and then some. There is many a scar telling the story of the speed-up and brutality in this mine alone. Such sayings are heard as "the mad house, Hell hole, Little Virginia," etc.

good record on the machine they will be given a good job. Other men are given bribes to produce records—such as cigars, cigarettes and clothing—and those fools accept the inducements. When those men set the pace the management compels all men in the mine to equal the record. The boss also compels the rate setters to keep up to their own records, which is impossible under this pressure. The men either quit, broken-down physically, or are discharged when they are unable to produce the goods. Three men at this mine load as much as 48 two-ton cars. This in itself doesn't seem unreasonable, but this coal is actually loaded by two men. The third man chunks cars, runs the machine and pushes the loaded car to the switch—work formerly done by mules—and brings back the empty car. While he has been doing this the breakers keep on scooping on the machine. The men know it is impossible to find employment in any other industry, so they stick, stick till the last bit of energy is gone. Many men quit in spite of the fact that no jobs are to be had. "I'd a damn sight sooner starve than kill myself on one of those," they say.

Class Discrimination Makes Workers Ride Slow Freight Elevator

(By a Worker Correspondent) When workers dressed in overalls or dirty work clothes want to ride up in the passenger elevator of the Greeley Square Building they have to use the freight elevator. The passenger elevator stops at the 14th floor first so that the workers who have to work on the 14th floor and above would ordinarily be at their jobs in two or three minutes. As it is these workers often have to ride for five minutes or more until they reach the floor where they are working. Although the offices in the building are not as yet opened the rule is not yet in force. When I was refused admission to the passenger elevator there were about three people there, although the elevator holds about 20. Soon after the elevator started with the same three people. The workers should organize against this discrimination. This is the only way this class discrimination will be wiped out.

FISHWICK TO SCAB. Fishwick, head of the United Mine Workers' Union in Illinois, has promised to scab in the present state-wide strike of the Illinois miners. But Fishwick, because of his present quarrel with his old associate, International President Lewis of the U. M. W. A., in the last issue of the Fishwick official organ, the Illinois Miner, prints some reminders about the union smashing and strike breaking done by Lewis. Frank Farrington, who got \$25,000,000 a year from the Peabody Coal Co., and was expelled for it while in office at Fishwick's predecessor and chief, tells how Lewis tried to betray the strike of the Kansas miners when they fought the anti-strike law. He says very little about the heroic struggle of the miners, but lauds Howatt, then president of the Kansas district. That is because Howatt has now betrayed his militant past and links up with Fishwick. And on another page Fishwick's paper tells of the smashing of the Nova Scotia "Besco" strike by Lewis, and his sending of a gang of rum-guzzling pirates there, to loot the district under the pretense of being its "provisional administration."

TROOPS IN MINE STRIKE

Thousands Now Out in Illinois

(Continued from Page One) side of the road. The men in the cars usually joined the pickets, being for the most part unaware of the magnitude of the movement, and only going to work because temporarily deluded by the campaign of the Lewis and Fishwick, U. M. W. A. men, who had told them that only a few "trouble makers hired by the bosses" were calling the strike.

Close Largest Mine. The miners immediately marched on Mine 58, the largest in the Taylorville district, and only 24 scabs got into that mine and those sneaked through the picket lines by a ruse.

The United Mine Workers local at No. 9, 300 members voted by an overwhelming majority yesterday to kick out the Fishwick officials and join the National Miners Union in a body.

Adjutant General Carlos M. Black, a faithful servant of the Illinois Coal Operators Association at once called out the militia, ordering 600 troops to Taylorville and vicinity. He secured a ready assent to this act from Governor Emmerson. The militia in use are a company of infantry from the 130th regiment of the National Guard, a troop of cavalry from the 106th, both from Springfield; the headquarters unit from Decatur and a machine gun unit from Decatur. The headquarters company and the infantry company are also plentifully equipped with machine guns. At each mine are stationed 50 militiamen.

These troops make their main headquarters in the City Hall Square at Taylorville, and menace the picket headquarters on the other side of the square with their machine guns.

Armed Business Men. The night shift at Langley, 200 men, when they saw the pickets come out in front of the mine at 7 a. m. yesterday, went back into the mine and waited there. Sheriff Dunbar, of Christian County, assembled a heavily armed posse of 50 business men, and drove them out, then "escorted" them to their homes.

This morning, after the militia had arrived, over a thousand miners in the Taylorville section refused to go to work. These men had not yet joined the National Miners' Union but declined to work under "protection" of troops. Altogether between 3,500 and 4,000 men are striking in the Taylorville section, and the strike is rapidly spreading.

This morning a couple of hundred miners marched or rode in an automobile caravan, from Taylorville to Kincaid, about 20 miles away. They were joined by hundreds of local strikers, who gathered at the mine entrance, while still others blocked the roads, and turned back towards Taylorville any automobile parties arriving to work in the mine.

At Buckner, in the southern part of the coal fields, Sheriff James Pritchard, of Franklin County led a posse of business men and U. M. W. A. and coal company gunmen and broke up the picket line at the entrance of the Old Ben Mine No. 14. This Pritchard just before the strike started, issued a statement saying that he would "protect the U. M. W. A. as the only union recognized by the coal operators from any interference while it carried out its contract."

Harry Fishwick, district president of the U. M. W. A., issued a statement to the press today, asking miners to be "loyal to their contract," and announcing that he had not heard of any real strike.

Freeman Thompson, organizer for the National Miners' Union, stated today that the strike would go on until the miners demands for

U. S. FLEET INVADERS CHINA

Nanking War Lords Totter

(Continued from Page One) be "at the center of trouble," but the United States flagship "Pittsburgh," with McVay aboard and accompanied by six destroyers, are speeding here to add to the U. S. vessels already in China, some hundreds of miles from the sea at the upper Yangtze ports. Three British warships, one cruiser and two destroyers arrived here this morning, and the airplane carrier "Hermes" is on the road from Hongkong, these British ships also additions to the swarm of war vessels already in China under orders from the "labor" government.

The collapse of the Nanking "government," a dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek backed strongly by American imperialism, is certain. American consular officials in Nanking itself have ordered all Americans, including families of the swarm of American "advisers" who have been feeling the ground shake beneath them since they "advised" the attack on the Soviet Union in Manchuria last July, to leave Nanking as "a measure of precaution."

So critical is Nanking's situation, that 7,000 troops have been ordered to return to Nanking from Canton, evidently in an effort to hold the region around Shanghai and Nanking only, in Giangsu and Chekiang provinces. But this is very doubtful of accomplishment, as the whole Yangtze valley is in turmoil and no one can say what the next day will bring.

It should be noted that Nanking's usual lies of "victories" here and there, are not only sounding thin, but that they are issued by C. T. Wang as "foreign minister," though this gentleman a few days ago, announced he was "resigning," giving as the reason that he was to blame for the debacle of imperialist diplomats led by Stimson on the "note" to the Soviet Government. Evidently, Wang's "resignation" was for publicity purposes, in order to "save face" for Stimson, who seems to have accustomed himself to this Chinese device.

News from Canton show that that city may be in the hands of the militarist rebels against Nanking rule at any moment. They have broken the government's lines and inside the city a split has developed among the commanders, the chief moving his headquarters to an isolated place, and as all expect the other to sell out any moment, a pontoon bridge is thrown across the east river to give means for retreating eastwardly if the city falls. The militarist rebels under both the Kwangsi clique and Chang Fa-wei are within a few miles of the city and hammering at the weakening lines.

Six great meetings in all parts of New York City are being held on Friday evening by the Communist Party, in protest against the imperialist war moves in the Far East against the Soviet Union and the Chinese workers' and peasants' revolution. At 8 p. m. Friday, New York workers should come to one of the following halls: Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.; Bryant Hall, 6th Ave. near 42nd St.; Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, Williamsburg; Miller's Hall, 318 Grand St.; Brownsville; Hopkinson Mansion, 428 Hopkinson Ave., Long Island; Bohemia Hall, Second and Woolsey, Astoria.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS JAILED. PARIS, Dec. 10.—The Communists, Geroux and Desnots, have been arrested charged with conspiracy. Comrade Chapuis, manager of "L'Humanite," daily paper of the French Communist Party, has been sentenced to three years for publishing seditious matter. The Young Communist, Ancel, has been sentenced to a year in prison for inciting military disobedience.

TENN. MOULDERS STRIKE. CHATNOOGA, Tenn. (By Mail). Moulders of the Heron Stove Co. here are solid in their strike against discrimination against union men. Both Negro and white are striking together.

HAITI REVOLT GROWS; MORE MARINES SENT

Haitian officer in the service of Wall Street, was roughly handled by rebels.

(Continued from Page One) President Louis Borno, who is kept in power by the armed support of marines and battleships, issued a manifesto today thanking Wall Street for murdering the revolting workers and peasants. Over 1,000 marines are now their way to Haiti to add to the already large force now there. Secret detachments are being sent daily to insure American domination. The Haitian peasants are poorly armed while the 2,000 marines have the latest war equipment, including bombing planes, high-powered machine guns, poison gas instruments, etc.

Ever since 1915 President Borno, with the aid of the marines, has been disarming the peasantry because of the realization that the masses never have and never will docilely accept Wall Street rule the Negro Republic of Haiti.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The French capitalist press is berating "peace pact"—Stimson for his violation of the Kellogg pact and the independence of Haiti. The French imperialists have an interest in Haiti, and feel they could get business advantages if Wall Street's domination were relinquished.

"Liberte," the organ of the French fascists says: "What has happened in this island to the right of the self-determination of peoples? It is possible that American occupation has been continued for the good of the Haitians. But they apparently do not want their finances kept in good order. They do not want factories or sky-scrapers. What they want is independence."

The organ of the leading French imperialists, "Journal des Devants," declares: "It is incontestable that American occupation, which has lasted 13 years, irritates the islanders, who realize that the independence of their country, which is a member of the League of Nations and a signatory of the Kellogg pact, has become fictitious."

BRITISH WANT WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. LONDON, Dec. 10.—British troops have engaged in fighting near Afghanistan. Fierce fighting was reported in the Daily Mail at Wana, in Southern Waziristan, which borders Afghanistan. Details have not been published, but Afghanistan tribesmen have had frequent engagements with British imperialist troops over the constant encroachments by the British.

FIVE YEARS FOR LITERATURE. BELGRADE, Dec. 10.—Karl Ladinek and his wife, Elizabeth, Slovenian peasants, have been sentenced to five years and one year, respectively, at hard labor for concealing Communist literature.

METAL MINERS PREPARE FIGHT

Map Plans at N. M. U. Convention in Mich.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 10.—Duluth will be the scene of an event important in American workingclass history—the first convention of the metal miners in this district. The metal miners, as an answer to the increasing attacks on their conditions by the bosses, and in order to carry out the fight on the blacklist and spy system, through building a strong union, are joining the National Miners Union, under whose auspices the metal miners' convention will be held on Sunday morning, December 15, in Duluth. All N. M. U. locals and all unorganized miners have been urged to send delegates.

At the convention the N. M. U. will be organized among the metal workers upon a district basis. The convention will formulate the demands of the metal miners, will prepare an organizational campaign for the immediate future and will discuss the program of the Trade Union Unity League with which the N. M. U. is affiliated.

The conditions of the copper and iron miners of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin are growing steadily worse. The attack of the bosses on the workers wages and living conditions becomes harder and harder. Thousands of miners have been thrown out of work in the past years and months by the bosses' speed-up, the use of new machinery, new methods of work and speeding up the workers. But while these few metal miners are working harder and faster and producing more, their wages are lower than ever and their hours are just as long.

These are the conditions which are sanctioned by the A. F. of L., but which the metal miners, led by the N. M. U., propose to put an end to.

BERLIN "SOCIALISTS" ADMIT COMMUNIST GAINS

BERLIN (By Mail).—The Berlin "Vorwarts," the central organ of the German Social Democratic Party has at last solved the riddle of the Communist victories. It is compelled to admit that although the Social-Democratic Party is still the strongest party, its lead since 1925 has steadily decreased. Some satisfactory explanation must, of course, be found for this, and after a couple of troubled days the "Vorwarts" has found it:

"In a giant town like Berlin there are, apart from the actual industrial workers, the commercial and other employees, the transport workers, etc., those doubtful elements summed up in the general term 'Lumpenproletariat.' This amorphous mass is very subject to temporary impressions, but never takes any permanent form, and it is from this source that the Com-

SPY, POLICE, FRAMING ACCORSI; MIX STORIES

Accorsi worked for about a year within a few miles of Cheswick after the attack on the miners' meeting, and was not at the meeting anyway.

The prosecution placed on the stand one, Andrew Coplan, a miner-spy for the coal operators, who testified that he saw Downey shot. He said that he was looking from the store window nearby. When asked in court whether he could identify anybody as the one who shot the policeman, Coplan went through the business of looking all around the room for a victim, and then with simulated surprise pointed out Accorsi, the prisoner, at the bar.

The defense, in cross-examination, was able to bring out numerous discrepancies between the stories told by Brown and other troopers and Coplan.

Southern Workers Protest. The International Labor Defense national office, 80 East 11th St., makes public a resolution of protest from its Southern conference, held in Charlotte, Sunday, and attended by 70 workers from four states. This is but the latest of a series of conferences and mass-protest meetings, which swell the movement for the defense of Accorsi.

The resolution says: "We pledge ourselves to do our part with the whole working class to save Accorsi. We demand life and freedom for Accorsi. Smash the murderous frame-up system of capitalist class justice! Down with fascist terrorism."

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

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A glance at the voting results shows that the Communist strength lies almost exclusively in the working class and industrial quarters. The latest definition of slum proletarian is therefore a worker who votes Communist at elections.

(By a Worker Correspondent) SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By Mail).—At Riverton, the company, after having the mine closed for several months, informed the men that when they resumed operations it would be with the machines, and all the men were told they were to make applications for the new jobs. In this way the company was able to dispose of the old, physically weak and those who would fight for their rights on the job, employing only the young, husky fellows. The officialdom of the U. M. W. A. sanctioned this procedure. At the Cora mine, where the machines were first installed in the Springfield field, the conditions are almost intolerable. The men in the mine are being driven to their full capacity and then some. There is many a scar telling the story of the speed-up and brutality in this mine alone. Such sayings are heard as "the mad house, Hell hole, Little Virginia," etc.

The men know it is impossible to find employment in any other industry, so they stick, stick till the last bit of energy is gone. Many men quit in spite of the fact that no jobs are to be had. "I'd a damn sight sooner starve than kill myself on one of those," they say.

Other men are given bribes to produce records—such as cigars, cigarettes and clothing—and those fools accept the inducements. When those men set the pace the management compels all men in the mine to equal the record. The boss also compels the rate setters to keep up to their own records, which is impossible under this pressure. The men either quit, broken-down physically, or are discharged when they are unable to produce the goods. Three men at this mine load as much as 48 two-ton cars. This in itself doesn't seem unreasonable, but this coal is actually loaded by two men. The third man chunks cars, runs the machine and pushes the loaded car to the switch—work formerly done by mules—and brings back the empty car. While he has been doing this the breakers keep on scooping on the machine. The men know it is impossible to find employment in any other industry, so they stick, stick till the last bit of energy is gone. Many men quit in spite of the fact that no jobs are to be had. "I'd a damn sight sooner starve than kill myself on one of those," they say.

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LONG TERMS FOR 3 OHIO WORKERS

Steel Trust Railroads in "Syndicalism" Case

(Continued from Page One) police broke up the August 1 anti-rail demonstration of workers of Martins Ferry.

In overruling the motion made by the International Labor Defense for a new trial the court passed sentences of five years in prison and \$2,500 fine against Johnson and Guynn and an indeterminate sentence against Lillian Andrews.

It took but five minutes for the jury to convict the three workers in St. Clairsville court on November 20 on the "criminal syndicalism" charge.

The speech of Special Prosecuting Attorney Walker were among the most vicious examples of red-baiting and hatred of militant labor ever displayed in any court room. Walker called on the American Legion to march upon the Communist Party headquarters in Cleveland and attack them. His speech was a direct incitement to lynching.

Tom Johnson, a member of the Political Bureau of District 6 of the Communist Party stated, "We feel the issue in this case involves not only the three defendants, but the entire Communist Party. It is part of the attempt of the bosses and their courts to make the Communist Party illegal. Despite the verdict of this court we will continue to use our utmost efforts to mobilize the workers for the overthrow of the capitalist system."

Charles Guynn stated that "it is a class trial, and as revolutionists we know that the sentence of this court will not stop our propaganda and leadership of the American workers."

As far as I am concerned, I can't claim to have discovered the existence of classes in modern society or their strife against one another. Middle-class historians long ago described the evolution of the class struggle, and political economists sketched the economic physiology of the classes. I have added as a new contribution the following propositions: 1) that the existence of classes is bound up with certain phases of material production; 2) that the class struggle leads necessarily to the dictatorship of the proletariat; 3) that this dictatorship is but the transition to the abolition of all classes and to the creation of a society of free and equal.—Marx.

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