

"Socialists" Aid Austrian Fascist War on Workers

Agree on Fascist Constitution; Laws Projected for Protecting Scabs, Suppressing Workers' Press and Disfranchising Workers; Tariffs to Raise Cost of Living; Unemployment Relief to be Cut

VIENNA (By Mail).—The "Neue Wiener Tagblatt" discusses the program of the winter and spring sessions of the Austrian parliament. The "favorable course" of the negotiations between the Prime Minister Schöner and the social democracy justified the hope that the parliament would adopt the new draft within a week or ten days. (It has since been adopted.—Editor.) Afterwards a number of alterations would be made in the financial program. These alterations are the concessions made by the social democrats at the expense of the tax payers in Vienna in order to assist other Austrian lands, and in particular Lower Austria.

NEW GERMAN LAW A BLOW AT WORKERS

Like Black Reaction Before 1848

BERLIN (By Mail).—The Reichsrat in which the representatives of the various governments sit, intensified Severing's new draft of the Law for the Protection of the Republic to such an extent in its session recently, that the draft now represents an unparalleled terror law against the Communist Party. Not only abuse directed against the flag of the Reich and of the federal states, against both living and dead Reichs-Presidents and Ministers, but also against the subordinate social democratic officials of the state will be punished in the future very severely.

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Severe Crisis in Argentina Worsened By Close of Exchange

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19.—The already severe economic crisis here has been intensified by the closing of the gold exchange office (caja de conversion). The closing of the exchange is one of the many developments growing out of the severe depression in Argentina. There is a great deal of unemployment. The newspapers report many bankruptcies. Irgoyen's government explains the closing order by saying "it is a measure to prevent further restriction of Argentine currency through the exportation of gold."

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Polish "Socialists" Promise Full Support to Fascist Laws

WARSAW, Dec. 19.—A conference took place between the fascist Polish President Moscicki and the socialist representatives in the Sejm. The social-fascists promised Moscicki that they would work together with him in the new constitutional changes which impose more oppressive and fascist laws on the Polish workers.

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Gastonia Strikers Defense Corps



Strikers' guard before their headquarters building at the tent colony in Gastonia. Here the workers fought for their lives against a brutal police raid a few days after this picture was taken. The Second National Convention of the National Textile Workers Union, which led the Gastonia strike, meets now, and will see that this struggle was not in vain.

400 Kentucky Miners Join Illinois Strike

(Continued from Page One) on strike. More mines will be on strike this week. "This response to the strike call has struck terror in the hearts of the coal operators. The militia has been called out in the Midland Section to break the strike. But every miner walked out, refusing to work under the "protection" of machine guns and bayonets. In Franklin County the sheriff broke the picket line at Buckner and the next day the fakers of the U. M. W. A. with the sheriff, ejected the striking miners from the local meeting of the U. M. W. A. In Coella the sheriff's forces smashed the picket line, firing into the crowd with machine guns, injuring many miners, including one woman who was seriously injured. Three strikers were arrested.

"This shows very clearly the unity of all the forces of coal operators, the militia, the sheriffs, and the officialdom of the U.M.W.A. in a strike breaking role. "The militia in Taylorville arrested the leader of the marching strikers, Freeman Thompson. The sheriff of Franklin county arrested George Voyzey the leader of the picket line of Coella. "But despite the arrests of the leaders, the strike is gaining and new leaders are rising from the ranks of the fighting miners and the strike is going forward.

"Miners! Join the strike! Organize your forces in every mine and strike! Set up mass picket lines. Strike for: The 6-hour day, 5-day week, recognition of the National Miners Union, abolition of the bug-light and penalty system, demand social insurance for the unemployed, to be paid for by the bosses and the state, fight against the speed-up system, fifteen minute rest period during every hour on machines, one man on each job, a \$35 a week minimum wage. Smash the check-off, equal wage for young miners.

"We want a united front of all miners in the struggle against the operators and the treacherous officialdom of both factions of the U.M.W.A., against both Lewis and Fishwick; for the establishment of a real union in the mines; against discrimination against Negro miners, and for equal rights of all miners. "Railroad men! Truck drivers! Refuse to transport coal! Support the miners' strike! The struggle of the miners is the struggle of the working class."

W.I.R. Sends Relief. The Workers International Relief is on the job in the Illinois coal strike. The first \$400 for the relief of the striking miners has already been sent to the strike area and more will be dispatched as quickly as contributions from workers and sympathizers throughout the country are received, the W.I.R. national office stated today.

Marcel Scherer left today for the Illinois fields to take charge of relief activities for the W.I.R. Relief stations are now being established in the most important sections of the strike area and under Scherer's direction distribution of food, clothing and other necessities will be coordinated.

"Though we have sent all our available funds for the relief of the striking Illinois miners," Ludwig Landy, executive secretary of the W.I.R. declared, "it is only the proverbial drop in the bucket. Thousands of dollars are needed at once to keep these striking workers, their wives and children alive and fighting. The workers of this country who look to the Illinois strike as blazing a way in the struggles of the entire working class must not let the miners be starved into submission. New York City has arranged Tak Days for this Saturday and Sunday. In every city similar Tak Days must be arranged. Organizations are asked to hold affairs for miners' relief and every individual worker must send all he can in money and food immediately to the Workers International Relief, 940 Broadway, room 512."

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE --- FROM THE SHOPS

Write to the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square, New York, About Conditions in Your Shop. Workers! This Is Your Paper!

Dugan Bros. Baker Workers Slave 70 to 75 Hours A Week

(By a Worker Correspondent)

In the big bakery plant of Dugan Bros., in Queens Village, a company which has several huge plants in the metropolitan area, they are not only slave-driving the men, but are also making young boys, many under 17, work anywhere from 14, 15 to 18 hours a day for wages of \$18 a week. These boys go to continuation school.

Dugan Bros. gets these boys right off the boats as they bring the boys from Europe. There is no union in Dugan's. The pay is from \$22 to \$24 a week for the men bakers. The workers times they start work at 10 p. m. and work till noon the following day. They are not allowed to go home till the foremen tell them they can do so.

The foremen drive the men like absolute slaves and the speed-up is terrible. Bakers working in the Dugan Bros. plants, you've got to organize into a fighting union if you want to work an 8-hour day, get living wages and not be speeded up like dumb brutes. Get in touch with Bakers Union, No. 3, of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union, Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Ave., near Myrtle, Room 12. The office is open from 8 a. m. till 7 p. m.

—DUGAN BAKER.

dent of the U.T.W., and Anna Weinstein, one of the Federal scab agents who has been busy helping the U.T.W. sell out the workers in Elizabethton, Tenn., and in New England. In New Bedford victorious department strikes in a number of mills have been led by the N.T.W.U. during the past 12 days. In Philadelphia the workers in three hosiery mills are out on strike today.

The workers in the whole silk industry are in movement and the response of the unorganized workers to the convention call of the N. T. W. U. proves this. Yesterday a number of delegates from the Blumenthal Silk Mills in Bridgeport, Conn., were elected to represent the thousands of unorganized silk workers of Bridgeport at the convention. The Paterson silk and dye workers have elected 35 delegates representing organized and unorganized workers. From Homestead, N. C., and Scranton, Pa., delegates will come from workers who have just been in the midst of important strike struggles.

NMU Has Come to Stay, Fight Miners Battles

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By Mail).—A mass meeting was called by the National Miners Union here to mobilize for the general strike.

The same day the U.M.W.A. locals called special meetings to try and draw the crowd away from our meeting and make it a flop.

What happened? Instead of an empty hall for the mass meeting, the hall was packed with all persons standing. All the tricks that the crooks employ weren't enough to fool the miners. The miners here realize that the N.M.U. is their union and not the corrupt U.M.W.A. When the speakers came into town there were four thugs steady at their heels and following them wherever they went. Their intentions were to beat them up, but being like all other lackeys of the bosses, they hadn't the nerve, because there were two speakers together.

When the speakers were through and asked if there were any questions, a few planted stool pigeons asked some silly questions, such as who are "We"—the speakers used that word in their talks when mentioning anything about the miners.

The stool pigeons also had the gall to say the miners don't work here on the machines, and when this was said the miners were ready to knock hell out of them. These stool-pigeons and thugs came to bust the

meeting, but after seeing the spirit of the miners, they laid down. A bunch of thugs outside the hall didn't have the nerve to attack our speakers as they left the hall. All this shows that around the Midland track the bosses and fakers fear the National Miners Union and will try their hardest to wipe out the N.M.U., something which is impossible as the N.M.U. has come to stay and fight the miners' battles, as they are doing now in the big Illinois strike.—K.

EXPOSING A STRIKEBREAKING AGENCY IN NEW YORK

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The piece from out of a capitalist paper is from a strike-breaking firm which is in the New York Central building, 42nd St. at Madison Ave., New York City. They hire secret operators for all lines to get information against the workers. They go under the name of National Metal Trades Co. on the second floor. Here's the strikebreaking ad:

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Must Form a Shop Committee in Each Department Store

(By a Worker Correspondent)

\$12 for a fifty-one hour week, exclusive of lunch hours, is actually the average sum paid to the Five- and Ten-Cent store salesgirls in New York City. The beginning wage in the Woolworth and McCrory stores is about \$11; the regular maximum approximately \$15. One salesgirl employed by Woolworth for eleven years, now gets the unusual sum of \$18. Ordinarily the girls do not work for the company long enough to make more than \$12 or \$13.

The wage scale in these chains is not determined by the company but by the manager of each store. Naturally it is to his interest to submit a statement showing great profits. Thus his workers suffer.

Salesgirls are hired to work from nine a. m. to six p. m. weekly with no lunch hour pay, and from nine a. m. to ten p. m. on Saturday. Actually they work about thirty minutes overtime each day in straightening stock and closing accounts—this mind you without pay. Vacations are sometimes granted after a year, also without pay.

Salesgirls in the Five-and-Ten-Cent stores talk about their working conditions—but not to the manager. Fear of losing the job prevents them.

We must form shop committees in each department store: that's how we salesgirls will finally form a big union to better our wages and conditions.—S. F.

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