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Marine Workers and the Fight Against Imperialist War

A CREW was recently hired for the steamship "Seafox" which was being fitted out as a Colombian gunboat for the Amazon river fleet. This crew was hired at "fighting wages" of seventy dollars per month which is fifteen to thirty dollars less than the wages paid regular merchant seamen during the last war. In addition to receiving fighting wages they were forced to prove through examination that they were fighting veterans, only ex-navy men, qualified gunners, etc., were accepted for the job.

Ships officers are being forced into the Naval reserve and all steamship companies are introducing a blacklist system and through this are already beginning a drive to get the militants out of the industry. The entire apparatus of the shipowners, Church Institutes, Y. M. C. A.'s, reactionary reformist unions, clubs and company groups is being used to stir up a patriotic fervor among the marine workers.

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Letters from Our Readers

MORE ABOUT SPEAKERS WHO DON'T SHOW UP
Editor of Daily Worker,
Dear Comrade:—
It has become the practice of some of the outstanding members and speakers of the movement to agree to appear and speak at various groups and affiliated meetings, to allow their appearance to be widely advertised, and to drop out at the last minute.

'Every Factory Our Fortress'

OVER IT GOES!

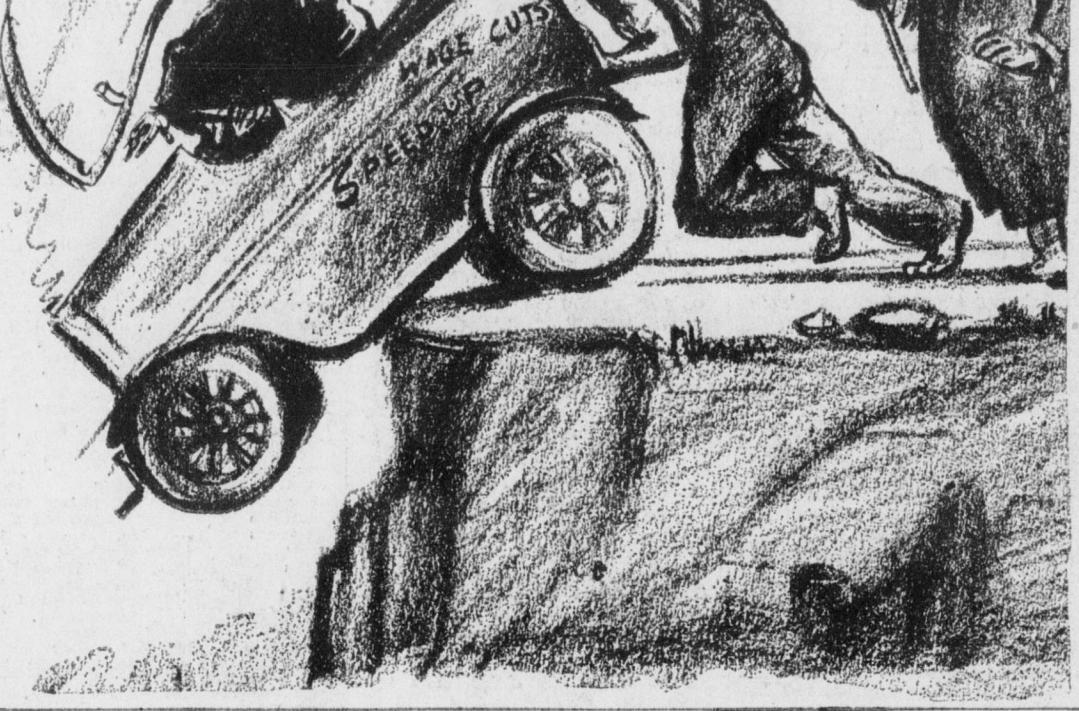
EXPERIENCES IN A NEEDLE TRADES SHOP

I AM representing the shop nucleus from the needle industry. It is a dressmaking shop under jurisdiction of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. There are 160 girls working and about 45 men. Our shop nucleus has existed for several years. We have nine members there so far.

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I Am Saved From the Chain Gang

By Jesse Crawford



(This is Jesse Crawford's own story of how the International Labor Defense, through mass pressure and legal defense, saved him from being extradited from Lansing, Mich., to serve out a sentence on the Georgia chain gang.)

It is much the same chain gang as Crawford here describes, that Angelo Herndon, 19-year-old Negro organizer of the unemployed, has been sentenced to serve eighteen to twenty years for his work of organization against starvation.)

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Statement of Chicago District C. P. on Technocracy

The domination of monopoly capital, which at the present day, has brought under its sway almost the whole economy of capitalist society, makes it extremely difficult, in the conditions of the general crisis of capitalism, to overcome the economic crisis in the way that was usual for capitalism in the period of free competition.

WAR PREPARATIONS BY U. S. BOSSES

The United States of America has concentrated its fleet in the Pacific. American marines are in active service in China. The United States, in spite of its sharp antagonisms with Japan, has sent millions of dollars worth of ammunition to Japan and has not raised its voice against the recent slaughter in Shanghai.

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A MARXIST ANALYSIS OF TECHNOCRACY

TECHNOCRACY AND MARXISM, by William Z. Foster and Earl Browder, has just been published in pamphlet form. It is a clear and simple analysis of the very latest "plan" which has recently been receiving reams of publicity in the capitalist press.

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