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How does England look on the Ruhr invasion and why? After reading the twaddle fed to a long-suffering public by Katzenjammer economists like Arthur Brisbane it will be a real treat for the readers of the "Voice of Labor" to turn to our editorial page and read the excellent analysis of the Ruhr situation by Walter Newbold, the noted English Communist. Newbold does not dwell on the virtues of the British government, the views of the French but shows why both for economic reasons are doing exactly what they are doing. England does not like to see a powerful France no more than she liked to see a powerful Germany and she would train her naval guns on France this very moment if she thought it would solve the problem for her. But as Walter Newbold says she is accustomed to finding a way out. Perhaps she may.

The workers of England are in no position to stop the French invasion as a result of the hammering they have received since the war and it appears as Newbold puts it that the British labor leaders "have grown more puddingheaded as a result of the hammering." Puddingheaded is a good word for it.

Professor Coue is here in Chicago giving the glad eye to the numerous victims of disease that appear before him. If he does not make the blind see we are informed that he makes the lame walk. A comrade impelled by curiosity went to see the Frenchman confounding the doctors and our comrade came away confounded and dumbfounded. A paralytic, speared with a crutch, the doctor threw a friendly glance at him and in a soothing voice Coue told him to hop around like a rabbit under the influence of moonshine. A stutterer after the ministrations of the magician reeled off a flood of oratory that would put Bill Bryan and his best anti-monkey speech to sleep for a few centuries. "Oh!" said our enthusiastic comrade "can't we get Coue to put some pipe into the American labor movement?" It needs it.

Senator Borah does not think it fair that a bare majority of the United States Supreme court should have the right to turn a law passed by congress into a death law. The Supreme Court is a very handy weapon in the hand of the ruling class to save their hides whenever their paid henchmen in both houses of Congress fail to prevent some piece of legislation damaging to their interests from slipping through. The old Watchdogs on the Supreme Court bench are there to prevent such from becoming law.

The plea of the German workers sent to the people of the United States was a very pathetic one. The poor misled German workers! Today they are suffering for their great mistakes in following the social patriots Scheideman and Noske, the murderers of Liebknecht and Luxemburg. These charlatans directed their passions against their Russian comrades and prevented a logical union between the proletariat of the two countries. Yet today the only government in Europe friendly to the oppressed German workers is the Russian Soviet Government. And better still it has a first class Red Army to back that (Cont. on page 2.)

Brophy Resigns from Committee; Attacks Lewis

CLEARFIELD, Pa.—Appeal to the mind and file of the miners in support of the nationalization of coal mines is made by John Brophy, chairman of the nationalization research committee, U. M. W. A., and president Dist. No. 2 (anthracite, Pennsylvania) of the union. In a letter to International Pres. John L. Lewis, Brophy resigns as nationalization chairman, charging that the committee has been "hampered by the silence of the Mine Workers' Journal" and by the lack of hearty official support and declaring the "committee hereby appeals directly to the rank and file."

Brophy's resignation follows that of Chris Golden from the committee. The tentative nationalization plan, as it appears in the pamphlet "How to Run Coal," had been made public by Golden at a dinner of the League for Industrial Democracy in New York and drew a rebuke from the editor of the Mine Workers' Journal, who said the plan might represent the views of "Greenwich village coal miners" and other radicals, but would not be the official plan of the union unless adopted by the international convention.

"Recent events have made plan to you and me as to every other miner," Brophy writes to Lewis, "that nationalization is the master current of the U. M. W. A. The tide gathers volume and will sweep irresistibly into the next international miners' convention in January, 1924."

"We have presented the American plan for nationalizing coal in a pamphlet 'How to Run Coal,' in which every detail is hammered home, and the full union strength and bargaining power of the U. M. W. A. are maintained and safeguarded for all time. Your committee challenges critics of the plan to point out a weak place."

"Will you throw open the Mine Workers' Journal to our findings? The newspapers of the country are willing to devote columns to our findings, but our own official organ refuses to carry a paragraph of them. The editor, Ellis Searless, attempts to discredit our efforts by using a 'red' herring."

"Our plan was not in part prepared for the committee by some well known New York radicals. To permit outside organizations to butt into labor policy is the destruction of trade unionism. The methods of the nationalization research committee, in preparing a case, have been the same as your own methods—no recognition of outside organizations in union affairs, consultation with individual experts on details, a trade union decision on policy."

Albert Bailin, Former Under-cover Man for William J. Burns, Testifies That Myers of That Detective Agency Taught Him How to Manufacture a Bomb; Instructed Him to Send Threatening Letters Through Mails

That American detective agencies maintain their own printing plants in which they print "red literature" of a particularly violent character, organize fake radical organizations with phony membership lists, supply membership cards in trade unions to their under cover men or stoolpigeons with the object of breaking up the unions, were among the many startling admissions made by Albert Balanov, alias Bailin, formerly employed by the William J. Burns and the Thiel Detective Agencies during the course of depositions taken by Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the victims of the "red raid" in Michigan, before a notary public in the office of Attorney William A. Cunnea.

Bailin under oath charged Allan B. Myers, who is reported to have planned the Michigan raid with teaching him how to manufacture a bomb and with urging him to do everything in his power to drive the labor movement underground, and to persuade such men as Ruthenberg, Ferguson, Ed. Nockels and others to commit acts of violence.

Up until eighteen months ago Bailin was employed by both the Thiel and Burns detective agencies to report on such organizations as the Communist Party, the I. W. W., the W. I. U., and other radical groups.

The examination of Bailin was preliminary to the trial of the communists in Saint Joseph on Feb. 26. The prosecution was represented by Assistant State Attorney of Michigan O. L. Smith, Charles H. Gore of Berrien County and Max Burger a special agent of the Chicago office of the Department of Justice, now a paid employee of the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Bailin not alone dealt with the criminal activities of Allan B. Myers and William J. Burns but he specifically charged T. J. Cooney, manager of the Chicago Branch of the Thiel Detective

Agency with having invented a bogus organization known as the Knights of the Red Star; that he made up a bogus membership list and personally wrote the propaganda sent out by this bogus organization, which was of an inflammatory nature.

This Bailin was instructed "to sell" to the radical groups with which he had contact. During his career of industrial espionage he was employed not only by the Burns and Thiel private detective agencies but also at various times by the Department of Justice, the United States Military Intelligence at Camp Grant, Ill., and the Chicago Police Department.

He threw new light on the Chicago post office explosion and the Wall Street explosion, revealing how the private detective agencies conspired to fasten these crimes on various radicals or radical groups through stoolpigeon "plants."

It was Bailin who mailed the threatening letters to various Illinois state and United State officials and was arrested and indicted in New York City for violation of the postal law. He testified that he mailed the letters on instructions of Allan B. Myers and other private detective heads with which he had affiliations.

The private detective agencies actually send their stoolpigeons to organize unions and then sell their services to the employers as union smashers. All the red scares and plots hatched by them are solely for the purpose of holding up the employers for money. They first throw a scare into them and when they have the business men worried they go in the guise of saviours to relieve them of the bothersome unions, built by themselves.

The labor movement should awake to the serious danger presented by these cesspools of crime. A further installment of the Bailin testimony will appear in the next issue of the Voice of Labor.

Howat Back in Jail Again

PITTSBURGH, Kan.—Alexander Howat, former president, Kansas miners' union, who was released from jail at Girard recently, where he was serving a sentence for violation of the industrial court law by calling a strike, has 52 days of an unexpired six months' sentence to serve at Columbus on another contempt charge. He is under bond in this case on appeal to U. S. supreme court. Atty. Gen. Griffith has advised the Columbus authorities to obtain a bench warrant for the arrest of Howat, despite claims that Howat is not subject to arrest in that case until his appeal has been disposed of. (The warrant has been issued since the above was received in the office. Ed.)

Papal Envoy Expelled

The Mexican government ordered the expulsion of Mgr. Ernesti Filippi the Roman Catholic Apostolic delegate to Mexico for violation of a law regarding public meetings. It was recently reported that the Catholic church in Mexico was associated with the growing Fascist movement there. The expulsion order has created a painful impression on the Holy Father in Rome. The Fascist envoy in Mexico City is expected to lodge a protest with the Mexican government.

HERRIN SUPPORTS LABOR DEFENSE COUNCIL

Local No. 665, U. M. W. A., Sends Donation for Michigan Defense

By MORITZ J. LOEB.

Perhaps the events in Herrin, Ill., have been an education in the class struggle for those who actually participated in the defense of unionism in the famous Herrin struggle, as well as it has been an education about the same lines to all Americans on both sides of the conflict. Perhaps, and this is more likely the case, the Herrin miners have long understood the class struggle and that is the reason for their stirring stand which has served as an inspiration to the entire labor movement and, in truth, as Chicago Tribune states, "A portent to the enemies of labor. At any rate the Herrin miners understand who are the enemies of labor. They understand that when they defended unionism last summer and they understand it now, when they support unionism, progressive unionism through their support of the victims of the Michigan 'Red Raids.'"

South Slavic; Raymond, Wash., Finnish; San Francisco, Calif., South Slavic; Roseland, Chicago, Lithuanian; Belleville, Ill., English; Frankfort, Ill., Lithuanian; Kenosha, Wis., South Slavic; Buckner, Ill., South Slavic; Buckner, Ill., South Slavic; St. Louis, Mo., Lithuanian; Beaver, Pa., South Slavic; Astoria, Oreg., Finnish.

Is there a Workers' Party member that will permit his branch to remain off the Honor Roll? Is there a member of the party who will not pay his assessment? Is there a branch or a member who cannot see the enemy in Michigan or who will not give battle to him? Must the Workers' Party allow the Herrin Miners to take the lead in the Michigan battle. We know your answer. But have you made it yet?

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR HONOR CARD? BUY IT! THAT IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN MAKE YOUR ANSWER. Let the Labor Defense Council know by WHAT ACTION YOU MAKE YOUR ANSWER. BUY YOUR HONOR CARD. BUY IT NOW.

Maxmillian Cohen Re-arrested

New York.—Dr. Maxmillian Cohen, scientist, who was indicted on a charge of criminal anarchy on June 19, 1919, with James Larkin, Benjamin Gitlow and Charles Ruthenberg, was arrested with his wife, Mrs. Sarah Cohen, in Hammels, Queens, on a charge of attempting fraudulently to procure passports to the Argentine. They were indicted recently in Manhattan for the alleged use of assumed names and supplying false information to the Federal authorities from whom they sought passports.

Dr. Cohen was released on probation for five years following his indictment in 1919. He gained his freedom after announcing that his views had undergone a change. Following his release the Cohens went to live at 433 Beach 120th St., Rockaway Park.

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS TURN DOWN THE FEDERATION PLAN

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America wants amalgamation not federation. The general secretary-treasurer of the union, Joseph Schlossberg, in a letter replying to the invitation of the United Cloth, Hat and Capmakers' Union of North America, calling for the revival of the Needle Trades Alliance, which was born in 1920 but was little better than a miscarriage, made it quite clear that the Amalgamated had enough of "federation" and wants the real goods. His statement follows:

"The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has always advocated amalgamation rather than a loose federation. In each of the several wearing apparel industries the loose alliance form of craft unions has proved ineffective and therefore dangerous. It has been uniformly replaced by the industrial form of organization. The same thing holds for the group of wearing apparel industries as a whole."

"Two years ago we were willing to try the loose form of organization. We hoped that this would gradually bring us to amalgamation. As you know, it brought us nowhere. On the contrary, the failure of the alliance was a source of discouragement. It was this sad experience that led the convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, last May at Chicago, to declare its emphatic opposition to a loose federation and to give the general executive board a mandate to work for amalgamation. This is clearly set forth in the accompanying extract of the resolution then adopted.

Mindful of Motive. "We are mindful of the high motive that prompted your union to make a new attempt to bring the several needle trades' workers' organizations into closer relationship. "We are anxious to co-operate with you and the other needle trades unions in promoting this case. It was, therefore, decided that a sub-committee of the general executive board meet with similar committees of your and other organizations and this committee be authorized to hold conferences for the purpose of examining what the possibilities are of establishing an effective general body for the needle trades workers. We entertain the hope that such conference may lead to the creation of such a body."

MRS. NOLAN WINS IN CALIFORNIA ELECTION. SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Mae Ella Nolan, widow of Repr. John I. Nolan of the Fifth California District (San Francisco), who was elected Jan. 23 to fill her husband's place in the present Congress and also for the next regular term, was victorious over six men opponents.

WHAT FRANCE SEEKS IN THE RUHR VALLEY

By J. T. WALTON NEWBOLD. (International Press Correspondence.)

The situation presented to the Ruhr people, both the supporters and opponents of capitalism, by the threatened occupation of the Ruhr valley is serious in affects alike the exploiters and the exploited renders it very difficult for a members of the Communist party of Great Britain to adopt a correct attitude. The German comrades naturally expect that the British worker should oppose with might the action of the French. They see it as an act of predatory capitalism, of imperialism in its most blatant form. The British worker, in so far as he is class conscious and intelligently informed concerning the situation, regards it similarly, but he requires to keep clearly in his mind the fact that the offensive of French imperialism reacts most immediately and most severely upon the equally predatory capitalism of Great Britain. In the conference at Essen the difficulty that presented itself to the British delegation was that it feared, in declaring itself strongly against the French action, it might seem to assist the propaganda of the British interests which, rightly, see in the occupation of the Ruhr the death-knell of British supremacy in the heavy industries. To be Germans of all classes and to the French outside of the official financial and metallurgical circles, the advance of the French army to Essen and Bochum appears only to be directed against Germany. This, however, is not the gravamen of the whole affair. In reality, capitalist France, bankrupt but imperialist France, is attacking not so much Germany as, through Germany, striking a deadly blow at her age-long antagonist and competitor for world power, Great Britain.

If it were not for the fact, that Great Britain is dependent for its corn supply, for its meat, for its cotton and for many other essential raw materials either upon the U. S. A. or upon countries in South America from which ships must come along sea-routes easily to be menaced by the submarines and commerce-destroyers of the U. S. navy; were it not for the fact that Britain has been compelled by its creditor the U. S. government to reduce the size of its fleet and that the world commitments of Empire defence are such that the British government cannot afford to maintain so many squadrons of fighting aeroplanes, as are at the disposal of Monsieur Poincaré, War between Britain and France would be a matter not of years or months but of days and of hours.

The situation presented by the French advance into the coking coal-field of Germany is infinitely more menacing to Britain's economic and political position that was the ad-

vance of Major Marchand to Fashoda in 1898. Then, only an outpost of the Empire was threatened, though Egypt and the Soudan had a great value to Britain, lying as they do on the flank of that road to India which is the spinal column of the British Empire, but the Soudan is removed from the Suez Canal and it was "Honour" and "Prestige" rather than any more material safeguard that was threatened at the time of the Fashoda incident. Now, however, France is making her greatest effort finally to checkmate that cunning policy by means of which Britain has for centuries made it utterly impossible for any Power or combinations of Powers so to coordinate the resources of Western Europe as to making them financially, industrially and politically stronger than Great Britain.

It has, for centuries, been a first principle of British statecraft to prevent either Holland, Spain, Austria, France or Germany getting control of that region known as Belgium. A study of the map will show, whether you examine it as it is drawn at the present time or any time since the seventeenth century, that the rich manufacturing and agrarian territory of northern France and of southern Belgium, geographically and geologically one, has been cut across by an arbitrary frontier delimited by order of and in conformity with the interests of British commercialism. Again ever since the Congress of Vienna in 1814, when the British merchants had already begun to appreciate the value to industry of coal, British statecraft has taken care to prevent the whole of the Saar coal-field belonging to France or to Germany. Canning Old England took very good care that these rich deposits be divided between two hostile states. Again when in 1830 Belgium revolted from Holland with the approval of the English Liberals, the enthusiasm of the latter for their protégé, "free" Belgium, would not go so far as to permit the bourgeoisie of Brussels making common cause with that of Paris and attaching Belgium to France. Britain has stood for the self determination "poor little Belgium," well knowing that in this case justice right liberty consort with the interest the London Stock Exchange and Manchester Cotton Market.

Prior to the industrial revolution France was much more populous economically much more powerful than Great Britain. It was a policy of encirclement the money merchants of London, Amsterdam, employing as cons the hired soldiery of Prussia, and other German states, as (Cont. on page 6.)

CHICAGO LABOR JOINS FIGHT FOR FOREIGN BORN WORKERS

The Chicago Federation of Labor, at its meeting Sunday, Feb. 4, considered the attack of foreign born workers made in a number of bills pending before Congress and unanimously approved of the campaign initiated by the Workers' Party at its second National Convention for the protection of the foreign born workers.

The resolution adopted by the Workers' Party at this national convention called for the organization of a National Council for the protection of the foreign born workers. This proposal was endorsed by the Farmer-Labor Party at its Cook County convention January 14. The resolution adopted by the Chicago Federation of Labor follows the action of the Farmer-Labor Party. It reads as follows: "Whereas, The Farmer Labor Party at its Cook County convention in January, pointed out several menacing efforts being made by anti-labor forces to put through legislation directed against the foreign-born workers, registering, photographing, fingerprinting, passport regulations, etc., all of which has as its object to subject the foreign-born workers to the 'open shop' plan, and prevent them from taking part in strikes, and which has the further object of trying to create a division between the native and foreign-born workers which will weaken organized labor, and

which seriously threaten labor from these proposed legislative measures, and other discriminations practiced against the foreign-born workers, all of whom should, if at all possible, be brought together to unitedly fight against this anti-labor movement, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chicago Federation of Labor approve of the action of the Farmer-Labor Party, and authorizes the executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor to name a representative to co-operate with the Farmer-Labor Party and all other organizations working to the same ends, the prevent the consummation of the nefarious schemes of the 'open shop' employers and their legislative agents."

The Farmer-Labor Party at Chicago has already named Robert W. Buck as its representative on the Provisional National Council on which the Chicago Federation of Labor, the workers' Party, the Trade Union Educational League, the Minnesota Federation of Labor will also be represented. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers has also been invited to send a representative to the Provisional Council.

The Provisional Council will organize the permanent National Council to which all International Unions and workers political organizations and organizations of foreign-born workers will be invited to send representatives.

SCISSORS & PASTE



DOES NOT BELONG.

Bishop Manning is technically correct in his insistence that the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant should resign if he can no longer preach the doctrines of his church, but if every clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church who has reached the position which Percy Grant has the courage to avow were to state his beliefs publicly, one-third of its pulpits would have to be vacated. More than that, they would be the pulpits now filled by the ablest and most socially minded clergymen of this particular denomination. But the Bishop is right; Percy Grant does not belong in that church any longer. It looks as if he were courting a heresy trial for the educational value that such a proceeding would have. The Episcopal Church can no more be static than any other institution in this rapidly changing modern world. A few years ago the Rev. Algernon S. Craspey was dismissed from the Episcopal Church after a heresy trial, for sentiments which today seem mild. Percy Grant is merely leading the way again; but as his church is now organized and throttled he would be more at home in another and more liberal faith.—Nation.

MR. LEWIS BRANDS HIMSELF.

John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, seized what he no doubt considered an opportune moment to attack the Red International of Labor Unions.

Lewis will get no applause from the thinking sections of the miners' union for trying to curry favor with the mine owners by conducting a "red raid" of his own against the International of the world's militants in the economic organizations of labor.

It was some time ago that The Worker reported that the coal miners of Nova Scotia, Canada at their district convention, had voted for affiliation with the Red International of Labor Unions. So far as we are aware, this is the first district organization of the coal miners' union that has taken this action.

The Nova Scotia miners asked their international union for permission to link up with the Red International. No doubt they didn't feel like waiting for the more backward sections of the union to catch up with them. The Lewis administration wasn't satisfied to send its reply to the Canadian miners. Lewis used the opening of the conference with the mine owners in New York City to stage his attack on the Red International in particular and on radicals and Bolshevists in general. There was a big response from the White Guard sections of the kept press.

Lewis repeats the favorite charge of "union-wrecking" against the Communists. This is the indictment so often drawn by Lewis' friend Gompers, who, by the way, has never accepted the challenge of William Z. Foster to debate this question.

The Nova Scotia coal miners, having shown themselves the most radical section of the United Mine Workers, will no doubt disappoint Mr. Lewis by withholding their affiliation with the Red International until the other districts of the miners' union catch up with them. The militants of Nova Scotia realize that nothing is to be gained by flying in the face of the power of the present international officialdom.

The Nova Scotia miners will avoid by every possible means the ruthless expulsion that Lewis and his administration inflicted upon Alex Howat and the Kansas miners.

Mr. Lewis, by invoking the aid of the capitalist press to attack the best elements in his own organization, has put the brand of "Union Wrecker" upon his own brow. By his repeated acts of betrayal he will burn it there so deep that every member of the miners' union will see it and act accordingly.—Worker.

Minneapolis promises to see a real united workingclass political front established in that city during the next municipal election. Thirty representatives representing the Working People's Political League, the Farmer-Labor, the Workers' Party and the Socialist Party met to outline plans for the year's activity. The Socialist Party refrained from nominating a city ticket and as a result the co-operation of all groups good results are expected.

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Wages remain at the point to which they were classed by the board before the strike vote was taken, in spite of the argument by A. O. Wharton, dissenting labor member of the board, that the trend of living costs is upward. A few inequalities in rates of pay on some roads are adjusted and signalmen who have to work more than eight hours a day will receive time and a half after the eighth hour instead of after the tenth.

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The bosses are launching a hedge attack on hours and wages, particularly the eight hour day. The building workers are already in it, and they seem to be willing to put up a fight. The transport workers are next in line and they also are full of fight. Last night, they held a district meeting in London and passed a resolution that the Transport Workers were eager to lead the resistance on the part of the working class of Britain to the new attacks of the Bosses.

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The Movement in Britain

By LIAM O'FLAHERTY
Our London Correspondent.

If idol worship is taken as a mark of barbarism then the English are the most barbarous in the world. They worship three fetishes—the king, parliament and horse-racing. Here is an instance. Listen.

An out-of-work, on his way to the workhouse, paused to listen to a Communist demonstration. "These Communists," he cried, "should be deported to Ireland. They want to do away with the king, and everybody knows that if we lost the king, we would lose India."

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(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

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Washington Gossip

By PAUL HANNA.

However, one shouldn't get the idea that Mr. Hoover is in love with his present berth. Of course he wouldn't give it up just to please Julius Barnes, or Warren Harding, or anybody else. But to please himself he is likely to give it up almost any time after Mr. Barnes is off the scene.

That won't be long. A steamer has been chartered to carry Barnes and certain of his business colleagues on a tour of the known and navigable globe. When they find out about it the newspapers will describe this voyage as a kind of sacrifice by private individuals to promote our export trade and the general prosperity of all hands.

Well, they are going on a big and modern steamer, overstuffed with comforts and every convenience for the wives and families of those connoisseurs of business who do not wish to travel without their families.

Hoover's department of commerce has special agents scouring the earth for trade secrets and opportunities, and every day his printing presses turn out big volumes of information to guide American business. All at public cost, too, and without any business man having to leave home to learn the truth. Spiteful gossip might say Barnes was going to tour the business globe just to show that live wire boosters in the chamber of commerce don't get much out of the department of commerce as conducted by Herbert Hoover.

From now till the nominations are made in 1924 what every politician and half the big business men say will be directed toward picking up candidates or rounding up votes for the conventions.

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Communists Alone Stand for Internationalism

German Bosses Now Preach Unity of Classes; British Labor Unwilling to Strike for Ruhr Magnates

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER.
(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN.—A wave of nationalism has swept over Germany as a result of the French occupation of the Ruhr valley such as has not been witnessed since 1914. Hand in hand with its passive resistance (Bertrand Russell's brand of national pacifism) Germany, disarmed, is speaking of accumulating arms secretly with which to wage a war of revenge when the proper time comes. The "business" chancellor, Dr. Cuno, makes speeches closely resembling those of William II in 1914.

"The united front of all classes against the enemy" is preached in almost every political camp. The communists alone are as a unit keeping aloft the banner of internationalism. They are asking the International Federation of Trade Unions at Amsterdam what has become of the slogan of a general strike in the event of a threatening war adopted last December. The Amsterdam bureau is trying to agree upon effective action. It seems, however, that British labor is hardly willing to go on strike again the Ruhr invasion.

Socialist Twaddle.

The Belgian Socialists led by Emile Vandervelde issued a manifesto in which the invasion is condemned, but in which the insistence of Belgian So-

cialists that Germany must pay reparations is documented anew.

Berlin hotels are refusing to give lodging to Frenchmen and Belgians. Storekeepers decline to take French or Belgian money or checks in payment of accounts, though the exchange of these countries is much better than that of Germany. There have been attempts to storm the hotels in which the interallied commissions are housed. What is true of Berlin is true of other cities.

In the Ruhr valley the milled French fiat is ruling relentlessly. Workers and employers alike, who disobey orders have been thrown into prison. Offers have been made to the workers to labor in return for better bread, higher wages and more food. But the German workers point out that the French miners are notoriously underpaid and that in peace their lot was worse than that of any large mining country of Europe. They call attention to the fact that in the Saar valley, now under French control, the workers' conditions are worse than in Germany.

Enforcing Democracy.

The workers can afford to take a few days off for a strike here and there. Until the French invasion began they were working overtime, especially in the mining pits, and they have accumulated small reserves. But they will be ground between two millstones. On the one hand is the definite command of the German government to all German citizens not to raise a hand to help the enemy. On the other hand the Ruhr region is occupied by troops and tanks and all the accretement of war, and workers may be stood up and shot "as an example."

At first there was talk in labor circles of starting a general strike throughout the occupied area. But the trade unions feel the French won't know what to do with the Ruhr industry anyway, and that will only add to their own national deficit by this costly expedition.

Upton Sinclair Joins Friends Soviet Russ.

(By F. S. R. Press Service.)

Upton Sinclair, the famous novelist, has become a member of the Advisory Committee of the Friends of Soviet Russia. In accepting the duty he states that he has followed closely the lengthening controversy between the Jewish Daily Forward of New York and the Friends of Soviet Russia and that he is completely on the side of the F. S. R. In the communication, addressed to Rose Karsner, acting national secretary of the F. S. R., he specifies that he is "entirely willing to have his name used" as a member of the committee.

In giving his name in support of the great working class relief organization, Upton Sinclair realizes that he is bringing down upon himself the enmity of those opposed to Soviet Russia. He has in his possession translations of all the articles published by the Jewish sheet against the Friends of Soviet Russia and can judge from those the limits to which the Forward goes in aligning supporters of the Soviet regime.

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Another event of world importance has taken place! Charlie Chaplin has announced his engagement to Pola Negri. From all appearances (we mean photographically) Charlie used his head this time. Let us hope that he uses his head more than his feet in his next screen production. By the way have you noticed how the motion picture producers or distributors are capitalizing the favorable press notices received by the late Wallace Reid, the dope victim. He was featured as a martyr by the press agents of the movie business who did not want to have a lot of good pictures thrown in the ash can as happened in the case of Fatty Arbuckle. And the gudeons have swallowed the stuff.

The government of Jugoslavias has outlawed the Proletarian party and prohibited its activities. Jugoslavias was one of those small nations that have groaned, squirmed, twisted, turned, died, resurrected and otherwise suffered under yokes, tyrants and brutal foreign oppression for centuries, but now the Serbians ruling class are in power and they are handing "the bird" to the workers. Those small nations are certainly justifying the expense incurred by their powerful neighbors in "freeing" them.

The Belgian Labor and Socialist movement has seven defuncts and a host of weaklings and mummies and they are all supporting themselves.

The Fascists threaten to clean up the Free Masons in Italy. There is a rumor of a split among the bandits over the alleged friendliness of Mussolini for the Vatican. We wish them luck.

The circulation of the London Daily Herald is now about 500,000 and yet it is threatened with bankruptcy. Why? Because as we are informed the out-an'-out reactionaries fearing that the radicals might get control of it favor its liquidation and reorganization under the rate control of J. H. Thomas, Clynes and Co.

Senator Brookheart may get out of the good graces of Sam Gompers if he continues to express sentiments which would make the average trade union official turn somersaults. When a mossback charged the Iowa with being a Bolshevik he replied that the people are no longer frightened by this kind of bunk. Gompers would have under the same conditions called in the reporters and delivered a sermon on the "Crimes of the Soviet Government."

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HUNGARIAN COOKS TO TICKLE YOUR PALATES AT RED REVEL

One more good thing has been added to the innumerable attractions which will make the Red Revel as entertaining and as lively an affair as Chicago has ever known. An entire staff of real, genuine, honest to goodness Hungarian cooks and their helpers have been secured to take charge of the kitchen on the evening of March 3rd. These comrades are masters in their profession, and the committee, which is arranging the Red Revel, considers itself extremely fortunate in having been able to secure their services. Any of the revellers who would like to get a little bit of something good between dances will find a bewildering array of delicacies waiting for him in the dining room; the cooks inform us that they will have everything that might be desired, from sandwiches and hot dogs to delicious Hungarian strudel. There will be plenty of refreshing drinks at the bar.

The dining room, which seats some 200 people, is located close to the dance floor, so that you can listen to the music while you are eating.

There are also ample rest rooms and lounge rooms in the West End Club Hall, where the Red Revel will be held, as well as a broad balcony overlooking the dance floor. The hall will be brilliantly lighted and, according to the various diversions that have been arranged, the whole atmosphere will be one of gaiety and lack of constraint. Practically everyone, men as well as women, will be in costume. (Let us hope so.—Ed.)

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Diphtheria.

Diphtheria is a contagious disease. Just as smallpox and typhoid fever arise from filthy conditions, external and internal, so does diphtheria develop from a filthy condition of the human body.

In treating diphtheria the first thing to do is to cleanse the main sewer—a good dose of castor oil followed with a sufficient dose of podophyllin, according to the age of the child, to stir the liver thoroughly and produce a large flow of bile. The bile in itself carries off much excretory matter; is itself antiseptic and cleanses the intestinal tract. Stop all feeding. Give nothing but water, and plenty of it. The blood will rapidly cleanse itself, and then clean blood will attack the inflamed spots in the throat and at least will stop pouring out the dirty mucus in which germs thrive.

A nervous system nourished by cleaner blood will be able to send out such an impulse that all the organs of the body will be raised to higher efficiency and so will greatly aid in throwing off the disease.

Enemas should be given at once when there is a suspicion of throat trouble, and repeated two or three times daily. As soon as that has been done, give a dose of castor oil—a good heavy dose. Then put the child into a tub of hot water, as hot as it can be comfortably borne, and it should be kept there until sweating profusely—15 minutes, 30 minutes or an hour. Then take it out, wrap in a blanket and put it to bed.

Keep It Sweating.

When sweating stops put the child back into the tub of water again. Keep the blood to the surface. If the seven or eight million sweat glands on the surface of the body are gorged with blood it will pull away the blood from every internal organ, the tonsils included, and the inflammation in the tonsils will subside because the fuel for the fire is withdrawn. The diphtheria membrane will cease to spread and in a remarkably short time an improvement in the throat condition will take place.

If a hot tub bath is not available use a wet pack, wrapping the sufferer snugly in two or three sheets wrung out of tepid water and roll up in several blankets on the outside of the sheets. In 10 or 15 minutes sweating will begin.

A child treated this way will have a normal temperature on about the fourth day, although there will still be membrane in the throat, but it will not be spreading, rather, it will be peeling off very rapidly. It may be a week or 10 days before the little patient should be given food. Certainly wait until the throat is clean and the temperature is normal, then try some orange juice or some vegetable broth; and if the temperature rises discontinue the vegetable broth and orange juice and give water.

Food cannot be given until it is given without raising the temperature. A child with diphtheria treated in this way will get well if it has any come-back at all, if the parents or nurse will get right down to business and hard work.

Paste It in Your Hat.

Diphtheria acts rapidly and so the measures here outlined must be used quickly and energetically. This is worth pasting in your scrapbook because you might save your child's life before the doctor could get there.

Suppose a child is given a drink of milk when it has diphtheria.

The milk passes by and washes off some of the germs from the membrane or from the tonsils and these germs are carried with the milk into the stomach.

There we have the ideal condition for the development of germs—a warm, moist medium. With such a temperature digestion cannot and does not take place, with the result that fermentation and putrefaction set in and the diphtheria germs start to multiply rapidly. Then in addition to the poisons produced by fermenting, putrefying food there is added the virulent poison resulting from the metabolic changes in the body.

In a few hours the food so taken, instead of nourishing and holding up strength of the little sufferer, has become a great mass of seething diphtheritic corruption which must be passed through the bowels and the poison generated by the germs is more or less absorbed and added to the food poison.

This is what causes peritonitis—a complication to diphtheria or septic sore throat.

Questions will be answered in the order received. The readers of this publication may, if they desire, receive free treatment at The Health School Clinic at 3 p. m. every Sunday, room 617, Kimball Hall Bldg., Jackson Blvd. and Wabash Ave., Chicago.

A fee is charged for private consultation. Address all inquiries to Dr. P. L. Clark, 29 S. State St., Chicago. (Copyright 1922, by P. L. Clark, M. D.)

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RUSSIAN WOOD-WORKERS APPEAL TO AMERICAN FELLOW UNIONISTS

Anxious to Join International Federation of Wood-Workers but are refused affiliation by Yellow Bureaucracy; American Carpenters are Urged to Make Reinstatement of Unions Expelled From International Condition of Joining.

United Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners,
Carpenter Building,
222 E. Michigan Street,
Indianapolis.

Dear Comrades:—

The Central Committee of the All-Russian Industrial Union of Woodworkers greet you, as the representatives of the American proletariat of the woodworking industry.

The Central Committee of the All-Russian Union has learned from the Western press of your desire to join the International Woodworkers' Federation, for which purpose you have sent to Europe a delegation of five who were present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Federation on August 31, 1922. This information proved to us that the All-Russian Union and the American Brotherhood have common aims, resulting from similar interests, which is the reason for our writing this letter.

The All-Russian Union of Woodworkers has always been anxious to join the International Federation of Woodworkers, believing that only union of the workers on an international scale makes possible the successful struggle against the employers for the 8-hour day, an adequate wage, etc. However, the repeated declarations of the All-Russian Union of its desire to become a member of the International Federation have always brought an emphatic rejection on the part of the Executive Committee of the Federation, based on the affiliation of the All-Russian Union to the Red International of Labor Unions. In spite of these refusals, the All-Russian Union sent a special delegation to the last congress of the International Federation. The efforts of this delegation were futile however, and not only was the All-Russian Union not admitted into the Inter-

national Federation, but a special resolution was adopted to the effect that any national union unaffiliated to any of the national trade union federations members of the Amsterdam Trade Union International, or refusing to make the statement that it will not support the International Propaganda Committee of the revolutionary woodworkers, cannot become a member of the international Federation of Woodworkers.

Upon the adoption of the resolution the following unions were expelled from the International Federation of Woodworkers: the French Furniture Workers' Union, the French Lumber Workers' Union, the Finnish Woodworkers' Union, the Bulgarian Lumber Workers' Union; besides, the All-Russian Union of Woodworkers, the Polish Woodworkers' Union (with headquarters in Warsaw), and the Woodworkers' Union of Czechoslovakia have been refused admission.

Thus, the International Federation of Woodworkers has expelled all the unions not agreeing with the reformist theories, and became a narrow federation of national unions of a definite political tendency. An international of woodworkers aiming at the defense of the economic interests of all the workers of this industry does not at present exist; the Amsterdam International Federation of Woodworkers is an organization of political compromisers of the Second International.

Nevertheless, the All-Russian Union of Woodworkers, as well as all the other revolutionary national unions, continue to believe in the necessity of rejoining the Amsterdam Federation and considering that the realization of this desire would lead to the vitalization of the International and the creation of a vigorous industrial international, which would, no doubt, be in the interests of all the workers

of the woodworking industry of the world.

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We are anxiously awaiting your reply to this letter, and hope that you will make it public to the members of your brotherhood through your press.

In conclusion we wish to propose a regular exchange of literature published by your brotherhood and our union, thus establishing relations between us. To begin with we are enclosing a number of our late publications, and request that you forward us the late numbers of your organ.

With international proletarian greetings,

Central Committee of All-Russian Woodworkers' Union,

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Heroic Efforts on Part of Militants Save Situation From the Results of Lewis Treachery.

The Progressive Miners of District No. 5 and Officials of the Pittsburgh Miners Relief Conference have just been successful in accomplishing one of the most difficult tasks ever performed in the history of the Labor Movement of America.

THEY HAVE CHECKED A GREAT OUTLAW MOVEMENT IN DISTRICT NO. 5 WHICH WAS TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE COKE FIELD AND A LARGE PART OF THE OLD ORGANIZED SECTION OF DISTRICT NO. 5.

There were three distinct elements entering into the situation.

1. The righteous and justifiable indignation of the rank and file against the outrageous betrayal of the Fayette County Coke Field Miners who had made the last strike of the United Mine Workers of America a success.

2. The desire of the Official Ring both in "The International" and the District to rid itself of the rising tide of Progressivism throughout the Organization. They recognized that Fayette County was a hot bed of discontent and must be crushed at all cost.

3. The attempt of the Coal Companies to operate their Mines with "Transportation" Labor has been such a costly failure that they were even willing to let the men organize an Independent Union, for the time being, taking a chance of being able to crush it later.

Plot Against Progressives.

Careful analysis of the recent developments points very plainly to an understanding between the Officials of United Mine Workers and the United States Steel Corporation to encourage the demand for an Outlaw Union and temporarily establish it in the Fayette Field.

In the first place "The International" Executive Board deliberately selected the most hated official in the organization to come to New Salem on January 18th deliver the cruel message in the insulting and autocratic manner in which Van Bitner excels. By this one act the "Machine" indicated that they did not want to placate the indignant miners. They did everything in their power to aggravate them including the refusal to allow the convention to select their own Resolutions Committee. This was a hand picked bunch.

When the delegates returned to their camps with the message that the strike was called off many of them were almost mobbed and when J. A. Hamilton, Secretary of the Miners Relief Conference went to a Mass Convention at New Salem, Sunday, January 21st to tell the men that in order to stay in the Union they must return to work, he was driven from the hall amid the jeers and cat calls of the assembled miners, and despite many months of efforts in their behalf was now regarded as a paid agent of the United Steel Corporation because he advised them for a different reason to do the same thing, which the officials of the Union advised them to do.

Independent Union Urged.

In the meantime in a number of different camps groups of curious miners had called upon the Mine Superintendents and had been told that they might return to work as members of an Independent Union, if

they would organize one, but not as members of the United Mine Workers of America.

Is it strange then, that these bitter men after 9 months of heroic struggle betrayed by the leaders of the United Mine Workers of America, seeing the need of organization should be inclined to fall into the trap of organizing an Outlaw Union when the Companies said they were willing to recognize such a union? Wasn't such a Union under the circumstances better than no organization?

This was the situation that the Progressive Miners of District No. 5 faced as they tried to persuade the miners of the Coke Field that they should return to work in order to stay within the fold of U. M. W. of A. The whole thing was a cleverly arranged scheme by the officials of the Union and the officials of the Big Coal Companies.

Committees Busy.

The worst of it was that the outrageous treatment of many of the local unions in the old organized section of District No. 5 made these locals very sympathetic with the Coke Field Strikers. Many such Local Unions immediately dispatched committees to the Coke Field and advised them that they would have all the moral and financial support possible if they would start an independent movement. This further encouraged the insurgents.

While all this was going on the Progressive Miners were working day and night from camp to camp, and tent to tent, pleading with the men to see their mistake. Working under suspicion, slandered by secret agents of the Coal Companies and the Union Machine, planted among the Coke Field Miners, they courageously performed their duty, so that when the Mass Meeting assembled at Brownsville on January 25th at the call of the Pittsburgh Miners Relief Conference there was a goodly representation from every part of the Coke Field.

However, the Miners were suspicious of every move and as soon as Chairman Merrick of the Executive Committee of the Miners Relief Conference began to explain the dangers of the Outlaw Movement the miners began to vigorously protest against going back to work. For 4 long hours the Progressive Miners Group including such leaders as Myerscough, Guiler, and Ray, in English, Indor in Slovenian, Jarossi in Italian as well as speakers in other languages earnestly plead with the men to listen to reason. Slowly and painfully, inch by inch, and step by step with the logic of events staring them in the face the miners were finally won to

AUTOS KILL THOUSANDS.

(By The Federated Press.)
NEW YORK.—Following a report of Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, that 1073 persons were killed in street accidents in New York city in 1922, Chief Magistrate McAdoo declares that this city now is living under "battle conditions" with respect to its streets.

"In a year we have had more than 1,900 persons killed and 60,000 injured, to say nothing of the unknown shocked by daily escapes into nervous and other functional disorders."
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Heads of Royal Russian Family Soaked in Booze.

MANILLA.—Mute testimony of the awful fate of the Czar and his immediate family is housed in the Kremlin at Moscow, according to Capt. Fermin, who arrived here with the White refugee fleet, who says that their heads are preserved in alcohol. He says that the trunks of the royal family were burned and the heads preserved. The captain's story is confirmed by Admiral Stark and other White officers.

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the adoption of a resolution recommending to the Local Unions that on Monday, January 29th they should apply for their jobs as instructed by "The International" and they even refused to vote for this until it was agreed that first there should be a delegate Mass Meeting at New Salem on January 27th to ratify the action of this meeting in Brownsville.

Stormy Meeting of Jan. 27th.

While everything looked good on the night of January 25th in Brownsville the rank and file were to be heard from at New Salem at the delegate mass meeting on January 27th. Word of the action at Brownsville spread like wildfire and when the meeting was called to order the representatives of the Progressive Miners and the Pittsburgh Miners Relief Conference in faced a hostile crowd. No one is in the heart of the coke field, and miners who did not have street car fare to come to Brownsville could walk to New Salem were there in mass and packed the hall to watch their delegates vote. With the eyes of their angry constituents fastened upon them the situation was indeed serious and much of the battle of the previous Thursday was fought over again. It was in this situation that William Guiler of the Progressive miners who has repeatedly been misrepresented by the "machine" as a dual unionist rendered valiant service. It was largely due to his sound arguments on this occasion that the delegates finally voted unanimously to apply for their jobs throughout the coke region on Monday, January 29th.

Coke Miners Show Clear Vision.

If a stranger were to visit the coke region and see the misery and privation these miners are enduring he would not believe it would be possible to think in terms of anything outside of Fayette County.

Instead of this, these men, because they have time to read and think have a clearer vision of the conditions of the coal industry elsewhere than the miners in the other part of District No. 5.

Because of this they decided at New Salem to go on record as demanding an international movement to remedy the rotten condition in the U. M. W. of A. They adopted a stirring resolution which should put to shame the "better organized" fields of the country. It will be interesting to see what response this appeal of starving and betrayed miners brings from the employed miners who profited by the strike of the Fayette Miners.

The resolution was as follows:

"We the delegates of the Local Unions of the U. M. W. of A. in the Fayette Coke Field, in special Mass Meeting assembled at New Salem, Pa., Jan. 27th hereby declare that the U. M. W. of A. faces destruction under the present suicidal policy followed by John L. Lewis as shown by the signing of the Cleveland Agreement, the Anthracite Agreement and the District No. 5 Agreement which left out the Coke Fields and finally the New York Agreement which now leaves District No. 5 to fight alone April 1, 1923, against the U. S. Steel Corporation and the most powerful group of coal operators in the U. S. and call upon all other districts of the U. M. W. of A. to join us in a fight throughout the International to right the grievance of the various districts and change the cowardly policy of the International Executive of the U. M. W. of A."

WORKERS PARTY, VAN COUVER HOLDS CONVENTION

Great Progress Reported Since Organization

The first year's activity of the Workers' Party in British Columbia, Canada, was brought to a close on Jan. 27 and 28 with the holding of the first district convention. Starting in only a year ago to build up a political party that would express the needs and aspiration of the proletariat, without political machinery, lacking the barest facilities for organization, the convention just held is an undeniable proof that the Workers' Party program and tactics are in line with the needs of the workers and with historical progress.

Delegates were present representing twelve branches with a membership of 439, this despite mistakes and blunders that would have wrecked any organization less firmly rooted in the soil of working-class struggle.

A program for the ensuing year was mapped out on the basis of reports of the district organizer and the executive committee. The unique political mentality of a large section of the workers in this part of the country makes it imperative to deal with a political organization and all questions relating to it, differently than in other provinces in Canada. Ultra-Marxism has left a pernicious impression that only revolutionary Marxism can eradicate. This task will be assumed by the Workers' Party in the coming year and in future years if one year is not sufficient.

It is a significant fact, at a time when some so-called revolutionary

papers (whose "revolutionary activities" consist largely of shouting at the Workers' Party) are proposing to either reduce their size or to issue at more lengthy intervals, that the convention endorsed the plans of the N. E. C. for a weekly "Worker." In the name of the membership the convention guaranteed that the paper will pay its way. There is no doubt that the official organ of the Workers' Party will ultimately become the mouthpiece of the Canadian workers.

As a result of the convention, the Young Workers' League will branch out in its activities in this district. Looking back over the past year our accomplishments do not appear magnificent in comparison with the results in other lands. This is largely due to the political inexperience the membership, who in the past has expended most of their energies "studying economics," in acquiring species of knowledge that would enable them to pose as something different from common clay and drew them away from the set every-day struggles of the worker.

This condition of things is rapidly overcome and the educational program of the Third International will be carried out as far as is by possible among the members. This decision of the convention have a far-reaching effect on the work and by the time the next convention is held, the machinery organization will be operating with full understanding part of the membership.

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The Red Periscope



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify you that "The Red Periscope" after due consideration has decided to appear as a permanent feature of the Voice of Labor.

The first issue of the "Red Periscope" is merely an introduction to the laugh producing intellectual ticklers that will appear in future issues.

This column is the common property of all our readers, and they are cordially invited to contribute to it.

—Editor Red Periscope.

Dear Editor:

After reading Dr. Clark's Health School in a recent V. of L. I laid down for twenty minutes rest after lunch yesterday—and the boss fired me.

—Nick Potowitch.

P. S.—Can you commend a boss who agrees with Dr. Clark.

Editor—Nick, it seems to me you have no kick coming. What Dr. Clark insists more than anything else is that you take plenty of time chewing your podophyllins.

All peoples are not exactly alike, I learned this from listening to a conversation between a Ukrainian and an Irishman during a recent political quarrel.

Imagine Conversations. Hennessy—By the way what happened to King Manuel who was driven out of Portugal several years ago? I wonder where is he working?

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LITTLE JEWISH GIRL ASSISTS DEFENDANTS

Rose Teitleman Tells How the Fink, Morrow, Worked in Camden, New Jersey

She is just a little Jewish girl, is Rose Teitleman. An underpaid worker in an anti-union factory in Camden, New Jersey. She appeared before Frank P. Walsh in response to the subpoena served upon her.

From the pool of her trembling body a thin voice unrolled like a thread of gold. "I want to testify, I don't want to see injustice done, but, Mister, if it gets in the papers, I will lose my job. And, Mister, I cannot afford to lose my job."

The newspaper men proved to be newspaper men, and copy was copy to them. Rose was struck by this fresh sign of man's inhumanity to man.

Rose told how Morrow, an stooge-pigeon of the Department of Justice, had organized the Workers' Party in Camden. He told how he had criticized her for her inactivity and insisted that "the Revolution" was just around the corner of the next day.

The little worker made no attempt to conceal membership in the Workers' Party, but she whimsically questioned "the right" of the prosecution to enroll her as a Communist.

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The cross-examination drew her fire, and sharp answers flew from her mind like sparks from a wheel-stone. She was a female Christ in the Temple, this little, unlettered Jewish girl, and like the doctors and philosophers, the attorneys for the prosecution were confounded by her.

It is an old story. Now it is Burns and Dougherty with their cohorts of spies and provocateurs, arrayed against the labor movement. A little while ago it was Mitchell Palmer with a different set of fifth but with the same purpose—the destruction of the labor movement.

Just now the Labor Defense Council is taking a leading part in establishing the right of workers to resist the attacks of the employers. The fight for the freedom of Foster and his codefendants in the Michigan Criminal Syndicalism trial is that kind of fight.

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Federated Press Holds Annual Meet

CHICAGO.—At the third annual meeting of The Federated Press, held in Chicago Feb. 2, the three retiring members of the executive board were unanimously reelected for a term of three years.

The members of the board who were reelected are Joseph Schlossberg, New York, representing Advance, the official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Matti Tenhunen, Superior, Wis., representing Tyomies, the Finnish daily, Albert F. Coyle, Cleveland, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Journal.

At the subsequent meeting of the newly constituted board, the officers of the board were unanimously reelected. Chairman Thomas H. Downie, Galesburg (Ill.) Labor News, and Joe C. Schlossberg were reelected chairman and vice chairman for the current year.

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FOSTER TELLS OF PROGRESS OF TRADE UNION ED. LEAGUE

Industrial Union Leader Maps Out Intelligent Plan of Campaign While Utopian Dreamers Draw Charts of a Future Society

By J. LOUIS ENGLISH.

The Trade Union Educational League must be moving ahead fast during these stormy days of struggle between the workers and their bosses.

At least that is the impression I received as I listened to William Z. Foster, secretary of the T. U. E. L., and editor of its official publication, "The League," addressing a New York gathering of workers last Sunday, held under the auspices of "The League."

Foster had come to New York to "talk business." That is what he told his audience. With one sweep of the hand he announced there would be "no oratory," just plain "man to man" talk.

What Foster had to say to New York's militants went over big to the several hundred who heard him, and the throng of reaction in the labor movement of the union's metropolis is going to do a lot of shivering as a result in the days just ahead.

Foster feels that the Trade Union Educational League is going so big that it would not surprise him if the Gompers' officialdom of the American Federation of Labor came out with some sort of fake substitute.

Instead of supporting the Federated Press, the best labor news service of its kind in the world, the A. F. of L. officialdom saboteges it. It has organized a fake news service. So we may expect a fake T. U. E. L.

In fact, Foster pointed out that a reactionary aggregation of labor officials in St. Louis, Mo., have stolen the name of the T. U. E. L., and were using it for a local organization.

Foster also attacked the efforts to offer "federation" as a substitute for "amalgamation" in the needle trades. He declared that federation was not a step in the right direction, that "federation" was just a substitute, something named off as being "just as good."

"I think we have all learned the lesson of 'Stay in the Union,'" said Foster, announcing that "The League" would have but one program for each industry, whether it dealt with ind-

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pendent unions, or with groups affiliated with the A. F. of L.

National Movements. Foster said that the Trade Union Educational League was not to be allowed to develop local movements, in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and other industries, but that it was going to develop as a national organization, as a national movement on the railroads, in the metal trades, the needle trades, an especially the building trades, that would not be split up according to crafts.

One of the things that Foster learned when he came to New York was, the militants were getting restless in the building trades. Foster said "The League" was planning to hold off organization work among the building workers for a little time yet, but the upsurge of militancy among the carpenters, the painters and the numerous building trades is forcing the T. U. E. L. to get busy in this direction, too.

Foster showed the strength that had been shown by the railroad militants at their recent Chicago conference, and by the crystallization of sentiment in the metal industry.

With the progress of the amalgamation movement, with the consolidation, to a reasonable extent, of labor's presently organized forces, Foster promised that "The League" would get busy to help organize the unemployed.

Foster put it in this way: "We'll launch the greatest organization campaign in all the history of the globe." Yet, that isn't far fetched, when one considers that the unorganized working men and women in this country may be numbered by the tens of millions. Foster showed how the packinghouse interests are merely storing up trouble for themselves by their war on the craft unions. This will create the sentiment and demand for a huge industrial union in the food industry. Similarly in the steel industry, where Gary's "open shop" still holds sway.

After the Millions Unorganized. "We're going out after the twenty-five millions, the thirty millions of unorganized," said Foster, "and we'll bring them into the unions so fast that it'll make the old reactionaries in the unions dizzy."

Foster said there had been a tendency among the militants in the past, to stand to one side. He charged they felt like outlaws. But that is going to change. The militants are going to get into the fight as the leaders in every struggle.

Foster put in a little circulation talk for "The Labor Herald," official publication of "The League," again showing that he is unsatisfied with little things, that he is pushing for big achievements.

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WORLD WAR VETERANS DECLARE FOR FREEDOM

Challenge Foes of Free Speech and Free Assemblage; Ask Aid for Only Body of Ex-Soldiers that Stands with Labor

We publish the letter printed below which accompanied a circular issued by the World War Veterans gladly as the Voice of Labor believes it to be its duty to give this genuine body of veterans of the great war as much publicity as possible and thus bring its message before other veterans who have been seized into that creature of the war profiteers, the American Legion and to other ex-soldiers who have not yet joined any organization.

While the American Legion openly aids the bosses and goats over its services in breaking strikes and suppressing free speech, the W. W. V. on the contrary has as its slogan, "The enforcement of the constitution of the United States of America as it is written."

We urge our readers to help the World War Veterans in every way possible. Such an organization is badly needed just now and its necessity will grow as time goes on. The letter and circular follow:

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 7, 1923. Editor Voice of Labor, 2005 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I am enclosing a circular which is self-explanatory and ask you to publish the same in the Voice of Labor.

We need only to look at Italy to realize the necessity of an "anti-Fascist" movement. If we are to make this movement a success, we must have the co-operation of all labor publications. Now is the time to organize our forces and we need your help. Answering you that any publicity you can give us in this movement will be deeply appreciated. I remain, Yours for working class emancipation, CHESTER DOXEY, Asst. Nat. Publicity Director.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WORLD WAR VETERANS, Minneapolis, Minn., P. O. Box 516.

TO ALL LOVERS OF FREEDOM. Dear Friend:

The Fascists are organizing in America! Do you wish they succeed? Mussolini's 15th Century condottieri have spread to the United States and now claim a membership of 200,000. Col. Alvin Karpis, commander of the American Legion, recently declared, "The Legion would not hesitate to take things into its own hands—fight the reds as the Fascists of Italy fought them." Do not forget that the Fascists of Italy are to Italy what the American Legion is to the United States, and that Mussolini, the new premier, was commander of the Legion—the ex-service men of Italy! Perhaps the most notorious is that secret and clandestine organization, the Ku Klux Klan, with its "super-government," supported by cowardly punishment, that prohibits the free play of opinion, incites civil and religious strife and seeks to divide America into two classes—one to rule, another to obey. This they call "one hundred per cent Americanism." When Edward Young Clarke, chief organizer of the membership drive, was asked that the Chief of the United States Secret Service was being urged to arrest him, he commented thus: "Burns may be persuaded to arrest me, and if so, I shall not be constrained longer to keep off the dogs of war; it may mean a revolution, for I believe the Klansmen would stand by me." A more recent example of the Fascist spirit occurred in Arkansas when a few hundred "citizens" seized by force of arms an entire community, with

lynchings and maltreatment drove out the railroad strikers, their families and sympathizers, deposed regularly elected officials, and now proclaim to the world that organized labor is forever expelled from Harrison, Arkansas.

The ex-soldier swings the Wascetti club in Italy. Shall he swing it here? Mob Violence. There are three million unorganized ex-service men in America. Reactionary organizations, subsidized by bankers and chambers of commerce, are trying to inveigle them under their control. With strong financial backing they are enabled to spread their lying propaganda through numerous publications. These potential Fascist armies may make plausible pretense of fairness and "one hundred per cent Americanism," but their records are replete with mob violence against lovers of freedom of every school. Whoever practices free speech or questions the divine right of present industrial and political dictatorship is denounced as "red," "radical" and "un-American," held up to an unthinking public as an immoral degeneracy and mobs of ex-service men are excited to believe that such a beast really deserves tar and feathers or the Lynch's noose.

These are the "soldier's organization" that declare "freedom and political law-abiding Americanism. We of the World War Veterans live up to our principles. Our sword is clean. So no banker contributes to our welfare; no government funds to our treasury. Who oppresses the American Legion? But we must have distinct advantages—social, industrial, political, economic. Whoever betrays the Veterans sacri-



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on their profession with impunity. It is stipulated that the corporation's surplus shall not be considered evidence of a purpose to escape the tax unless the commissioner of internal revenue certifies that in his opinion such accumulation is "unreasonable" for the business.

The commissioner of internal revenue is practically the personal employe of the secretary of the treasury. If the commissioner did not apply the secretary's policy he would not be commissioner for 48 hours.

As the chief spokesman for the professional stock dividend tax dodgers Secretary Mellon explains the law:

"The declaration of a stock dividend does not indicate that a corporation has accumulated gains or profits beyond the reasonable needs of the business, for the entire amount of the surplus capitalized by the declaration of the

vice men. Their eyes must be opened. The poisonous Fascist propaganda must be counteracted. Every man and woman laying claim to the name progressive must not fail to help us crush the structure of fascism at its foundation—the sentimentalism of the ex-soldier, and the gun will be dropped before it is turned on the people.

Help us save the nation from disaster and reversion to medieval feudalism. Back us in our fight for liberty, justice and progress. Fraternally, HERBERT A. SUMAN, Acting National Publicity Director, World War Veterans. By authority of JACK BRADON, National President, W. W. V. NOTE. Any contribution, large or small, will be appreciated. Fill out enclosed blank and mail, so that we may publish your name as a contributor unless otherwise instructed by you. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WORLD WAR VETERANS.

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WISDOM OF THE POOR FISH.

The Poor Fish Says:

He knows you can't change human nature because he's tried it.

EAST CHICAGO STEEL SLAVES LOSE STRIKE

By H. W. GARNER.

On Feb. 1 the electric crane operators, employed in one of the steel foundries of East Chicago, left their jobs, in an effort to obtain an increase in wages.

This was not an organized strike, but only a spontaneous rebellion, on the part of about 15 or 20 unorganized crane operators, against the starvation wage which they were receiving.

These men were paid 55c per hour and working an eleven hour shift, some working seven days per week. They had asked for a ten cent increase, being refused this request, they failed to report for work on Feb. 1st.

However they were kind enough to go in the plant and carry the motion steel at regular paces when the heat was ready, there saving considerable profits for the company, but they refused to handle any other work, and so tying up production to the extent that about fifty per cent of the force working on production were laid off.

On the first day they were out, they were offered the liberal increase of 3 1/2 cents, thus bringing their wages up to the enormous figure of 58 1/2 cents per hour.

This generous offer they declined to accept and the company started hiring others to take the places of those who were out. On the second day four new men were put to work and on the third day the workers gave up the fight, and those who were permitted returned to work while some four or five were refused their jobs back on the charge of having been the instigators of this outrage committed by these steel slaves against their master.

These workers lost their little fight as was to be expected, for as little groups the workers have no power against organized capitalists, but such rebellions recall to memory again the oft repeated statement by "Judge Gary, the steel king" to the effect that the steel workers are satisfied if radical agitators would let them alone. These workers tell a different story, but they must be taught the importance of organization and amalgamation for power and victory for the working class.

Norman E. Tallentire, one of the defendants in the Michigan Criminal Syndicalism case, who became nationally known as an organizer...

Tallentire in addition to speaking at mass meetings in all of the above towns, will address general membership meetings of the Workers' Party, which are being arranged for him.

Tallentire will speak in following cities:

In THE LIBERATOR for February. "The Throne of the World," Bob Minor. "Communism in the Open Again," C. E. Ruthenberg. "B. V. D's," by Ann Washington...

WORKERS PARTY OPEN FORUMS.

Peoples Forum (South Side) meets every Sunday 3.30 P. M. at 3518 So. State St.

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ANOTHER FRAME-UP IN MASSACHUSETTS

Shoe Worker Held in \$40,000 Bail; Labor Rallies to His Defense

By MAX LERNER.

(Special to the Voice of Labor.)

Not content with its history of black reaction to date, the state of Massachusetts, the state of the now-world famous Sacco-Vanzetti case and other famous persecutions, has opened the new year with preparations to add another victim to the list. This time it is John E. Merrick, of Haverhill, Mass., who is held for the grand jury under \$40,000 bail, charged with the construction of an alleged infernal machine. Merrick has been a very active member of the Protective Shoe Workers' Union, Local 12. His activity brought him in contact with the blacklist to such an extent that he was finally forced to set up a little automobile repair shop of his own in order to make a living. Merrick, however, continued being an active worker in the labor movement in Haverhill. And when, during the shoe strike, which still continues, the employers of Haverhill looked for the first victim in their determination to clean out, first the active fighters and after them the rest of organized labor, Merrick was chosen because his ownership of a repair shop could be more easily connected with the making and placing of an infernal machine.

Merrick was arrested and charged with two counts, one the placing of the alleged infernal machine and the other with the making of the latter. The result of the preliminary hearing was the discharge of the first count and retention of Merrick on the second count for possible indictment by grand jury.

The outcome of the hearing was that the police judge, before whom the hearing was held, dismissed the charge of "planting" the dynamite, but held Merrick on the charge of manufacturing an "infernal machine." In spite of the fact that one of the charges brought by the police at the behest of the shoe manufacturers was dismissed, Merrick's original bond of \$40,000 was not reduced, with the result that he was again remanded to jail.

LONDON HERALD FEARS BRITISH FASCISTI MOVE

Reform Socialists have continued to sneer at the belief of the Communists that the capitalists would resort to violence if they felt that the working class were prepared to take over the functions of government as peacefully as capitalist equality permits. But even the Socialists are learning something. The American variety may not yet see the light but even such a conservative publication as the London Daily Herald published in a recent issue the following story on the front page with scare headlines: "Fascismo" is spreading from Italy over Central Europe.

They have destroyed Parliamentary government and set up their leader—a man whose brain is as unbalanced as his will is imperious—as a dictator. They have abolished all liberty of speech and of the press. They have substituted for an imperfect democracy a brutal and grotesque tyranny.

had been quite positive and detailed as to seeing contents of suitcase, Knipe replied, "Yes. The witness for the state, Smith, who discovered the suitcase, and Lee, who was one of the first to be shown the case after its discovery, testified that the wires protruding from the side of the case were not connected, which testimony has of course an important bearing on the matter of the whole contraption being an infernal machine, even if the so-called dynamite were really dynamite.

If the case were not so serious a one, one would be almost inclined to call the preliminary hearing before Judge Winn a very good imitation of a comic opera, worthy of the steel of Gilbert and Sullivan. The rulings of the judge and the promptings of the prosecutor, a state police officer named Griffin, strongly tickled my sense of the comic. When the local police officer, a Mr. Ryan, was on the stand testifying, the prosecutor would ask every few seconds, "Tell what else you found there (in Merrick's shop), Mr. Ryan," and with that question, friend, prosecutor would hand Mr. Ryan the particular thing Mr. Ryan was supposed to have found.

There is an interesting background to this case. In the recent elections, labor in Haverhill put its own ticket into the field as against the employers. The fight was a clean cut one of workers against employer. The "good man" element was cut out and the lines sharply drawn on a class out and the lines sharply越南 basis. Labor secured five thousand out of twelve thousand votes. If labor had fought the issue on the basis of the "good man" theory their candidate would have been elected because of his popularity. But it did not desire to fight it out merely on that basis, which latter course naturally drew the wrath of the employers. This, coupled later with the strike of the shoe workers in which the particular factory of Knipe Bros. was concerned to the extent of securing an injunction, added fuel to the fire.

To prevent the possible railroad of Merrick a Defense Committee is being organized for the purpose of raising funds for the case and giving it adequate publicity. The defense committee is to consist of all elements sincerely desiring to stop this drive to "clean out" Haverhill by means of which the employers hope to break the back of unionism in that city. Already many individuals and organizations have offered their aid in the fight and no doubt the open shoppers will find out that it is not such an easy task to railroad Merrick to jail or for that matter to intimidate the labor movement of its active workers.

But King George shakes hands with their chief. The Crown Prince of Italy wears their uniform.

The "Daily Mail" calls to its readers that the Fascisti are a "knights' band" engaged in a "holy war" for "noble ideals."

Unpleasant Prospect. Imitation is apt to follow flattery. The prospect of a constitutional revolution is no pleasant one to the over-comfortable. They are beginning already to toy with the idea of heading it off by a Fascista movement.

That the privileged orders would smash the Constitution rather than abdicate their power, that they would turn readily to bloodshed if beaten at the polls, they made clear enough by their support of Lord Carson's treason in 1912 and 1913.

The danger is a real one. There is no need to exaggerate it. But it would be folly to minimize it. Fascismo is spreading. And our ruling classes are looking eagerly for some weapon wherewith to combat Democracy and Socialism.

Today they are only flattering Mussolini. Tomorrow they may be organizing to imitate him. Meanwhile, Fascismo spreads in Europe.

Dinner Pail Epics

By BILL LLOYD.

I see the gang that rules the roost is putting up an awful boost to change the immigration laws and let in furriers because they can't get labor cheap enough to pile up coin and other stuff.

They put up arguments that's queer to give the workers a bum steer. They say the workers ought to know that if enough restrictions go, and lots of common labor come, we folks now here could play the game and work our noodles and our lip to slip into a foremanship.

They mean the laborers would live so very cheap that they will give apparent wealth to all of us who now don't get enough of dough to make the housewife's budget go.

One of five hundred is our chance of ever getting one good place at foremanships of such like station in this here great and glorious nation. And if they let in a lot more to bid for work on this here shop, they'll pull the price of labor down in every city, burg and town.

Then, too, the piece-perceners state it is their most unpleasant fate that, when they formerly had a hope that feeding of the aliens dope about this country and its ways would lead to very strikeless days, they find they now must put a stop and not Americanize the shop, for when men get to be like us they cannot find a single cuss to handle shovel and the pick, but workers all get very sick of working here for little pay throughout a good hard working day.

They say we gotta stop this bunk of teaching them, or else so junk out present immigration laws and let in more to serve their cause.

They want Americans to fight and so would teach them over night to be Americans for good and train to arms as all men should. On 'other hand, the thing don't pay, because we have no war today, but we do want cheap labor now, and native men they cannot cove. And so they plead for foreign men to stock the mines and shops again.

So patriotism takes a slump. You can't tell how that cat will jump!

WORKERS ORGANIZATION NEED OF THE HOUR

Industrial Conditions in Lake County and South Bend, Ind.

Lake county, Ind., known as the Calumet Region, is the heart of the steel industry of the central states and has within it the cities of Gary, Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Hammond, Whiting, etc.

The main industries of the above cities are steel mills, car shops and oil refineries.

There are at present about 12,000 workers employed in the United States Steel Corp. at Gary, not to mention those employed in the American Bridge and American Tin and Sheet Plate plants; both of which are subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel, most of whom work 12 hours per day (some night workers working 13 to 15 hours per shift) receiving 35c per hour for common labor, 35c to 40c for semi-skilled and on an average of 55c for skilled workers. A bonus system is in effect in the above plants which is based on tonnage production; the workers receiving a bonus for tonnage produced over a set amount.

The Slaves Rebellious. From information received much discontent prevails and as has been pointed out many times in the past, the only immediate remedy is organization on an industrial basis by the workers so that a united fight can be made to improve conditions.

In the other cities of the Calumet region we find about the same conditions as in Gary with the exception that in some of the car shops the hours of work are not quite as long. Things are booming in this territory and negroes are being brought in from the south to meet the so-called labor shortage, caused undoubtedly by the low wages paid and the rotten conditions generally prevailing.

In the Standard Oil Co. and Sinclair Oil Co. plants, in and about Whiting, hours of work are long, wages are low and conditions are generally bad.

Industrial Union Needed.

There are nevertheless unions in Lake county; the Building Trades on new work, are quite strong; the Shopmen still maintain their organizations, several cities have weak machinists local and in Gary the teamsters, barbers, etc., are organized but no real success can be attained by the workers here until they organize a strong industrial union in the steel industry.

In South Bend, a city with a population of 75,000, there are three important industrial plants. The Studebaker Co. manufactures automobiles and farm wagons, employing about 6,000 workers, mostly at piece work, 9 hours per day. The average wages being \$35.00 per week, day workers averaging 40c per hour.

There is at present a strike on of 400 trimmers of the above plant, the issue involved being a cut in wages.

The Oliver Plow Co. employs about 3,000 workers, mostly at piece work, 10 hours per day. The average wage here is \$32.00 per week, day workers receiving the same as in the Studebaker plant.

The Singer Sewing Machine Co. has a plant here manufacturing cabinets and caskets, about 2,000 and from information obtained conditions here are somewhat better than in the other two plants above mentioned.

The only unions existing in South Bend, as far as I could find out, are those of the building trades. Here as well as other places visited the great need for organization, as pointed out in my article of last week, on the part of the workers is seen so that a fight can be made to better conditions. Of course the form of organization must be an industrial one because in the first place craft unions are no attraction to the workers and in the second place the only successful fight possible is a united one to meet the united resistance of the bosses.



(Drawn by Art Young in the Nation.)

IMPERTINENT INQUIRY

The Looker-on to International Capitalism: "Well, now what?"

Friends of Soviet Russia—Meeting Wednesday, February 21.

A very important meeting of the general conference of Friends of Soviet Russia will be held Wednesday, February 21, at 8 P. M., at Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., near California Ave. (2nd floor, rear).

All organizations are requested to instruct their delegates to attend, or elect new delegates.

All delegates are urged to attend this meeting, as a very important matter will be presented to this conference. Do not forget the date, Wednesday, February 21.

Yours respectfully, J. W. Rupert, Ida. Feb. 3, 1923.

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MESABA RANGE BILL SETTLED

A check for \$999.80, representing the balance of the funds raised for the defense of members of the I. W. W. charged with manslaughter in the Mesaba range in 1916, was turned over last week to Judge O. N. Hilton, who had charge of the defense of the men, by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn for the defense committee, it was announced yesterday.

Together with J. J. Ettor, Miss Flynn was trustee for the fund, and in her statement yesterday she says that an agreement was made in 1916 with Judge Hilton to turn over whatever balance there was of the defense fund upon his securing the release of the men before they had served the minimum sentence. The I. W. W.'s had pleaded guilty and were given from five to 20 years.

Of the fund of \$2,000, \$500 was used to pay the expenses of a representative to appear before the Pardon Board, and \$601.80 spent for relief by the general office for the wife of one of the Mesaba men was expended. Together with interest, the balance now amounts to \$999.80. William D. Haywood, when he was general secretary of the I. W. W., wanted the money turned into the general fund. Miss Flynn says, but the trustees of the fund refused, maintaining that it be held for its agreed purpose.

Miss Flynn said that last November she wrote the general office of the I. W. W. that unless they could get Judge Hilton to relinquish his claim, she would turn the whole sum over to him. Hearing nothing from that office, she sent Judge Hilton the check last week, and the matter is now closed, she says.

DONATIONS FOR PRIZES.

The committee of arrangements for the Red Revel masquerade ball has offered several prizes for the winners on that occasion. The value of the prizes will depend entirely on the generosity of the members. We therefore ask for the donation of suitable gifts for prizes. Do not fail.

Workers' Party units are requested not to arrange for anything on March 25th. The Young Workers' League is making preparations for an affair on that evening and they announce that their observer to the Fourth Congress will be there.

RAILROADERS UNIONIST! Amalgamation Mass Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 3 P. M. at WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM, 50, RACINE AVE. AND TAYLOR ST.

SPEAKERS: O. H. WANGERIN, Secretary, and G. H. KENNEDY, Chairman, National Committee for Amalgamation of St. Paul, Minn.

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The first 100,000 copies of the Communist Program, adopted by the Second National Convention of the Workers' Party, have now left the party's national office and are being distributed in all parts of the country. This is only the beginning. With every order that comes in, there is the accompanying declaration: "This is only the start, we'll soon be back for more." The biggest order so far has come from Chicago, where there will be a municipal election Feb. 27. The Workers' Party has put candidates in the field, and will make an extensive distribution of literature, part of its campaign. The orders bringing the total up to 78,150, are as follows:

- Orders for Party Programs. Covington, Ky., 100; Linden, N. J., 250; Providence, R. I., 700; Bessemer, Pa., 100; West Chelmsford Mass., 200; Mulkeytown, Ill., 100; Neffs, Ohio, 100; International Falls, Minn., 400; Canton, Ohio, 500; Mason, City, Iowa, 100; St. Louis Park, Minn., 200; Waterbury, Conn., 300; Maynard, Mass., 300; New York City, 2,200; Madison, Ill., 500; Triadelphia W. Va., 100; Philadelphia, Pa., 1,200; Flint, Mich., 1,000; Kansas City, Kans., 1,000; Cliffside, N. J., 1,000; Maryville, Wis., 100; Detroit, Mich., 6,000; Rochester, N. Y., 4,000; Los Angeles, Calif., 3,000; Valley Falls, R. I., 100; Lawrence, Mass., 1,000; Peabody, Mass., 1,700; Collinsville, Ill., 500; Boston, Mass., 1,000; Ada, Mich., 50; Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1,000; Hammond, Ind., 300; Norwich, Conn., 250; Branch, Yorkville, N. Y. C., 1,000; Portland, Ore., 100; Springfield, Ill. (Lith.), 500; Dickson City, Pa., 500; Lowell, Mass., 300; Warren, O., 500; Akron, Ohio, 500; Youngstown, O., 500; Reading, Pa., 1,000; Zyan, Central Falls, R. I., 1,000; Local Chicago, Ill., 42,900. Total 78,150.

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(Drawn by Art Young in the Nation.)

GOVERNMENT BY SPASMS

Slam the door in the face of the immigrant and tell him you have no room for him. And a year later wish you had been a little more hospitable.

Editorial Page of the Voice of Labor

The State Constabulary Bill

In practically every state in the union where the Cossack cavalry of the boss class is not already legalized, bankers and manufacturers are making frantic efforts to pass state constabulary bills. In Illinois there is a campaign waged by the capitalists through their press, and every other agency at their disposal for the purpose of putting this anti-labor measure across. The Daily News of Chicago fears that delay will kill their chances and it therefore opposes a resolution introduced in Springfield by Senator Wright providing for an investigation of state constabulary in other states. "Fears of labor" says the Daily News as far as they are rational could be allayed by suitable provisions in any bill that may be passed. Of course, any trick to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers is justifiable. Once we have a Cossack Cavalry foisted on us to ride down the workers, club them and shoot them we can whistle for relief as far as the bosses are concerned. The workers in other states know what the state constabulary care are used for—no matter whether they be called Rangers, State Police or any other name—and no labor leader no matter how reactionary would dare defend the system. The Illinois henchmen of the boss class "want" 500 Cossacks for a start "with full power to arrest anywhere in the state without warrant if they believe they have 'reasonable' cause."

This bill must not be allowed to pass the Illinois legislature. It is just as menacing to labor as the fake constitution that was defeated by the power and influence of labor. Labor must mobilize to defeat the Cossack Bill. There is no time to be lost. Mass meetings and demonstrations should be held and the fight should not be confined to lobbying and wire-pulling at Springfield.

A Notorious Liar

Baron Munchausen has long enjoyed leadership in the gentle art of lying. But that gentleman having passed into the great beyond is no longer in a position to study the latest wrinkles in the game of prevarication. The laurels which he once proudly wore now adorn other brows: the adulations which played like fairy breezes around his ears now soothe the nerves of another.

To William Burns, the great American sleuth sometimes fink, jury fixer and perjurer belongs the laurel wreath for qualifying as the world's greatest and most shameless liar. An artistic liar would drop dead with mortification as the public edium poured over his head when he "discovered" the origin of the Wall Street explosion, in fact admitted that he knew it was to come off and knew all those who planted it. Even the capitalist papers politely suggested that bone was liberally represented in the composition of his head after he failed to make good his promises that the perpetrators of the Wall Street explosion would be brought to justice within twenty-four hours. Even ridicule could not pervert the Burns ivory.

No European government that had any respect for itself would keep this clown in office any longer that it took the machinery for his dismissal to be set in motion after he made such an ass of himself, but he is still with us doing a lot of mischief. His latest effort to prove his relationship with the donkey was in a speech at a meeting of the Allied Patriotic Societies at the Army and Navy Club in New York. This was the headquarters of the original recruiting sergeants for the Ku Klux Klan in New York. As usual he was telling about the Reds.

"I want all of you to watch the trial to be held soon at St. Joseph Michigan, he declared. We got a lot of these Reds when they held their last meeting, and I want you to read the evidence at that trial. At a former meeting they planned the Wall Street explosion, but this time they decided to kill off prominent individuals one by one."

Now this liar after subjecting himself to the ridicule of the entire country over his fables about the Wall Street explosion still trots out the hoary lie acting on the assumption perhaps that he was confronted with the kind of an audience that never was troubled with the virus of skepticism and would accept everything the fink said, open mouthed. Perhaps the Du Pont Powder Company has not yet finished paying the installments of the hush money to those who are supposed to punish violators of the law, necessary to forestall an investigation of the red powder wagon belonging to the Du Pont Company which was seen in the vicinity of Wall Street on the morning of the explosion. And the periodical scares that Burns has raised since then are for the purpose of directing public suspicion from Du Pont to the "reds."

Allright Burns. We will watch the trials at St. Joseph and we will jury you to see what new trick such an accomplished perjurer jury fixer can pull off there. You may also find out that all the American people are not members of such moronic organizations as the Allied Patriotic Societies and the Ku Klux Klan and that they have very little use for finks like you.

The Municipal Elections

The Democratic and Republican buzzards are now flapping their wings and uttering weird shrieks as they struggle for domination of Chicago for the next four years. As the city platform of the Workers' Party declares their object is not the betterment of conditions but plain loot. And the Workers' Party further declares that the problem cannot be solved by electing "good men" to replace "bad men" but by changing the system of society that breeds such corruption. As long as the exploitation of man by man exists and goods are produced for profit instead of for use so long will politics be a cess pool of corruption.

The candidates of the Workers' Party will if elected turn the search light on the sore spot in the anatomy of society and proclaim the cure which is communism. At the same time our candidates having a sense of realities will fight for certain measures, beneficial to the workers which the capitalists will fight against with all the power at their command, because these measures if won by the workers would enable them to fight better in the future.

Bolshevik Diplomacy

A. A. Joffe, Soviet Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to China is having extraordinary success in smoothing out the misunderstandings between China and Russia. Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the Soviet envoy reached an amicable agreement, Joffe declaring that China's paramount problem is to achieve reunion and national independence.

The success of Bolshevik diplomacy in the east is in striking contrast to the ghastly failures that lay at the feet of the capitalist statesmen. The reason is not that the Bolsheviks are more clever. It is also due to the fact that they are honest. Of course they compare favorably with their capitalist contemporaries in tactical skill but their main strength lies in the fact that they are really struggling to lift up the exploited peoples of the East—make it possible for them to protect themselves against the capitalist robbers who are seeking to keep them divided so that looting process will be easier.

Let Russia be the only government on earth that is not using guile to cheat others and to steal marches on unsuspecting shores. In other words, capitalist diplomacy is lying dead into an art.

The Stool Pigeon

It is said that the presence of a sewer rat can be detected by the swish of his tail. But not the presence of a fink. Of all the human degenerates thrown up to the surface in the course of the class struggle the stool pigeon stands in a class by himself. We cannot compare him with anything in the animal kingdom and there is no species of vermin indigenous to the temperature zone that appears to us as low as a stool.

This social-excrement is to be found in all workingclass organizations and his principal duty seems to be inciting to riot and urging acts of individual violence. Most of the frameups that have made the American courts stink in the nostrils of civilization have been the work of these finks. They create disorder so that the bosses will hire them to prevent "disorder".

Some people appear to believe that they are only to be found in radical organizations such as Communist parties. This is a great mistake. There are hundreds of them in the American Federation of Labor to the one in avowedly revolutionary groups. And the reason is that the A. F. of L. unions conservative though most of them are fight the bosses for higher wages and better conditions and the boss sees more immediate danger in this, than in the prospect of losing everything in the distant future.

The stool Ashworth alias Morrow claims to be a member of a Shipfitters' Lodge in Camden, N. J. No doubt he was finking it on his union brothers as he did on the members of the Workers' Party which he helped to organize. And he is only one of many. The capitalists spend millions of dollars every year on their stool pigeons who kept them informed about the movements of the workers organized in the American Federation of Labor as well as the more revolutionary workingclass groups. We will publish a photograph of Fink Ashworth in our next issue so that our readers may recognize the rat the next time he shows his head at a workingclass meeting.

Steel and Steel

Mr. Schwab head of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation had a private chat with Pres. Harding a few days ago and then made arrangements to sail for Europe. The average worker may not see the story with the Schwab photograph or seeing it may fail to draw any meaning from it. But it has a deep meaning.

Why is the great steel king going to Europe after a conference with the head of the American Government? Because the struggle between France and helpless Germany is a struggle for the possession of the greatest steel producing area in the world and the steel kings of America whose agency the American Government is, cannot look with unconcern on the conflict which is now deciding which of the industrial powers shall dominate the world steel market for years to come, France, England, Germany or America?

We are not compelled to rely on our imaginations entirely for the solution of the reason for Mr. Schwab's intended journey. The story contains the following illuminating item: "The struggle of French metal interests to dominate the industry is regarded in Washington as of utmost importance to American firms." And Mr. Schwab is quoted as saying "If Europe is unable to supply a considerable portion of the steel demand, the call for American products will be correspondingly greater."

This a true picture of capitalism. Germany is fallen. The giant that a few short years ago was able to challenge the mighty powers of the world is now cringing in the dust and the capitalist buzzards are gorging themselves with the spoils. They no longer plead sacred causes as the motive for their conduct. They march shamelessly in and grab what they can. But the mad dogs of imperialism are jealous of each other, so America sends Schwab over to see what our steel kings can steal.

Workers join various secret orders such as the Masons, Knights of Columbus, Owls, Odd Fellows, Knights of this, that and the other thing, even the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hoping that such association would help them in getting on the police force or some other state or municipal job. We have heard workers say that the Masons protect their members even when the members are radicals. This is all hokum. The railroader who was hanged to a bridge in Arkansas until he was dead was a Thirty Third Degree mason. That did not save him though we are of the opinion that many of the respectable citizens who terrorized Harrison were members of the order. That organization is one of the strongest bulwarks of capitalism and includes in its ranks practically all the officers of the government. Why should it bother its head about a poor striker, a member of the Machinists' Union who also happened to be a member of some hocus pocus Lodge? Labor leaders are welcome into the Masonic Order. They like to rub shoulders with the rich and act like the elect. But the rank and file of the workers whether they are masons or not will receive the same treatment. And furthermore the worker who joins the Masons or any such order is certainly a "poor fish". We will publish in our next issue an excellent article by Leon Trotsky on Freemasonry.

The Soviet Government has finally recognized the American Government officially according to a story in the New York Times. The following note was sent to Mr. Hughes Secretary of State signed by Litvinoff, Acting Foreign Minister for Russia.

"According to information in the possession of the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, remnants of counter-revolutionary hands intend in the Spring of this year to cross Bering Strait to Alaska to dispose of furs looted on the territory of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic. It is ascertained that Russian marauders with looted public property of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic have been obtaining entrance to Alaska without let or hindrance from border or local American authorities.

"The Russian Government, while taking steps to prevent in the future the efforts of criminal elements to find shelter abroad with their loot, simultaneously calls the attention of the American Government to the above and expresses its firm belief that the American Government in turn will issue orders barring the admittance to Alaska of Russian citizens not in possession of the proper Russian documents issued by the competent Soviet authorities."

LITVINOFF,
Acting Foreign Minister."

The city council "Committee on Police" dropped the investigation of charges of cruelty preferred against three detective sergeants of the Detective Bureau by counsel for John Fitch, who was brutally beaten in the bureau about one week ago. Fitch's counsel will continue the prosecution. Indictments have been returned against the officers and have been suspended by Chief Fitzmorris. The were released on bonds of \$10,000 each.

Louis Mazza of Laporte, Ind., was not a teetotaler. He liked a sip of whiskey every now and then. In the morning he took a pint for an eye opener. At noontime he needed a quart to get "that grand-a glorious feeling" and before going to sleep at night he poured a whole gallon down his throat. And the judge without considering what it must have cost the man to perform this feat fined him \$300.

What France Seeks

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the declining naval and military power of Spain, contrived to keep France from gaining and maintaining the hegemony of Europe and adding to it a great colonial domain. A century of class struggles and of war with the states of Central Europe has entangled France in complications which have made it impossible for her seriously to challenge Great Britain's world supremacy. Added to this, France, with a soil much richer than that of Britain, has been handicapped by the fact that nearly all her coal fields lie on their frontier or far removed from the sea coast, harbours and great rivers. This has meant that, in an age when economic supremacy is built on coal and iron in juxtaposition, France has suffered something akin to political eclipse. When, in 1871, Bismarck took from France the only part of the Lorraine orefield then being developed, it seemed as if France must sink to a status of a second rate power.

When, however, in the last decade of the nineteenth century it became commercially profitable to open up the populously rich areas of Lorraine and prospectors began to put forward great expectations of even richer iron fields in Anjou and Normandy, the French metallurgical and banking interests found new hope. They learnt from the incident of Fashoda that as long as Britain and Germany remained economically intact and comparatively friendly that there was no hope of France securing control of the great resources of tropical Africa or of any other unexploited part of the world. They noted in the very same year as Fashoda that the Germans were commencing to build a navy upon a plan which was alarming to the British governing class. Immediately, they saw and made use of this heaven ordained opportunity to make had blood between two empires traditionally in alliance or, at any rate, favorably inclined towards each other. A mysterious change came over certain jingoistic newspapers in London. The "Daily Mail" ceased to cry that France "must be rolled in blood and mud", and commenced to shriek against the menace of the German navy. Next, the Unionists, the party of the successful industrial and commercial capitalists, took up the cry of protection for the British steel industry against the competition of the German steel industry. Meanwhile there had ascended the throne of Great Britain an ancient rout, notoriously in the pocket of Sir Ernest Cassel and a group of Franco-Belgian moneylenders. Edward the Peace-maker—architect of the bloodiest slaughter in human history—the present Lord Balfour and sundry other British politicians made an alliance, secret in character, which was the diplomatic reflection of a financial community of interests already existing for some time between coteries of moneylenders around one or two houses in Paris, Brussels, Antwerp and London. This dirty gang set themselves—just like the equally unscrupulous rascals associated with the Deutsche Bank and the Bleichroeders their antagonists—to corrupt the mercenary politicians both, reactionary and reformist, of the Balkans, Italy, Spain and Russia. Ten years of this intrigue and French capitalists were able to hurl a combination of powers against the blustering might of German and Austrian Kaiserism. The result of the war is well known to everybody. When it came to making the peace, Britain and France alike held their hands up to heaven, swearing eternal allegiance to the divine principle of the self determination of small nationalities. This new policy of radical republican roguesy consorted much more with the interests of France than those of Britain. The latter had no particular desire to see Austro-Hungary divided up into a jigsaw puzzle of tiny states drawing their financial and military support from Paris but had to agree to it for, as we English say, "needs must when the devil drives." France and Britain have spent four years in reducing Central Europe to chaos and its currency to ruin. The real reason for all this seeming lunacy has been a struggle, not between two ideas or between two empires, but between two groups of financiers, one of which rose to power in the early 19th century and held the Hapsburgs in the hollow of its hand, the other which has risen to prominence within the last quarter of a century and has become immensely rich in "promises to pay" since the beginning of the World War. The old group may be summed up in one name—Rothschild. The new group in three names—The Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, the Société Générale de Belgique and the Banque de l'Union Parisienne.

The former is the master of Andre Bonar Law, the latter of Raymond Poincaré. The year 1923 will see some wonderful happenings as these two duellists and their much interested seconds dance furiously around each other. But that belongs more to the story of Central Europe and less to that of the Rhineland. Yet there are all of a piece. The question of the oil of Mosul, the mastery of the Straits of Constantinople (through

which must pass the corn from Odessa and Constanza and the petroleum from Baku as also in payment therefore the cotton piece goods of Manchester); the question of Vienna and the railways and river routes of the Danube Valley; the occupation of the Ruhr—not one can scientifically be separated from its complement.

Some people think that Britain and France will arrange a deal and that in return for a free hand at Mosul and control of the oil, Andrew Bonar Law, a particularly stiff-necked Scotchman and, for a bourgeois, a singularly honest fellow, will allow Poincaré to have his own way at Essen and Bochum. They forget that Andrew Bonar Law before he was a politician was a business man, and that he was in business as an iron and steel merchant. He understands probably better even than Poincaré, attorney of the Comité des Forges, the importance to industry, to armaments to statecraft in the capitalist era, of the disposition of the Ruhr, whether to a weak but independent Germany, a strong and arrogant France, or an international control commission which would, probably, be under the thumb of the United States Government, that is to say of the United States Steel Corporation.

This is the problem, the whole mighty problem of the Ruhr, the Ruhr with its mighty river, the Rhine, with its efficient canals, with its stupendous steelworks, with its wonderful coke-ovens, with its gigantic collieries; the Ruhr, which if its coking coal and its machinery are allied with the mighty iron fields of Lorraine and Normandy and the finely equipped harbors of Antwerp and Rotterdam, will be a producer and a vendor of steel, the basic material of capitalist production at a price and in a volume with which British capitalism can in no way hope to compete.

Sooner or later, somehow or other the proud, unbending British bourgeoisie whose flag "has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze" will find a way to break the chains with which French imperialism is trying to bind Britannia. The issue can, in my opinion, only be—WAR.

What the British workers think at the present time scarcely matters. They are thinking very little at all about the Ruhr. Even if they were thinking, the Trade Unions have been so hammered by the capitalist offensive (which has, however seemed only to make their leaders more pudding-headed than before) that they could, in the circumstances of the moment, do little to help the German workers. It is for them a terrible danger, regardless of whether French capitalism enters the Ruhr alone or whether it comes accompanied—for the purpose of keeping an eye upon it—by its fellow bandit, the capitalism of Great Britain.

In my constituency of Motherwell in Scotland where, in normal times, more steel is produced than anywhere else in Britain with the possible exception of Middlesborough, the works, considered according to our standard to be relatively efficient, are like toys in comparison with the work of Bochum, Rheinhausen and Essen. For two years some of them have been virtually closed down. For two years there have been from ten to twenty thousand workers unemployed in an area whose population does not exceed 80,000. These men receive in unemployment pay, inadequate to maintain them in decency and productive efficiency 15-a week each, 5- for the wife and 1- for each child from the Labor Exchange, supplemented, in some cases, by parish relief. This payment is, whilst utterly inadequate, yet greater than the weekly pay of a German steelworker. This means that our employers, some of whom, to my certain knowledge, are financially interested in Krupp, can use and are actually using the German workers as blacklegs to beat down to yet lower levels of degradation and misery the men and women of Britain.

The British workers, through not the workers in Motherwell, Barrow and certain other centres where the communist propaganda is intense and our influence strong, do not understand the significance of the occupation of the Ruhr. It our business in Britain to point this out and to draw the only conclusion possible, that with in capitalism only three things are possible—slavery starvation and then slaughter!

Alexander F. Kerensky, head of the short lived Social Patriotic government in Russia is now washing dishes in a London restaurant according to British advices. Mrs. F. Snowden, the anti-Soviet spouter who peddles her ravings to the capitalist press, speaking at a Sheffield meeting declared that it was very creditable to Kerensky that he went to work for a living. So it was.

1st Yowl: "What do you think of Seisior Bill, Jr.? Don't you think he is dumb?"

2nd Yowl: "Dumb! He is so dumb that he thinks the class struggle is a wrestling match."

Our Readers

THE "VOICE" SUITS HIM.

West Saucatoon. The Voice of Labor:—

Since the birth of the Workers Party of Canada many of us left the O. B. U. and went back into the American Federation of Labor. We went back to the masses consciously or unconsciously. The economic situation forced us to think of industrial unionism and amalgamation. This is not a new invention but the logical course to pursue.

There is still resistance to amalgamation from the top, but the masses are for it, and the future is ours. But speakers must always be kept on the road in order to keep the message of unity and solidarity before the workers.

I have been a subscriber to the Voice of Labor for two years. It suits me good. Enclosed please find money order \$4.00 for subscription and send me two books, "Bolshevism and World Peace and Infantile Sickness of Leftism."

George Rupert.

Monongah, W. Va. Jan. 31, 1923. Editor of Voice of Labor:—

Your issue of Jan. 24 carried a letter from a miner of this locality. I can agree with every word he said about John L. Lewis and Co., the gang that are supposed to represent 650,000 miners; the rank and file. This rank and file is supposed to rule but I as a member of the rank and file had nothing to say about the old or the new contract. The miners policy was for the same wage and a two years contract but I can only see a seven month's contract after we were forced to go back to the pit.

The rank and file must correct themselves first and correct their leader. Every miner knows that John L. Lewis can fight Alexander Howat and 12,000 Kansas miners better than he can fight the coal operators but Alexander Howat will soon be out now, so Lewis will know that he is in a fight.

I heard an IMPORTANT man say that Lewis won this strike but I say that 45,000 miners in the Coke Region won this last battle between the miners and coal barons. Then Lewis signed a contract regarding them with \$5.00 per month for family of six and the tent colonies for the miners.

Miners, are we going to stay divided among ourselves and let the bosses overcome us? Let us put up a united front, change our leadership so that we can wage a real fight against the coal operators.

Yours for Industrial Freedom.
—A Rebel Miner.

The Voice of Labor,
Chicago, Ill.
Comrade Editor:—

As you stated in your last letter that you wish a story of the working conditions of the workers in this field, will say I have been gathering statistics for some time on the enterprise of the Cherry, River Boom & Lumber Co., perhaps the largest lumber corporation in the East. This is how they have kept unions out of this part of West Virginia.

After some nine months working in this field I find this corporation has built up a great machine to keep the workers in submission. They import a great deal of foreign labor. To the foreigner they will say, "Now if you don't work for so much, the company will throw you out and hire Americans."

Another great gag is that every man who might breathe the breath of unionism and who would be able to help his fellow men to organize, is given a good job of some kind, and then told he must keep hands off union stuff. To make sure the worker does not get too much money for his work I find that they let contracts to some good man, who might be influential and helpful to his fellow men, then in turn this contractor lets contract and this sub-contractor very often lets out contracts to the workers also. I firmly believe under this system that there is about 4% of the men employed by this company that reaps some 90% of the payroll. The great mass of the workers are always in debt to the company store.

Now as to the condition of woodsmen. I am unable to find any word to explain the rotten condition that the wood workers work under. The fact of the matter is best, I believe, to call the Board of Health and have the "to investigate and have some of their contractors clean house and establish more sanitary conditions around their camps.

The World War Veterans are lining up the workers through their auxiliary and will go the limit in helping to better the conditions of the American working men in this field. The Vets have started a great drive in this field and will have it solidly organized within the next few months. A drive is being made to secure Five Hundred Subscribers for the Voice of Labor in West Virginia. With its help we believe West Virginia will be not only organized but unionized.

—Lawson McMillan.