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May Day passed by government being overthro... force and violence or by any other unlawful means. In Pittsburgh, however several communists and trade unionists were arrested for "planning to hold a May Day Celebration."

The American people must be saved from the radicals. Liberty is at stake. Thus spoke the "village morose" Gene Debs calls them, who conducted the prosecution in St. Joseph, Mo. We read that down in Florida several years after Abe Lincoln "freed" the blacks that men are death by whipping bosses for "laziness."

Now you patriotic mental defectives who bleat about "Americanism," you have further cause to be proud of your inheritance. Here in an added reason you should look down on the "ignorant foreigner."

Half a million workers celebrated May Day in Berlin. We learn that the communists compelled the socialists to leave their nationalist flags at home and to carry only the red flag of International Socialism.

The Japanese government taking its cue from the "land of the free" arrested 400 communists and put them in jail over May Day. Everywhere it is the communist movement that is bearing the brunt of the capitalist persecution.

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RUTHENBERG "GAG" LAW VICTIM

POLITICAL SALVATION ARMY ORGANIZED BY CHAS. G. DAWES

Bankers, Brokers and Bootleggers Call for Defenders of Their Graft.

By HERBERT CRAMPTON.

Davis Street, Evanston, Ill., witnessed on the evening of May 1, 1923, an event that may go down in history with the gathering of the Three Tailors of Tooley Street in London, when 800 people, including college boys, colored maids, footmen, bellhops, chauffeurs and a life and drum band, dressed in white and bearing on their uniforms the magic figure 76, gathered to hear General Charles G. Dawes tell of the dangers threatening the nation.

Some of the well-groomed members of Company No. 1, Minute Men of the Constitution wore white cockades, said by the "greatest American general since Washington" to be the official badge of the organization. This great general had retired to the recesses of the North Shore Hotel, where he held forth for the edification of the elect on the merits of the new Salvation Army of 100% Americans.

Members of the American Legion which appears to be putting up a United front with the Minute Men were pleading with potential saviors of democracy to sign a pledge much like the temperance toasts of 40 years ago. Suddenly the ratchet of the band ceased and down the centre of Davis Street strode a police lieutenant shouting at the top of his voice like a barker at a show that the "General" would address the outside meeting at 8:20.

One curious visitor entered the office of the local newspaper the Evanston Index, where sat a man with a

DEFENSE COUNCIL TO CARRY ON

Organization Prepared to Battle for Free Speech Until Victory is Won Declares Secretary Loeb.

CHICAGO.—"We have only begun to fight," declared the Labor Defense Council in commenting on the syndicalism conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg, by a St. Joseph jury. "While we are greatly disappointed that the precedent set in the failure to convict Wm. Z. Foster was not followed by the Ruthenberg jury we are far from discouraged. We are convinced that the defense would have been successful before any but a prejudiced jury in showing that neither

The Proletarian Singers



Will sing at the Cannon meeting in Wicker Park Hall, 2040 West North Ave., on May 20, 7.30 P. M.

The Proletarian Singers and the Freiheit Singing Society have endeared themselves to the hearts of the workers of Chicago who have had the pleasure of seeing them and hearing them at the "Last Revolution."

All those who were entertained by them on that occasion expressed a wish to have another opportunity of enjoying these proletarian singers. The Voice of Labor now extends a cordial invitation to its readers to come to Wicker Park Hall on Sunday evening May 20, 7.30 P. M., 2040 North Avenue, when Jim Cannon, National Chairman of the Workers Party who has recently returned from Russia will speak on "Russia Today."

This will be Comrade Cannon's first lecture appearance in Chicago since his arrival. Unusual interest is manifested in this lecture owing to the attacks made upon the Soviet Republic by the New York Call, and the Jewish Daily Forward, as well as the capitalist papers. Comrade Cannon has an interesting story of socialist reconstruction in Russia and

those who have heard him speak will testify to his ability to tell his story to the satisfaction of his audience. Besides the lecture and the singing the Young Workers League will present their new famous play entitled "From Office Boy to President" in which the hero is Oscar Sapp step brother of Henry Dubb and first cousin to the Poor Fish. Since this play was last seen in Chicago several new features have been added to it. Oscar himself is training on Chicago Tribune editorials in order to qualify as a Sapp. He has a very difficult task for a Young Worker, as that organization is everything but a haven for dumbbells.

New Sacco Evidence Is Made Basis For A New Trial Plea

NEW YORK.—Evidence that Nicola Sacco did not fire the bullet which killed Frederick A. Parmenter is contained in affidavits by Albert H. Hamilton, eminent micro-chemical investigator and criminologist, according to the latest reports. Hamilton has made an exhaustive micro-photographic study of the bullet which killed Parmenter and ten bullets fired from the weapon which was in Sacco's possession when he was arrested. He declares that his investigation proves conclusively that the fatal bullet was not fired from Sacco's revolver. A motion for a new trial, based on Hamilton's affidavits has been filed.

Our readers want to know what the workers in your district are doing. Send the news to the Voice of Labor. We will gladly publish it.

First Worker to Be Convicted Under Michigan Syndicalist Law; Ruthenberg Will Be Sentenced on June 4.

By JOE CARROLL (Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—Convicted by the jury after four hours deliberation, C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary, Workers' Party, will not be sentenced under the syndicalism law until June 4. Judge C. E. White deferred sentence to permit an appeal. Similar convictions under the Ohio statute have been thrown out by the higher courts.

Public Effect of Ruthenberg Trial Disappointing to Prosecution.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—No more syndicalism cases will be called this month in the Berrien county circuit court, it seems probable. The court calendar is crowded with other cases and the prosecution appears willing to rest until the appeal on C. E. Ruthenberg's conviction can be perfected.

A result of the cases not expected by the prosecution has been the enlightenment of the community on what communism is. Considerable friendliness has been noticed when the hearing of the new social doctrines on the wage earner and the small farmer penetrated. The poison gas of the prosecution lost much of its effect on the public. The quiet, temperate explanations by defense witnesses and the skillful questions by

Frank P. Walsh in Eloquent Plea to the Jury.

After prosecutor Gore of Berrien county and Assistant Attorney Smith of Michigan unloaded all the piffle and vulgarity concocted for them by stool pigeon Burger who conducted the case for the prosecution and Attorney Gray tore Smith's speech to pieces point by point, Frank P. Walsh the noted pleader, champion of labor unionism and human freedom delivered the closing argument for the defense.

"What is it that the Communists teach?" argued Walsh. "They say that there has been a time in the past when an aristocracy owning the land owned also slaves. That millions of human beings, white men, not only black men, were enslaved. That all they produced went to their masters. That in the course of history these slaves inspired by the desire for freedom, which existed in the heart of every human being, threw off their slavery, rebelled, and that in the struggle that ensued there was a resort to armed force."

"Then they tell us there was a period in which the Lords owned the land, and that the workers were serfs attached to the land and were obliged to turn over to their Masters the most of what they brought into existence through their labor. Again these serfs rebelled, and we have another great struggle lasting through many centuries, struggles of force, civil war, in which these toilers of

PITTSBURGH WORKERS IN JAIL

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Twenty three members of the Workers' Party are still held in jail here. Bail for Fred Merriek is fixed at \$50,000. The clumsy hand of the agent-provocateur was in evidence when a letter was "discovered" alleged to have been issued by a communist organization threatening to blow up buildings unless the prisoners were released.

This fake threat was the signal for sending an army of stool pigeons and government agents into the district. In spite of the white terror here, William Z. Foster had one of the most successful meetings ever held here on May 2nd. Department of Justice dicks were in the hall, but they did not prevent a substantial collection from being taken up for the Michigan Defense.

ROY CONNOR BRUTALLY TREATED IN LEAVENWORTH

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas.—Roy Connor has been strung up in chains and has been beaten unmercifully for at least two days. Connor is the political prisoner doing ten years who risked everything to get word past the prison censor to U. S. Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge regarding the ruthless cruelty practiced on men in the federal penitentiary here.

A second underground message, not from Connor this time, now tells of the terrific vengeance apparently taken by the prison authorities on Connor for venturing to appeal to a senator against the ill treatment of his fellow prisoners.

The letter, which was slipped out of the prison by "grapevine," reads: "Dear Friend: I write you this through the underground to inform you that Connor has been strung up in chains for the last two days and beaten unmercifully."

ARRESTS IN GARY, INDIANA

Twenty five uniformed cops and fourteen plain clothes dicks raided a May Day meeting held under the auspices of the Workers' Party in Gary and dispersed a crowd of some 150 persons. Thus the revolutionary plot hatched in the industrial center of America was foiled and America saved for the benefit of the steel trust. Moritz J. Loeb, his wife Gertrude Erickson Loeb and Peter Omelian, all of Chicago were arrested. Loeb and Omelian were the speakers of the meeting. Gertrude Loeb was in the audience.

Gene Debs Wires Bill Taft

William Howard Taft, Chief Justice, Washington, D. C. You are publicly charged with being on the payroll of the steel trust. Please wire me Madison, Wisconsin, at my expense, if the charge is true. EUGENE V. DEBS.

Irish Societies of San Francisco, Cal. Score Papal Intrigue

Declaring that the Irish Catholic hierarchy are co-operating with the blood thirsty agents of British Imperialism in murdering Irish republicans, a monster mass meeting of Irish workers in San Francisco unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Irish people in Ireland and America to withhold all further monetary contributions to Rome. But for the support of the Irish Catholics in America his Holiness would have to go around with a hurdy gurdy to earn his spaghetti.

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Do Not Miss the Next Issue of the Voice of Labor

James P. Cannon, National Chairman of the Workers Party will reply to an article in the Industrial Pioneer entitled "The Real Workers' International," written by E. W. Latchem of the Industrial Workers of the World. Order in advance.

Russian Saints Must Prove Authenticity or Suffer Consequence

A dead Russian saint must be the real thing in the future. The wish bone of an ancient dinosaur cannot pose as the shinbone of Saint Anne for instance and get away with it. The cellars in Russia were as full of these skeletons as the cellars of the rich today are of good booze. From now on the Russians are from Missouri. They want to be shown. They do not intend to worship a collection of bones which may be all that is left of a once hardworking and faithful donkey under the impression that they are paying homage to an honest-to-goodness saint. Open skeletons openly arrived at will be the rule in Russia from now on.

The new innovation is the result of a convolve now being held by what they call the Living Church in Moscow. According to reports it is very much alive. They voted to close all the monasteries except those now being used as labor union headquarters. They also decided that the alleged remains of alleged saints now held in receptacles be displayed publicly. It is not stated that these relics will be submitted to chemical analysis to prove that they are at least human remains and not those of some domestic animal.

The following statement regarding conditions in Russia was made by Rev. Lewis Oliver Hartman of Boston, editor of the American Methodist Zion's Herald, who came to Moscow with Bishop Blake of the Methodist Church of America:

"I am amazed at the false stories going out of Russia which are without foundation. I am particularly astonished at the reports about the Russian church and the alleged attempt of the Soviets to annihilate religion.

"From my observation this church congress has been free and progressive without any coercion whatever.

"I am gratified at the stand the Russian church has taken regarding social service. It is an indorsement of the measures the Soviets have taken to lift up humanity. This council may go down in history comparable with the Luther reformation in Europe."

Ruthenberg Will Speak at Farmer-Labor Dinner

The Farmer Labor Party will give a public dinner at the Morrison Hotel, on Thursday evening 6:30 P. M. Invitations have been sent out to representatives of other workingclass political organizations. Jay Brown will speak for the Farmer Labor Party, C. E. Ruthenberg for the Workers Party and Seymour Steadman for the Socialist Party.

Gompers Withdraws Subsidy from Chicago Federation

A letter was read at the Chicago Federation of Labor on Sunday May 6, from the secretary of the American Federation of Labor announcing that the latter body had withdrawn its subsidy of \$600 per month to the Chicago body.

Mr. Gompers is reported by the capitalist press to have dire intentions on progressive bodies which have repudiated his senile political policy of "reward and punish" as well as the obsolete craft union form of disunionism. If the withdrawal of the monthly allowance from the Chicago Federation of Labor proves to be the opening shot in a battle against the progressive policies of that organization the officials did not appear to be suffering from extreme nervousness over the possibility of a fight with the anedevian fossil who occupies the high office of president of the American Federation of Labor.

The Chicago Federation of Labor has endorsed the amalgamation program for the trade union movement and independent workingclass political action. In this it has sinned against reaction.

Plutocrats Hold May Day Celebration

General Dawes and Battalions of Reactionaries Threaten to Defend Constitution Even If They Have to Break Laws to Do It.

By Special Reporter for the Voice of Labor.

Evanston, Ill., May 11.—Call out the bomb squad and every dick in town. A May Day celebration is taking place in Evanston. A tenderfoot policeman sent a call like this into the Chicago Detective Bureau on the evening of May 11. "Who is running the show?" came back the query. "General Dawes and the American Legion" was the amateur cop's answer. "Turn in your badge" shot back the infuriated captain. "You're fired. We don't want angels on the police force. What's the matter with you? General Dawes! He's no Red. Why he runs this damn place." (Apologies to Ananias.)

And so General Dawes of the Illinois Central Trust Company with the American Legion Band of Racine, Wisconsin celebrated the 1st of May by organizing the Minute Men of the Constitution at a meeting in the North Shore Hotel where no members of organized labor were admitted even though a general invitation was sent to all patriots to come and defend the constitution. And there were no arrests either.

But though the proletariat was not allowed into the hotel they had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Dawes turn a few somersaults on a soap box outside. He stressed the fact that he was not going to deliver an address that would allow any argument "There will be no argument here tonight he asserted."

The General read the constitution of the Minute Men the principal clauses of which are as follows:

"Advocating the renewal and building up of respect for law and the Constitution of the United States.

"Endorsing the announced position of the Government of the United States, maintaining that the right of a citizen to work without unlawful interference is as sacred as the right of a citizen to cease work, irrespective of whether he is or is not a member of a labor or other organization.

"Declaring that loyalty to the Government of the United States must be above and beyond that to any civil

or industrial organization working for the interest of special groups or classes."

These planks the Minute Men propose to have adopted by the conventions of the Democrat and Republican parties of Illinois. Both parties look exactly alike to them as upholders of the capitalist system. It is only the workers who imagine that they differ. They do not as far as the interests of the workers are concerned. The General is head of the great banking trust known as the Illinois Central Trust Company. Company 2 of the Minute Men is composed of the employees of this concern.

The General during his speech laid great stress on the fact that a request came from Marion for the organization of a company of Minute Men. "You all know where Marion is" declared the General. "It is where Herpin is."

"This should give the working class an idea of what these 'defenders' of the constitution propose to do.

While it was announced that the Minute Men were out to fight minority organizations one of the leading lights at the meeting was asked if that included the Citizens' Committee. He shook his head emphatically and replied: "Oh, no, no. Under no condition will we antagonize that Committee."

Those who were requested to sign the pledge cards that were passed around were assured they would not have to pay anything. "A group of patriotic individuals" were to supply the cash.

General Dawes was not sure whether the organization would be carried outside this state or not, but stated that several calls came for the formation of branches in several parts of the country.

Very little applause greeted the outbursts of "Mad Mullah" Dawes who had a hard time trying to maintain his balance on the narrow pedestal on which he stood.

This capitalist plug-ugly is worth watching.

Walsh In Plea To Jury

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"Pointing to the lesson of past history the Communists say that this struggle will, in the future, in its final working out develop into a new struggle, in which there will be an armed conflict between those who rule, those who exploit the people and the exploited workers and farmers.

"Who will dare challenge that history does not show the facts as stated by the Communists. We may hope that the final working out of the problem will come otherwise than through civil war, but the facts of the past struggles, and of the present, cannot be denied.

"This, and this alone, is the only reference to force by the Communists. There is no evidence that the Communists have advocated the use of force or have used force in any act of crime, such as is defined in this statute."

Turning to the attack on the testimony of Jay Lovestone, Attorney Walsh pointed out that he had voluntarily surrendered himself to the court, that in testifying he had waived all immunity, an act of bravery. Pointing to juror Rahn, Mr. Walsh exclaimed dramatically:

"As to Ruthenberg, I say to you, sir, that you could not induce him to change one item of his beliefs or principles by a promise of a verdict of acquittal in this case."

Maplewood Branch Y. W. L.

The city convention of the Y. W. L., held May 6, passed favorably upon an educational program for the local young people that forms the basis for renewed educational activity.

In conformity with the program the Maplewood branch has arranged for Comrade Alfred Tiala to explain the various schools of thought prevailing in the labor movement. His subject will be: "Communism, Socialism, Anarchism and Syndicalism."

The lecture will take place at 2733 Hirsch Blvd., rear, at 8:00 P. M. sharp on Thursday, May 10.

Our Correspondent Urges Aid to F. S. R. Campaign

Editor of Voice of Labor:— One cannot refrain from commending you for the make-up and the sentiments expressed in the advertisement from the Friends of Soviet Russia, appearing in the Voice of Labor the last few weeks.

Personally I wish the F. S. R. every success in their endeavors to help the first workers republic. They can count upon me as one of the 40,000 workers to contribute at least \$1.00 for tractors, and I shall urge all other workers I come in contact with, to do the same. I prefer tractors and reconstruction to war and destruction, the aim of all capitalist governments.

Fraternally yours
William Adams.

CORRECTION.

In a recent issue of the Voice of Labor the South Slavic branch of Gary, Indiana, was credited with only a contribution of \$40.00 to the Labor Defense Council. It should read \$154.52.

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SPEEDING FORWARD

By ALFRED TIALA.

One of the bugaboo of the American radical movement has been the lack of co-ordination between the English speaking element and the various foreign language federations. This internal disharmony and lack of co-operation has rendered the Workers' Party less effective than it might otherwise be.

Now, however, at least one of the Federations is realizing the fact that work in America must be carried on through the English speaking channels, and that in place of a Federation patriotic sentiment, must be engendered the knowledge that the central organization must be built up and strengthened at all costs. To carry out this new policy, the Finnish comrades have decided upon certain concrete steps. It may not be going as far yet as is desirable, nevertheless it constitutes steps forward.

At their recent convention they decided not to extend their children and youth organizations but to ask the Young Workers League to organize

among them. The Finnish Federation promises even to pay half of the expenses of a League organizer who will work among the Finnish youth, notably in Upper Michigan and in Minnesota where the Finns are in the greatest numbers. Furthermore, the decision was rendered that instead of undertaking to publish a Finnish children's publication, that the Young Workers League be urged to publish one in English, of which publication the Federation would distribute some six or seven thousand copies of each issue.

This action will mean much for the movement in the future. The Finnish youth instead of growing up to be part of the foreign language Federation are to become incorporated into the American movement? For the older generation it is, no doubt difficult to act directly through English speaking channels, but the young can do it, and they are going to be educated to do it.

Dawes Organizes Salvationists

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groups or classes in the meaning of plank 4 of the Minute Men's Constitution.

On being assured that these organizations were by no means to come under the vigilant supervision of the Minute Men the visitor hazarded another query from another hunter for defenders. This fellow in reply to a question said that they were after Unions, Kluxers, Socialists and Reds. Unreads were not mentioned.

When a middle aged wearer of a white cockade and a respectable fringe of gray hair around his ears that banker wears in the movies was asked if the Minute Men would act as strike breakers he replied "If required they will."

Then out came the great military man himself. "The Dawes" appeared. Waving his arms around his head and

whirling like an intoxicated dervish he spluttered about "law run order", "Coats off," "Splendid constitution," etc. He had a lot to say about the constitution which he wants to "distort" by force and violence but nothing about who is going to employ the Minute Men during the next panic nor did he mention the blot on Evanston under the old pier at the foot of Lake Street. (This is where the body of a young student of the North Western University was discovered recently. Foul play is suspected in connection with his sudden disappearance from the University.—Ed.)

The general read a list of small towns, cities, suburbs and plute roosting-burgs where he stated the Minute Men were to form companies. He did not want men who sought political preferment but men who would "take off their coats and work."

Building Boom On; Workers Demand the Old Rate of Pay

The Citizens' Committee for the enforcement of the Landis award may need General Dawes' "Minute" men sooner than was expected—perhaps. This "militant minority" outlawed all building trades unions that did not accept the right of the plate committee to fix their rates of pay for their members.

A building boom is on now and this is an excellent opportunity for the building trades workers to tell the Landis' gentlemen where to "get off at." They demand a return to the \$1.25 an hour rate for all trades and will accept nothing less. They also demand recognition of the union outlawed by the Landis Award.

The contractors admit they are in a fix. They do not want to antagonize the committee and—well the committee will not put up their buildings, so there you are.

The general's harangue was mostly platitudinous, bunk and sublimated piffle. He made no attempt to interpret the planks intelligently. Had he been a communist soap boxer the policeman who acted as his bell boy would have him arrested for disturbing the atmosphere. His argument was as clear to his audience as the Einstein theory of relativity to a moron. When the music and the shouting died one wondered who paid the piper.

In any event the combination of Legionnaires and bankers, Union busters and cotton brokers, stock jobbers and other Tories will not be found on the side of human liberty or advancement. It is that ilk, which has made the constitution its tool and the Supreme Court its Royal Pot Boy with the object of crushing every vestige of liberty and making the present veiled dictatorship of plutocracy obvious to everybody.

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IMPERIALIST FRANCE RIDES ROUGHSHOD OVER GERMAN PEOPLE

Where are the "American Lovers of Liberty" who Wailed Over Belgium in 1914?

The following is a circular received by Bishop William Montgomery Brown from Germany. The atrocities committed against the German workers by the French imperialists are appalling. When will the workers of the world unite and stop them?—Ed.

A few weeks after the occupation had become a fact, Karin Michaelis, the great Danish writer says, Essen is as sad as the grave of outcasts. The people have forgotten how to laugh. The saving banks are occupied, the milk is seized, so that most of the children above 12 months of age have to be sent away or must die.

performance of King Lear is being given. French officers walk into the audience which consists mainly of women and young girls. They begin to hit the people right and left with their riding whips especially the girls across their bare shoulders and necks.

The Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican of Febr. 8, 1923 says: "Germany has paid stupendously and on a scale that would amaze the world if the facts were known. What are these facts? Germany has lost all her colonies, Alsace Lorraine, Upper Silesia, the district of Memel, of Danzig, large parts of the provinces of Posen and West Prussia, the upper part of Schleswig. These assets of tremendous value have not yet been credited to its account or appraised by the reparation commission.

Before the war Germany was the first ore producing country of Europe; it is now but the fourth. Before the war it was able to export 34 million tons of coal yearly; it now (before the invasion of the Ruhr) needs to import 14 million tons. We hear much of the humming wheels of Germany industry, but according to an English authority last year 90 of its 272 blast furnaces were out of action.

Moreover, Germany, according to the figures of the reparation commission has paid down to the end of 1921, a total of \$1,900,000,000, of which 38 per cent went for reparations and 62 per cent for "overhead." That means it cost Germany \$2.63 to pay \$1.00 in reparations.

In addition to all this Germany has delivered according to Mr. Cuno's the German Chancellor's statement; ships valued at 6 billion, coal and coke valued at 2.3 billion, German property in foreign countries to the extent of 11.7 billion.

Gelsenkirchen is a place like South Chicago. A pastor describes his visit there: "After a stay of five days the French have left Gelsenkirchen, in their pockets the money they stole from the banks or robbed peaceful citizens of. Traces of the occupation are to be found everywhere. In the house of my friend—a minister—the guestrooms are empty, the mattresses and the bedding dragged to a school near by, the beds used as fuel. Instruction was going on when the French rushed into the building, drove children and teachers with bayonets and whips out into the street, even examined the bags of the frightened children for money, revolvers etc. After an occupation of five days a large number of women worked for three days to get rid of the unspeakable dirt the French left behind.

Most of the towns, large and small are without mayors. Innumerable high officials are expelled every day and now the time has come for railroad men, telegraph operators, postal officials, in fact for everybody who refuses to carry out French orders. The awful misery into which the families of these men are thrown or the fact that there are no places to house them in unoccupied territory moves no Frenchman. Children and woman are dragged out of their beds in the middle of the night, thrown into an automobile and left somewhere on the road, no matter in what weather. The remaining population meanwhile is entirely without protection and this in a mining region!

Recklinghausen: In the theater a

Our Readers Forum

(The Voice of Labor welcomes contributions from its readers on topics affecting the interests of the workers. Letters should not be longer than three hundred words. Name and address of writer must accompany contribution as a guaranty of good faith, else communication will not be published. The writer may use non-de-plume. The Voice of Labor is not responsible for views expressed in this column.—Ed.

S. P. May Be Revived By Ku Klux Kleagles

Editor Voice of Labor:— It is generally known that the Socialist Party stopped growing upwards when the left elements left it a few years ago. It has been growing downwards ever since. Shortly after King Tut staged the great comeback the S. P. took the cue and boasts of a great resurrection began to emanate from the little cubby hole where the faithful captain Otto Branstetter still stays with the sinking ship. It is rumored he will stick like a good captain as long as the few foreign language federations that still hang on to the Socialist Party continue to pay dues.

His Head is in a Terrible Condition

South Bend, Ind., April 4, 1923. Editor Voice of Labor:— I am in receipt of a letter or papers asking me to send money to defend Foster, Ruthenberg and others in their trial at St. Joseph, Mich. I am under the painful necessity to tell you that I have no money to defend them, hardly enough for myself.

I would have given some money for defense until the Voice of Labor came out and took a slam at the socialists and did not stop at that, but sailed into the Salvation Army for giving the poor children one square meal a year and at the same time gained millions of dollars for themselves and did not even stop at that, but took a dig at the Ku Klux Klan, an organization that is the only hope for the laborer and savior for everything that is right and nothing wrong and 100% American, which is more than the communists could ever hope to be.

I don't see where they stand for anything that would be a benefit to the U. S. It looks more like a Russian deal. Any way I have nothing in common for them and do not even care for the Voice of Labor any more.

Yours truly, —J. S. Aker. 5121 So. LaFayette St. So. Bend, Ind. P. S.—You may publish this if you like, or if you don't like you don't need to.—J. S. A.

The Labor Movement in Montana

Editor Voice of Labor: With apologies I will attempt to give you a line on the labor situation in general here as I see it. First we will consider the R. K. unions which are perhaps worse shattered than any others, owing to either the lack of brains on the part of many of their grand lodge officials in the various crafts composing that industry or else to gratify the fiendish desire, that it must give them to know that they alone are probably responsible for more railroad men, children going to bed hungry every night, here as in every other railroad town in the U. S.

But I will say right now that the lesson has been valuable and I feel safe in saying that as a result you can not meet one man out of twenty among the R. K. men, but realizes as never before, the necessity of coming under one head, that is industrial unionism. The grand lodge officials are putting up an awful howl over to the Amalgamation of the weak, scattered craft unions into an efficient fighting organ, and as if determined to prevent such an amalgamation, we have two dual unions, pouring oil on the smoldering fires of disgust that exist in regard to the craft unions. However, there are men scattered through out the unions who recognize the futility of the dual union and would welcome a definite program of Amalgamation.

Various schemes are suggested to put new life into the Socialist Party but the most novel and practical is that proposed by Joseph Sharts, editor of the Miami Valley Socialist, and lone delegate from the great state of Ohio to the next convention of this Party. Joseph has written to the New York Call and spreads a tale of misery before its readers. His story is something like this "We are dying and it is useless to deny it. Unless something is done quickly we are doomed. August Classens stated on the floor at the 1919 convention in Chicago that for every "left" that went we would recruit one hundred new members. Joseph now admits August was a bum prophet.

Joseph has a scheme. "Look at the Ku Klux Klan" he says. "They charge a high membership fee and yet they get suckers by the thousand. The S. P. could do the same thing. Not alone are the Ku Kluxers getting members to "protect the womanhood of America," etc. but several honest Kleagles, Goblins, Wizards and Cyclops are making a living at the business. There are scores of deserving socialists knocking around who could earn their salt roping in new members to the Socialist Party if it was made worth their while.

Here is the suggestion. Raise the initiation fee for new members in the Socialist Party to five dollars. We are not getting any members now says Joseph so if the new scheme does not work, there will be nothing lost. Give the Socialist Kleagle who brings in the five dollar sucker three dollars and divide the other two between the District Goblin and the National Wizard. The high initiation fee would attract rather than repel members Joseph thinks.

He does not suggest any change in the ritual or whether the S. P. should adopt a regalia. We would suggest a yellow nightshirt instead of the white one. This would enable them to get by without infringing on the trade mark of the Ku Klux.

The editor of the New York Call was so enthusiastic over the proposition that he suggested the plan be discussed in the branches prior to the coming convention, when Emperor Hillquit, Imperial Wizard Branstetter, Klacph Oneal and the Cyclops, Goblins and Kleagles will come together to compare notes.

—Samuel Slaughter.

We'll Say So Too.

Chicago, Ill. Editor of Voice of Labor:— Your May Day issue was the cat's corset. Keep up the good work. The Voice of Labor is the best weekly paper that I have seen so far and I read many of them. Yours for a Workers' Republic. —John Beveridge.

TALK AMONG THE POOR FISH



The Poor Fish Says: The Poor Fish Says to His Pal: Now that the Chicago "Tribune" has withdrawn its correspondent from Moscow for telling the truth. We must go to hear Jim Cannon, lecture on "Ruin Today" in Wicker Park Hall on May 20. "Where is that place?" "At 2640 West North Ave."

INTRODUCING JOHN FARMER

By HAL-WARE.

WHAT IS A FARMER? and WHAT WILL A FARMER DO? These are pertinent questions every city worker should be able to answer.

You know as well as I do that the milk bottle doesn't grow on the doorstep. However, you probably blame John Farmer for its high price—instead of meeting him half way at the R. R. station, where the "raw" milk comes in. It is also the place where the MIDDLEMAN comes in via his "raw deal" and works both you and the farmer. The milk is sold by the farmer at a loss and sold to you by the middleman at a stiff profit. He gets us going and coming.

Workers and Farmers Must Fight Together.

If you think about the farmer at all you probably agree with the average "Wob" who dismisses the farmer with the smugly ignorant—"He is a petty bourgeois blankity blank! When we get a workers' government Mr. Farmer will have to come along." The little error in that sentence is the word—"when." The point is you won't get anything from your exploiters without the hearty support of this petty bourgeois blankity blank farmer. And you won't keep it if you get it; a workers' government, or any minor toe hold on the capitalist system, without the continued support of the same bourgeois farmer. And furthermore, you won't get his support until you know him and his problems and line up with him on the common ground that does exist.

Well then—John Farmer, U. S. A., is a composite of the world's peasants, mostly American. He has that typical soil psychology which means the universal passion for LAND. In highly industrialized America he appears to most city people exactly as the giraffe appeared to a farmer at first glimpse in the zoo. "Hell," the farmer remarked, "there ain't no such animal!" But there he is—an isolated individual working a small family-farm unit of land; maintaining individual production in the face of the most concentrated industrial society in the world.

That explains much; first, his psychology; second, his reactions. His individual system has run its course. It is bankrupt; that is, financially bankrupt according to the rules of the dear old capitalist system. Even on the land individualism can no longer compete with highly organized industries. Capitalism has at last killed the goose that not only laid golden eggs but which stood as a safe bulwark between proletarian and capitalist ideals.

The Farm "Crisis."

It is natural that this individual system should have first reached its limits in America. Also that American capitalism should be unprepared and incapable of solving the farm problem. The farm "crisis" is actually the "quickenings" of a new era in American farm production. What

New York Clothing Workers ask Raise

NEW YORK.—A 10 per cent wage increase, averaging about \$3 a week for each member, is to be demanded by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America for the 50,000 members of the organization in New York City. Similar demands will be presented in the men's clothing centers of Chicago, Rochester, Philadelphia and Boston.

In Chicago a special board of arbitration is taking up the wage question for the entire Chicago men's clothing market.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Birthdays in May of political prisoners confined in American prisons, are announced by the Workers National Prison Comfort Club, 2923 Chestnut St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as follows: At Leavenworth Kansas, Box No 7, May 18th Richard Brazier, No. 13103, May 22, Myron Sprague, No. 13581, May 30 Geo. O'Connell, No. 13576. At San Quentin penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif. May 18, David Caplan, Reg. No. 30220. Cora Meyer, National Secretary, invites friends and sympathizers to send birthday cards and letters to these political prisoners. Money is advisable for gifts.

WANTED American Workers to Enter Into the CANNONS OR TRACTORS Contest for A FREE TRIP TO RUSSIA. Employment or unemployment in America depends upon the world-market. Upon the industrial conditions of the different countries depends the condition of the world-market. Upon the condition of the world-market depends the peace of the world. Soviet Russia is One Sixth of the entire Globe with a population of 150,000,000 People. How can we talk of a world-market and exclude Soviet Russia? ENTER THE CONTEST FOR A FREE TRIP TO RUSSIA! Join the One Dollar Army Friends of Soviet Russia, 201 W. 13th St., N. Y. City. Enclosed please find \$..... to help buy twenty tractors for Russia. Name Address City Trade or Profession Record my..... votes in favor of. Shall we send you collection blanks? CONTEST ENDS JUNE 30th. ALL BLANKS MUST BE IN BY JUNE 20th.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers Declare a Strike in Los Angeles

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Local 278 of Los Angeles has declared a general strike in the clothing industry of Los Angeles. They issued the following statement:

We have slaved in the shops at the will of our master, but can no longer tolerate the conditions they offer us. Even in the best of times we find ourselves unemployed part of the time while the cost of living is steadily climbing. According to the Department of Labor in Washington, prices for the necessities of living now average 12 per cent more than a year ago and are still on the upgrade, an increase of 1% per cent being noted in March over April.

Their demands are as follows:

1. The recognition of the union and a signed contract to that effect containing also the following provisions:
 2. Abolition of piece work.
 3. A 20% increase to all who are not below the enclosed scale. All workers receiving less than the minimum shall be raised to the minimum immediately. The minimum scale shall be:

Operators	\$30.00
Operator-helpers	49.00
Old-processors	50.00
Under-processors	40.00
Tailors	44.00
Trimmers	44.00
Try-on Makers	44.00
Womens-helpers	30.00
Button-hole Makers	31.00
Edge-Binders, Arm-hole Binders and All-around Finishers	28.00
Canvas and Lapel Patterners	20.00
 4. Regulation of overtime, eliminating overtime on Saturday and time and one-half for overtime at all other times.
 5. The recognition of only one contractor in each shop who shall be permitted to work not more than ten hours.
 6. Equal Division of work in slack period.
 7. A bond of \$100 to be deposited by the employer to assure full compliance with this agreement.
 8. The establishment of impartial machinery.
- By order of the Executive Board.

Black Shirts Active.

BERLIN.—Another reactionary coup d'etat is being planned in Germany. The Fascist organizations are standing by, ready to threaten the Cuno government if it shows signs of listening to the demand throughout the country for a reasonable solution of the Ruhr problem, which might involve sacrifices for the oligarchy of capitalists who control German industry. As the Ruhr situation develops more and more into a deadlock, the Fascist organizations become more active.

France Rides Roughshod Over German People

(Cont. from page Three.)

go into flower stores to buy flowers. When the child returns she has to hold up the flowers to the officer on horseback. Of this act a photograph is taken and sent to foreign countries showing the good will of the populace toward the French.

Meanwhile over a hundred peaceful citizens have been killed by French soldiers, over a thousand families driven out, numerous women and children outraged, thousands of babies have died from lack of milk and French officers are proving veritable fiends in inventing medieval punishments. All this in a time of peace.

France will, of course, deny these atrocities. There are, however, plenty of neutral witnesses who will verify the reports just as there are plenty of witnesses for this letter. A wave of intense resentment is rising in Germany and will, we hope, find an echo in neutral countries. We ask for justice for a miserably betrayed people.

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HARDING FOR THE OPEN SHOP

By JAY LOVESTONE.

The political clouds are clearing for the big storm in 1924. From royal yachts and presidential beaches come pouring in declarations about the coming presidential election.

It is a fact that the last great industrial struggle—the great strike wave of 1922—was fought to an indecision. Today, the capitalists are preparing to reform their lines and reorganize their forces for a new attack on the workers.

"Hell and Maria" Dawes Attacks the Workers.

Gen. "Hell and Maria" Dawes had boldly and frankly come out for the Republican Party, openly waging its coming national campaign in favor of the open shop. Our strikebreaking Atty. Gen. Daugherty has joined him in his frantic plea for an offensive against the workers.

Gen. Dawes is a graduate of the old Mark Hanna school of American imperialism. He helped Hanna sell McKinley to the American workers on the fake gold standard issue. Dawes is an expert at rendering service to the employing class. In 1896 he plainly told the workers that if they wouldn't vote for McKinley, big business would shut down the factories and they would starve. Hell and Maria got results then, and he plans to get results now—for the big capitalists.

(The workers will get "hell,"—ED.)

It is an open secret amongst these in the innermost conclaves of Republican Party reaction that the giant banks and manufacturers' associations were not completely satisfied with the extent to which Harding employed the strikebreaking powers of the government in the industrial conflict of 1922. The lords of finance and barons of industry wanted Harding to go much further than he did in attacking the workers. Harding must be chosen to succeed himself; otherwise the Republican Party will be admitting its and its failures to the workers. Though the big exploiters must stand by Harding, they are determined to change his smile into a frown and have him at once begin to use the big stick in politics.

It is for this reason that the financiers have chosen such sure and aggressive strikebreakers as Daugherty and Dawes to proclaim the doctrine of the open shop for the Republican Party. Though Harding and the platform on which he will stand or run will pussy-foot or gum-shoe for votes on this proposal by a vague generalization, it is now plain to the workers that the power behind the throne in the Republican Party is prepared to use all the powers of government to foist the open shop on the workers.

Denunciation and moral outbursts, whether they be of the faint Gompers color or the less impotent diatribes hurled by some of the progressives, will not stop this capitalist attack on the workers. If the working class is to defend its rights and to prevent further wage-cuts and degrading conditions of employment it must organize politically to use all of its political power in the struggle against the employing class. The frank de-

Unions in Needle Industry Voting on Amalgamation

The Amalgamation Plan which has been proposed to the various Needle Trades International Unions by the International Committee of the T. U. E. L., is now being discussed in the various locals throughout the country. The first few days' returns indicate a success beyond expectation. Almost all of the Needle Trades centers are represented in the first returns. The following are the Locals, in nine different cities, who have endorsed the Plan of Amalgamation as proposed by the T. U. E. L., section of the Needle Trades:

Local 81, I. L. G. W., Chicago, Ill.; local 4, I. L. G. W., Baltimore, Md.; local 86, A. C. W. of A., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joint Board A. C. W. of A., Boston, Mass.; local 162, Journeymen Tailors, Cleveland, Ohio; local 12, journeymen Tailors, Boston, Mass.; local 10, U. C. H. & C. of N. A., St. Paul, Minn.; local 5, U. C. H. & C. of N. A., Chicago, Ill.; local 12, U. C. H. & C. of N. A., Minneapolis, Minn.; local 23, U. C. H. & C. of N. A., New York City; local 22, U. C. H. & C. of N. A., Scranton, Pa.

PARIS.—Whatever the result of the Ruhr occupation, it is certain, in the opinion of labor men here, that the French iron-masters and the German coal owners will come to an agreement, in which the French obtain at least a half interest in a Ruhr-Lorraine steel trust. Such a settlement would merely complete France's present military supremacy by an economic supremacy in Europe.

claration of the Republican Party general staff for the open shop shows plainly that the government is more and more brazenly functioning as a strikebreaking agency in the hands of the capitalists.

It is obvious that the workers must repel this new onslaught of their employers if they are to be free men. It is equally obvious that the only way for the workers to resist successfully and turn the capitalist attack into a rout is to organize politically—to organize a powerful independent working class political party uncompromisingly all workers' and working farmers' organizations regardless of political differences.

The workers must meet the political power of the exploiters with their own political powers. This they can do only if they forthwith sever all relations with the parties and men, good or bad, of their oppressors. The workers must organize a powerful party of their own to fight their own battles and their own battles only. Only a Labor Party can put a halt to the new open shop drive.

To Capitalism

By EDWARD J. IRVINE

You've taken years from my life
You've run red blood from my veins
You've put love under the knife
And stolen dreams from my brains.

You've frozen me in the cold
And burned me in fires of hell
In my eyes you have hurled dust of gold
Until I see scarcely as well.

Old Hag! Black blood-sucker of Youth!
Mad Murderer! Weaver of lies!
You've committed abortion on Truth
And hurled vitriol in Beauty's bright eyes.

So I swear by the graves of my brothers,
Future, past, present, eternity,
And the dry-breasts of destitute mothers,
I'll overthrow thee and never confer with thee.

Communist International in May Day Message to Workers

In a May Day proclamation issued by the Communist International the violence inherent in capitalist society is pointed out. The following is part of the manifesto:

When the Communists first issued the call for the United Front, the great mass of the non-communist working-class made no response. Today the will for unity has awakened among the proletariat everywhere. The apostles of reformism preach a policy of tranquility, civil peace and coalition in vain. They can no longer suppress the will for unity among the proletariat. They no longer hold their followers in the hollow of their hands; they can no longer lay down the law for the labor movement. The wages demands, the strikes, the demonstrations in the Saar Valley, in Belgium, in Czechoslovakia, in Hungary and in other countries show that ever larger numbers of the workers are beginning to assert their will and independence. The United Front will be realized not through the wisdom of the opportunist leaders, but through the sure instinct of the masses.

The workers are no longer prepared to believe that their best policy is to live "in peace" with the capitalists. The policy of civil peace has brought them nothing but low wages, high prices, longer working hours, short time unemployment, degradation, and violent repression. To these is now added the daily increasing menace of war. The capitalists, it is true, are crying for peace—not from humane or pacifist motives, but for the sake of business and profits. They are powerless, however, to bring peace. They tried it at Versailles, but in vain, and are now themselves obliged to speak of the treaty which was to be the greatest act in history as the "shreds of the Peace of Versailles."

Every day aggravates the antagonisms between the imperialist powers and creates new ones. War has become the normal state of capitalist society, as the recent events in the Ruhr once more prove. The proletariat alone, conscious of their aims and prepared for extreme sacrifices in a determined struggle, can give permanent peace to the workers of the world.

The fight against fascism and against war implies a fight on behalf of Soviet Russia. Soviet Russia is a thorn in the flesh of capitalist society. It regards, and justly regards, the very existence of the Bolshevik State as a permanent threat of world revolution. It therefore hates with the same intensity it formerly loved the autocracy of the Tsars. Hence the abuse, vilification and persecution to which Soviet Russia is subjected. Precisely for that reason the duty of all class-conscious workers is to place themselves unreservedly on the side of Soviet Russia. Shoulder to shoulder with their Russian Comrades they must give capitalism its deathblow.

Kansas City Press Chase Red Goblins Since Bloor Meet

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Since the spectacular breaking up of Mother Bloor's meeting April 11, the local police have done little beyond picketing all meetings. The newspapers however have been very active, giving columns on the front page to discussion of threatened red terrorism, assassination and arson and calling for the arrest of everybody who is suspected of ever having attended a labor meeting. Saturday, April 28, the police with their usual scrupulous regard for constitutional rights broke into the International Brotherhood Welfare Association Hall and seized every one present as "vagrants."

The legion officials have been granted much newspaper space in which to display their ignorance—and they've done it nobly. One morning branded the demand of the north-west lumbermen for sheets and show-erbaths as "revolutionary." He is right at that. Any demand of the toilers for cleanliness and a chance to enjoy the smallest comfort of life is a revolution against the present regime, which preserves such things for the insignificant minority. I consider the honorable gentleman a moron not because he made that statement but because he is a legion member.

The legion staged a "patriotic parade" May 1, and enrolled 200 thugs as special police to break up any other parade or meeting. This attempt to twist Labor's holiday into a day of devotion to our industrial masters is as bad as the use by Rome's imperialists of labor's scarlet flag in order to dupe the soldiers of the working-class into fighting for the patriots. The American workers will prove less easy to fool.

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5—The mere wage earner who risks his life in mid-air with the steel girders, made by unimportant steel workers.
6—The man who carves the stone that gives beauty to the structure—just a humble laborer.—(D—)



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GRABLE PROPAGANDA NAILED

DETROIT.—Propaganda to put E. F. Grable, discredited former president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, on the U. S. rail labor board as a labor member is given a deathblow in a statement issued from the office of the organization here.

"A press dispatch from Chicago dated April 23 deposed former president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees & Railway Shop Laborers, Mr. E. F. Grable has been recommended as a nominee on the labor board to fill a vacancy that has occurred," declares F. Finson, editor and manager of the brotherhood's journal, in an official statement. "It was stated that Mr. Grable was nominated by the labor group."

"On behalf of the U. B. M. of W. employees we wish to state that Mr. Grable has never been recommended

for the labor board by his own organization nor has he been recommended by any of the bona fide railway organizations of the country, and the statement that has appeared in the press is therefore misleading and not true."

Grable was president of the union when the shop crafts went on strike July 1, 1922, against wage cuts and longer working hours. His organization declared for a strike by 97% of those voting but he refused to call the men off the job, hoping for preferential treatment from the labor board.

Having jeopardized the other rail unions he received his reward in a 2-cent an hour raise for his men from the board, which brought the average wage to 34.7 cents an hour. At the Detroit convention of the maintenance of way men Grable was almost unanimously relieved of his job as president.

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Workers Party Activities

NEWS OF WORKERS PARTY DISTRICT NO. 8.

By ARNE SWABECK

May First meant a busy day for all of our available speakers and for most of our Party units. In Chicago alone seven meetings were held with a total attendance of about 3,325, distributed as follows, according to reports made by the speakers. In Carmens Auditorium about 1,500 present. This relatively small number seems to be due to the fact that so many language units had their separate celebrations. Although we will agree that this is not a good practice and that every effort should be made to centralize into making one or two large meetings, many foreign speaking workers are yet inclined to prefer to go to meetings where their own language is spoken. For all future purposes no effort should be spared to centralize all such activities into one united movement. This meeting, as already reported was held under the auspices of the United Front Committee made up of unions and workers' political parties.

The Czechoslovak units held their celebration jointly with the Bohemian Trades Council and affiliated unions, about 500 present. The Scandinavian branches had a combined meeting and entertainment with about 400 present. The Lithuanian branches had about 250 present at their meeting, the Romanian branch about 100 and the Italian branches held a joint celebration at Italian speaking labor unions. Branches of the Italian Socialist Federation of the S. P. I. W. W. and Syndicalist groups, about 300 present. In Pullman the branches succeeded in arranging a very inspiring meeting in co-operation with several workers fraternal societies, which brought an attendance of about 275.

In Milwaukee not more than 200 workers attended the May Day meeting which shows that our members there yet have a great deal to bring the Party in closer contact with the masses. The unions co-operated in this meeting. In Waukegan, Ill., a good meeting was held with about 250 in attendance. Racine and Kenosha, Wis., each had their celebrations and each attended by about 100 workers. In these two cities also a real effort by our comrades is needed. However by pointing to some cities let us not forget that much greater activity is needed throughout the whole District. In Joliet, Ill., for instance the attendance was smaller yet than in the former two places mentioned. In the little mining town Toluca, Ill. on the other hand more than 200 miners came together in a very inspiring celebration.

The local part of the American Legion in Toluca became very peeved when they learned that a May Day Celebration was to be held and issued special notification to their membership to be ready for any emergency as, in their opinion it could only be a terrible disloyal bunch which would dare to celebrate May First as a Labor Holiday, and they warned the "public" lest another Russia or Mexico should be established in the old U. S. However the miners enjoyed their day off by listening to the truth about the great democracy, "for the few," which the Legion is struggling to uphold; and the dear "public" seemed to have full confidence in the assurance given by the Mayor, a miner elected by the miners, that it would do everybody a lot of good to attend that meeting.

Down in Judge Cury's Kingdom some small accidents happened. In Hammond our unit held a joint May Day Celebration with the Central Labor Body, the Machinists Union and the Farmer Labor Party with about 100 workers in attendance. In South Bend, Ind., our speaker, who was sent there to awaken the slumbering masses was given the address of a junk shop instead of a hall, with the result that the masses are still slumbering and the speaker swearing at all organizers who do not make proper arrangements for meetings.

In Gary, Ind., about 150 steel workers came to listen to the Workers Party speakers, while a number of finks crowded the corners of the hall and the blue wagon was stationed at the front entrance. Before the meeting came to an end the finks suddenly remembered that here was again an opportunity to vindicate their usual record and the speaker Moritz J. Loeb, the Secretary of the Labor Defense Council, Mrs. Loeb, and P. Omelian, who was to speak in Russian were given a free ride in the blue wagon to the bastille. The next day half had been secured for all three and they are again back on the job.

Two of our speakers were invited to address May Day Celebrations held by the Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers and one of their affiliated local unions. Special literature had been furnished in advance to all these meetings

CHICAGO ACTIVITIES.

By GEORGE MAURER

May Day United Front Meetings were held in Chicago as follows: Mass Meeting at Carmens Hall and in Pullman. Language meetings by the Bohemians, Scandinavians, Lithuanians and Italians. W. P. speakers addressed two meetings of Ladies Garment Workers. See report on May Day meetings in District No. 8 elsewhere in this issue.

Chicago branches and comrades are now settling down in earnest for steady propaganda for a real Labor Party, Amalgamation and a Workers' Government,—distributing literature on the subject and advocating in unions and everywhere, these needed fighting instruments of the working-class. Some of our comrades report favorable action already taken by their unions on the referendum sent out by the T. U. E. L. and on the call for the Labor Party Convention on July 3rd. Delegates who favor a real federated Labor Party are being elected.

The V. of L. subscription campaign is over with many hundred new subscribers. The N. W. English branch holds the record with 25 new subscribers. The D. P. English branch has got 20; the Karl Marx Scandinavian 23. Chicago friends of the Voice can make up for lost time by selling the 25c tickets (including a 13 weeks' sub.) to the Cannon Lecture from now to May 20th. Let us see what branch will sell the most of these ticket-subscriptions for the Voice for May 20th lecture.

May is the month for the drive for union and T. U. E. L. membership and for subs. to the Labor Herald. Already, May 3rd reports are in of Chicago branches getting members to join a union, subs. to the L. H. and resolving to push industrial work as a May substitute for spring fever. The Chicago City Meeting of the T. U. E. L. May 23rd at Wicker Park Hall, 2040 W. North Ave. All W. P. members who are in unions are to be there. May 30th, Decoration Day is the big T. U. E. L. picnic at Chernauskas Grove.

The D. P. English branch had a few members who insisted on the importance of leaflet distribution. As a result they spread over 10,000 Party Programs (helped out in territory not assigned to them even) and 5,000 May Day manifestoes—from house to house. Other branches have done almost as well. Still others have yet to be heard from.

James P. Cannon will give his great lecture on "Russia Out of the Shadows" on Sunday evening, May 20th at Wicker Park Hall. This is an excellent lecture to bring sympathetic workers to.

The following night, May 21st, Comrade Cannon will address all Chicago W. P. members on the Fourth Congress of the C. I.—at Imperial Hall, 2409 N. Halsted St. He has a vital message for all members.

Remember the dates, May 20th, May 21st, May 23rd and May 30th. Join a union, join the T. U. E. L., get subscribers, sell some tickets, come to the meetings. See that your branch gets Programs and distributes them.

With the Ruthenberg conviction, members are expected to take out the L. D. C. lists and get donations with renewed vigor.

Next meeting of the City Central Committee, Chicago, Tuesday May 15th at Workers' Lyceum.

Denver Women Spurn Russ Soviet Film on American Legion Advice

DENVER, Colo.—The Womens' Club of this city had a contract with the Friends of Soviet Russia for the showing of the film "Russia Through the Shadows" in Denver. On the advice of the American Legion the Womens' Club broke the contract and refused to have the picture shown as intended.

The action of the Womens' Club was taken, it is stated on information supplied by the Americanization Committee of the American Legion, of which Garland W. Powell is director.

The Friends of Soviet Russia threaten to sue the Womens' Club for breach of contract. The scabby American Legion is gradually fulfilling the purpose for which it was intended. The millionaires that started it did not waste their money. Yet Gompers supports this movement and gives it the official blessing of the American Federation of Labor.

and a great quantity disposed of. Many May Day Buttons with the slogan For Amalgamation, A Labor Party and A Workers Government were also distributed as well as the Workers Party May Day manifestoes.

HIKE ON MAY 13TH

The success of the first hike of the League some weeks ago, despite bad weather, has urged the city committee to arrange another on a much bigger scale. May 13th is the date set for the second hike of the season, and many surprises are promised. Every member should be at the end of the Milwaukee-Gale car line at 11:00 o'clock, on the date of the hike. There will be no waiting, as the hike will start promptly from that spot. Late-comers are to follow chalk arrows with the initials "YWL", which will be written either on the sidewalks or walls from the beginning to the end of the hike.

Y. W. L. NOTES. by HARRY GANNES.

Hirsch Leckert Branch Drive Nets 35 New Members.

Thirty five new members were enrolled at the concert and mass meeting given by the Hirsch Leckert Branch of the Young Workers League at the Workers Lyceum, April 29th. A musical program unequalled by any of the Young Workers organizations in this city heretofore attracted a large crowd. There were speakers in Jewish and English. Though the greater portion of the new members will join either the Hirsch Leckert or John Reed branches (Jewish speaking) about ten of the new recruits are to be put into the West Side English speaking branch.

Karl Liebknecht Branch Active

The following program for the month of May has been drawn up by the Karl Liebknecht Branch: May 7th at 7:30 P. M. regular business meeting will be held at Willow and Burling Sts. May 14th, educational meeting; subject, The Educational Problems of the Youth.

Y. W. L. National Convention to be Held in Chicago May 20-21

The Second National Convention of the Young Workers League of America will be held in this city at the Workers Lyceum, May 20-21. Delegates from all parts of the country will be there. Visitors are invited.

AMALGAMATION WINS IN LYNN

LYNN, Mass.—The attack on the shoeworkers by the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers' Association aided and abetted by the labor fakers, ended in triumph for unionism when the Amalgamated Shoe Workers of America recently organized as a result of the amalgamation of several independent shoeworkers' unions, compelled the manufacturers to sign an agreement and call off the injunction suits with which they were attempting to hamstring the workers.

The history of the move to amalgamate the shoeworkers into one organization is an interesting one. William B. Fogarty, general president of the Amalgamated, in an article in the Amalgamated Shoeworker, official organ of the union, tells briefly of the steps taken to bring about unity among the workers in the shoe industry.

The surprising part of the story is the about face of the United Shoe Workers—the leader in the unity plan. Whatever happened between the time the plan was nearing completion and the date of the Boston

THE FRENCH INVASION OF THE RUHR

By H. GREENBERG.

Those who remember the howls raised by the "liberty-loving Americans," in 1914 when the gray hosts of the Kaiser marched into Belgium on their way to France may well express surprise at the equanimity of these same people over the present invasion of Germany by the military forces of France.

If the German government in 1914 represented the apex of world military ambition so does the French reactionary government represent a similar outlook today. But while there was a strong propaganda for intervention in the former case, today the rape of Germany is looked on with calm, and "poor little Belgium" the darling of the painted society prostitutes and their keepers, is living up to her record of Congo days when she cut off the hands of the black men because they could not produce enough rubber to satisfy the appetite of her capitalists.

Such is capitalist hypocrisy. Today England sympathizes with Germany because she is getting jealous of French military power. The United States is too busy chasing oil wells and getting ready for a war with England to butt into European affairs. And so the French have a free hand in perpetrating their foul crime

Foster and Johnstone Will Speak at Amalgamation Picnic

Militant trade unionists will be given an opportunity to hear both W. Z. Foster and J. W. Johnstone, the latter having recently returned from a four months stay in Soviet Russia and a trip through most of the European countries, at the Amalgamation Picnic to be held on Decoration Day, May the 30th. W. Z. Foster is now making an organizing tour through the Eastern States and will just be back in time to relate the latest developments in the movement for amalgamation and more militant unionism. Johnstone is the League organizer for the Middle Western States and will have lots of plans to propose for future work.

The second national conference of the Trade Union Educational League is soon to be held. This picnic is an effort to further cement the activities of the militants for this coming event, and to help secure some much needed financial assistance and to provide for the delegation that comes to Chicago for the historic gathering. The influence of the T. U. E. L. is becoming ever more felt in the trade union movement. Sam. Gompers has a big squawk in every issue of his official organ, while his chief lieutenant Mathew Woll asks the readers of the metropolitan dailies to just ignore Foster and the T. U. E. L. This is but one more proof of the progressive work which is started. It is a spur to the militants to double their efforts. There must be no let down in the struggle for more effective union organizations, for better leadership and for a complete renaissance of the old traditions of the American workers.

This picnic will be a great get-together of all real unionists and revolutionists. One more step toward a United Front of labor. One more means for preparing for the coming attack of the bosses. Do not forget the time. Decoration Day, May 30 and the place Chernauskas Grove, Ogden Ave. and Desplaines River.

Withheld for Higher Prices



Sugar costs producers no more today than it did a few months ago. There is no sugar scarcity. Yet the price of sugar has gone up. No strike is necessary when producers want more money. All they do is change the price tags.

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF CHICAGO WIN PAY RAISE AND JOB INSURANCE

CHICAGO.—Victory in the arbitration proceedings for wage increase and unemployment insurance goes to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, according to an official of Hart Shaffner and Marx, one of the manufacturing firms that was a party to the negotiations. Amalgamated officials would not confirm the report until the decisions have been formally promulgated.

A 10 per cent increase in wages and an unemployment insurance arrangement are the chief points won by the union, according to the clothing man. The 10 per cent increase restores the wages to the 1922 level. Last year the union agreed to a cut because of the fall in the cost of living, which is now rising again. The typical amalgamated features of shop control, 44-hour week, and arbitration of disputed points remain.

A revolutionary change in the status of the needle trades is begun with the introduction of unemployment benefits. While the details of the plan are not yet made public, it

is asserted that the employer will guarantee a full 12 months' wage to any worker who has completed at least ten months of work in a given year. This means that all such workers will be assured a full year's pay. It will be to the employer's interest to see that they have enough work to keep them busy the year round, since the pay will continue just the same after the tenth month has been worked.

The course of the clothing trades has been seasonal employment. Introduction of the unemployment insurance will stabilize the industry.

The special arbitration board consisted of Prof. John R. Commons, University of Wisconsin, who has long advocated unemployment insurance at the employers' expense; Pres. David Friday, Michigan State Agricultural College, and Wm. Leiserson, who is the new chairman of the permanent board of arbitration.

Pres. Sidney Hillman, Samuel Lévin, Sidney Rissman, A. D. Marimpietri and Leo Wolman spoke for the Amalgamated in the hearings and W. E. Hotchkiss for the manufacturers.

THE TRACTOR CAMPAIGN

While all capitalist governments that are of sufficient consequence to be mentioned in the daily press are busily preparing for the next war or trying to wriggle out from under the debris of a war just past, the Soviet Government of Russia alone is actively engaged trying to build up the industries and give the peasants modern tools to work with so that they may be independent of charity and immune from the ravages of famine.

The Friends of Soviet Russia have organized a campaign for sufficient funds to purchase ten tractors for Soviet Russia. In order to add an inducement to this campaign a free trip to Russia is offered to the person receiving most votes for every ten thousand dollars collected. Details of this contest will be found on page three.

We urge our readers to get behind this campaign and help raise the forty thousand dollars necessary to purchase the tractors. Readers of the Voice of Labor have always showed

their love for the Workers Republic in a practical way. They have never turned a cold shoulder to any appeal for aid to Soviet Russia. They will not fail now.

The enemies of Soviet Russia are still looking for an opportunity to make war on the first Workers Republic. Let the reply of the American workers be a token of solidarity and a tangible proof of our confidence in our comrades over there by sending them the modern implements that will convert land now lying idle into blooming gardens of plenty for the benefit of the peasants and workers who are building up a new society. Send all contributions to the Friends of Soviet Russia, 201 West 13th St., New York City.

ENGLISH BRANCH MEETINGS OF WORKERS' PARTY.

Local Chicago.

North West English—Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2517 Fullerton Ave. The next meeting will be held in May 8, and 22.

North Side English—Meets on Mondays at 2409 North Halsted St., Imperial Hall. The next meeting will be on May 14.

Douglas Park English—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 3322 Douglas Blvd. National Institute. The next meeting will be May 21.

South Side English—Meets first and third Thursday of each month at 3201 S. Wabash Ave., Hall 2nd floor. The next meeting will be May 17.

Mid-City English—Meets every first and third Wednesday of month at Emmet Memorial Hall, Taylor and Ogden. Next meeting will be on May 16.

Coming Events.

May 20—J. P. Cannon on Russia Out of Shadows, Wicker Park Hall.
May 21—General membership meeting, J. P. Cannon on Fourth Congress of C. I.
May 30—T. U. E. L. picnic, Chernauskas Grove.
Aug. 26—Press Picnic, Riverview Park.

Kusbas Indictment Preposterous Declares Liberties Bureau

In a statement sent out to the 5,000 members, lawyers and correspondents affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union all over the country, the Executive Committee of that organization, among whom are Prof. Harry F. Ward, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Albert De Silver, Norman Thomas and Rev. John Nevin Sayre, characterize the prosecution of the Kusbas Colony Committee for false representations in their Russian colony prospectus as a political case and endorse the participation in the project of the Union's director, Roger N. Baldwin, who is one of the defendants. The indictment is described as "preposterous."

"We think it likely," the Committee states, "that those who welcome the prosecution of Mr. Baldwin and the Kusbas committee themselves realize how flimsy are the charges, and welcome it because they believe that, whether the charges come to trial or not, the fact of the indictment will discredit not only the Kusbas colony but the public activities in which Mr. Baldwin is engaged, notably the work of the American Civil Liberties Union."

"Because this prosecution seems to be an attack upon Mr. Baldwin's public usefulness we think it desirable to state publicly what should be obvious without statement,—our entire confidence in him and our indignation that a charge of this character should be brought against him."

Soviet Russia Pictorial

May Number of Soviet Russia Pictorial Containing a Wealth of Interesting Material.

(By F. S. R. Press Service.) The May issue of "Soviet Russia Pictorial" contains a great deal of interesting material on the rebuilding of Russia's agriculture, a subject which is in the limelight owing to the forthcoming Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow and the drive for tractors being conducted in this country. Anna Louise Strong, in an article entitled "North Dakota in the Urals," reviews the modernization experiment of the Friends of Soviet Russia in the Province of Perm, and other phases are discussed editorially and in feature articles.

There are over forty pictures in the issue, touching almost every phase of Russian history and current affairs. Among the leading articles are the following: "Lanacharsky on Education," "Unknown Russia: An Intimate Study" by A. C. Freeman, which is a reply to articles under the same title run by the New York World, "Nechayev, A Unique Type," "The Death of Martov;" "Facts and Fancies;" "The Red Soldier, 1917-1923," "The Lunda Colony," by Elizabeth Hasanonovitz; "The News Cable at Work," by J. Louis Engdahl. In addition it carries the usual departments, like Books Reviewed, organization activities and the like.

JAMES P. CANNON, National Chairman, W. P., will speak on

Russia Today

WICKER PARK HALL
2040 W. North Ave., Chicago,

Sunday, May 20, 1923, 7.30 P. M.

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2. "From Office Boy to President," one act play, by the Young Workers League of Chicago
3. The Young Proletarian Singers,—in worker's songs, as sung by the Red Army Soldiers. Directed by Rudolph Liebh
4. SLIDES, 150 scenes from Russia, by Jack Mednis
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Editorial Page of the Voice of Labor



Fight On!

The result of the Ruthenberg trial while undoubtedly disappointing in view of the disagreement in the Foster case, was not surprising to those who were present in the courthouse at Saint Joseph while the process of selecting the jury went on.

With perhaps one or two exceptions every man in the panel showed a suspicious desire to get on that jury. Every man was prejudiced against the defendant and all he stood for. Every man was a property holder, else under the Michigan laws he could not sit on that jury. One of those who made up the jury was a member of the American Legion, another was treasurer of the local Chamber of Commerce, another was a Justice of the Peace and a cog in the Republican political machine, still another took part in the recent political campaign as an ally of Prosecutor Gore and was an employee of the Standard Oil Company, and all of them were as ignorant of communism as twelve Australian bushmen.

This, together with the moronic appeals to their prejudice made by the attorneys for the state, rendered it highly improbable that twelve men selected from a county that has been overrun by stool pigeons for the past six months, could try Comrade Ruthenberg according to the evidence presented and not on his anti-war record.

The decision of the jury means that the fight must continue until labor compels the repeal of the anti-syndicalist law of the State of Michigan. This conviction, as the President of the Michigan State Federation of Labor states, now leaves the road open for an assault on the entire trade union movement. This must not be allowed. We must redouble our efforts and proceed to replenish the treasury of the Labor Defense Council and carry on this fight until we win.

Drop Injunction Fight

Although the Department of Justice is seeking to make the Daugherty open shop injunction against the railroad shop crafts permanent, the railway employes department, A. F. of L., will conduct no further legal fight against the writ. Atty. Donald Richberg announces for the department.

The excuse given by the legal battery engaged by Mr. Jewel and the reactionary crew at the head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor was that the strike ended last September as a national effort and that the principle that the decisions of the Rail Labor Board are not binding, was sustained by the Supreme Court in the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

This is only a lame excuse. The real reason is that the rank and file of the shop craft union members have refused to contribute any more money to futile legal shamming before capitalist judges, but would rather test the ability of Daugherty and his stool pigeons to enforce the open shop plan by a struggle on the part of the united forces of labor on the railways, through a direct refusal to work until this injunction was lifted.

This method of settling labor disputes, while the most effective, is not welcome to the capitalist lackeys who follow the tortuous path of Sam Gompers. They prefer to fool around with courts and fritter away the enthusiasm and energy of the workers until defeat stares them in the face. The disorganized condition of the shop crafts renders it impossible for them to fight now. Unless they reorganize on the basis of industrial unionism through amalgamation they cannot expect to be any more successful in the next fight than in the last one.

The Minute Men

During the war we were afflicted with a gang of self appointed custodians of the public morale that went by the name of "four minute men." Their business was to intrude themselves on innocent theatre goers or any other assemblage and pour out all the piffle they could think of in the short space of time at their disposal. Their object was to jack up the patriotism of the public to the point of emotional imbecility and to keep it there until the carnage in Europe was finished and Morgan and the other owners of this government called off their war dogs.

With the end of the war many of the afflictions incidental to such a condition vanished automatically with the situation that brought them into existence. The armies of detectives and eavesdroppers were disbanded and had to take to second story work and bootlegging for a living. Many of the panhandling institutions were liquidated though most of them should be in jail for swindling the public. Little by little we were relieved of the battalions of beggars that fought with each other for the public coin but put up a united front against a return to sanity and some kind of decency.

Every once in a while, however, some wise revenue seeker, remembering the high rate of mental deficiency on the part of the manhood of America exposed by the army tests during the war, decides to take advantage of this intellectual vacuity. The plan most in vogue is to organize them into a patriotic society or band them together for the "protection of womanhood." King Benjamin of the House of David, it might be noticed, made good with the latter subterfuge, so why not others? The Ku Klux Klan has collared all the number one grade morons that could be reached by "go-get-em" Kliegels. The Fascisti have followed in their wake and are roping in the morons of class A, division 2, and now comes General Dawes, president of the Central Trust Company of Illinois, with a fine toothed comb with the object of dragging in the rest.

The general calls his aggregation "The Minute Men of the Constitution." Their object, while ostensibly to support the government, is actually to support the open shop. Unlike the Ku Klux Klan, it is not led by low-brow petty larceny artists, but by the "Hardboiled-Smiths" of the capitalist class. Its main object is not to collect graft from the joiners, but to use them against organized labor.

The Chicago Tribune, in an editorial obviously written by the secret press agent of this new movement, hails the organization as a portent of the times. It indicates, declares the "greatest liar in the world," that the tide of loyalty is rising (let us hope the Tribune will sink in it) and that Americanism (the creed of dumbbellhood) has its defenders as well as its enemies.

The Tribune winds up its intellectual gurgle with the following:

"Gen. Dawes has proposed a significant motto for his organization. It is the appeal of Washington to the founders of the constitution in convention assembled: Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. Millions of loyal Americans have been more or less consciously looking for the raising of such a standard, and they will rally to it, for America is America still."

Perhaps the "General" has an ambition to become the Mussolini of America. He may be a better financial expert than the dirty shirted Italian model, but unless he amalgamates the Fascisti and the Ku Klux Klan with his Minute Men he will have some difficulty in building up a respectable following from the point of view of numbers unless the supply of morons is inexhaustible. This organization may miss fire like the rest, but it undoubtedly will have the support of the capitalist press and the backing of the militant capitalists of which Dawes is the political Billy Sunday.

Russian Fables Wanted!

We once knew a shyster lawyer who used to cover up his shady practices and make a bold front before the public by collecting pennies in church every Sunday and wearing a face that had the popular conception of the Nazarene's countenance, backed off the boards of downright piety. "Isn't he an honest fellow," was the general run of comment excited by this legal fox's pious camouflage.

An editorial in the Chicago Tribune entitled "Frauds of Sovietism" reminds us of the legal hypocrite. Enraged because its correspondent in Moscow was not sending it all the "lies that are fit to print," it makes a gesture of honesty and declares "Well, if our correspondent cannot get the truth about Russia in Moscow why, we will withdraw him and he can get whatever he can outside of Moscow."

In order to prove its impartiality in contra-distinction to the proletarian class bias of the Bolsheviks the Tribune published a story of the convention of the Living Church, held in Moscow, during which Lenin was praised and communism extolled. But fearing that a continuation of this policy would be unhealthy for capitalism in America, the Tribune withdrew its correspondent. He will probably supply us with "facts" from Riga.

This is typical capitalist hypocrisy. The American workers know that the capitalist press lies about Russia as well as it lies about themselves, but it must rely on them for its news there being no labor dailies to speak of in this country. When will the workers become independent of the capitalist press by establishing their own dailies? The capitalist can support their own press! Let us see how long they can exist without the support of the workers, whom they hate and despise so much.

William H. Taft, the \$10,000 a year orphan of the Carnegie Steel Trust managed to retain his judicial respectability until some muck-raker discovered this skeleton in the fat man's closet. Poor Bill! You happened to have a more winning way with you than Woodrow Wilson, who begged for a pension from the same source, but foxy Andy did not then realize that Woody was only using progressive phrases to get into the White House and was just as safe as the fat boy. And yet I suppose if William H. Taft was called upon to deliver a decision in a case of the Carnegie Steel Trust vs. the United States government, he could disassociate the Bill that receives the handout, from the judicial Bill, who is supposed to judge every case on its merits! It is to laugh.

Comrade Wicks, labor editor of the Worker, was arrested in Bellaire, Ohio, on May Day, not because of what he said but because of what he might have said. And some people say policemen have no sense of humor.

Gertrude Erickson Loeb was arrested by the Gary police for being her husband's wife. At least that was about all they could legitimately charge against her. She sat with the audience while her husband "threatened the safety of the realm of Indiana" by making a speech. Or perhaps she may be indicted for "assembling with" Comrade Loeb. In that event a jury will probably convict her.

President Roosevelt sent Admiral Chester to Turkey to practise some "boring from within" on the Turks. The Admiral dug up an oil concession. Now we find members of Roosevelt's family digging in on the deal. Such gratitude proves that there is still some good graft left for the favored insiders who run this grand and glorious country for the benefit of the "dear peepul."

To Our Enemies

By WILLIAM LIEBKNECHT.

... You wish to exterminate our movement! You? Our movement, whose aims is to secure the realization of human rights, of a human existence for the millions of toilers, trodden into the dust, sunk in the mire of degradation! Try, my masters! Here and there you may quench a flame, but behind you, on your left, on your right, ever new flames will break out, it is a subterranean fire which you cannot quench, the very ground under your feet is burning! You believe that supernatural forces are at work. Though you no longer believe in the witchcraft of your fathers, who burned witches at the stake, you believe in "plots," "secret Organizations," in a movement "artificially" created. You resemble the child who looks for his reflection behind the mirror and encounters an empty space. What you see and what you attack is but the image of your false conceptions. You wish to destroy the "plotters," the "agitators," the "agents?" Then go, my masters, and destroy every exploiter, waxing fat on the labor of his slaves! Destroy every landowner, exploiting the labor of his tenants and adding their acres to his land; destroy every machine that revolutionises industry and agriculture, increases production and ruins the producers, enhances national wealth and leaves its creators to endure the pangs of hunger in the midst of the riches they produce! Destroy the railways, the telegraphs, the steam engine! Destroy everything and everybody, because everything is tainted with revolutionism, spreading revolutionary poison.

The Russian Church Turns Red

By GEORGE SELDES

The following story sent by the Chicago Tribune correspondent, George Seldes to his paper may have been the cause of his withdrawal from Moscow as announced in our editorial. It is a good story and bears testimony to the growing power of the Soviet Government. The Church is always on the side of whatever class holds temporal power and holds it firmly. The "Living Church" in Russia would pray for Lenin just as fervently as the Presbyterians of America would pray for Harding or the Catholic Church for William J. Burns.

Moscow, May 3.—He who was Patriarch Tikhon, who wielded a power second only to the czar today becomes Citizen Andray Belavin, and as Citizen Belvan faces charges which may lead him to death.

The all-Russian ecclesiastical council today unfrocked Patriarch Tikhon and cast him forth as a man not fit to be a minister of God—"a traitor to Christianity."

Never was the tremendous social earthquake which shook Russia six years ago more impressively demonstrated than by the action taken today when this all powerful influence of a few years ago was cast down to be trod in the dirt.

Change of Front. Yesterday the peasants worshipped the czar and God, hardly differentiating. Today President Vidensky of the Apostolic church thundered at the 380 members of the apostolic council:

"Bolshevism fulfills the mission of Christ. The communists proclaim that they are materialists and unbelievers, but their leaders, Lenin and Trotsky, walk in the ways of God. Our church must serve the people who once served the Romanoffs, not God. In too many countries capitalists and not Christ are worshipped. Rockefeller, not Christ, rules."

Following three hours of Vidensky's tremendous emotional oratory, Russia's supreme church council, which in all ways splintered the orthodox church, as represented by the humbled Tikhon, sent its blessing to Lenin and the red army, lifted the anathema which Tikhon issued against bolshevism, and practically delivered Tikhon as a shorn lamb for justice.

Carried almost unanimously. But one delegate voted against the resolution, while 5 raised their hands to state that they were not participating in the voting. However, when the chairman insisted that all vote on the resolution there followed considerable excitement. Numerous priests and prelates demanded the right to speak, which was denied. The resolution was stronger than many expected.

"The Soviet government is the only government in the world fighting capitalism. Capitalism is one of the severest deadly sins," the resolution begins.

"The ecclesiastical council condemns the counter revolutionary acts of Tikhon and his followers. The council lifts the anathema put on the soviets by Tikhon and denounces Tikhon as a traitor to the church. The council abolishes the patriarchate altogether and will administer the church in the future through a board."

Christ and Lenin.

Three hundred and eighty bishops and priests, many with spiritual faces and many resembling artists' conception of Christ, occupied the soviet hall, which were bare except for a few pictures. Besides portraits of Trotsky and Lenin today, there appeared ikons of Christ and St. Peter. Another element present was Bishop Edgar Blake of Chicago, of the Methodist Church of America.

Bishop Blake brought the blessings of the Methodist church to the Russian church which blessed Lenin, Trotsky, and the Red army. He was the only representative of a foreign church who was invited that appeared.

The council's resolution was followed by the greatest oratory heard in Russia—a land where the people actually love to believe politicians' speeches. Vidensky outdid Trotsky, outdid the heaviest tragedians of the art theater in a three hours' emotional appeal filled with satire, irony, and vituperation of the old church and impassioned poetical glorification of the future church.

Moves Priests With Oratory.

Distinguished as the only dignitary without long hair and a beard, and wearing a simple cassock, this priest, who once served one of Petrograd's most distinguished congregations, occupying a place similar to the Rev. Stickney Grant in New York, overwhelmed his audience in the climax of his plea when he exclaimed, "Christ has risen again." He crossed himself and then collapsed.

"Verily he has risen again," replied the Russian clergy, crossing themselves under the spell of his dramatic oratory.

"I am ashamed of the old church!" Vidensky cried, "the old church was a pig sty. Tikhon is an old churchman, a member of the Black Hundreds. Tikhon opposed the government's order for helping the famine stricken. Tikhon was an anti-Christ. Tikhon caused bloodshed through resisting the soviet government. Tikhon has the blood of 1,404 violent disturbances on his hands."

At one time Vidensky discussed religion throughout the world, declaring it was losing power, while the "truth was only in Russia."

Touching on politics, he said: "Reaction and anti-Christ are represented by Poincare and the people's progress toward truth is represented by Lenin."

Let the Children Live

By LOUIS ENGBAHL

The decision of Secretary of State Hughes to bar Ekaterine Kalinin, wife of the President of the Russian Soviet Republic, from this country was in harmony with American capitalism's attitude toward children. The nation that boasts a supreme court that has declared an anti-child labor law "unconstitutional" cannot be expected to care much for the children of other lands.

Secretary of States Hughes' tears for the departed Vicar Butchkevitch is a mere camouflage. Mrs. Kalinin was coming to this country to aid in the relief campaign for Russian children. Her tour would have meant the saving of thousands of lives. Yet, against the lives of all these innocent children, Hughes places the life of Butchkevitch, who plotted with the Polish White Terror for the overthrow of the Workers' and Peasants' Republic.

Hughes creeps under the cloak of religion, not only to make war on the Russian Soviet Republic, but to duplicate that murder of children in

Russia that American capitalism is guilty of here.

It should not take a very keen understanding of international politics to realize the fact that Washington, like Paris, London and Rome, is more concerned that one of its capitalist plots should succeed than that millions of children should live and be happy. The barring of Mrs. Kalinin from these shores should bring this fact home to new millions of workers in this country.

The capitalists thru their kept politicians and judges at Washington say, "Let the children starve!" "Let the children be sent into factories!" "Let the children die; there are plenty more!" But this capitalist cannibalism will cause new masses of workers to respond, declaring that, "Our children shall live, they shall enjoy their youth, they shall grow to the full stature of real manhood and womanhood," and in that day the bosses social system shall crumble everywhere, and Communism shall spread over the face of the earth.

TORONTO, Ont.—Labor day is not the celebration of an event of national interest, according to the judgment of the Ontario supreme court. This was the reason given by the court for refusing to give the city of Ottawa permission to vote \$400 for a Labor day celebration. The court made permanent an injunction against such a vote by the city council.

Do you want to help the workers emancipate themselves from wage slavery? Send in a subscription to the Voice of Labor.

BOSTON.—A seven-hour working day will be one of the demands of New England telephone operators in a new wage and working agreement now being drawn up by delegates conferring here from 48 local unions affiliated with the telephone workers' department, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

"We shall not only demand a seven-hour working day, but the demand will be presented," said Julia O'Connor, department president, who presided at the conference.

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"A wage-earner," says Roger Babson, "spends all he gets." Correct—and he's jugged if he tries to get more than he needs to spend.

Students of the University of Missouri were onlookers at a lynching of a negro.

Evidently the class is 100% Americanism was given a practical demonstration.

And when they graduate they get the title of K. K. K.

Fashion Note.

Skirts will be worn longer this year. So will the rest of the clothes if prices keep rising.

A Chicago University professor has doped out that only 6,000,000 American voters "think for themselves."

Judging by the size of the labor vote we wouldn't offer "a penny for their thoughts."

Answer to Query.

No comrade, even though you have read Burbank you cannot convince us that by crossing an S. P. with an Anarchist you can produce a Bolshevik.

No, But It May For The Gum-Shoots. From The Daily News I gather this: "Originally a European herb, spearmint is now grown in all countries of a moderate climate. It is extensively cultivated at St. Joseph, Mich."

Does this account for all the "jawn" of the State Attorneys at the Communist trial? —J. O. B.

Send in your contributions—help The Party Caucus most weekly.

Conan Doyle cured his friend of liver trouble by "laying a hand on his back."

My father never claimed psychic powers, but he cured me of chewing the same way.

The Guy In Our Office Says: "Value, Price & Profit" may be a good book, but judging by the title only the last part would be interesting.

Samuel M. Vaulain, president of The Baldwin Locomotive Works suggest to the golf-playing business man, a wholesome exercise. He says: "Get a wheelbarrow and a hoe and spread manure all day."

And to set a good example he gives a long speech about labor.

An Examiner "Expert" says: "Cut down consumption and you will quickly cut down sugar prices."

The same old gag! Why not cut down profits and increase consumption?

Did we say: Cut down profits? My God!

They'll have us pinched WALT CARMON.

"GUILTY—AS CHARGED!"

(Such was the jury's verdict in the second Criminal Syndicalism trial just finished in St. Joseph, Mich. Upon this jury were nine farmers.)

The trial is done, and the darkness falls like a mental blight. Over the minds of the people—Hiding from them the right.

"The mills of the gods," having finished.

Now rest from their arduous toil. "The voice of the people" has spoken. Through "the tillers of the soil."

The menace of Communism, "The Bolshevik," and "The Red," Have vanished into the distance—Along with their fear and dread.

Now, let the flag fly freely. Over the "Justice" mill. The shards of our dream lie scattered. Is it "the Peoples' will"?