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Speaker
M. J. OLGIN
Author of "The Soul of Russian Revolution"

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"Bob" Minor, one of the world's greatest cartoonists will be at the Labor Press Picnic on August 26. Bob has a knack for drawing sketches. This is a laugh producing innovation that I not usually on a picnic program. It is one of the main attractions.

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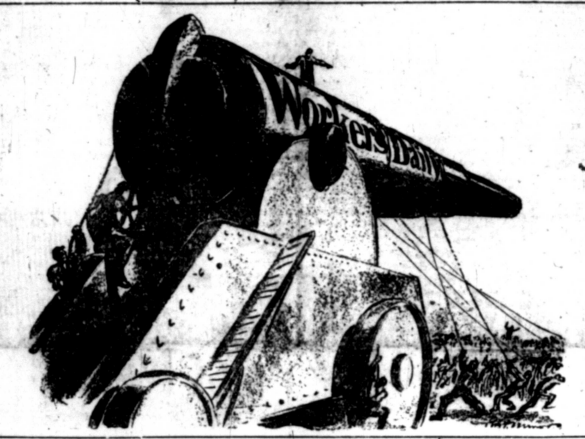
Workers' Daily

Reactionary Officials Disrupting Garment Workers Union

Vice President Perlstein Expels Seven Active Members; Suspends Local from Joint Board

(Note—Read Message to Members on page 4.)
Seven of the most active members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers were ordered expelled from the union by Meyer Perlstein, vice president, at the meeting of the Joint Board on Friday, August 17. At the same time he ordered Local 104 to be expelled from the Joint Board, and threatened them with expulsion from the International within 14 days if their protest against his Czarist methods was not withdrawn.
The expelled members are among the oldest and most respected in the shop. All of them had responsible positions, and at the time of their expulsion were carrying on the organization campaign for the union.
The membership of the I. L. G. W. U. is a fragment of what it once was. The dictator, Perlstein, who has pushed through the expulsions by threats and intimidation. Perlstein has declared that the membership has no further voice in the matter. The only pretense of support which he has is the vote of 11 out of 35 members of the Joint Board, which he obtained by threats, and which he trickily used to give color of legality. He misled those 11 votes, preventing the entire membership from saying anything. These 11 votes, a minority even on the Joint Board, are to rule 5,000 Chicago members and the whole I. L. G. W. U. The trial committee, before which two members were tried—the others never had a trial—voted for acquittal 5 to 1. Local 104 voted almost unanimously to instruct their delegates to the Joint Board to re-open the case. Local 104 voted unanimously to the same effect, and notified the G. E. B. of the International that they did not consider the T. U. E. L. their enemy and refused to expel their best members. In Local 50 the sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of the expelled members and the reactionary officials, afraid to allow the issue to go to a vote, tricked the meeting into adjournment without taking action. In Local 81 the members almost unanimously voted against Perlstein, and will support the expelled members. In Local 5, the expelled members are supported by a large majority. Five locals out of the six in Chicago have already demonstrated that they stand solidly behind the militants and will fight for their membership rights and their rights to belong to the T. U. E. L.
The disruption of the local Ladies' Garment Workers unions is being carried out under the direction of the International President, Sigman. Already the desperate reactionaries are abandoning their attempts to get their actions approved locally. No longer do they attempt to get votes in the Joint Board and the local unions. They issue orders in the name of the G. E. B., and threaten with expulsion any one who raises his voice against the scheme of the Czar. Perlstein's latest move is the appointment of a "Committee of Ten," of his own choosing, which he has instructed to prevent all discussion of the case among the members.
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The fight for the right of free speech in the I. L. G. W. U. has just begun. Against the Dictator Perlstein, against the fake charges against the militant unionists, against the capitalist newspaper campaign, against disruption and treason, the workers in the I. L. G. W. U. are rousing in protest. Meyer Perlstein has started the fight, but the rank and file are doing to finish it.
The expelled members have made the following statement to the committee, and are appealing to the higher bodies and to the rank and file for reinstatement:
The charge that the Trade Union Educational League is a dual union is ridiculous, as the men who make it well known. The fact of the matter is that those of us who are being expelled are those of us who are being expelled.
(Cont. on page 6.)

Great Daily Newspapers Are the Artillery of the Modern Labor Struggle. We Must Have a Great National Daily for the American Working Class



FOR AN ENGLISH DAILY!

To All Members of the Workers Party and Sympathizers
Comrades—The Workers Party calls upon you to undertake the founding of a great national daily newspaper in the English language. The time for this step is not only opportune, it is a time which makes a great daily newspaper of the working class an absolute necessity. Great historical changes are occurring in the United States. Struggles unequalled in this country lie in the immediate future. Dangers never before faced by the American workers, are coming upon the Labor Movement. THE TIME HAS ARRIVED WHEN CAPITALISM NO LONGER TOLERATES EVEN A SEMBLANCE OF A FREE LABOR MOVEMENT BUT ADVANCES TO DESTRUCTIVE. Reaction has been intruding itself during the past two years on a nationally unified scale to this purpose. The Administration of President Harding, up to the moment of its close, expressed for the first time politically a nation-wide, conscious plan for an industrial order in which the element of labor organization is to be eliminated by force. The accidental close of President Harding's term elevated to the head of government a puppet whose sole claim to public attention heretofore has been in connection with strike-breaking. Reactionaries in the presidency have been a commonplace; never before has the country had a President who was a strikebreaker by profession.
There is every reason to expect in the immediate future more intense and widespread labor struggles than ever before. These struggles will inevitably concern themselves very largely with WINNING THE MINDS AND THE LOYALTY of the toiling masses for one side or the other. He who has a monopoly of the news can go a long way toward controlling the opinions as well as the understanding of the working masses.
It is inconceivable that the militant workers of this country should enter this period without having at their command at least ONE GREAT DAILY NEWSPAPER to act as their informant, guide and means of coordinating plans of action.
Every day the workers are having poured into their ears by the capitalist press ingenious, confusing and destructive lies, which paralyze their understanding and blunt their hopes and ideals. Uncounted millions of printed pages of the kept press, loaded with propaganda against the cause of Labor, are thrust daily into the hands of the workers at a trivial price, the real expense of printing being borne by wealthy advertisers; while the honest and fearless section of the working class press reaches less than one worker in a hundred, and that, usually but once a week. Even the once formerly Socialist metropolitan daily, the New York Call, has sold itself out, has betrayed the Labor Party idea, and is now competing with the lowest capitalist gutter sheets in the profession of "anti-bolshevism."
Excellent publications of the militant working class exist. Weeklies, monthlies, and also daily papers—in FOREIGN LANGUAGES—exist and serve the workers. But none of these suffice in the present situation. Only a great national newspaper reaching the workers EVERY DAY can enlighten and co-ordinate their efforts for the struggles that lie before us.
THE PRESENT TIME CAN'T BE MISSED. THE YEAR 1924 IS A TURNING POINT BEYOND WHICH WE CANNOT PROCEED WITHOUT A GREAT NATIONAL DAILY ORGAN.
The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party calls upon all members of the Party, and upon all sympathetic workers, immediately to mobilize their utmost strength and TO BEGIN A DRIVE TO RAISE \$100,000 WITH WHICH TO FUND THE GREAT DAILY NEWSPAPER.
As the 7th day of November is the Anniversary of the establishment of the First Workers' and Peasants' Government of the world. It has been decided that the 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1923, WILL BE THE DAY FOR STARTING THE COMMUNIST DAILY, which will have for its purpose to work for the founding of the Workers' and Farmers' Government of America.
All units of the Workers Party are instructed to take up the following as their most urgent order of business:
1. To obtain from organizations and individuals generous donations to the \$100,000 fund.
2. To sell to organizations and individuals preferred stock in the owning corporation of the daily newspaper.
3. Every unit of the Workers Party must form a COMMITTEE "for the Daily."
Every City Committee shall choose a campaign manager.
The most important Communist duty in the present situation is to form a great English Daily for the Party.
The English Daily will be the most courageous advocate of the CAUSE OF THE WORKERS.
WITHOUT AN ENGLISH DAILY, THE PARTY CANNOT GROW.
The English Daily will be the most powerful UNIFYING FORCE for the

The Collective Organizer, Propagandist and Agitator

By JOHN PEPPER.
The Communist Party of Russia had 17,000 members on the eve of the March revolution in 1917.
The Workers' Party of America today has about 20,000 members.
This shows the two communist parties in the respective stage about equal numerically, but not equal politically. What is the difference between the Workers' Party of America today and the Bolshevik Party of Russia on the eve of the Kerensky revolution? The main difference is that the Bolshevik were then already a MASS PARTY, although they had only 17,000 members, whereas the Workers' Party is not as yet a mass party, despite its 20,000 members.
To be a mass party does not always mean that a party must embrace hundreds of thousands in its ORGANIZATION; but does always mean that it must have deep roots within the mass and that it must lead the masses in the daily struggle as well as to the barricades of the revolution.
IN THIS SENSE the Bolshevik Party of Russia, with its 17,000 members, was already a mass party. IN THIS SENSE the Workers' Party, in spite of its 20,000 members, is still not a mass party.
Why is the Workers' Party not a real mass party? Where does it fall short?
The Workers' Party is not enough of a POLITICAL PARTY. The old sectarian spirit still lives in many comrades who fear that they will lose their communist virginity in the political struggle.
The Workers' Party is not UNIFORM enough. The work is (Cont. on page 5.)

Chicago Fed. of Labor Demands Fed. of L. Amend Constitution

Organizes National Body to Form Great Labor Party in America

By A. JAKIRA.
After one of the most spectacular strong representation in the various governmental bodies, which are now almost entirely controlled by the employing interests; and
WHEREAS, To protect our political interests we must have a political party of our own, the prevailing political policy of labor being incapable of getting the best results; and
WHEREAS, In many other countries all working-class political organizations, and herewith instructs the Executive Council to take the necessary steps to form such a party; and be it further
Resolved, That in order to permit (Continued on page 5.)

Immediate Tasks of Workers Party Members

1. Every Party unit shall form immediately a campaign committee for "The Daily."
2. Every Party member must get a new member into the Workers' Party.
3. Every Communist must make every effort to have his trade union, benefit society, Workmen's Circle or other labor organization affiliate with the Federated Labor Party.

M. J. OLGIN TO SPEAK



Italian Band of Twenty-Two From Grand Crossing to Play at Picnic.

Enthusiasm is growing as the Labor Press Picnic of August 26 is drawing near. It is expected that the largest gathering of workers ever assembled together at a Workers' Party entertainment in Chicago will be in Riverview Park on August 26. The park is famous as a picnic ground and with the program prepared by the arrangements committee nothing is wanting to make August 26 a day to be remembered by workers of Chicago.
Each ticket entitles the purchaser to twenty-five five cent copy which will admit one to any many side shows with a small stall out.
A popularly contest is one principal features of the picnic. Together with excellent music, dancing, singing, games, eloquence of M. J. Olgin, poet and orator, August 26 a day to be remembered by workers of Chicago.
Foreign Language Federations of the broadest masses of workers exploited farmers.
The English Daily will give a new impetus to the AMALGAMATION Movement.
The English Daily will be the spiritual center of the Labor Party Movement.
The English Daily will carry the slogan of the WORKERS' AND FARMERS' GOVERNMENT to the C. E. RUTHENBERG.

Plans for intensifying the campaign against the Fascist in America...

These plans include the formation of anti-Fascist groups in all large industrial centers on the continent...

Details of the work are being elaborated by a committee elected for the purpose by the Executive Board of the Alliance...

The Anti-Fascist Alliance was organized several months ago upon the initiative of the Italian Chamber of Deputies...

At the same time it received the active cooperation of union international workers of America and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union...

In the months since the founding of this body, the groundwork was laid

for the campaign that will now be undertaken on a larger scale. With the aid of the labor press of the country...

The menace of Fascism here is not an imaginary bogey, an official of the Alliance declared. "We need only turn our eyes to Spain, to Turkey, to Germany, to realize that the Fascist...

"Comparatively small though they are as yet, the Fascists organizations already have the audacity to announce to the world that they intend to organize the existing unions in America...

As part of the general campaign the Alliance in New York will be strengthened. A circular letter addressed to all unions in the greater city requests them to elect two delegates each to the Alliance...

With a network of anti-Fascist organizations all over the continent, the emissaries of Mussolini will find opposition at every step. Even the allegations of Judge Gary, the Alliance indicates, will not enable these emissaries to spread the "dagger and bomb" gospel here.

During the past three years, appeals to the American workers on behalf of their fellows in Soviet Russia, have appeared with unflagging regularity...

No one in touch with the situation here, was much surprised to find in a recent issue of the I. W. W. weekly, published on the Pacific coast, an appeal, not from Russia, but from Berlin, the home of counter-revolution...

The publication of this letter in an official organ of the I. W. W. is an answer to the question of many workers, even among their own rank and file, "What do we really understand on the question of the proletarian revolution?"

The caption heading the appeal contains the brilliant pronouncement of "Comrade" Polina, the Russian Revolutionary: "The appeal, for such it really is, contends that the Soviet government ruthlessly persecutes 'left-S. R.'s' Maximalists, anarchists and anarcho-syndicalists...

This appeal from Berlin, follows naturally the protests of Kater and his friends in the 13th Congress of the Free Labor Union, March in London in 1921, when demands were made for Lenin for the release of the gangsters of the bandit Machno...

This same Fritz Katz, secretary of the Free Labor Union of Germany, who addresses in his address to the president of the republic, the one recognized as "the most glorious in the world literature."

Well might the Anarchist Kahn at that time exclaim in the "Syracusanian": "only the view of Kater and Winkler were allowed to appear, and another delegate, Kester, stated that the same paper 'knifed' the fighting workers in the 'small' state it advocated sabotaging the March insurrection.

This sort of thing, however, is not out of place in the papers controlled by the C. E. B. of the I. W. W. who of their best convention reported to the organization that they had found it necessary to suspend one of their official organs, because "it had for some time published undiluted Communist propaganda and the Editor also found it necessary to remove the editors of the Italian and Hungarian official organs because they were communists. Only from a congress of apostate animals, such as the fine Kater, could come the following tribute to the fighting, revolutionary masses of the working class: 'a man born wealthy is brought up to sell his hands, while a member of the bagfoot brigade, the tramp, who never sat in the ministerial armchair, is far more dangerous, as he is an

Of the other members of the R. E. involved, the trial of the 25 members of the E. C. of the S. R. Party is sufficient answer. 180 lbs. of documentary evidence was produced at the trial of the E. E's, not because they differed in opinion from the communists but because they organized counter-revolution; because they murdered members of the Soviet administration...

The I. W. W. has surely at last burst from the alien influence of its revolutionary environment, and blossomed forth in the trappings of patriotism among the workers of our country. A most laudable sentiment, especially since it emanated from a body of wobbles amongst whom were numbered the distinguished Knights of the White Guard, three Old Fellows and four taxpayers and voters."

The whole thing would be grotesquely comic if it were not so hideously tragic. Notwithstanding the distinguished gabble of the C. E. B., this lamentable cowardice, unrefined, indicates the gradual and ultimate disintegration of a once great fighting body of earnest workers. To say it is only half a number what it was in the year of its inception; the cure, if such there be, must lie with the rank and file membership, who must renounce the elaborate and futile antics, resulting from the worship of the holy trinity of I. W. W. and secure contact with the labor movement as a whole...

Who are they, these wobbles? Of what character is this lowly band of active and constructive revolutionaries? Are they in the Battle, because of their opinions, like the class-war prisoners in America? Or are they paying the penalty for their "constructive participation in the revolution?" Spiridonova spent eleven years in the prisons of the Czar and in exile, and now the Bolsheviks have held her in duration five for three years. Terrible! That in the beginning of 1918, by the German ambassador, Von Mirbach, was assassinated, the only purpose of which was, in accordance with the plan of the reactionist, to renew the war with Germany, a task that was impossible for the disorganized and exhausted Russian army of that time. This was before the organization of this movement; Spiridonova was the head of the left S. R.'s, who tried to overthrow the communist regime. After three days fighting in the streets of Moscow, the plotters were defeated. The deaths of thousands of workers is due to the "constructive participation" of Spiridonova and the S. R.'s, and in this country her activities would not land in jail, she would now be occupying a nice little plot in the boneway, with beautiful flowers growing over her head.

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uptain." Think it over, you rank and file wobbles, who fill the gaols and the stockades! Consider the character of the associates your executive board members would choose for you! This is the kind of leadership that makes it possible for the statement of the members of the Bosses Ferry picket camp, (in the same I. W. W. organ as Kater's appeal), to contain the following gem: "The majority of our members were members of the Stars and Stripes and all of us are American citizens. Several have been service overseas. We yield to none in our respect for our flag and in our loyalty for the laws of our country."

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Illical ring. He c month ago, on a party; then ran away, girls died of suffocation arrived to right the car. perjured themselves nobly covering, but failed to save the front end under a state sta. bearing auto accidents. His companion was indicted for perjury. The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks is now under indictment. His jail was the one who died.

I remembered these facts as I stood on a corner in Kansas City ("The Heart of Hell")—as our Chamber of Commerce does not call it) late Saturday night and watched a dozen harfoot urchins race after a truck to get their bundles of Sunday papers. I dived at the way they ducked in and out among the speeding autos. On being asked, one said he was five years of age; four more were under eight, and all were under twelve years old.

We are the wisest, strongest race; Lord may our praise be sung! The only animal alive That lives upon its young! On the opposite corner, the "Starvation Army" was waiting about a future life and present sin. A future life! To worry about a future life, when their own infants have to earn a pittance, at risk of morals, life and limb! The old anarchist was right when he sang:

Hate I all my master: But must I hate mankind. They are deaf to the voice of reason; To their plianest duty blind. I cry—and they scoff my warning; I call—but they only sneer; While they plan and scheme in a rosy dream— Till the Death God makes them hear."

Our moral, religious, re-shaping Judge Fleming has evidently been unable to make terms with the po-

Another indictment LOS ANGELES.—A new indie ment has been issued here, charging violation of the criminal syndicalism law. The indictment contains twenty-nine names, mostly John Doe. Ten members of the I. W. W. have been arrested under it to date, and their names substituted for the blanks.

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Green was ambushed and murdered. There was no element of robbery in the case. It is certainly plain, when the police are unable to maintain their social position by graft and theft, but have to take to high-jacking and blackmail assassination!

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The Slogan of the Workers' and Peasants' Government

The new slogan of the Workers' and Peasants' Government is the most important result of the session of the Executive Committee of the C. I. The necessity for broadening the basis of our movement follows from the national character of international classism...

The industrial and agricultural proletariat alone is, under these circumstances, not powerful enough to defeat the bourgeoisie, particularly in view of the fact that certain sections of the proletariat are pressed into service of the bourgeoisie by the social democracy...

Of the various non-proletarian classes who are potential allies, the most important is the working peasant class. It is important for the reason that the working peasant is not exploited. Although the small and middle peasants possess property, they do not employ it as capital, and do not exploit any workers with it...

Here we have at once indicated to us those strata of the peasants upon whom we may count as allies. Our task is to get these who are not exploiters, that is, those who do not regularly employ others to work for them...

On the other hand, the peasant class is well adapted to be our ally, since it is the victim of capitalist exploitation. This exploitation is practiced not directly, as in the case of the proletariat, but indirectly, through financial capital artificially...

FOREIGN BORN COMPRISE 13% OF U. S. POPULATION

There are 13,904,841 foreign-born in America—13.4 per cent. of the total population of America. Over 34 per cent. of our population are of foreign-born stock, that is either foreign-born or of foreign-born parents.

There are 6,208,307 foreign-born who are over 21 years old—qualified voters, or 10 per cent. of the citizens of America. The 17,816,181 citizens of foreign stock make up 29.2 per cent. of the potential voting population of America. The foreign-born workers are 58 per cent. of the total employed in American industry...

What has been the lot of these foreign-born American workers? The foreign-born workers are the worst housing and the poorest schooling, and discriminatory state and national laws against them. This has been the lot of over 34,000,000 immigrants and their children in the United States within the last hundred years...

Millions of foreign-born workers, herded in the mining and industrial centers of America, live with sweat and blood, ground out fabulous profits for the employing class. And today it is against these workers that the employing class is launching a new and more vicious campaign...

It is the task of all workers, regardless of their place of birth, to unite and present one front to the common enemy in the common struggle—the fight against the exploitation of those who work by those who own. The fight against capitalist slavery. The above description of the foreign-born workers in America is from the pamphlet, "The American Foreign-Born Workers," by Clarissa S. Ware. Send 10 cents, coin or postage, to the Workers League, 730 Broadway, New York City, for a copy in English.

This Gentle Female Seems to Want Her Blood Hot

That the woman of the species is as stupid as the male and just as crazy about everything that results in war, dead soldiers and wounded veterans, can be seen by reading the following letter to Editor J. Irvine, from the editor of the "Woman Patriot"...

Comrade Irvine is an indefatigable writer and sings about every conceivable subject from hot bags to militarism. A poem headed for the columns of the Woman Patriot was the cause of this effusion: Edward J. Irvine, Esq., 2113-14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

I am returning herewith your poem, "Marines at Chateau Thierry," as it is not available for publication. Incidentally, I am wondering whether you are not the same Irvine who was arrested recently as an officer of the Communist Workers' Party here. Are you?

If you are that Irvine, whose letters to various publications have been noted for some time, don't you think it a little unreasonable to ask consideration on the ground of having been a private in the U. S. Marine Corps. If you are now a private in the Red Army of Soviet propagandists?

Have you ever read Trotsky's "Dictatorship vs. Democracy," issued by the Workers' Party, and seen how he has whittled murder (terror) and the conscription of labor, and compared the doctrines of these ruthless criminals with the principles upon which this government was founded? Go to the library and read the Elliott Debates on the Constitution. Read Herbert Spencer's "Social Station," especially the chapter...

OKLAHOMA CITY.—George Wilson, former head of the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League in Oklahoma, ousted by Governor Walton as head of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, has announced his candidacy for the Senate on the Farmer-Labor platform.

Bill Sunday Denies Attack On War V

Hood River, Ore. World War Veterans, Box 853, Youngstown, Ohio. Any statement of an attack by me on the World War Veterans' magazine, malicious, slanderous and I know the source of it.

The World War Veterans are cause for which they suffered a bigger booster in America than anybody knows it.

A committee of Klansmen came the tabernacle and presented me a free will offering and read a statement of their belief in God, the Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Christian religion. I said I knew all that, whether advocate the Ku Klux or Knights of G. C. I said I am asked why the Klansmen Jews and Catholics were members. I replied I do not know. I said that the same reason are Jewish organizations that Gentiles, and Catholic organizations, that exclude Protestants. Further than this I do not know.

I demand a retraction of it sent broadcast.

W. A. Sunday by the World War Veterans, Billy Sunday, in typical Sunday style evades the question and accepts principle the underlying motive of the Klan, that is racial and religious separation. We believe that his reply to our challenge makes his attitude on the Ku Klux Klan very clear. He is not a member, and he is not the Invisible Empire. He does defend the Ku Klux in principle, and this was our reason for challenging him to debate.

Furthermore, while in Washington recently, Sunday attacked World War Veterans organization that state. I am speaking of organization and this was the act on a whole. This makes the publication of the same in this paper a libel. There will be no misapprehension.

Not only do we challenge Sunday but also any representative of the Ku Klux Klan comes to appoint a representative to the Ku Klux Klan in Virginia and disavow should, if any of our organization, be done public. Nothing would suit us better than to have the Ku Klux Klan and its alleged 100 per cent American principles before the American people.

As to retraction of the libelous broadcast, we believe that the reply to Sunday proves our point. Rev. Sunday will not debate this issue. There has been no libelous broadcast. The issue was what or not Rev. Sunday is willing to bat and defend the Klans, and reply is enough to convince us that he does not OPPOSE the Klans. This being true, as admits who does he EVADE the question of trying to throw out a patrician smoke screen. We state again no REAL American, believing in Declaration of Independence and Constitution, can accept membership or defend the principles of the Ku Klux Klan. The World War Veterans are ready to go to the bat with issue any place, any time, that K. K. or its defenders "sigh."

EMIL HOLMES, National Sec'y. World War Veterans, Box 853.

Orders Deportation of More Political

(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON.—Acting in a high handed manner, that would do credit to the department of justice, the labor department, after arbitrarily increasing the bail of six of the alien political prisoners after commutation of their sentences by President Harding, suddenly has refused them any bail, and has issued orders for their removal from Leavenworth to Ellis Island for immediate deportation.

"If I had my way, I would hang every I. W. W. in the country," was the statement of William N. Smelser, chairman of the department's board of review, in deportation cases when Mary Gertrude Fendall, executive secretary of the joint amnesty committee, protested against increasing the bail of the six men from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The six are: Richard Lazar, British; Joe Salm, Roumanian; Peter Green, Czechoslovak; J. A. MacDonald, Canadian; Don Sheridan, British; James Slovik, Russian. They have not been out of Leavenworth since their sentences were commuted.

They will be deported without any unless habeas corpus proceedings are taken. J. H. Jennings, acting secretary of the American Friends of Europe, said that the commutation of the law in the matter.

Young Workers Plan for Demonstration on International Youth Day

On Sept. 2, 1923, International Youth Day will be celebrated by the young workers of every country as well as of the entire world, at the call of the Young Communist International. In the United States the demonstrations and meetings are being organized and directed by the Young Workers League of America.

During the recent World War, when workers of one country were killing and crippling their fellow workers in other countries, when so-called socialists were exporting their followers to the front, when the fathers of the aid of their respective fatherlands, which in every case were seeking to gain financial, industrial or other advantages for their native capitalists, when the so-called revolutionaries maintained a real working class attitude towards the slaughter—the representatives of the revolutionary youth, the International Union of Socialist Youth, later the Young Communist International, met at Bern in 1916, and issued the famous challenge: "War Against War!"

Thus, at its inception, International Youth Day had for its slogan a call for the end of the great, immediate problem of the workers. Ever since International Youth Day has been celebrated as a holiday, but as a holiday for demonstration against the most pressing phase of capitalist reaction, either an attack on Soviet Russia or on the conditions of the workers in some open shop campaign, or an impending war.

September second of this year marks the ninth anniversary of the celebration all over the world, and the second in the United States. The Young Workers League now seeks to draw the masses of the young workers in the United States into a movement against the wild reaction here, the danger of a new world holocaust in the near future.

Young Workers Plan for Demonstration on International Youth Day

which workers' blood will now more be shed. The Mussolini-inspired Fascist in America have already started their vicious campaign of assassinations and terrorism. The night-gowned knights of the Ku Klux Klan continue with more energy their cowardly attacks upon negroes and white men alike. The half-witted "General" Dawes is organizing his bombastic Minute Men for the purpose of "enforcing" and "protecting" the constitution. The Boy Scouts are still drawing their strength from the workers, with the view to inculcate a blind obedience to their leaders, who are in turn the future tools of the master class. Numerous other reactionary organizations are bringing out in this country. Together they form the basis for a White Guard, a nucleus for a Mussolini coup, which will inaugurate an unending reign of terror against the working class of this country.

The dangers of a new war grow continually greater. The struggle in the Ruhr is becoming sharper and clearer as the agreement for an international trust to exploit the mines and mills approaches. In the near East, in Mexico, in Roumania, and in various other countries, the capitalists of America, England and France are struggling madly for oil. Everywhere armaments are being increased. Everywhere and France are in a ceaseless race to complete in the building of an air force. In the inevitably approaching war for oil or coal or iron or colonies, the capitalists of the United States will stand and fight. As in the last war, so will it be in the next. Pious phrases will be spoken by the hirelings of the masters. Again it will be a "War to end wars," or to "white men alike, the half-witted "General" Dawes is organizing his bombastic Minute Men for the purpose of "enforcing" and "protecting" the constitution. The Boy Scouts are still drawing their strength from the workers, with the view to inculcate a blind obedience to their leaders, who are in turn the future tools of the master class. Numerous other reactionary organizations are bringing out in this country. Together they form the basis for a White Guard, a nucleus for a Mussolini coup, which will inaugurate an unending reign of terror against the working class of this country.

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MOONEY'S BROTHER ELECTED SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—John B. Mooney, brother of Tom Mooney, has been elected by the San Francisco Municipal Cermen's Union as delegate to the international convention in Oakland in September. Mooney has been very active in stamping the country for several years arousing sentiment to demand his brother's release from prison. Phone Armitage 8529 CHRIS BORNOR UNION BARBER SHOP 1631 N. CALIFORNIA AVE.

BERKELEY, Cal.—If the laws of the state destroy the I. W. W., the only defense against oppression that the homeless, friendless and voiceless itinerant laborers have, it will be the business of the Church of Christ to stand strong, able men out to reorganize and resist against the oppressors of injustice," said Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, once a prominent Socialist and elected mayor of Berkeley on the Socialist ticket in 1912. A Methodist church here on "The Rediscovery of the Religion of Jesus." Wilson left the Socialist party during the war and returned to active ministry in the Methodist church.

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The Party Caucus



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Philadelphia Public Ledger of Coalidge: "His boyhood him the meaning of hard...

THE MEAN THING: because Russia would not introduce the U. S. will not recognize...

LITTLE YOUNG WORKER SAYS: My father thinks we would run if we came.—He would.

Wanting, former socialist premier went, half sent in five dollars to the defense...

id yes—if there were no Reds, could Burns hold his job?

THE BATTLE OF AUGUST 28, terrific ball game will take place at Press Picnic at Riverview...

The Germans can truthfully say French made that low mark last year...

IV BRICK LAYER SUDDENLY LEFT TOWN And now it is being said that many people have life...

Aug 28—Riverview Park—Press Picnic

DEATH NOTICE For months the Party Caucus has met weekly sessions. Now we are announcing that with this session...

Contributors: A. Tiala, J. W. ...

Federated Farmer Labor Party. WALT CARMON.

CLASS WAR PRISONER GRETTED BY MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL.

Amid the telling of the court house bells for President Harding, the capitalists city council, controlled...

IN MINE DISASTER. ER. W. ...

Miners of Somerset County Framed by Coal Operators

Running true the form, the coal companies and the political top...

When the contract was signed in District 8, following the strike...

In passing, it is interesting to note that miners after being arrested by the police...

THE COKE REGION MINERS. When the history of the terrific struggle of the coal miners...

The progressive miners in District 8 have next door to them...

On January 18, 1923, Fenby announced through the press...

However, because of the treatment of the international officials...

He also returned \$13, which had been sent to him as a check...

Economic News Service

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Industrial Editor.)

GARY'S RABDOFF MORE ON SHORTER DAY

The U. S. Steel Corporation plans a big deal on the basis of the move to abolish the 12-hour day.

This conclusion is drawn from the array of facts collected by the Federated America Engineering Societies...

Technical investigations have long since made the 12-hour shift in the steel industry an iron law...

As a matter of actual experience," says the investigator, "it is known that these plants have changed from the 12-hour to the 8-hour shift...

FARMER-LABOR PARTY IS LAUNCHED IN MARION CO.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—The Farmer-Labor Party was launched in Marion county at the convention held recently...

The meeting was called to order by William Rogers, former president of the West Virgin State Federation of Labor...

The state executive committee consists of C. J. Marmon, of Montgomery, state chairman; Vance S. Palmer, of Parkersburg, state secretary...

The vitality of the movement among the Coke Region miners is evident from the appearance of a fighting spirit...

THE MEMBERS OF THE I. L. G. W. OF CHICAGO

The Vice-President of the International, Mayor Perstein, came to Chicago for the purpose...

He charges that they belong to the Trade Union Educational League, which he claims is a dual union.

The report shows that the overwhelming majority of plants which have made the change have encountered no technical difficulties.

The Tennessee Copper Co. is cited with an increase of 28.5% in the tonnage of ore smelted per man despite reduction in hours.

The general impression created by this important document is that the obstinacy of unlimited power opposing the enfranchisement of the employees...

The impartial committee of the rank and file repudiated Perstein's charges, because "the defendants' motive for the membership drive...

WORKERS FIGHT ANTI-LABOR CHIEF

The Monongahela Valley Trades and Labor Council in a regular meeting held by that body...

Sisters and brothers! We are going through hard times. A great number of our members are out of work...

The result has been to bring disorganization and chaos into our union. Perstein wants to be a complete dictator...

Our own Joint Board adopted two of the principles for the T. U. E. L. is working, namely: Amalgamation and Independent Working Class Politics...

Wounded Recovered

HILLSBORO, ILL.—The fight to escape the clutches of the Illinois National Guard...

Garcia pulled back the sheet and saw a bullet hole in his right arm and two pads of cotton on opposite sides of the leg.

Garcia lies on his cot, with his eyes closed. He has taken his life, Garcia, thinks of his union and its advancement.

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Nick Dozenberg, Chas. Krumbeln, Holm-Trotzky, A. Overgaard, Hans Petersen and G. Bechtold are due for an awful "beating." Come and see how.

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Buy your tickets in advance and save money for the picnic. Tickets for sale at Voice of Labor, 2517 Fullerton Ave.; Radical Book Store, 325 N. Clark St.; Universal Book Store, 1635 W. Madison St.; Walden Book Shop, 307 Plymouth Court; Levinson's Book Shop, 3505 W. Roosevelt Road; P. & H. Candy Store, 1937 W. 14th St.; Clero; Young Workers League, 2517 Fullerton Ave.; City Headquarters, W. T., 166 W. Washington St.; Room 307; Community Book Shop, California Ave. & Division

IMPORTANT

will Hall, 2517 Fullerton Ave.

A. F. of L. Constitution

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this action, the A. F. of L. constitution shall be herewith amended by striking out Sec. 8, Art. III, and by it further

Resolved, That the delegates of a Chicago Federation of Labor, to a 1922 convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor stand invited to introduce and vote for the resolution in these conventions. This resolution provoked opposition in several big factories in the Federation, but they were unable to do so. The right wing, led by Oscar Nelson, vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor and city alderman, attempted to kill it for the coming convention by submitting it to a referendum of the local union—which would take two or three months. Prominent Farmer-Labor Party delegates, who probably disliked the resolution as much as the right wing, moved that it be amended so that it would call upon the American Federation of Labor to endorse the Farmer-Labor Party.

The Resolutions Committee, taking still another tack, voted concurrence in the resolution, and proposed to substitute for the phrase "including all working class political organizations" in the first resolve, the words, "farmers and other organizations in harmony with the organized labor movement."

The strength of the resolution was apparent, immediately discussion took place upon it. It swept aside the opposition of the Right Wingers and the Farmer-Laborites, representing the center in the Chicago Federation of Labor, who ventured to oppose it.

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Chicago F. S. R. Activities

Plans for the big Tractor Day are being perfected. However, the volunteer cards for the collectors are coming in very slowly. All comrades who are at all interested in the reconstruction of Russia should be willing to devote one day to the collection of funds to make up Chicago's quota in the national drive for the purchase of tractors. All those willing to work on the Tractor Day should send in their name and address to the Friends of Soviet Russia, Room 307, 166 W. Washington St., and they will then be supplied with full details and instructions.

"Fifty Year," a film of Russia in 1922-1923, is coming on Oct. 6 to the Orchestra Hall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All Militant Trade Unionists are urged to attend the next meeting of the Trade Union Educational League, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, in Wicker Park Hall, 2010 W. North Ave. William Z. Foster will make a report of the achievements of the League during the past year. And in addition reports from the various industrial groups will be made in this meeting.

A. OVERGAARD Sec'y

The Collective Organizer, Propagandist and Agitator

(Cont. from page 1.)
The sixteen language federations is not sufficiently well coordinated.

The Workers' Party is not COMMUNISTIC enough. There are comrades who see Marxism only as a collection of dogmas. There are comrades who do not know Marxism at all, and cannot see farther ahead than the daily trade union struggles.

The Workers' Party needs to have a deeper POLITICAL IN-TEREST.

The Workers' Party needs a stricter CENTRALIZATION.

The Workers' Party must concentrate its forces still more in the struggle against AMERICAN capitalism.

The Workers' Party must have an intensive communist Marxist EDUCATION.

In other words, we need more AGITATION, more PROPAGANDA, and more ORGANIZATION.

Our party has become so large today and the tasks which stand before us have grown so tremendously that the PRESENT INDIVIDUAL METHODS of agitation, propaganda, and organization no longer suffice.

The Workers' Party cannot grow and cannot accomplish its greater tasks without new, mightier—COLLECTIVE METHODS of agitation, propaganda and organization. Lenin, the greatest leader of the world proletariat said:

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Only an ENGLISH DAILY can give the sixteen federations a uniform ideology, and bring about the democratic centralization of our party.

Only an ENGLISH DAILY can really make the knowledge concerning the facts of American capitalism and mechanism of the American government into the common possession of every party member.

Only an ENGLISH DAILY, through a Marxist and communist education can turn the 20,000 party members into good communists, and in addition can turn the thousands of sympathizers into communists.

A GROWN-UP cannot wear children's shoes. A party which begins to develop into a real MASS PARTY can no longer get along with INDIVIDUAL methods of agitation, propaganda and organization. WE NEED THE ENGLISH DAILY. WE NEED THE POWERFUL COLLECTIVE AGITATOR, PROPAGANDIST AND ORGANIZER.

Every communist should put forth his entire energy as INDIVIDUAL agitator, propagandist and organizer, in order to build up the English daily, the COLLECTIVE agitator, propagandist and organizer.

Labor Day Picnic!

All Chicago militants of the labor movement should keep in mind and attend the Trade Union Educational League picnic, which will be held in Chernaushka's Grove on Saturday, Sept. 3rd.

As the General Conference of the T. U. E. L. will meet in Chicago on Sept. 1 and 2, many out-of-town members and good friends of the organization will be the guests of this gathering, and all local members should be on hand to welcome these good fighters for the workers' cause.

The principal speaker of the day will be Joseph Masley, national secretary of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

A fine program of music, dancing, athletic games, and other entertainments has been arranged for this occasion. Lunch and refreshments in abundance will be provided for all who hunger and thirst.

Directions: Take any carline to Clero Ave. and 22nd St., then Lygo Berwin car to the grove.

Young Workers League Will Hold Demonstration on Sept.

By MARTIN GORDON, Publicity Director.

Enthusiastic Membership Meeting Discussed Shop Nuclei.

A very lively and enthusiastic membership meeting of the Young Workers League of Chicago was held last Tuesday at the Ashland Auditorium, at which the question of shop nuclei was thoroughly discussed and plans laid for the formation of nuclei in an industry which offers a very favorable opportunity for such a group to work in, namely the clothing industry.

International Youth Day.

Sunday, September 2, at Kolbe's Electric Park, 6400 W. Irving Park Blvd.

Branch News.

Englewood, Wednesday, Aug. 22. Carpenter's Hall, Halsted and 64th St. Comrade M. Gomez, of the Workers' Party, will lecture on "Religion and Workers."

Manlywood, Thursday, Aug. 23, at 2734 Hirsch Blvd. Comrade Owens will in the lecture "A Soviet Form of Government and a Capitalist Republic Government" show the difference between a government operated for the benefit of the workers and one operated for the benefit of the capitalists.

Lawdale, Friday, Aug. 24, at 2548 S. Homan Ave. Comrade P. G. Herd, of Winnipeg, Canada, will lecture on "Why Are We In Politics?"

West Side, Friday, Aug. 24. Comrade Owens will lecture on "A Soviet Form of Government and a Capitalist Republic Form of Government."

Coming League Events.

Sunday, Sept. 2, Interfaith Youth Day at Kolbe's Electric Park, 6400 West Irving Park Blvd.

Saturday, Oct. 7, a dance will be given by the Karl Liebknecht League at Prudential Hall, Halsted and No. Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 20, Halloween parade and entertainment, given by the League at Prudential Hall, 1st and Western Ave.

"Troops sent to Hillsboro, Ill. keep 'law and order' during strike in that city," screams as newspaper headline in the capitalist press.

This and other recent events conclusively that the campaign of two years ago by the greedy plotters and "open shoppers" is in full swing and continuing with increasing vigor. The full force of attack on the workers is felt keenly by the young workers, who, having their wages cut, their working hours increased and their standard of living lowered, are also breaking down the resistance of adult workers.

At the demonstration arranged the Young Workers League for second of September these facts are pointed out to the thousands of workers who will congregate the well known speakers, among the young Tom Tiptop, a member of United Mine Workers of America a correspondent for the Post Press.

Saint Louis District of Workers Party Holds Second Annual Convention

By BARNEY MASS.

The second convention of the Workers' Party, Dist. No. 10, was held Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Fraternal Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Twenty-nine delegates, representing thirty-one cities were present.

Comrades Sullivan and Mass were elected chairman and secretary, respectively. After the delegates were seated, the district organizer made his report.

Comrade Sullivan in making his report, showed that under the circumstances, the party has made great progress. He analyzed the position of the party from the last convention up to the last four months, during which during which he has resigned. Comrade England, the new district organizer, then continued the report and covered the remaining period, during which he has been organized. The convention was well pleased with the reports and concurred in sustaining them.

The industrial report was given by Foster, who analyzed the position of the party facing the T. U. E. L. and W. P. Comrade Foster cautioned the comrades not to become too confident, because greater opposition is met continually. Due to the antagonism aroused by reason of the progress of the T. U. E. L. An indication of

this fear and opposition was by the recent "marriage" of the party and Ferguson, as against these progressive forces.

Comrade Foster also spoke of the P. F. L.-P., and the possibility of establishing a labor party in the district was shown to be very great. Enthusiasm was expressed by the delegates on the P. F. L.-P. each delegate was urged upon them to get behind the P., get into correspondence national organizer and thus complete the party with the help laid down by the Chicago Party.

A few changes have been made in this district. Barney Mass appointed assistant district organizer to work with Comrade J. G. Sullivan, a new district organizer, who has been appointed to work in St. Louis in this district, which will be in suits. The district organizer now is in position to cover the district and feel assured that work in St. Louis is being done as it should be. A city union has been called in St. I. of the purpose of rejuvenating here. New life and "pop" here, and they are going ahead forthwith.

Entertainment & Dance

Roumanian Branch of the Workers Party

Sept. 2, at "Imperial Hall" 2409 N. Halsted St.

All workers are cordially invited.

The Russian Orchestra "Lira" Will Also be There

Dance commences at 3 P. M. until 12 midnight.

Everybody is welcome

NEW FILM

"The Fifth Year" will be shown in ORCHESTRA HALL, OCT. 6, 7, 8

Keep this date open.

Regular Meeting of the Labor Defense Council

Chicago Branch Workers Lyceum, 2734 Hirsch Blvd. SATURDAY, AUG. 25, AT 3:30

All delegates should attend.

GREAT ANNIVERSARY

Labor Defense Rally

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on

Sunday, Sep. 16, 8 P. M.

SPEAKER

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MANY OFFICIALS DISRUPTING THE GARMENT WORKERS UNION

A STRIKE-BREAKER PRESIDENT

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Our Answer "A Communist Daily"

I. W. W. Prisoner Driven to Suicide at San Quentin Prison

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Another thing that goes to the very essence of trade unionism is that a union claims jurisdiction over its own members... dual union is a contemptible subterfuge.

Still another feature of trade unionism, and this also is fundamental, is that all unions have definitely established membership dues and carry cards, and belong to chartered locals.

Finally, a vital feature of trade unionism is that all who belong to it must subscribe to its discipline. If the League was a dual union, it would dispute the discipline of the I. O. O. F. U. and refuse to abide by it.

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We repudiate such a position as they set up. We assert that the Trade Union Educational League is purely an educational organization. It has, in its widespread propaganda to that effect, continued to claim the right to carry on educational activities in a concerted manner and we declare that attempts to deprive us of these rights are unjustified interference with our normal activities.

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He is a professional strikebreaker. In his book, he has baptized the Harding administration with warm and bitter sarcasm as the "GOVERNMENT-STRIKE-BREAKER." He has shown in his book that the government of the United States administration, as well as Congress and the courts, compose a single, solid machine to oppress the working class.

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The presidency of Coolidge is a danger for the workers and farmers; but the misdeeds of the working class is not that from the working class. GOMPERS even assures M. H. Coolidge of the support of the labor movement. The New York City Convention of the SOCIALIST PARTY passes a resolution which

For a few days after the strike ended a hot bed noticed by his fellow workers that Shocker did not seem himself, and finally during the night he made a noise of a sheet and a towel, and hanged himself to the bars of his cell. He left a note beseeching all his effects to the other criminal syndicalism prisoners, and asking that his death be taken as a tribute for what the other I. W. W. members in prison were enduring.

Even in insanity and suicide Shocker's last thought was for the organization in whose service he died. He suffers condones for the death of Harding and at the same time the Committee of Eleven leaders eliminates the second part of the resolution, which was directed against all members of the "DEMOCRAT; but he pronounces his support for the REPUBLICAN Coolidge.

It is the duty of COMMUNIST to enlighten the workers where appropriate the working class and to enlighten the working class and exploited farmers into the political struggle through a mighty Federated Farmer-Labor Party. We must strengthen the working class and exploited farmers into the political struggle through a mighty Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

New labor struggles are impending. The working class must provide itself with new weapons. We must strengthen the trade unions, through amalgamation. We must strengthen the organized workers through organizing the unorganized. We must make it clear to the exploited farmers that their only remedy is that the land belong to those who use it.

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Charles... a subscriber of perjury; the best... on Mooney and Billings to... political office in San Francisco... man, but was friendly toward the Kaiser... before this country entered the war. For this... some of those Irish patriots, who fought the Kaiser... Ireland, are boosting him for the... district attorney... San Francisco, is pinning away behind the gray walls of San... prison for a crime he is as innocent of as an unborn babe. A more disgraceful scene than what took place at an Irish picnic... Shellmound Park in San Francisco recently could not be... in Mooney's mother came from, invited Charles Fickert as their... principal speaker. On the program was the picture of this... aster with the legend "Our Choice for District Attorney of San... Francisco Aggravated." And on the committee of arrangements were... names of several patriots who no doubt holler their heads off... DeValera and the Irish Republic. And worse still, there was... of a name of a member of Local 164 of the Moulders' Union, a... local that Tom Mooney is a member of.

S. L. P. Americanism

The Swedish lady who edits the Weekly People is shocked at decisions affecting the working-class movement in America... should be arrived at in Moscow. The question whether the... Communist Party of America should appear in the open after a... years of enforced underground existence was discussed at the... 17th congress of the Communist International, and the decision... in favor of open functioning. Zinoviev reported on this development... at the first session of the Enlarged Presidium of the... Executive Committee of the C. I. We are informed by the S. L. P. P... that a smile almost disturbed the accustomed serenity of... editorial countenance on reading Zinoviev's report. This would... be a tragedy, indeed! Such leveling behind the dignified barriers... S. L. P. philosophy would send the "stalwarts" back to their... shops and coffee emporiums. They would no longer... the frenzied appeals of Arnold Petersen for funds to save... real tickets of Mr. Petersen and Mrs. Johnson.

O. Bentall Speaks on His Prison Experience

By JOE CARROLL

small, formerly editor of... "work" paid his respects to... capitalist system during the course... very interesting talk at a recent... of the Scandinavian branch... Workers' Party. Opening his address, Comrade... stressed the great opportunity... confronting those who have for... years worked with only com... some discouraged," he said, "I... don't need that kind. It is... worthwhile men and women... follow in the steps of the... successful revolutionary develo... that many will insist upon... back where they have... for so many years. We... of the things I have... that some might get... in the movement—and I... of the forefront, always... work-to-white comrades." Bentall drew a two year... in Leavenworth penitentiary... the Espionage Act. Speaking... experience there, he said: "I... up. Nine I. W. W.'s were kept... in the Chicago jail, before they... visited, and sent to Leavenworth... Kansas the Department... some of these men for... in jail, without even a... charge against them (W-

oners per day were received—nearly three thousand prisoners—an average of 200 per year passing in and out. And the 'dope' traffic, which has replaced the saloon, is the greatest factor in bringing these prisoners there.

"When they come in, two-thirds of these say, 'I made a little mistake. I am going to go straight when I get out.' Parents and sisters and friends write in, asking that they be treated with the greatest care of... because they have been good men... again be good. But after a few months there, most of them say, 'I will take the \$5 the government gives me, and I will buy a gun with it—and that will be my business from now on.' And when most of these leave there, they care no more for human life than you folks for the life of a fly. Every one of these penitentiaries starts out, at the end of their terms, criminals—and not honest men.

"And the jails and prisons are kept full, most of the time, because there is money in it. It costs 17 cents to feed them a day—and there is plenty of graft between this and the amount appropriated for the keep of prisoners. "These prisoners try to 'get by' as well as possible. But the dangers there are greater than anywhere else in the world. The walls place and the bedding spread all sorts of germs. If any of the other prisoners know, as I did, what sort of diseases some of the prisoners had who used the dishes, they would starve before eating of those dishes!

"In the tubercular hospital the beds are so close together that they were almost touching each other—23 in one little room, with the consumption, prisoners coughing and spitting. And some in such condition that they threw off a quart of blood! And I slept there, in the same ward. And the cooks slept there. And all the food was cooked right there in the building, for everybody to eat! Is that the way for any government to treat its prisoners? If there was anything else wrong in the whole system, I would say, to hell with such a system! But there are many other things almost as bad. Nobody can really know just how bad this system is until he has been in the penitentiary—as a prisoner.

"When the I. W. W. first came to prison, the other prisoners were all against them. And they are a peculiar bunch, I assure you. They had opinions of their own. And there were many things they had objections to doing—and they went to the 'hole' for refusing to do them. "The food was very poor, when they first came in—it was not fit to eat. And it was the rule that they should not take anything on your plate that you did not eat. And there was no place to throw it. It was thrown on the floor, or left on the plate, the prisoner went before the deputy-warden and was sent to 'the hole.' "The I. W. W. had the big idea that working people were entitled to a good treatment as anybody else. And they said to the other prisoners, 'What kind of men are we to put up

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The cell in which the prisoner is locked after work, is the best thing in the prison, because it relieves him from the strain of the menacing presence of the guards and the rules that must be followed.

"At the ball games the prisoners smoke and bet their 'Durham'—which is the 'medium of exchange,' the only money permitted there; each has approximately ten cents, because that is what is paid for it through the office."

Bentall then tells of the prison school conducted at night in the dining room, where there are classes in English, mathematics, Latin, French, medicine, languages and primary classes in reading, writing and arithmetic for the uneducated prisoners. And the warden made a great fuss with the Chaplain School Superintendent one day when he suddenly discovered that 90 per cent of the teachers in the school were I. W. W. He was afraid that the Chaplain was being converted, and he said he had merely chosen the best he could find for the jobs.

He tells of a great picture, painted by Ralph Chaplin, another I. W. W. Although this was painted to be hung in the hall for the benefit of the prisoners, the warden took it to his home. And so Ralph Chaplin said, 'I will fix that fellow'—and he painted another picture of a sort of fine art. It was beyond the comprehension of appreciation of the warden—and this has remained in the prison. "And now I want to speak to you

about those who are still there—and about those who are still there. "Finally President Harding grew very gracious and decided to 'pardon' some of these I. W. W. prisoners. One of Harding's most intimate friends, United States Senator, investigated the case of the President: 'I have gone over the record and I tell you, I have not been convicted of any crime but have been imprisoned only for expression of his opinions, and they must be released.' And Harding said, 'I promise to release them, but if they had never violated,' but if they violate any law, the President shall be the sole judge and shall be entitled to serve their full term in prison."

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