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## WORKERS' CHILDREN ARE HERDED BACK INTO THE CAPITALIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Many Children Slaved During Vacation

### YOUNG PIONEERS PREPARE FOR SCHOOL STRUGGLE!

Well, it's September and vacation is over! What kind of vacation has it been for us, workers' children? Most of us had to go to work in the summer so as to get a little money to help our parents. The rest of us spent our "vacation" on the hot and dirty streets. Only a few of us had a chance to go to the country—and then only for a little while.

Rich Enjoy Vacation.

But how was it with the rich children, the children of the bosses? Well, you can bet that for them their vacation was a real joy! They went off to the cool mountains or to the seashore or even for a pleasure trip to Europe. That's how they spent the summer.

Why couldn't we do the same? Because we are poor and haven't enough money. But why are we poor? Because the boss steals everything the workers make—and the workers make everything—and gives the workers only a measly wage. That's why the bosses who do nothing are rich and the workers who produce everything are poor.

And the law and the government and the police and the courts say that this is all right, as it should be. That is because they all stick up for the rich bosses and are against the poor workers.

But when we get back to school the teachers will tell us that in America all men are equal, and that rich and poor are the same. They'll tell us that the American government is the government of the people. And they'll tell us that everything is as it should be and that we're living in a fine world.

The Teachers' Lies.

Why do the teachers tell us such lies? Because the teachers want to make us believe that it is a fine thing to work for the boss and let the boss take away from us everything we make. Because the teachers want us to grow up into good and faithful slaves of the boss and the boss' government. The schools don't want to know the truth—they want to fill us with lies. Just try to tell them the truth about Workers' Russia where the workers have kicked out the bosses and set up a workers' government and now are running the country for the benefit of the workers and you will see quick enough that they don't want to know anything about the truth.

But we, workers' children, who are members of the Young Pioneers of America, have learned the truth. We know that all workers are comrades and brothers and that all rich men and bosses and the government are our enemies. Because we know this we take part in the fight of the workers against the bosses. We help the grown-up workers—but we also carry on our own struggles.

Our Fight.

We fight against child labor! Millions of children are working their lives away to fill up the money bags of the bosses. We say: Abolish child labor and make the government maintain the poor children out of the profits of the rich!

We fight against the bosses' propaganda in the schools! We don't want the teachers to pump us full of poison against the workers and in favor of the bosses. Especially don't we want any religion in the schools.

We fight against rotten conditions in the schools and for better conditions for workers' children! No overcrowding! Better sanitary conditions! Better safety conditions! Free lunches

## INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK CELEBRATED THRUOUT WORLD

### Children Urged to Join Pioneers!

The first week in September every year is INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK. It is the week when the working class children all over the world have meetings and demonstrations and parades to show the bosses that they really mean business when they fight for their demands.

Every year the army of children fighting against capitalism grows larger and larger. Already now there are millions of children all over the

world. In only one country of the world are children free—in Soviet Russia. Everywhere else the children must fight for their freedom!

In America we, workers' children and all of the workers, are the slaves of the rich bosses. The workers work and the bosses steal what the workers produce. Millions of children work in order to make bigger profits for the bosses. In school the workers' children are poisoned with all kinds of ideas that are in favor of the bosses and against the workers. And in school also the workers' children are treated like slaves by the teachers.

These are some of the things against which we, workers' children of America, are going to protest during INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK.

Workers' children! Come to our meetings, to our parades, to our outings and picnics!

Workers' Children! Fight for our demands!

Workers' Children! Join the Young Pioneers of America!

## Take That You Big Stiff!



## To a Soldier Behind Bars

To Paul Crouch, from the John Reed Group, Chicago.

Dear Comrade Crouch:

We are proud to call you a Pioneer, too... Only we are Pioneers among the working class children while you started pioneering in the most dangerous place—the army.

You have been put behind the bars by the capitalists and their government. But the workers know that you fight is for the working class and they remember you.

All of us want to be Paul Crouches when we grow up.

We will welcome you when you will come out.

Your Comrades, John Reed Group, Chicago, Ill.

for the workers' children!

We fight against the teacher hitting us and treating us like slaves! Why are we treated as slaves? Only because the teachers want to train us to be slaves when we grow up. But we are not slaves and we're not going to be slaves! We want to have a say in how the school is run!

We fight against the Boy and Girl Scouts and such organizations! These organizations are owned and controlled and run by the rich men for their benefit and against the workers.

We stick by all the workers and fight with them!

Our motto: ALWAYS READY in



the cause of the working class!

WORKERS' CHILDREN! JOIN THE YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA!

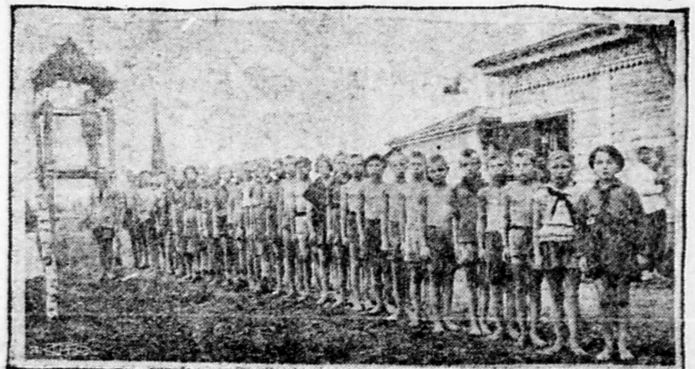
YOUNG PIONEERS! BUILD SCHOOL NUCLEI! GET NEW MEMBERS FROM YOUR SCHOOLS FOR YOUR PIONEER GROUPS! BUILD THE PIONEER LEAGUE!

## A Visit to Argo—The Town of Starch and Misery for Workers

By ROBERT WEISS.  
Spartakus Group, Chicago.

One day while we were going to a picnic we passed the town of Argo, Ill. Here there are big factories where they manufacture starch and corn starch. Who owns these factories and gets the money for the starch? The bosses of course—they own all the buildings in the town. But who manufactures the starch? The workers—and why shouldn't they get the money for the starch if they make it? They don't get the money because the bosses rob them and they only get between \$15 and \$20 a week. With this they have to support their families. The workers in Argo live in two rooms which are dark and miserable. They have torn clothes and little food. The bosses live in big lighted rooms, they have good clothes and plenty to eat. They have beautiful cars and play golf most of the day while the workers slave for them. That's why so many of us are in the Pioneers fighting for a workers' and farmers' government.

## RUSSIAN PIONEERS IN CAMP



# OUR FIGHT DURING CHILDREN'S WEEK

**I**NTERNATIONAL Children's Week is being celebrated thruout the world on August 30-Sept. 5th. In the United States the Young Pioneers are going to learn during this week the meaning of fighting child labor and the misery of millions of working class children in this country who go to school hungry and ragged.

It is true that we have never forgotten that there are 2 million children in this country who are forced to work long hours in factories, mills, canneries and on the farms and receive only \$4 to \$5 a week. But because most of our Young Pioneers go to school (and we have very few child laborers in our ranks) we have not organized the child workers to fight for themselves.

During International Children's Week we should all pledge ourselves to take up this question. To carry on propaganda among the newsboys and shoe shine boys—and the child laborers in other places—and win them over to the Young Pioneers. The most effective way of fighting child labor is to help organize the child laborers so that they can fight for themselves. Thus the first slogan of Children's Week: Down with child labor and child misery, is not only useless words—it means hard work on the part of the Pioneers to win over the child workers to our cause.

**Is School a Game?**  
THIS month's issue of the boy scouts' magazine says that school is a game and therefore the children should be glad to get back. Sure it's a game and the big fat capitalists are the players while the children are the toys they play with. The schools aim to make good, obedient slaves out of us so that when we go to work in the factories we should not kick against the rotten conditions. But the Young Pioneers will fool them! We will kick not only in the factories when we go there, but in the schools too. The

## What We're Fighting Against



Making heroes out of child labor bosses in our Public Schools.

first thing we will do on this International Children's Week is fight against reaction in the schools. If there are teachers and principals who are against the working class we will organize our fellow students to fight them. No anti-strike and anti-labor teachings. We will fight against punishments by the teachers (hitting our hands with rulers, making us stay in corners and after school, etc.) and demand that the children help rule themselves.

We know that religion is just like opium which is forced into the brains of the workers children to make them forget their misery and to make them contented with getting "pie in the sky, when they die." We will therefor

fight to do away with religious training in the schools.

### Demand Better School Conditions

**M**ANY of the schools we go to are old, worn out buildings. There is no fire escapes and only wooden stairs. In many of the Chicago schools, for example, if a fire broke out thousands of working class children would be burned to charcoal. We demand that new school buildings be set up which shall be airy, have fire escapes, stone stairs and playgrounds attached to the school. We must demand that the schools be kept clean and have plenty of windows so that we can get fresh air.

And how about those children who go to school hungry because their

fathers get small wages or have been thrown out of work? Are we going to let them go hungry? No! We must fight for free lunches in the school. If the capitalists want to make patriotic slaves out of us, let them pay to feed the children who go to school hungry. Not only that, but parents cannot afford to pay for school supplies. Let us demand from the schools that we get supplies free. If the capitalist government can spend millions of dollars to buy airplanes, poison gas, guns, etc., to prepare for the next war—a war that will be fought to make safe their riches which were sweated out of our fathers—why then we can demand more money for free lunches and school supplies.

### Fight Against War.

**S**OME of you may remember the last war of 1914-1918. Who fought that war? Why, our own big brothers and fathers. And millions of them got killed and crippled and got poison gas into their lungs. Who made money out of the war? Why Morgan, Rockefeller and the other big capitalists bankers of this country. It was their war and yet the working class fought it for them. Now another war more bloody than the last one is being prepared. We must fight against it. We don't want to lose our fathers and big brothers and be left orphans. In the high schools they are already training the students to become soldiers. We must fight against all efforts to put military training into the public schools (even if they tell us it is only learning how to be boy and girl scouts.

What is the best way of fighting for these things? It is by joining the Young Pioneers and becoming a young Communist. Then you can, together with your other comrades, fight for these things in an organized fashion. Join the Young Pioneers today and get others to join during International Children's Week.

# On the Flying Horse Thru the Ages

Continued from previous issue.

It surely was different from the old times he remembered! The old warlike Indians had evidently overrun the country in the centuries that Jimmy slept. They had enslaved the peaceful Indians and made them cultivate the soil for them. And so the peaceful Indians became peasants, slaves . . . . A certain part of the harvest they had to give every year to the warriors, who now became a nobility. The nobility did nothing but hunt, fish, carry on war, and rule the land. All offices and all rights were in their hands. But the peasants had to toll and obey. . . .

At first, the peaceful Indians had put up a resistance but as the centuries went by the resistance died down and they got used to their serf-like position. They forgot that they had once been free. They even forgot that the nobility had once been an invading tribe. They felt that they

were all one people, one people divided into masters and slaves, into rich and poor.

Jimmy could not understand it. When he asked the Indians how things came to be so they looked stupidly at him and said: "What are you talking about? It always was so! The gods made it so!"

"You think it was always so?" shouted Jimmy. "Why don't you know that you once were free and that these warriors came in big boats and made you slaves?" Do you really believe that there always have been slaves and masters, poor and rich?"

"Yes," the peasants repeated doggedly, "that's the way it always was. There always were peaceful peasants who worked for the warlike princes. That's how the gods made it. The gods don't want all people to be as free as the birds. That wouldn't please them!"

"You fools!" shouted Jimmy. "The

gods didn't make slaves and masters! The foreign lords made these gods and the stories about them so that you should serve them better. They use the gods to make you into slaves! They . . ." The Indian boy sprang up, straightened out, and fell dead. A dreadful hush fell over the circle of peasants that had listened to him. A spear was in Jimmy's breast and a little rivulet of blood trickled from it. . . .

From behind a nearby tree a warrior-noble stepped forth. He had heard the words of the strange Indian boy and he was afraid that these words should rouse the spirit of rebellion in the peasants. His swift spear had closed that dangerous mouth forever. . . .

"The spear hit me in the chest. Oh, I'm bleeding," cried Jimmy sitting up in the bed.

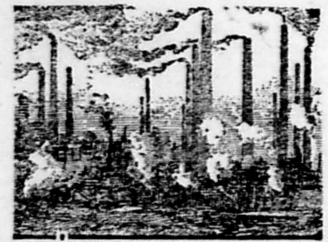
"Sh,sh," cautioned his mother. "Lie still, you have fever."

"Let me get back to the Indians!" cried the boy struggling. "I've got to show them how to be free. They mustn't remain slaves forever!"

Again he jumped astride his flying horse and away he went . . . but not back to the Indians. . . .

(Where did Jimmy go on his flying horse? What did he see? What did he do?)

(To be continued.)



## HANS AND FRITZ BECOME PIONEERS

(Continued from . . .)



What! What do our new Young iPoneers see—Pioneers going to camp! Fine, they say, we're on the job! Right along with them!

The Young Pioneers recognize Hans and Fritz and welcome them to their Camp. So here they are archiving a fine time! Bathing, jumping, playing, working, letarning . . .

But, oh, what's this! Some Ku Kluxer, some detective, or some other tool of the bosses is attempting to enter the Pioneer Camp house and do some mischief. But—our two iPoneers are on the watch, ALWAYS READY! Quickly they see the danger and quickly they form a plan. They lower the hook . . .



**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

The best answers explaining the meaning of this picture will be published in the next issue of the Young Comrade with your name. Send it to: Young Comrade, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.



**Answer to Last Month's Puzzles**

(Only a few of the answers to last month's puzzles can be published in this issue because of lack of space. But work on these puzzles! If your answer is not published now, better luck next time!)

**ROSE HOROWITZ, Rochester, N. Y.**  
 "My answer to last month's picture puzzle is: A weary and worn woman with a very thin shawl over her shoulders, who is sick of living because she labors long and hard and receives little pay is standing in a graveyard. As she looks over the different graves she notices that children as young as six years have died from working too hard and receiving little pay. It is also noticeable that these graves are close together so as to save a larger tract of land for the wealthy profiteers."

**MIRIAM BROOKS, Albany, N. Y.**  
 "My idea of the picture puzzle in the August issue of the Y. C. is: It explains a cemetery of young, under-aged children, robbed from their poor mothers, who have worked in the mills. This picture shows that there

is child labor in this country of ours. Join the Young Pioneers and fight against child labor!"

**WANTS TO BE ORGANIZER.**

Last Sunday I went to the parade at First Ward Park. There were so many people that I couldn't count them. We had fine bands and everything was very nice.

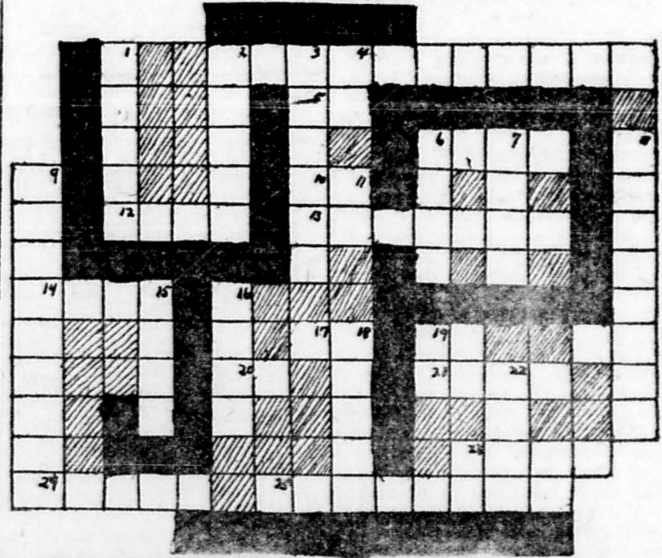
The cossacks were afraid to do anything to the people because there were so many of them. I liked the speakers very much. They told the workers to stick together, and to listen to Organizer Weisbord.

I like Weisbord. He helps the workers a lot. We must stick together and fight until we win. I think when I grow up I am going to help the workers too. I'll try and be an organizer like Mr. Weisbord.

D. H., a striker's child, age 10.

**Young Pioneer Crossword Puzzle**

We are again printing this cross word puzzle because we got very few correct answers to it. Surely you can do much better. Let's see you try it today!



**KEY TO THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.**

**Horizontal.**

- 2—Those who rob the workers.
- 5—A preposition.
- 6—How many people should be heard against the killing of Sacco and Vanzetti.
- 10—A thing.
- 12—Twelve months.
- 13—A group of capitalists owning a factory.
- 14—What's the best thing a capitalist has ever done?
- 17—Part of the verb "to be."
- 19—Another part of the verb "to be."
- 20—Just as said.
- 21—What workers who believe the capitalists are.
- 23—What the capitalists make the workers do.
- 24 & 25—What the organization of militant working class children is called.

**Vertical.**

- 1—What the capitalists want.
- 2—Plain.
- 3—Whom the capitalists use against workers in strikes.

4—A preposition.

6—Where you can find the location of various cities (plural).

7—What Pioneers do very often.

8—The leader of the Passaic strike who was recently arrested.

9—A young girl striker active in Passaic and arrested many times.

11—In the direction of.

15—What teachers tell you most of the time.

16—What the capitalists have a lot of.

18—A worker who is now in jail and is going to be murdered for something he never did.

19—While.

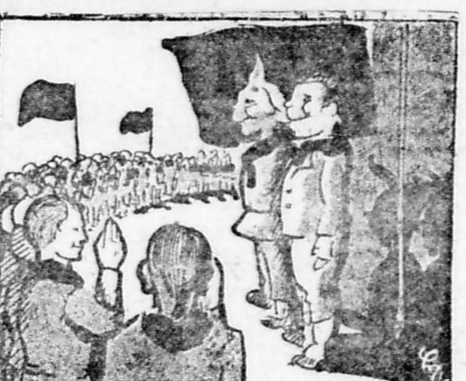
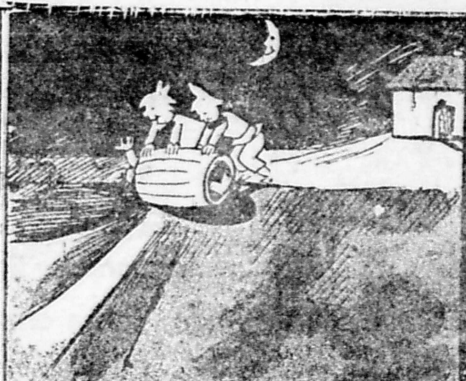
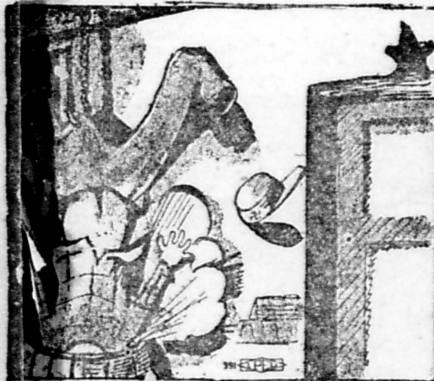
22—What the workers are and the bosses are not.

23—A personal pronoun.

**Something New!**

A new catalogue of books for workers, and workers' children has just been issued. It is classified, indexed and illustrated—AND SENT FREE. Write for it to The DAILY WORKER Publishing Co., 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

**THEY DO FINE WORK AT THE PIONEER CAMP**



Does the hole go up goes the "dick!" Fine, the barrel! I'll bet this slimy skunk is so eager to start up with the Pioneers!

The "dick" is in the barrel. So Hans and Fritz run downstairs with a fine idea to teach the guy a lesson. They roll the barrel down hill right into the river. That'll cool the fellow off...

The next day our two Young Pioneers report what they have done to the Camp Council. All Pioneers hear about it. Then at the roll call they are summoned forward and congratulated for their fine action the night before. Hans and Fritz answer: "We acted like Pioneers: ALWAYS READY, IN THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS!"

# PIONEER CAMPS

## N. Y. Camp Needs Writers

We were asked the other day what we believed would be the best immediate slogan for the New York Pioneer Camp being held this year at Beacon, New York. We answered that the best slogan would be: Write as you camp and study! This is necessary so that your YOUNG COMRADE readers can get all the details of the New York Pioneer Camp life.

## Twenty-Five Workers' Children Pinched in Passaic; Then Freed

PASSAIC, N. J.—The police offensive against children of the Passaic strikers continues.

Twenty-five children, of all ages and sizes were "arrested" on Saturday morning, snatched from their homes, and taken to police headquarters upon complaint of a scab residing in the heart of the striking workers' district. Helen Boychick, 12 years old, was kept in jail all day because she "talked back" to the judge who was using his official position to justify the actions of the scab.

When her plight was made known to the union lawyers, they found that she was being detained without any complaint lodged against her, and that no formal complaint or warrant had been issued by which twenty-five young children could be called to court. The children, who had called "scab" after the man whom their young minds could see to be their enemy, were merely being "frightened a little" by the judge who has proved himself their enemy already many times.

After their "little lesson" the children were turned out of police headquarters to trudge the long way back to their homes as best they might.

## Camp Life in Workers' Russia

AN excursion was organized to the opening of a Russia Pioneer camp. A brass band was hired for the occasion, which accompanied us on our journey to the camp. When we got off at the station we lined up in fours, with the brass band at the head of us, and marched to the camp.

When we arrived at the camp a wonderful sight met our eyes. All the Pioneers were lined up in front of their house in uniforms with red neckerchiefs, with the leader at the head of them. The front of the house was decorated with different slogans and red bands of ribbon intertwined with pine. Their wall newspaper was also hung up, called "The Torch," which was also very well decorated with many articles and drawings, done by the Pioneers themselves, telling of their different doings and life at the camp. On the right-hand side of the house was a staircase, and at the top was a Pioneer keeping guard over the flag.

We marched in and filed up in front of the Pioneers, then we shouted in one hearty voice, "Zdrastvitye" (greetings to you), which was immediately answered by the Pioneers. After the greetings we dispersed for 10 minutes, which we utilized by examining the house. This consists of four spotlessly clean and cool bedrooms, and a club, which was very nicely decorated with slogans. The dining room was at the back of the house in the open.

After the 10 minutes were over a bell rang, and we all gathered in the open space before the house (specially made for meetings and social affairs), the Pioneers lined up in front of us. The presidium was called and the chairman opened the meeting with a few outlines of the work of the Pioneers and the necessity of a Pioneers' camp.

Representatives of the party nucleus, district trade union committee, factory committee, the parents and Young Communist League nucleus greeted the Pioneers. They each of them expressed their pleasure in being present at the opening of the Pioneer camp, praising the work of

## MAKING PIONEERS IN THE OPEN

By ELIZABETH TOTH, Engles Group, Perth Amboy, N. J.

WHEN we arrived at the Pioneer Camp we went to eat dinner. The other children we were there already were outside playing. After dinner we also went outside and played. When supper time came we all ate together. After supper we all got together and told stories about the workers and the workers' children. Nine o'clock we went to bed.

In the morning one of the leaders came at seven o'clock and rang the bell to get up. Then we went for exercise. After we got through we washed ourselves and off to breakfast. After breakfast came our hour of play and letter writing. Then we had our daily camp council followed by games and discussions—and dinner. But before we ate dinner, breakfast or supper we had to wash ourselves very well. And we weren't allowed to take any apples or plums off the trees.

Some afternoons we went swimming. If we didn't we took shower baths. Then we had games and group discussions. Sometimes we had hikes and a whole lot of things. Then supper and evening campfire.

I had a wonderful time at camp and learned a whole lot of new things about the Pioneer movement. Also I learned a whole lot of songs and what it really means to be a Pioneer.

## Chicago Young Reds in Camp



## Boston Camp is Swell

The Pioneer Camp on the Dudley Pond in Cochituate, Mass., is getting along swell. The 25 to 30 children there all like the camp and are getting along well in their studies. The YOUNG COMRADE is anxiously awaiting news as to what was done on the museum which the comrades were supposed to start there. One young comrade expressed himself that he would be able to do six times as much work for the pioneers in the public schools now that he has attended this camp. Even now the comrades are talking about a bigger and better camp in District No. 1 for next year.

By FANK KADISH, Malabar Nucleus, Los Angeles, Cal.

IN the mills at Gary, Ind., there was a big explosion that killed a number of workers. This is how it happened.

The old foreman in the Gary mills complained to the company about a leak in the pipe. The company did not want to spend any money fixing it so they fired the old foreman and hired another.

The new foreman did not know of the leak so he put on the machinery at full force and in a short while there was an explosion. The capitalist who controlled this company, Judge Gary, did not care because he also controlled the coroner, the police and everybody. He didn't care if the workers got killed. There were more waiting for jobs anyway.

That's what happens when factories are controlled by bosses. When the workers own the factories like in Russia such things will not happen.

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After the meeting there were refreshments, games, "living newspaper," games again, and then we finished up with fireworks, and towards the evening we left for home.

E. N. Y.

After all the greetings were finished, one of the Pioneers got up to answer. She said: "Comrades, I and my fifty comrades thank you very much for your active participation in the opening of our camp. It is our most urgent wish to help and teach the Pioneers abroad, and we make a promise that we will work harder in the future, and so become true, healthy Pioneers, ready to fight for the freedom of the children of the world. Pioneers, in the struggle for the liberation of the workers and peasants of the whole world, Be Ready!" and amidst the applause of the audience was heard the hearty answer of the Pioneers: "Always Ready!"

The band struck up the "International," in which everybody joined.

## This Rich Capitalist Won't Help YOUNG COMRADE



The workers' children will have to help build up their paper themselves!

To issue a bigger YOUNG COMRADE means that you must collect more money in

## The Five Thousand Dollar Drive of the Young Pioneers!

The following have shown their loyalty this month:

John Reed Group.....	\$10.00	Albany, N. Y., M. Jacobson	1.15	Hyman Michelson .....	1.00
A. Machinskas .....	6.05	Albany, N. Y., A. Brooks..	5.00	Total for August.....	\$101.00
Grand Rapids, Y. P.....	28.75	Detroit, D. Friedman.....	5.55	Previously acknowledged	\$82.61
Los Angeles .....	8.00	Dist. 2, New York.....	21.00	Total thus far.....	\$403.61
Boston .....	3.30	Alno Williams .....	6.20		
Albany, N. Y., M. Brooks.	5.00				

## The Drive Has Now Been Extended to Thanksgiving!

SO GET BUSY AND COLLECT.

Don't forget some of the prizes: Red Star painted Neckerchiefs, Original Drawings, Free YOUNG COMRADE subscriptions, etc.