

PARDON SOLD FOR \$50,000

BANK ROLLS OF GARMENT BOSSES SLIM

Pay \$50,000 For 5-Weeks' Use of Gunmen, Thugs

Weak-kneed banking accounts are forcing the struck garment bosses to cut down on their armies of sluggers and gunmen.

This information has come to the DAILY WORKER, carrying out the prediction already made in the alleged shooting at the home of the garment boss, Nicholas Kovler.

Cause of Kovler Shooting.

The DAILY WORKER charged the shooting was the work of private detective agencies that were having their men laid off by struck garment bosses who are going "broke."

The DAILY WORKER has information, for instance, that Arthur Weiss & Co., 176 W. Adams street, has laid off several sluggers, the excuse being that they were "lounging about upstairs getting drunk." It is stated that Weiss and Co. pays its sluggers as high as \$7 and \$8 per day.

Weiss Regular Strike Breaker.

Weiss and Co. has been one of the most active bosses in fighting the strikers. Arthur Weiss, himself, has been in personal charge of the thugs around his plant. He has even taken a hand in superintending the anti-strike activities of State's Attorney Crowe's men at 75 So. Market street.

Weiss has also been very officious in directing the four Crowe's men in front of his own plant. He has also been active in ordering the police to make arrests of pickets.

The fact that Weiss is able to build a personal army among the city police and the dicks from the state's attorney's office, will no doubt help him cut down his expenses, so far as private gunmen and sluggers is concerned. But other bosses, who see the balance in their bank books dropping and dropping, are not in so fortunate a position.

This raises the question of just how much the strike is costing the garment bosses, in the hiring of gunmen alone. The DAILY WORKER estimates that the cost has already passed \$50,000, or about \$10,000 for every week of the struggle so far.

Cost of Strikebreaking Comes High.

Have a look at the figures for service offered by the Edward J. Hargrave Secret Service, which has admitted supplying garment bosses with guards and operators.

Guards alone come at \$7 per man per day, if there are over five guards used; or at \$8 per man per (Continued on page 2)

Moscow Paper Says Spies Were Paid For Work Against Soviets From Hoover's Relief Millions

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 4.—"Evening Moscow," the official organ of the Moscow Soviet, today announced that evidence was brought forth at the trial of the counter-revolutionaries in Kiev which proves that members of their organization were paid for their espionage services with the funds of the American Relief Administration. This tallies with the testimony of Captain H. Scaife, former government agent, given before the Daugherty probe committee in Washington.

"Laboring Moscow," another paper, challenges Secretary Hughes to state now, in view of these exposures, which country, Russia or the United States, had interfered in the affairs of the other. It says that Hughes has not been able to prove his allegations against Zinoviev, head of the Communist International.

The paper goes on to say that the Russian workers could not forget the part played by America during the administration of the mountebank Wilson, in making war on them and aiding the counter-revolutionary bandits who were trying to overthrow their government, they were still grateful for the help received during the famine. They

THEY CALL IT "EDUCATION"



Doping the "Potential" President

PROSPECT OF AN EARLY STRIKE AGREEMENT SLIM

Joint Committee Trying To Make Peace

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—Conferences attempting to obtain a settlement of the strike of 35,000 coal miners in the southwest in progress here were still deadlocked today. Little prospect of an immediate settlement was in sight, according to members of the sub-committee of the joint conference of miners and operators, which is attempting to work out an agreement.

Plundered Bankers Form Queue in Court To Squeal on McCray

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 4.—Governor Warren T. McCray had banking indebtedness of a million and a quarter of dollars on March 1, 1923, according to the testimony of seventy Indiana bankers who had testified up to noon today in the trial of McCray on larceny and embezzlement charges.

Through the morning the procession of bankers continued in the criminal court, each banker telling how much the Governor owed his bank on March 1, 1923.

Every new DAILY WORKER reader means a new recruit in the ranks of militant labor.

BRITISH I. L. P. TO DISCUSS ABOLITION OF PARLIAMENT

(By The Federated Press)

LONDON, April 4.—Abolition of the British parliament will be demanded by the Independent Labor Party annual conference at York April 20 on the motion of the London central branch. The proposal is to substitute for the present houses of lords and commons four separate chambers. One would be elected to deal with criminal law, civil contract, and the like. Another would consist of representatives of vocational interests along lines of the present trade union congress, and would deal with all industrial matters. A third body would consist of representatives of consumers, and the fourth would be a cultural chamber. A supreme council would coordinate the four and conduct foreign affairs.

GERMAN MONEY KINGS REVEL IN RIOTOUS LUXURY

Millions of Workers Are Starving

BERLIN, April 4.—Germany has taken drastic measures to curb lavish expenditure by her millionaires abroad. Hereafter passports and extensions of the same will cost \$125 and other difficulties will be thrown in the way of German "nouveau riche" who want to go to French and Italian resorts to spend their money.

Inland hotels and resorts are gleeful, believing the new regulations will turn a flood of profiteers and "schiebers" who hitherto have splurged on the French and Italian rivers to home resorts.

German resort prices are now above those elsewhere, while in Berlin they are asking from \$6 to \$9 for seats at a show in which Fritzi Wassary, Viennese star, is playing.

Paytrotic Dentists Fill Soldiers' Traps With Junk: Not Gold

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK, April 4.—Seven New York dentists have been indicted by the federal grand jury here in connection with the probe of U. S. Veterans' bureau corruption. They are charged with collecting money from the government for work they did not perform. Twenty-eight dentists were investigated. Six hundred ex-soldiers opened their mouths while the experts determined the worth of sundry crowns and bridges.

IMPEACH COOLIDGE!

WALSH PROBE IN PROMISE TO GET BUSY NEXT WEEK

Subpoenas Are Issued For More Witnesses

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A half dozen new witnesses dug up by the new national investigating agency of Senator Thomas J. Walsh will be brought before the Teapot Dome committee next week.

Walsh expects them to give testimony concerning a reported deal of oil men to select a "compliant" secretary of the interior, who would lease the government naval oil lands.

Three subpoenas were issued today for:

Call Hamon's friend, H. W. Ballard, Los Angeles, Calif., said to be a former friend of the late Jake Hamon.

Jack Smith, Paris, Texas, who is said to have had a conversation with Hamon after the last republican election.

J. F. Baughan, Harlingen, Texas, said to have been a friend of Hamon.

These three witnesses were subpoenaed by Walsh in connection with his announced intention of proving that there was "a conspiracy before the election" to lease the naval reserves.

Democrats Blame Republicans.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Republicans are conducting an unethical political campaign of misrepresentation to "cover up" their own deficiencies, Senator Robinson, democratic leader, charged in the senate today.

Robinson spoke in answer to Senator Pepper, Pennsylvania, and Representative Longworth, Ohio, who charged that the democrats were delaying legislation for the purpose of making "scandal investigations." "Republicans are merely attempting to discredit the work the investigating committees are doing," Robinson said.

Naval Bookkeeper Who Swiped Boodle May Be Suicide

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 4.—Officers rushed to Venice, Calif., today seeking to identify the body of a suicide found there as Lieut. Ervine R. Brown, naval officer who disappeared while \$120,000 short in his accounts.

"Ervine is no criminal," Mrs. Brown said today. "He always has been the finest husband in the world to me all these five years since we first met and were married in England.

"But since the Point Honda disaster when his ship, the destroyer Somers, hit the rocks along with all the other destroyers, he has not been the same."

DAUGHERTY'S PROBES BARE GRAFT TRAIL

Showing Connection With The Department of Justice

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A photostatic copy of a letter purporting to be from Charles Vincenti, of Baltimore, to Elias H. Mortimer setting forth an agreement whereby Mortimer was to get Vincenti's 18 month sentence in a federal prison commuted for \$50,000, was introduced in the record of the Senate Daugherty investigating committee today.

Senator Wheeler said he would show later that the matter "was connected with the Department of Justice."

Mortimer was chief government witness before the grand jury that indicted Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau and Representative Langley of Kentucky.

Introduction of the letter came during testimony of J. S. Dyche, of Oklahoma, former warden of Atlanta penitentiary, concerning alleged dope traffic at the prison and the method of pardoning federal prisoners.

Weeks Disgorges Letters.

When the committee convened in open session, Chairman Brookhart announced that Weeks had sent all the records desired by the committee at this time and that Captain Volandt would be examined in executive session later today.

Brookhart also announced that the committee had decided to hold hearings in the near future at Washington Court House, Ohio, to examine the records of the Midland National Bank of which M. S. Daugherty, brother of the former attorney general, is president.

The decision to go to Ohio to investigate the estate of the late Jess Smith was made to relieve the bank of the embarrassment of being deprived of its records for any great length of time. Brookhart said. Mal Daugherty refused to bring them to Washington or permit the committee's examiners to inspect them.

Volandt Guards Testimony.

Secretary of War Weeks today transmitted to the senate Daugherty investigating committee all war department records in aircraft cases which the committee demanded yesterday.

Weeks sent them to the committee by Capt. W. F. Volandt, assistant chief of the finance section of the air service and requested that all but one of them be considered by the committee in secrecy.

Want Documents Kept Secret.

Weeks said the records were of great importance to litigation already in the courts or about to be taken to them, that the sum of \$42,000,000 was involved and that if (Continued on page 2)

PEP IN DAUGHERTY'S REPLY TO PEPPER MAY START FIRE LATER

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Former Attorney General Daugherty will refuse to be "made a goat," he and his friends said emphatically today as Daugherty prepared to issue a statement in reply to Senator George Wharton Pepper's reference to Daugherty in his Portland, Maine, "keynote" speech.

Pepper said appointment of Daugherty was a grave error in judgment.

Instantly Daugherty shot out a statement in which he said:

"I do not propose to be made an issue in the coming campaign except for the benefit of the republican party as a beneficiary of my administration of the public business in the Department of Justice."

This brief retort to Pepper is but an indication of the tenor of a carefully prepared statement which Daugherty intends giving out later, perhaps today, his friends said.

Facts Blast Hoover Denial of Aiding Anti-Soviet War; Show He Aided Yudenitch

By LAURENCE TODD

(Staff Correspondent of The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—In answer to Secretary of Commerce Hoover's denials that the American Relief Administration gave aid to Yudenitch in his attempt to capture Petrograd from the Soviet Republic in 1919, Captain James V. Martin of the Shipping Board vessel Lake Fray has shown to The Federated Press four documents that are likely to force Hoover to do a great deal of retracting or high grade explaining.

They seem to prove conclusively that Hoover was behind Yudenitch—that the American government made war on Russia thru the \$100,000,000 relief fund, voted just after the armistice, to save the lives of starving women and children in central Europe. Photostatic copies of these documents are in the possession of The Federated Press.

Here Are the Facts.

First there is a bill of lading, dated at Bassens (near Bordeaux), France, Aug. 6, 1919, reciting that the master signing below, Jas. W. Martin, has "received in apparent good order and condition, from American Relief Administration," for shipment on the Lake Fray and bound for Reval, woods or property as described below, to be delivered in like apparent good order and condition at the port of Reval to "Representative Central Supply Committee of the Russian Armies." These were the counter-revolutionary forces.

The list of goods is: "Sixty Q. M. C. Class B (Liberty) trucks, 3-ton cargo; gross pounds 810,000, gross metric tons 367.413. One hundred fifty drums lubricating oil; gallons 7500. Three barrels grease, gallons 150. One thousand drums gasoline; gallons 50,000. Spare parts for Q. M. C. Class B trucks (Liberty)."

Carry's Revolutionary General. Next is a letter on the stationery of the division of operations, U. S. shipping board, emergency fleet corporation, dated "U. S. S. Lake Fray, Saint Nazaire, France, Aug. 15, 1919" which reads:

"We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that Capt. James V. Martin of the Lake Fray has fully explained the conditions of our residence aboard ship while en route to Russia. We understand that the Lake Fray has no passenger accommodations and we agree to make the best of conditions aboard ship without complaint.

"(Signed) Gen. Ernest N. Wahl." Martin testifies that Wahl was the former imperial military governor of Petrograd, who was sent on his ship to join Yudenitch at the request of Hoover.

Third in the series is a certificate dated "Reval, Sept. 4, 1919," and having attached to it a medal of gilt, with four gilt imperial eagles between the red-enameled arms of a Greek cross. The certificate is signed and reads:

"Sir—I have the honor of decorating you herewith by the Ensigns of the Order of St. Stanislaus, 3d Class, as a sign of deep appreciation of the work you have rendered to the Russian North-Western Army.

(seal) N. YUDENITCH, General and Commander in Chief of the Russian Forces of the North-Western Front.

"Capt. Jas. V. Martin, U. S. A." This date, Sept. 4, 1919, follows the delivery of the cargo to the Russian Whites at Reval.

Cleared of Hoover Charges. Fourth comes the letter of April 26, 1920, on the stationery of the division of operations, U. S. shipping board emergency fleet corporation, at Washington, exonerating Martin of false charges by the Hoover organization:

"Dear Sir: Confirming verbal conversation with you recently relative to charges against you while in command of the S. S. Lake Fray, you are hereby advised that all agents of the United States shipping board and sea service bureau have been informed under date of April 21 that these charges are unfounded—and you are now subject to re-employment as master of United States shipping board vessels, effective April 21. Yours very truly,

"GEORGE EGGERS, "Asst. Director, Operating Dept., by Lloyd F. Gaines, Chief Clerk." Hoover says that Martin's ship carried "food and medicines" to "civilians" at Reval.

BROADCAST CALL FOR THE JUNE 17 F.-L. CONVENTION

Meeting at Auditorium in St. Paul, Minn.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4.—The National Arrangements Committee charged with the work of organizing the National Farmer-Labor Progressive Convention, June 17th, has begun the work of sending out the fifty thousand invitations to trade unions, co-operatives, farmers' organizations and labor and farmer political groups.

Accompanying the call for the convention, which is printed in pamphlet form is the following letter from the National Arrangements Committee: To All Progressive Organizations, GREETINGS: Enclosed you will find the official call for a great Farmer-Labor Progressive Convention, which is to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, beginning June 17, 1924. The purpose of this convention is to accept a platform and nominate candidates for president and vice-president.

The farmers and workers of Minnesota, and of the other Northwest states, who issue this call, have already united into powerful Farmer-Labor parties. They realize, however, that exploitation by the financial interests can only be stopped when national unity of these groups is attained. The success of the farmers and workers in the northwest states is a guarantee that the June 17th Convention will be the largest gathering of workers and farmers ever held in America.

We invite all progressive groups to elect delegates. We want real national political unity. We will leave the door open to the Conference for Progressive Political Action and all other groups who wish to break away from the two old parties. If they do not see fit to come to our convention, but express a desire to nominate independent candidates, we will co-operate with them. The workers and farmers want action now and the only way to assure that action is by sending delegates to the June 17th convention which is definitely committed to the formation of a new national independent political movement.

Do not hurriedly pass over this communication. Take your share in building this movement. Elect your delegate at once and then lay plans to finance his trip. Do more than that, carry on an agitation among the other organizations in your locality to popularize this great gathering of producers. We have sent out fifty thousand copies of this call. The expense of this undertaking has been a burden on our movement. Much more money must be spent before June 17th. We would therefore urge that your organization contribute what it can afford and send it in at once. Above all get your delegate to the convention.

Fraternally yours, NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE,

(Signed) William Mahoney, Chairman, C. A. Hathaway, Secretary.

The following compose the committee in charge of the arrangements for June 17: William Mahoney, chair-man, 158 East Third Street, Saint Paul, Minn.; Wm. A. Schaper, vice-chairman, Minneapolis, Minn.; Tom Ayers, Mitchell, S. D.; R. H. Walker, Yucca, N. D.; C. A. Hathaway, secretary-treasurer, Labor Temple, Saint Paul, Minn.; John A. H. Hopkins, New York City; H. G. Teigan, Washington, D. C.; R. D. Cramer, Minneapolis, Minn.; Joseph Manley, Chicago, Ill.; W. H. Green, Omaha, Neb.

LEGION THINGS OUST SOCIALIST MAYOR IN N. J.

Was Easy Mark; Had No Organization

By LUDWELL DENNY.
(Staff Correspondent of Federated Press)
RAHWAY, N. J., April 4.—Mobs of hundreds of thugs in this New York suburb threaten violence against their defeated liberal opponents in the town election which threw out the commission form of government, forced the resignation of the socialist mayor, and turned Rahway over to the dictatorship of the American Legion and so-called Local Citizens' Association.

The mob, which unsuccessfully attempted to victimize a progressive, Louis F. Budenz, on the night of the election, March 25, is planning another demonstration. Budenz, editor of The Labor Age, published in New York, tho not a socialist, had campaigned for Mayor James B. Furber. When the vote of 2,922 to 981 against the reform administration was announced, a mob of more than a thousand formed behind 60 automobiles, headed by an empty coffin draped with an American flag, and started for the mayor's house. Not finding Furber, they paraded to Puden's house.

Didn't Know His Color.
"Kill the red," the inflamed patriots yelled hammering on the doors. Three times the mob came and went, demanding that Budenz come out and take his medicine. Finally they gathered around the coffin on the lawn, and with the automobile light playing on it, held a ceremony to the accompanying bugle playing taps for the dead.

The police arrived each time after the mob had departed. Mrs. Budenz' sick sister Anna Glies, was in the house during the wild orgy on the lawn.

The trouble goes back two years when Furber, as a reform republican mayor, fought the political machine. Six years ago he led the citizen's crusade for a commission form of government to supplant the rotten ward system in Rahway. He was one of the first commissioners to be elected after the victory. Two years ago Furber was chosen mayor. Despite the two republican commissioners he has instituted various reforms which gained him the opposition of bankers and business men. Two years ago, he refused to march in an American Legion memorial parade on the grounds that the soldiers had been duped into dying for a mistaken ideal. This, coupled with his activities as a pacifist during the war, made him a marked man by the Legion.

Municipal Reforms Accomplished.
By instituting an efficient fire department he incurred the enmity of the volunteer firemen, a social club and political machine of shady reputation, whose members had been getting tax exemption. He fired the chief of police who refused to stop gambling at an American Legion carnival two years ago. He appointed a former policeman, Joseph Gerlach, as chief after a long struggle with the opposing commissioners.

Gerlach is a Roman Catholic, and the mayor's school board appointee, Mrs. Bernard Engleman, is a Jewess. That was too much for the hundred percenters who organized a secret society to defeat Furber. The campaign was conducted with intimidation and the issue stated as Americanism versus Bolshevism. With commission government voted down the mayor was made powerless. While his enemies were organizing a recall campaign he resigned, March 27. The mayor's support came from the Progressive club and the railway unionists. There is no socialist organization in the town, and scarcely 20 socialists.

The mayor's successful reforms which trod upon the toes of local bankers and business men are the municipal camp site and swimming pool, city milk stations and coal stations selling at cost.

Some Views About Crowe.
"Some fellers hate to lose their jobs" is right!

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"There isn't a finer man for the job. There ought to be more like him. Why if the laws of this country weren't so lax, he'd have men like the editors of your paper in jail long ago. Those fellows ought to go back to the country they come from. It isn't right: they're against the government," the Crowe's man expostulated indignantly.

"Look there at that picket with the fur collar. The other day she walked up and down for an hour with a pigger man," the irate dick continued.

"If she done that down in Georgia they would have strung the two of them up there in the middle of the street. Tarred and feathered 'em."

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Still on the Battlefield.
"We're still on the battlefield and are ready to continue with as much vigor as before," was President Morris Sigman's forceful answer to the rumors that have been spreading about the weakening of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' strike here.

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Bank Rolls of Bosses Get Slim

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day, if under five. When the Hargrave agency contracts to "run the plant efficiently and guarantee to break the strike," the charge is \$7 per day per party supplied. This is the "complete service," including "experienced operators" to run the machines and "get out the work."

The number of guards needed varies, "depending on the entrances." For a plant of 15 workers, "two guards should be sufficient." And the great advantage of the Hargrave service is that their guards are all "deputy sheriffs," so that in case there is any trouble, any one gets shot, you know, or if someone brings suit against your firm, there won't be any difficulty.

Co-operation Makes it Cheaper.
Of course with Mayor Dever's police and State's Attorney Crowe's men cooperating so nicely with the private sluggers, the bossed really don't need more than two or three hired guards, deputized or otherwise, at their doors! But few of the bosses have under three guards each, which means \$24 a day out of their pockets to the agency, plus whatever the booze and palm-greasing costs. Five guards would cost the boss \$35 a day.

Suppose the employer is having "complete service," as many of them are, and that the agency is supplying five scabs and three guards. Then the boss must pay \$35 every day for his scabby workers and \$15 for their guards, or \$50 a day on "service" alone. Now if the boss has had this "complete service" for the full time of the strike, that is five weeks, he has paid only a paltry \$1,750 to keep his shop going. If he has had more operators than five, the cost has been that much greater. If he had ten workers and guards in proportion, the charges have mounted up to some \$3,675 by now.

Thug Cost is \$50,000.
There are at least ten big garment bosses whose costs must have run up to at least the \$4,000 mark by now, if not much over it when injunction costs, court service, and official "hand-warming" expenses are added. To say then, that the bosses have spent \$50,000 to prevent the Chicago ladies' garment workers from winning their strike, is speaking mildly. We haven't added all the little fellows' charges in!

But just on the surface, as far as we've gone, it looks as tho the strike were hitting the bosses more severely by far than a little consideration in the way of higher wages and improved conditions for their former union employes would have cost.

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Party Membership, Attention!

THE PRESENT situation of the Workers Party in the struggle for the formation of a mass, class Farmer-Labor Party will be presented to the membership of the party in a series of membership mass meetings in the principal cities.

The development of the Farmer-Labor movement requires the mobilization of the entire party for an intensive campaign during the coming months. It is essential that every party member not only give the campaign the greatest support possible, but it is equally important that every member of the party know exactly what the party is trying to do. The whole party must understand the role which the united front movement for the Farmer-Labor Party plays in the struggle for the Proletarian Revolution, the Soviets and Proletarian Dictatorship.

In order to present the situation to the membership meetings have been arranged in the district headquarters city of eight districts, which will be attended by the members in these cities and also by comrades invited from the nearby cities. These meetings will be addressed by C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary of the Party. His subject will be "The Decisive Stage of our Labor Party Policy."

The meetings arranged are:
Cleveland, Sunday, April 6, at 3 p. m., Labor Temple, 2536 Euclid Ave.
Pittsburg, Monday, April 7, 8 p. m., Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.
Philadelphia, Tuesday, April 8, 8 p. m., Amalgamated Centre, 431 Pine St.
New York City, Wednesday, April 9, 8 p. m., Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave.
Boston, Thursday, April 10, 8 p. m., Credit Union Hall, 62 Chambers Street.
Buffalo, Saturday, April 12, Finnish Hall, 150 Grider St.
Detroit, Sunday, April 13, 2:30 p. m., Finnish Hall, 5963 14th St.
Chicago, Tuesday, April 22.

Every party member in the cities mentioned should attend these meetings. Every party member within reach of these cities should come to the meetings.

The Party must know and understand the policies of the Central Executive Committee. The Party must mobilize all its strength for the campaign which the Party is now entering.

GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ROTTEN SAYS VANDERLIP

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the contents of the records were made known to the defendants of the suits, it would "result in great injury to the public interest."

Weeks also asked that the records at all times be left in custody of Captain Volandt, so that the war department's responsibility for them would not be interrupted. He said Volandt would produce them whenever the committee desired them.

The committee went into executive session immediately after receipt of Weeks' letter to consider his request to keep the documents secret.

Burns Spills His Stuff.
William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, today told the senate Daugherty investigating committee that he was prevented from going after the "higher ups" behind the "dope" traffic at Atlanta penitentiary.

Declaring that he was told by one of his agents that Superintendent of Prisons Votaw, brother-in-law of the late President Harding, had ordered his investigation of the traffic stopped, Burns said he had appealed to his superiors in the department of justice without avail. He told the committee that if he

had been permitted to push the inquiry, he believed he would have caught those behind the traffic and stopped it. He said the traffic is still going on, as part of the activities of a nationwide drug "ring."

Burns was called to the stand at the end of a day of inquiry into conditions at Atlanta in which J. S. Dyche, former warden, was the principal witness.

Dyche's testimony consumed most of the day's session. He told of efforts to stamp out traffic in dope at the prison and said that H. H. Votaw, superintendent of federal prisons and brother-in-law of the late President Harding, had blocked investigation of the traffic because of publicity attendant upon it, after four indictments had been returned.

Worse at Leavenworth.
Dyche said the sale of dope was worse at Leavenworth than at Atlanta.

"How do you know?"
"When I reported 650 addicts, the superintendent of Leavenworth reported 1,000 addicts."

Poor Committee Are Tired.
No further hearings of the committee will be held until Monday in order to give the members a rest, Chairman Brookhart announced after the session.

Republicans Send Up Balloon.
WASHINGTON, April 3.—Coolidge and Pepper is the ticket upon which a certain influential group of Republican conservatives have united.

When Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania today delivers the party's keynote speech before the Republicans of Maine, it will be in the nature of a tryout for him, as well as a party "trial balloon." To see how the winds of popular sentiment are blowing.

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MONARCHISM IN GERMANY STAGES BIG COMEBACK

Live Kings Are Risky Investments

BERLIN, April 4.—Monarchism has burst upon Germany in unblinking openness. Republicans and monarchists brawl in the streets and no day passes without some demonstration by those who want a new "all highest."

At a mighty nationalistic demonstration during the funeral of Willy Dreyer, Ruhr Saboteur, who died in a French prison at St. Martin, the flag of Republican Germany was ripped from a staff. Emblems of anti-semitism were raised and three ministers walked bare-headed past them.

The party of former Chancellor Stresemann is advocating a democratic monarchy while a nationalist convention at Hamburg voted for the old time monarchy.

A "Bismarck celebration" last night was made the occasion for violent outbursts on the part of monarchist sympathizers, while the end of the Ludendorff trial at Munich was marked by nationalist rejoicing.

Only Chancellor Marx and a couple of other ministers are "out and out" republicans.

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KANSAS OLD LINE POLITICIANS IN 'TEAPOT SCANDAL'

Democratic Boss Got a Large Check

(Special to The Daily Worker)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—Mrs. Marie Harris, a mild mannered little woman who believed her hopes and ambitions for her husband's success were crushed by "machine politics" injected a "Teapot Dome" into Kansas City's municipal election campaign today.

Mrs. Harris walked into a political meeting in an outlying section of the city and asked to be heard.

She said her husband had lost his job because, as engineer for the Kelly-Dennis Contracting Company he would not approve a \$2,000,000 sewer contract containing \$200,000 in "extras."

Showed Check.
Clinging her statements she exhibited a check for \$5,000 drawn by the Kelly-Dennis Company, payable to

BIG LEADERS IN BOTH PARTIES FEAR OIL QUIZ

All Sprinkled With the Same Oil Brush

By LAURENCE TODD (Staff Correspondent of Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Altho social and personal pressure of the most insidious kind is being exerted, especially from within the Democratic ranks in congress, to stop the investigation into the affairs of the department of justice, Chairman Brookhart and Senator Wheeler say they are going forward to its main object—the exposure of the throttling of the enforcement of federal law by Daugherty and his staff.

For even with the dismissal of the attorney general, the department makes no change in its policy of indifference to the rights of ordinary people.

If they are to escape the deepest suspicion of betrayal of the millions of voters who now applaud their courage, the members of this committee must take up the non-prosecution of the 50 federal trade commission complaints filed for prosecution within the past three years.

Kirby, Lumber Thief.

There is, for instance, the great lumber selling pool case, in which the notorious J. H. Kirby of Texas, rabid wartime "patriot" and millionaire profiteer, is the central figure. Kirby has quit being a Burlington Democrat, and is now a Coolidge Republican. He recently issued a statement denouncing the muckraking in Washington. Daugherty has failed to prosecute Kirby and his associates.

The name of Fred Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, is said to be involved in the stopping of prosecution of another of the big cases which the commission prepared for court action at Daugherty's hands. In still another instance, no less than 40,000 letters, proving a nationwide fraud, were turned over to the department of justice by the commission after many months of investigation and study of evidence, yet here again there has been paralysis in the law enforcing arm of the government.

Palmer Messed Up.

One of the underground arguments capitalized by the democrats—men who are backing Oscar Underwood or Ralston for the presidency—to bring Ashurst and Wheeler, the democratic senators on the committee, into line for a stoppage of the inquiry is the fact that former Attorney General Palmer played much the same game.

Palmer defied the laws not merely in arresting the supposed radicals in the labor movement, and in securing lawless injunctions against strikers, and in instructing his special agents that they must ignore violations of the prohibition law, but in handling the alien property custodian's office, in delaying and compromising the fight with the meat packers, and in handing over vast oil deposits to Standard Oil under pretense of compromise of suits by dummy claimants.

Alien property scandals are likely to break forth in this hearing, anyhow. Miller of Delaware, the alien property custodian at present, is a former secretary of the Republican national congressional committee, a member of the DuPont family combination which secured from Palmer's man Garvin the chemical patents. Huge sums have been paid by him to republican politicians of various states, as "attorney fees"—for which the aliens must pay.

Finally, and fundamentally, there is the strikebreaking record and policy of the department of justice to be investigated. Chairman Brookhart is willing to go thoroughly into this class prejudice attitude shown by Palmer and Daugherty and Burns. He considers it the perfect fruit of the system of ownership of the department by and for the big propertied interests centered in Wall Street.

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Sunday, April 6, 2 p. m., Pittsburgh, Pa., Moose Temple, Penn Ave. between 6th and 7th Sts.
Monday, April 7, 7 p. m., Bentleyville, Pa., Union Hall, center of the village.
Tuesday, April 8, 8 p. m., Canton, Ohio, Schinbach Hall, 421 Market Ave. N.
Wednesday, April 9, Youngstown, Ohio, full details to appear later.
Thursday, April 10, 8 p. m., Warren, Ohio, Hippodrome Hall, High St., 3rd Floor.
Friday, April 11, 7:30 p. m., Cleveland, Ohio, Labor Temple, 2536 Euclid Ave.
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Monday, April 13, 8 p. m., Toledo, Ohio, Labor Temple, Jefferson and Michigan.
Tuesday, April 14, 8 p. m., Detroit, House of the Masses, 2101 Grand Ave.
Wednesday, April 15, 8 p. m., Detroit, House of the Masses, 2101 Grand Ave. (Russian Trade Unions).
Thursday, April 17, Grand Rapids, full details to appear later.
Friday, April 18, Chicago, full details to appear later.
Saturday, April 19, Milwaukee, full details to appear later.
Sunday, April 20, Gary, Ind., full details to appear later.

JUDGE TRIED TO STEAL MARCH ON SACCO COUNSEL

Did Not Notify Lawyers Of His Decision

(By The Federated Press)

DEBHAM, Mass., April 4.—If Nicola Sacco, frame-up victim and labor prisoner, finally escapes the electric chair despite the big business interests and legal powers which are determined to get him, he may have his bitter enemy, the capitalists, press to thank. Had it not been for a stray item in the capitalist press aimed further to discredit the defense, Sacco's appeal might have been lost by default and he would now be preparing to go to the electric chair for the pay roll murder he never committed.

Crude Attempt to Get Sacco.

The latest developments in the case adds to the devious methods employed by the state's attorneys and judge. Judge Webster Thayer, of the superior court here, gave a decision March 26 denying the appeal for a new trial, finding that the barrels of the two pistols which had figured as evidence had been interchanged. For some mysterious reason Thayer failed to notify the defense of the decision. Under the state law notice of a bill of exceptions against a decision must be given within three days after the decision is rendered, or the right of appeal is sacrificed. Thus the Sacco case would have been lost had not the defense attorney discovered the judge's decision in a newspaper. The discovery was made on the last day of grace, just in time to permit giving notice of appeal.

Thayer's action is inexplicable especially as Defense Attorney Moore talked with him on the day of the decision and the two days following, the no mention was made by the judge of his decision. The decision refusing a new trial upholds the state's contention that the original Sacco gun barrel was transferred to another exhibit. The defense holds that the original, which proves that Sacco could not have fired the shot which killed the South Braintree paymaster and assistant in 1920, has disappeared altogether. Thayer, whose decision excludes the defense contention, refused in the recent hearings to permit Sacco's lawyers to submit evidence proving this point. On this basis the defense will file a bill of exceptions and motion for a new trial.

Prosecution Tampered Evidence.

During the hearings last autumn the disputed guns were examined in court by experts for both sides. Albert H. Hamilton for the defense showed that the fatal bullet could not have been fired from Sacco's gun. Now when he attempts to check up on the exact opposite report of the state experts, he finds not the original but another gun barrel. The new appeal will charge that the exhibits have been tampered with.

On alleged framed-up testimony against him and Bartolmeo Vanzetti, Sacco was convicted in July, 1921, of murder. The case has roused the workers in many countries to protest. Last year Sacco, waiting appeal, was adjudged temporarily insane and committed to the Bridgewater Institution. But last fall he was sent back to Dedham jail.

Fichman's Story of Cheap Living Sounds, Looks Rather Fishy

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—Brass check newspapers in this city are spreading a report on their front pages for Dr. Fichman, in which the gentleman says that a family of five can live easy on \$21 a week provided they had no rent to pay.

Getting down to brass tacks, the learned Dr. says a single man can spend \$2.50 a week for food, one dollar for clothing, 45 cents a week for fuel and lights, and one dollar for incidentals, such as car fare, to get to work and the like, or a grand total of \$5.25 a week, sleeping, of course, on the park benches in the winter time, presumably.

This ought to be a signal for a general reduction of wages among the patriotic employers of the south.

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BIG CONVENTION IS ENDORSED BY DOWELL MINERS

Say It Is Best Reply to Teapot Dome

(Special to The Daily Worker)

DOWELL, Ill., April 4.—Declaring that the only fitting reply to the Teapot Dome scandal is the organization of a powerful Farmer-Labor party to wrest governmental power from the capitalist crooks who now control it and battle for a workers' and farmers' government, Local Union No. 3703 of the United Mine Workers of America at Dowell, Illinois, passed a resolution endorsing the national Farmer-Labor convention to be held in St. Paul on June 17, by the progressive forces in the farmers' and trade union organizations of the United States.

The resolution is signed by Carl Diliberto, president, and Mike Skarupa, recording secretary, and reads as follows:

"The senate investigation of the Teapot Dome oil leases shows that the government of the United States under both republican and democratic administrations serves the capitalists as an instrument for looting the nation. Senators, cabinet officers, have been exposed as the paid men of big capitalist oil interests and even presidents are not immune from their influence. Fall, Denby, McAdoo, Daugherty, Lane, Roosevelt; these are the names which the workers and farmers of this country have been asked to honor but now they are all covered with the slime of corruption and graft.

"The Teapot Dome exposures only prove again on a larger scale what has been proven in this country hundreds of times; that the government of the United States serves the interests of a privileged class and is the enemy of the workers and farmers who produce the wealth of the country. It proves again that not one among the high and mighty of the old parties is immune from the corruption, grafting and looting thru which the capitalists take for themselves the wealth of the nation. It proves again that the existing system of industry and government is part of one system of special privileges and exploitation thru which the workers and farmers are robbed of what they produce.

"There is only one answer to the Teapot Dome and whole system of Teapot Domes, which is capitalism, the organization of a Farmer-Labor Party and the struggle for the workers' and farmers' government. Only a Workers' and Farmers' government will end the looting of the nation by the capitalists. A great mass Farmer-Labor Party must carry on the struggle to establish that workers' and farmers' government.

"Whereas, a convention has been called for June 17th, 1924, at St. Paul, by the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, the Farmer-Labor Party of Washington, Montana and South Dakota, and other organizations for the nomination of a Farmer-Labor candidate for president and the adoption of a national platform, and this convention gives the opportunity to create the mass Farmer-Labor Party which will carry on the fight for a Workers' and Farmers' government.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That we, Local Union No. 3703, U. M. W. of A., Dowell, Illinois, endorse the June 17th, 1924, convention; and

"Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the 'Illinois Miner' Federated Press and the DAILY WORKER."

Chinese in Second Big Demonstration To Honor N. Lenin

(By Rosta News Agency.)

CANTON, April 4.—In pursuance of age-long Chinese custom, the Kuomintang Party again paid honor to Lenin's memory—a month after his death. A huge popular meeting was held there in the town garden, making an indelible impression by its dimensions and organization. There were distributed thousands of specially written pamphlets on Lenin as a friend of the oppressed nations in their struggle for their rights, his portraits with national and revolutionary inscriptions on them, and leaflets explaining Lenin's importance as a leader of all oppressed and toilers.

Various Kuomintang organizations, trade unions, army units, and students—each all passed before a platform, decorated with Lenin's portrait and placards bearing appropriate texts, bowing three times as they passed by.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Central Committee of the Kuomintang and the high command of the various armies stationed at Canton took part in the meeting and the official procession past the platform. The speeches that were made on the occasion were distinguished by the sincere, cordial and enthusiastic feelings imbuing them—testifying to the great and deep influence of Lenin on the national movement of China.

Catholic Paper Goes Open Shop. SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—The Catholic Northwest Progress, formerly printed in a Seattle union shop, is now appearing from one of the most hostile anti-union shops in the city. No reason was given for the change.

Beer With Kick Is Favored by Gompers Say Brewery Workers

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 4.—The International Brewery Workers have declared for a modification of the Volstead Act, in a letter to all members of the Brewery unions, endorsed by Samuel Gompers. The letter advised friends of organized labor to bring pressure to bear on the Senators in their districts to vote for passage of Senate Bill 1524, which has for its purpose changing the alcoholic content of beverages from the present less than one half of one per cent to 2.75 per cent.

PORTO RICAN WORKERS HAVE NAUGHT TO SAY

Secretary Weeks Fears Workers' Rule

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Porto Rican self-government is henceforth to be conducted on a strictly class basis, the working class being excluded from participation, according to men who have studied the mysterious negotiations centering about Secretary of War Weeks and the Bureau of Insular Affairs since the hearings on the bill providing that the governor of the island shall be elected by the people. The workers, organized in the trade union movement and the Socialist Party, are to be shut out by a coalition of the Unionist and Republican parties in the island.

It appears that when Gov. Townner and the various party leaders concluded their testimony before House and Senate Committees here last month, the hearings were re-opened for the purpose of writing into the bill the definite guaranty that American sovereignty in the island should not be questioned. This was due to the fact that the Unionist party, which represents the ruling reactionary element, had favored the idea of independence at one time. Sen. Barcelo, its leader, had been suspected of wanting to make himself dictator of an independent Porto Rico.

Barcelo is reported to have agreed to the American sovereignty pledge, if Weeks and the administration here would give guarantees against radical control later on. Governor Townner suggested an amendment to the bill, providing that an elected governor should be removable at will by the president. This was rejected by the Senate committee, whereupon Weeks and Townner arranged with Sen. Tous Soto, Republican leader, that Barcelo and Tous Soto should get together on a plan for requiring property qualifications for voting on the governorship.

As the question of property qualifications was the fundamental issue upon which the long struggle for Porto Rican territorial self-government was won, under the Wilson administration—the qualifications being rejected and the working class of the island retaining the ballot—this audacious move by the propertied interests had to be planned carefully and approached only after considerable delay. The delegation went home, and it is reported that the two leaders now contemplate a special session of the legislature in order to modify the governorship bill to the extent suggested by Weeks and his advisers.

Assurances were likewise given the sugar, tobacco and other American exploiting companies in the island, that the coalition of the Unionist and Republican forces would safeguard Porto Rican holdings of these companies for a long time to come; and the Socialist party would be excluded from any chance of power.

Finally, Weeks told the newspapers that he opposed the grant of an elective governor to Porto Rico because of the danger that a Socialist to that post, since the Socialist strength is steadily increasing. This statement is being used in the island to spur the legislators to appeal to Congress to require special qualifications for voters on the governorship.

Local Farmer-Labor Exchange Marketing Honey and Prunes

The Farmer-Labor Exchange has been successful in marketing to the labor union consumer, farm products from many sections of the country, the DAILY WORKER is informed by C. F. Lowrie, secretary of the organization, which has offices at 166 W. Washington street.

"We have marketed over 12,000 pails of Idaho's honey directly to the Chicago trade unions," Mr. Lowrie said. "We are now marketing Big Idaho prunes at \$4.50 for a 26-pound box delivered anywhere in the city. We are also delivering fresh eggs from the organized farmers of Iowa, which we deliver in case lots of 30 dozen each at market prices. We are also selling union label goods to both farmers and organized labor, especially UMACO coffee, the only union label coffee on the market.

"Every local is asked to select a cooperative committee to extend this work. We are proving that organized labor and organized farmers can co-operate, in spite of the prediction of their common enemy that they could not."

Worker Instantly Killed. PEORIA, Ill., April 4.—George Wright, aged 35, was instantly killed at the Great Western distillery when he fell 35 feet from a scaffolding onto a pile of brick.

JEWISH TENANTS THREATEN WAR ON LANDLORDS

Organize to Fight the Greedy Rent Hogs

The Jewish tenants, who have been hard hit by the general increase in rents this spring, organized in preparation for an extensive rent strike, at a well attended mass meeting in Division Hall, 2448 Division Street.

The Jewish Mother's League, which has been in existence seven years, is leading the movement of the Jewish tenants, who especially on the Northwest Side, are faced with rent increases ranging as high and higher than \$35 per month. Mrs. Blumin, of the League expressed interest in the Negro Tenants League, and told the DAILY WORKER that at the next executive meeting of the Mother's League, steps would be taken to unite all the organizations into one militant body to fight the rent hogs this spring.

Jewish families have had their rents increased outrageously this year, it was stated at the Jewish Charities, 1800 Seldon Street. No one has had their rent reduced, and almost every flat has been increased, generally without apparent cause, it was said.

There was some sentiment expressed at the mass meeting for the building of co-operative apartments, but the majority of speakers contended that immediate relief is needed, and building additional houses would not help matters now. It was stated by Mrs. Blumin that the most effective method of reducing rents, and of preventing an unwarranted raise, is a rent strike such as was successfully carried on in Brownsville district, New York last year.

Mrs. Blumin advised the tenants to refuse to move and to refuse to pay an advance of rent. If the Jewish tenants take concerted action, she said, the landlords will not dare to evict them.

Unions To Own Bakery. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Bakery workers in New South Wales who have been on strike as a protest against the attempt by the employers to reintroduce night baking have practically won the strike. Three or four baking establishments are still on night work, and the unionists are now directing the fight against these.

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In every country run and ruined by a class of exploiters, the masses are called upon, with regularly recurring frequency, to defend the "honor" of the nation, to die for the "homes and hearths" they do not own, and to preserve the security of the plunderbund's country. All of these widely advertised sacred duties sum themselves up in patriotism, the all-embracing super-virtue of capitalist government and industry.

Patriotism, the much-heralded employing-class ideal, is in reality the last refuge of our imperialist scoundrels. Patriotism, as preached and practiced by our ruling class, is, in the last resort, a blanket employed by the bosses to cover the countless crimes committed by them against their wage and farm slaves.

Captain Scaife's testimony before the Wheeler committee has turned the scorching light on American patriotism. Those who have yelled most for crushing the German government are now exposed as the tools of the despicable German imperialists. Those who have cried loudest for a powerful aerial armada, second to none in strength and numbers, are shown to be the very ones who despoiled the country of a billion dollars deliberately squandered on useless, faulty airplanes whose victims were the duped American pilots, misled by the fraudulent cries of capitalist patriotism. The people who have worked overtime breeding war-fever against Japan, now turn out to be the skillful manipulators of the Japanese imperialist interests. Those who have yelled loudest for our workers and farmers to rush to Flanders fields and Verdun to die at \$30 a month are precisely the very ones who have coined the fabulous profits out of the last imperialist war to save the world for capitalist democracy. Above all, it is instructive to note that it was under the righteous-mouthed democratic administration of so notorious an apostle of capitalist peace as Woodrow Wilson that these damnable crimes were perpetrated against the workingmen and farmers.

There is nothing startling about the above irrefutable truths disclosed by Captain Scaife, a former employe of the Department of Justice, for the third time in the last two years. This is merely more unchallengeable proof of the fact that the laboring masses of the city and country have no interest in and should resist to the bitter end all attempts of their exploiters and government oppressors to draw the country into capitalist imperialist wars, regardless of the sweet words and high-sounding phrases peddled by the prostituted press on such occasions.

Here we have capitalist patriotism with a vengeance. The American workers and farmers have been fooled all too often into fighting the battles of their bosses. The Scaife testimony exposes capitalist patriotism at its highest stage of development. These revelations can only prove a signal to the exploited working masses, to be on guard against ever again being poisoned by this deadly toxin of employing class patriotism and national honor and safety.

Russia To the Fore

An undercurrent of pessimism is making itself felt on the continent of Europe. The hopes aroused by the likelihood of the Dawes commission providing panaceas for Europe's severe economic illness are losing their glamor. In many quarters fear is displacing these hopes—the fear lest the Dawes proposals should strike a snag somewhere in Berlin or Paris. Judging by the preliminary reports concerning the "Hell-an-Maria" recommendations, there is plenty of trouble ahead for the "Good Samaritans" of Yankee imperialism.

In this vast sea of troubles, there is but one isle of safety. And that is the Workers' and Farmers' Republic of Soviet Russia! Slowly but surely the Communist leviathan is rising to its feet, despite countless obstacles and difficulties: Soviet Russia, alone of all the European countries, is on the upward grade today.

Two years ago the Soviet Republic's exports barely touched the fifty million dollar mark. Last year this trade rose to \$110,000,000. The outlook today is for an export of about one-quarter of a billion dollars worth of produce.

Germany, the land that was saved from the "horrors" of Bolshevism by Kautsky and Noske, is now in agony. Its workers and poor farmers are helpless before the death-dealing juggernaut of the Junker-capitalist alliance. Even the vaunted German capitalist productive system has been rocked to its foundation. The German Mark is a reproach. The revival of German industry is contingent upon the rest of the world, especially the United States, allowing the German manufacturers to dump huge piles of commodities produced by woefully

underpaid workers. With Soviet Russia, the black sheep of the imperialist world, the story is exactly the opposite. Soviet currency—the Chervonetz—is one of the very few currencies now standing at a premium over the dollar. The Workers' and Farmers' Republic is steadily raising the pay and living standards of its workers.

It is illuminating as well as interesting to note that every hellish scheme devised against the Communist government has turned out to be a boomerang for the capitalist brigands. The foreign-inspired counter-revolutions, the French and British financed attacks and wars, the economic boycott—all have failed miserably. The allied imperialists thought it was a master stroke of military and financial policy to separate Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania from Soviet Russia. Here the imperialist failure is especially appalling. The severance of these war-devastated regions has saved the Soviet Republic innumerable difficulties of reconstruction. These capitalist-financed puppets of French and British imperialism are today compelled by sheer economic necessity to be the agents of Communist Russia's rehabilitation.

Soviet Russia's remarkable advance to the fore is the best vindication of the correctness of Communist policy, of the efficacy of revolutionary tactics and the wretched bankruptcy of the social-patriotic tactics of betrayal exposed by the Second International and its followers—the world over.

The Tribune and Leningrad

The Tribune, peeved because the Soviet Government has changed the name of Petrograd to Leningrad, sheds bitter tears over the neglect shown by the heartless Communists to bloody Peter, its founder and states that the city population has shrunk, under the Soviet government to 400,000.

The inference of course is that Lenin represented sorry failure and that poor shrunken Leningrad is a fitting monument to his failure and fanaticism.

The Tribune, with its usual disregard for facts, when there is any workingclass angle to the subject, gives the population figure at less than one-third of what it actually is. Instead of Leningrad having a population of 400,000 the latest census shows that it is a city of 1,137,600.

In 1920 its population was 740,000; in 1921, 782,000; in 1922, 1,038,001. There has, therefore, been a steady growth since 1920 despite the fact that in 1918 the seat of government was moved from Leningrad to Moscow taking away thousands of government employes.

The information given above is as accessible to the Tribune as it is to us and the misstatements are consequently the more contemptibly culpable.

"Impartial" Government

"Not a chance for a strike to succeed when there is proper police protection."—John M. Glenn of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

We offer the above as a text for a dissertation upon the impartial role of democratic government as exemplified in this republic to the gentle gentry who expatriate at length upon the evils of a workingclass dictatorship as a means for abolishing capitalism.

We suggest further that they explain in the light of the above frank utterance what the principal role of the armed forces of the state is in maintaining law and order.

Bolshevist ideas are opposed to the temperament of the Russian people declared an exiled Russian pastor recently. While the Russians are not exactly as crazy for pastors as the South Sea island cannibals who used to eat them for breakfast, the very fact that the reverend gentleman was kicked out of the Soviet Republic by the "temperamental Russians" hardly jibes with his testimony to their religious fervor. But then who expects a clergyman to tell the truth?

Marquis James, a writer in Hearst International suggests the drafting of wealth and labor as a means of war prevention. The wealthy could claim exemption and let their wealth do the fighting! Is that it? We suggest that the embalming of nutty gentlemen like Mr. James might console some of the war victims even tho it might not prevent it.

The installation of a radio set in the Chicago jail on the theory that it will make happy and contented prisoners reminds us of a remark made by a friend of ours on seeing the advertisement of a portable graphophone for campers. "What's the use of going camping," he said, "if you can't get away from the graphophone?"

All labor should be for Small beats John L. Walker former member of the Socialist Party and one time leader of the Farmer-Labor Party movement. It is rather amusing to watch John shed those heavy, beady, glistening tears over his past sins, that is when he was an honest man.

In the suit over the will of the late Lord Northcliffe dividing an estate worth \$3,750,000 59 lawyers have been retained. A 10 mark note of the Rhine republic will be given to the reader making the correct guess as to who gets the money.

The newspaper advertising which Roosevelt senior received seems to have lost its efficacy so far as Roosevelt junior is concerned perhaps because the son is both less truthful and toothful.

FARMER-LABOR SECRETARY HITS SMALL BACKERS

McCabe Says Ernest Is Purchased Faker

The entire Chicago and Illinois Federation of Labor machine, backed by the Hearst press, is touring the state electioneering for Len Small, for Governor, in the last lap of the primary campaign, and at the same time Thomas G. McCabe, secretary-treasurer of the Cook County branch of the Farmer-Labor Party of the United States reiterates his contempt for the trade unionists who have betrayed independent political action. Downtown politicians stated today that Small has a much better chance for nomination and election, and that if he does not ride in, it will be due to the increased activity of trade union officials in his behalf.

Small Advocate Condemned.
William Schoenberg, International organizer of the machinists, at the last meeting of Local 390, made an impassioned speech in an endeavor to convert the rank and file to vote for Small in the primaries. "If I were in Milwaukee I should vote the Socialist ticket, if I were in Germany or Denmark I should be with the Social-Democrats. But here in Illinois, as there is no independent political organization for labor, it is necessary for the workmen to deal with Small."

The machinists' organizer was reminded by Andrew Overgaard, Louis Look, president of the district council, Jake Weyder, Philip Kerr, and several other rank and file machinists that there is a Farmer-Labor Party in Illinois as well as Minnesota, but that trade union officials have been engaged in merrily knitting the labor party in the back in favor of the old parties. They pointed out that Schoenberg seemed to be with the party which he thought had the most prestige, or which he could get the most out of. They declared there was little difference between Small and Esington, that whoever wins, the politicians and the policemen's club will be used against labor, as they are being used in the garment strike at the present time. They declared their faith in a workers' party which is based on class lines and which is against both of the old parties.

Need Leaders With Backbone.
"I don't see how any self-respecting trade unionist can go into the coming primary fight for any candidate put up by the old parties," said Thomas G. McCabe, last night in an exclusive interview with the DAILY WORKER. "The old party primaries are like a pest house. No decent man can enter them without becoming contaminated—I don't care who he is. I made my statement advising all friends of labor, to stay away from the polls because I wanted to set the Cook County Farmer-Labor Party right by declaring against entanglements with old party politicians."

"It is deplorable that more Farmer-Labor Party members did not have the guts to support me in my stand. I was speaking with the backing of the unanimous decision of the executive board of the party and the constitution of the National Farmer-Labor Party. It is the duty of every union man who has any class consciousness or any realization of the position of the workers in society, to stay away from the primaries—both democratic and republican—on April 8."

The Cat's Leg Loose.
"It is evident that we need labor leaders with a good deal stiffer backbone and good deal clearer brains if we are going to keep the workers from being sold out to corrupt politicians in the future."

McCabe launched into an attack on the Illinois Farmer-Labor Party, a dual organization headed by Gifford Ernest, not connected with the National Farmer-Labor Party. "The Farmer-Labor Party of Illinois is a scab organization," said McCabe. "Ernest never carried a union card. He is a non-labor man who has lived off of union men and women of Chicago for the last three years. I am sure that this situation has revealed Ernest's organization in its true light. I believe we have discovered that Ernest is just a figure head, backed by Walker and Olander. I believe we have discovered who is paying Ernest's salary and expenses—the very people who are backing Small. I am now convinced that Ernest entered the July 3rd convention at the instance of these men for the very purpose and the definite intention of disrupting the Farmer-Labor Party of Chicago so that Small and the other old party politicians would not lose support."

"Ernest would not dare to declare in favor of staying away from the primaries because he would endanger the funds necessary to maintain his headquarters, which are supplied by Small men. Walker and Olander have in the past received favors from both the old parties. They have a very unsavory record."

Attempt to Swing Federation.
"Influence is being exerted on members of the Farmer-Labor Party to keep them lined up for Small. It is ridiculous that serious Farmer-Labor Party members should repudiate their Party and declares that they do not owe any allegiance to it. We are having an executive board meeting tonight (Friday night) which will probably have an important bearing on the future of the Farmer-Labor Party of Chicago."

It is being generally rumored in the Federation of Labor Building that at the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor next Sunday, some of the officials will endeavor to swing the Federation to an indorsement of Small.

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German Living Cost One-Third of What It Was Before War

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

(Staff Correspondent of Federated Press) BERLIN, April 4.—The cost of living has gone up about 33 1-3 per cent in Germany as compared with pre-war days. But workers' wages have in most trades been decreased over the prewar period. So that the workers not only find necessities more expensive than in 1913-14, but he has less money to pay for them.

The following table shows workers' wages per hour this year and ten years ago:

	1913-14	Jan.1924
Masons	63	59.7
Building trades	55	54.2
Metal workers	57	52.9
Cabinet makers	56	53.4
Upholsterers	54	52.6
Printers	60	57.0
Weavers	50	47.1
Tailors	57	52.2

A pfennig is worth about one-fourth of a cent. In the above, the highest hourly rate is 15 cents. In only three trades, painters, leather-workers and bookbinders, in Germany has there been a wage increase over 1913-14. But this increase is more than offset by the rise in the cost of living.

After March 31 the building industry will be without any collective agreement. As 75 per cent of the building workers are unemployed, the employers' demands would throw the unions back 30 years. These demands include a 60-hour week (48 in winter, 72 in summer), the loss of holidays, the exclusion of apprentices from the agreement, no restriction on piece work.

W. Va. Labor Faker Had Business Angle On Labor Politics

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WHEELING, W. Va., April 4.—The president of the West Virginia Federation of Labor, Mr. Harris, according to G. W. Otto, of this city, made an unsuccessful attempt to swing the labor vote he controlled "where they would do the most good," in the recent senatorial campaign.

"Harris informed me," said Mr. Otto, "that he was president of the American Federation of Labor in West Virginia, and that he had the votes to deliver and would throw them the way they would do him the most good." Harris declared that "Records got a man nothing, and that if Senator Cooper did not deal with him, then another man would be candidate for the senate, and that he—Harris—would swing labor's vote to the other man."

Mr. Otto declares that in spite of the fact that Cooper was the logical candidate for labor's vote, having a good record in working for the 8-hour law and other labor legislation, President Harris declared he would not swing labor's vote to a candidate who gave him nothing in return.

New Zealand Labor Paper Harpoons Our Robber Paytrioters

(By The Federated Press)

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, April 4.—Commenting on the Teapot Dome oil scandal the New Zealand Worker says: "Gentlemen of the United States cabinet have been caught in a great and grimy oil scandal, but only after they had dipped their tarry fingers deeply into the loot."

"The Daughertys, Bakers, Roosevelts and company in the oil scandal, it must be remembered, were the very creme-de-la-creme of United States patriotism and it was they who organized the drives against socialists and others for their alleged lack of love of country and their corrupting influence in the state."

"A nice bunch, the lot of them! Liars and thieves all, whose knaveries almost make the earth stink to heaven. And it is these, and such as they, monopolizing patriotism as they have done for filthy profit, who have vilified and persecuted pacifists and conscientious objectors for hating their beastly greed and bloodshed."

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