

ILLINOIS MINERS ICY TO LEWIS

HOWAT WINS VICTORY AT PEORIA MEET

Miners Endorse Fight For Progressives

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PEORIA, Ill., May 20.—Alex Howat receiving the most rousing reception so far accorded anyone who has addressed the Illinois Mine Workers' convention, crushed the cheap insinuations by which Farrington attempted to stampede the convention away from Howat, and made a stirring defense of the Progressive Miners' Conference of the United Mine Workers of America. The convention ordered the speech printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the mine workers.

President Farrington admitted in his attempted excuse of his desertion of Howat, following the latter's speech, that "there is no law in the constitution of the miners' union that would sustain Lewis in doing what he did to Howat and the Kansas miners."

"If the time ever comes," declared Howat, "when I have to crucify a member of the miners' union in order to keep in with the international officials and to keep on the payroll, then I hope some one will blow my head off."

A Coal Digger Again.
"I am again a member of the United Mine Workers of America," Howat announced amid great applause. "I joined a union in Kansas, and have a job mining coal. But I am going to continue to fight for reinstatement with my full rights and privileges as an old member."

"Farrington made a good fight for the Kansas miners when we were in jail for 17 months—I'll say that for him. But in a letter he wrote me almost a year ago, stating his reason for not keeping on with the fight, I don't think he gave sufficient reason for quitting the fight. I'll admit I was disappointed to hear from Farrington that he couldn't go along with (Continued on page 3)

Co-operation Enables Arizona Farmers To Secure Higher Prices

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 20.—The value of co-operative marketing has been demonstrated to the 300 members of the Roosevelt Hay Growers' Association in the two years of its existence thru saving \$20,000 to the members in 1923. They received about \$3 per ton more for their hay than the average market price.

The association is a non-profit-making co-operative which furnishes baling wire at cost to members, helps secure labor for harvesting and baling, grades and markets the hay at not exceeding \$1.25 per ton. When the hay is delivered to the association the grower is given advances of from 60 to 70 per cent of the market value and during the year further advances are made. If the market price at delivery is less than \$15 per ton the hay is stored in the warehouse of the association awaiting a higher price.

Socks or Bombs?
A special bomb squad of the police department of Chicago will be organized, Chief Collins announced yesterday. Part of their job will be to distinguish between socks and stink bombs.

NIGHTSHIRT BOYS SPENDING \$4,000,000 YEARLY FOR KLANNISH PROPAGANDA, SENATORS FIND

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Over \$4,000,000 a year is spent by the "night-shirt naughties" of the Ku Klux Klan to carry on their propaganda and work in the United States, according to the admissions of Klan officers before the senate investigating committee. The committee is hearing evidence on the contested seat of Earle B. Mayfield, for whose election the Klan of Dallas is supposed to have spent \$13,000.

J. E. MacQuinn, editor of the Klan, corroborated the statement of the tremendous expenses of the Klan and asked to be allowed to return to the imperial palace at Atlanta to sign the checks for his week-end payroll. MacQuinn said that he was the only man who could sign the checks for nearly \$80,000 total.

George E. B. Peddy is contesting Mayfield's senate seat and precipitated the senate investigation.

THE BANKER'S NIGHTMARE



ADVICE TO THE ROBBERS OF THE WORKERS AND FARMERS:—Better be careful what you read just before falling asleep. The above shows a terrible nightmare of a banker, after reading in his newspaper that Communists are running the farmer-labor movement.

TRADE UNIONS OF LIMA, OHIO TO JOIN F.-L. P.

Call Convention For May 23rd

LIMA, Ohio, May 20.—A provisional committee elected by the Lima Trades and Labor Council has called a convention of all trade unions and central labor bodies, workers political parties, co-operatives, etc., to meet in Lima, Ohio, on May 23rd for the purpose of forming a county branch of the state Farmer-Labor Party.

The convention is called as part of the organization plan for that formation of the state Farmer-Labor Party which will be organized at a convention held in Columbus on June 7th and 8th.

The call for the Lima Convention states: "The County and State Conventions above referred to are in conjunction and harmony with the national Farmer-Labor Party movement, which convention will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 17th, 1924."

The state of Ohio at one time had a strong radical movement and all signs point to the fact that the Farmer-Labor Party in that state will quickly become a powerful organization.

WORKERS PARTY MAIN OFFICE NOW IN DAILY WORKER BUILDING

On and after May 20th the address of the National Office of the Workers' Party of America will be Room 301, 1113 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

From that date on, the National Office will be located in the building purchased by the DAILY WORKER Publishing Company as the home of the printing plant, and the DAILY WORKER.

The housing of the National Office, the DAILY WORKER, the federation secretaries, in one building is expected to greatly promote efficient conduct of the Party business.

Methodists May Be Allowed To Sin Openly Henceforth

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 20.—Modification of the ban on dancing, attendance at theatres, participation in harmless games of chance, and other amusements were expected to be ratified by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, following a vote by the committee on the state of the church.

Further reduction of the number of Episcopal residences in the United States and possible elimination of the residence in Paris, France, was anticipated as a result of the situation created by yesterday's vote on the matter of electing new bishops.

Bail For Released Millionaire Nut Set At Ten Thousand \$

NEW YORK, May 20.—Bail for Harry K. Thaw, who came to New York this afternoon to answer an indictment in connection with his whipping of Frederick Gump, Jr., in the McAlpin hotel, seven years ago, was fixed at \$10,000.

The case will come up before Judge Olvanev in general sessions.

WALL STREET GAMBLERS LOSE ON VET BONUS

Caught Short When Veto Was Overridden

NEW YORK, May 20.—The sharpest declines in months were registered on the Stock Exchange this morning—the aftermath of news that the Senate had overridden President Coolidge's veto of the bonus bill.

Great numbers of selling orders, rushed in after the market closed strong yesterday, pushed issues down at the opening today from 1/4 to 6 points.

Passage of the bonus spelled one thing to Wall Street—the hope of a reduction in taxes gone glimmering. Up to the very last minute yesterday the financiers hoped for sustaining of the president's veto by the Senate. This was clearly portrayed in the rally just at the close yesterday when stocks mounted fractionally higher for the day.

It has been assumed that many of the larger operators had fully discounted the passage of the bonus, but opening prices indicated many did not.

One of the phases of the overnight news of the bonus, so to speak, was the hurry up call for margins sent out to every margin trader in Wall Street. Clients who were unable to put up the heavy margin asked for were sold out this morning, as the initial quotations mutely testify.

Borah Demands Senate Wash Burton Wheeler Of G. O. P. Oil Charge

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate was asked today by Senator Borah, Idaho, to go on record as exonerating Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, from charges that he misused his office, made in an indictment by a Montana grand jury. Borah demanded that the majority report of his committee, which recommended the exoneration be adopted as the sentiment of the Senate.

DUD TAYLOR LOST GOAT TO GIRL STRIKER

Bosses' Lawyer Razzed Out of Court

When Wanda Kolletta appears before Judge Sullivan to "show cause why she should not be punished for contempt of court," this morning she will be the proudest girl among the 50 garment strikers who will also be in court.

For Wanda was the cause of Dudley Taylor, the "brains" of the dress manufacturers' association, getting the razzberry in the S. Clark St. police court yesterday. Wanda was arrested Monday evening and charged with assault.

Yesterday when she appeared in the S. Clark street court to answer the charge Dudley Taylor was there to see that she got the brand of justice that his tool "Dennie" Sullivan hands out.

Taylor had come to represent the girl who claimed she had been assaulted. When Wanda's case was called Dudley marched up to the bench and asked that he be granted a continuance for a few days. "Who are you," asked Judge Eberhard?

"I am here for the complainant. I am Dudley Taylor," said Dudley. He told who he was as if he thought the court would drop dead of respect.

"This fellow apparently doesn't know much about the law," said R. J. Ricker, lawyer for the union, who represented Wanda. "The defendant wants a jury trial. He will get all the time he wants. The case will not be heard here, Mr. Taylor."

"Tell your troubles to a jury," sighed the judge, and that was that. When Wanda and her lawyer went to the rear of the court room Taylor followed them and tried to serve a notice "to show cause" on Wanda before she had left the court room.

"You Poor Fish."

Ricker gave poor Dud one look. "You poor fish, do you want to get soaked for contempt of court? Don't you know you can't serve a defendant in a court room? Take that notice back or I'll have you before the judge. Where do you think you are, in a bar room? Or maybe you think you are in Sullivan's court. Beat it!"

Dud had never been treated like that before and he was sore. He took the notice and attempting to recapture his lost goat marched from the room. In the outer hall he tried to disguise himself to look like a telephone booth and waited for Wanda.

Still Has His Goat.
When Wanda left the court room her quick eye penetrated Dud's disguise and she marched up to him and took the notice out of his hand. "Beat it," she whispered to Dud "before the squirrels get you."

That is why Wanda Kolletta is a proud girl this morning; she still has Dud's goat.

SUN NEVER SETS ON DAILY WORKER; THEY BUY IT IN AUSTRALIA

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SYDNEY, Australia, May 20.—The DAILY WORKER is sold even this far from Chicago, by McNamara's Bookshop, 7 Clark street. Like the British Empire, the sun never sets on the DAILY WORKER, says a constant reader of the peppy American Communist paper.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA," UNITED STATES COMMUNISTS GREET BRITISH

Chicago, Ill., May 15, 1924
The Communist Party of Great Britain, 16 King Street, Covent Garden, London, W. C. 2, England.

Workers Party of America extends fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes for success of your work in exposing hypocrisy of labor government and building mass Communist movement.

C. E. RUTHENBERG, Executive Secretary.
This is the cablegram sent to greet the Communist Party of England upon the opening of their annual congress. The American party is in entire sympathy with the British Communist party in disillusioning the masses of their trust in "progressive" or "liberal" or Socialist "labor" parties. Both parties realize the absolute necessity for mass class political action, independent of half-way thinkers.

CHICAGO WILL NOT GET RELIEF FROM UNSAFE SCHOOLS FOR 5 YEARS

The schools of Chicago will continue in their present overcrowded and unsafe condition for at least five years it became known yesterday when the board of education announced its building program.

The business manager of the board says that relief at once is impossible. Children must attend school in shifts and in unsafe buildings and in portables.

Many school teachers believe that this declaration is all the bunk. They declare that the school authorities are trying to continue the present condition so as to be able to force the platoon system down the throats of the people of Chicago.

SCABS LOST SIGHT OF IN RUHR STRIKE

Missing Strikebreakers Sought By Cops

BERLIN, May 20.—Scabs or "emergency" workers as they are called in the capitalist and socialist press are trying to operate the mines struck by the coal diggers who refused to accept the terms of the bosses, backed up by the capitalist government.

The disappearance of several scabs is made the pretext for the use of violence on the part of the police against the strikers. "Emergency" workers unacquainted with mining, are liable to meet with accidents, but instead of conducting more investigations the authorities are making wholesale arrests of Communist leaders.

Communists Lead Miners.
The Communists and the syndicalists, because of their championing of the shorter work day and their opposition to acceptance of the boss' terms, have secured the leadership of the miners. The Socialist and the Catholic leaders are urging the men to return to work.

Several leaders of the miners' union were arrested and the union headquarters searched.

In Gelsenkirchen 600 miners' wives entered the Koenigsgrube mine and drove off the scabs. The situation is pregnant with possibilities.

Farmers' Foes Plan To Disfigure Soil Teller's Relief Bill

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The McNary-Haugen Farm Relief bill today set out on its legislative career in the House.

With debate limited to 15 hours, and night sessions planned, its friends hoped to push it to a final vote by the end of the week. Opponents of the bill threaten to bury it under drastic amendments which would so change its nature that its authors could not recognize it. Advocates of the McNary-Haugen plan have agreed to resist all amendments.

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LAKE PLACID, N. Y.—Sixty representatives of the negro race, joined with the John Brown Memorial Association, in a pilgrimage to the grave of John Brown at North Elba near here on the 124th anniversary of the birth of the direct action opponent of slavery.

A monument to Brown is planned by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

DEPOSER OF HOWAT HITS 6-HOUR DAY

Makes Foolish Attack On British Union

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., May 20.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers' Union of America, addressed the District 12 convention of the Illinois miners for the first time today at the request of the district president, Frank Farrington.

In contrast to the enthusiastic reception given Alex Howat, expelled president of the Kansas miners, there was the cool, dissatisfied attitude of the same miners' delegates today when their international president was trying to "sell" himself to them. Howat had been invited to speak by the unanimous vote of the rank and file, while Lewis appeared by official grace.

On Defensive for Two Hours.
Lewis spoke to the convention for two hours, trying to explain what he has not done. He did not mention the Progressive Miners' committee, but he spent most of his speech discussing their demands for the six-hour day and the organization of the non-union fields.

"It is true that the miners have a six-hour day in Great Britain," declared Lewis, "but they have it at the sacrifice of the double and triple shifts, which makes the working conditions bad for them."

Lewis Knocks British Miners.
Lewis contrasted the miners' organizations of Great Britain and America for some time. He tried to show that the American coal miners are better organized and should be satisfied with their eight-hour day. He said that the British union was a loose organization, that locals did not meet, and that there was only a loose affiliation between the locals and the international.

British miners in the convention objected strenuously to Lewis' remarks on English conditions. John Hindmarsh, one of the delegates, asked the international mine president if he had ever been in these counties: Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire.

Lewis replied that these were the four principal mining counties of Great Britain. He said that in these counties the miners have strong local organizations which hold meetings.

Another English delegate, a 60-year-old miner, asked Lewis if he had ever seen a company store in England. In his pompous way Lewis answered, "No," and the convention hall rang with the delegates' laughter.

Fears to Face Watts.
John Watts, a progressive delegate, tried to get Lewis' attention to ask another question but was completely ignored.

Lewis launched into a tirade against the press, charging that sensational stories against mine union officials prejudice non-union miners from joining the organization. He said that the non-union men reading the lurid press accounts would be afraid to join the miners' union.

The president gave a weak verbal plea for peace in the organization.

Lewis made a statement utterly contrary to that of Farrington in his report when he said that the price of coal had nothing to do with the people buying what coal they needed. Farrington's report says that unemployment has decreased among the miners due to cheapening the price of coal. Lewis said that people bought coal as they needed, regardless of price.

Murray Reviles Progressives.
Vice-President Philip Murray followed Lewis in speaking to the convention. He denounced the Progressive Miners' committee and their organization meeting in Pittsburgh. Murray stressed the fact that Howat represented a dual organization.

Howat rose and answered Murray that he represented the Progressives, and that they were not in a dual organization.

Delegates Angry.
Delegates were grumbling and dissatisfied after Lewis' and Murray's speeches and showed their discontent in group conversations. The English miners were particularly disturbed by the false statements and shoddy self-selling of John L. Lewis.

JESS SMITH WAS BOSS OF SPY BUREAU

Daugherty's Graft Pard Could Hire and Fire

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—How Jess Smith virtually "ran" the bureau of investigation of the department of justice was told to the senate Daugherty investigating committee today by L. J. Bailey, formerly chief of the bureau.

"Smith was recognized as the most powerful man in the department of justice outside the attorney general himself," Bailey said.

Agents of the bureau were "hired and fired" by Smith with Daugherty's knowledge, the witness said in relating specific instances of dismissals at Smith's direction.

Pierce Miller, former newspaper correspondent "covering" the department, related how A. Mitchell Palmer, formerly attorney general, had "been sent for" by Daugherty in connection with the Bosch magneto case. After Palmer left the office Daugherty told him in answer to a direct question, Miller said, that he (Daugherty) "would not indict Palmer unless he was forced to."

Daugherty said Palmer had had a lot of trouble and he did not wish to indict him, Miller testified.

Bailey told him Smith "took an interest in almost everything in the bureau" and came into his office for daily conferences.

When Daugherty became attorney general, Bailey said that he sought his views on the policies of his bureau. Daugherty told him, he said, that he was "a very busy man" and said that Smith would give directions of what he wanted done in the bureau of investigation.

When Smith wanted an agent discharged, Bailey said, he would tell him that "the attorney general wants this man dismissed." Bailey said the attorney general would approve it.

Asked if Smith had access to the confidential files of the department of justice, Bailey said "he got anything he wanted in the department."

Were Smith's orders carried out by other employees of the department? Senator Wheeler asked.

"He was recognized as second in command; they knew that they could look for other employment if they didn't obey his orders," Bailey said.

COOLIDGE HAS VETOES ENOUGH FOR PRESENT

WASHINGTON, May 20.—President Coolidge will not veto the tax bill, despite passage of the \$4,000,000,000 soldiers' bonus bill over his veto, according to word reaching the capital today.

With the bonus actually a law, administration leaders showed a tendency to drop talk of a veto of the tax measure because of the added drain imposed on the treasury by the measure. Their view is that Mr. Coolidge should approve any tax bill that Congress sends him and get the tax question out of the way as a campaign issue.

If more revenues are needed later to meet the added annual charge of about \$152,000,000 imposed on the treasury by the bonus, special taxes can be levied, rather than to try to revamp the present tax measure, leaders say.

The bill, however, must be made acceptable to Mr. Coolidge by elimination of the tax return publicity provision and modification of the gradual corporation levy, leaders say. This, according to word leaking from conferees, is about to be done, thru "trading" between Republicans and Democrats, the latter to get their tax schedules approved in return for elimination of the publicity provision.

CARNEY WARNS INVISIBLE EMPIRE TO QUIT WHILE QUITTING IS GOOD

SAN FRANCISCO.—Jack Carney, fighting editor of Labor Unity (a Federated Press member paper) has locked horns with the Ku Klux Klan. In a recent issue Carney ran a big headline, Smash the Klan! detailing beneath it some of the Klan activities against the I. W. W. and the Workers Party in San Pedro, Los Angeles and elsewhere in California.

The next day the editor got the following letter, which is given verbatim: If you knew what was good for you, you'd let up on attacking the Government of this here country. If you don't like it get the hell out of it and go back where you belong—to Mexico, or some other one of them foreign countries. If they won't allow you in Mexico go to Ireland, but what I want to emphasize is that you go somewhere, and the sooner you start going, the sooner you'll arrive at wherever you intend to go. I hope you get what I mean, because if you don't go, you're going to stay—now get that right, YOU'RE GOING

PROGRESSIVES STOP FARRINGTON'S INCITATION TO VIOLENCE AGAINST DAILY WORKER REPRESENTATIVES

By KARL REEVE.
(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., May 20.—Frank Farrington was prevented from inciting his pay-roll hangers-on and adherents of his machine to incite the convention to do violence to the representatives of the DAILY WORKER in the miners' convention by the determined insistence of the progressive element at the Illinois miners' convention that order be restored.

Farrington's prestige was materially damaged at today's session by Howat's speech urging the rank and file to organize and fight the corrupt officials of the union. Farrington, in a cheap attempt to stampede the delegates away from Howat and the progressives, tried to incite a riot and have the press representatives of the DAILY WORKER thrown out of the convention.

"Reds" Farrington's Excuse.
After Howat was thru speaking, Farrington declared that he had written to Howat almost a year ago, telling Howat that he could no longer fight for the Kansas miners because Howat had contaminated himself by entering the Pittsburgh progressive conference and by association with Foster, the reds and the communists. Then Farrington, to show how vicious the reds were, cited the DAILY WORKER.

"We have their agents at this convention. They are circulated thru the hall, voting as delegates. They are trying to influence delegates against me. They have no business here. Their representative sits at the press table and each day he is misrepresenting the news of the convention." Cries of "Throw him out" from the Farrington machine delegates.

Some of Farrington's pay-roll experts, following the policy of the Lewis-Farrington strong arm advocates, started the cry, "Throw them out," "Where are they?"

"If this was any place but a miner's convention said Farrington, trying to increase the turmoil, "and they did what these reporters are saying they would be thrown out of the convention."

"More cries of throw him out," from the Farrington supporters.

One old grandpa, waving a cane in one hand and a DAILY WORKER in the other, called out, "Is this the paper?" Farrington said "Yes, and the old machine delegate yelled, "Then let's throw them to hell out."

Delegates Sanders placed the responsibility for the turmoil by taking the floor and calling out, "If there is a riot here today, it will be your fault."

When Farrington saw the responsibility for the violence of his henchmen was being placed where it belonged, he immediately called the convention to order and Howat began his reply to Farrington's false insinuations.

"Deserter!" Cries Hindmarsh.
The delegates showed their resentment for Farrington's attitude on Howat. When Howat had completed his first speech, Farrington tried to say that he had deserted Howat. He tried to show that Delegate John Hindmarsh again charged from cause he ran against Farrington for president of district twelve when Farrington was supporting Howat.

Hindmarsh again charged from the floor that Farrington was a traitor to Howat.

"Hindmarsh not only ran against Farrington," called out Joe Tumulty, "But he was elected, too."

"You deserted all right," one delegate called. "The army is still here fighting for the Kansas miners, but the leader has gone. He is a deserter."

Will Distribute Speeches.
A motion was unanimously passed to print the two speeches of Alex Howat and the statements of Farrington on the Howat case in pamphlet form and distribute them to the membership of the mine workers.

The sale of the DAILY WORKER is exceptionally good. The girls who are selling it declare they will continue their work.

Bandit Knocks Low Wages.
BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—"Low wages turn girls to easy money. It is impossible to live on \$15 per week. Give girls an equal chance with men and they will go higher." This is the conclusion of Eleanor Walling, 19 who has confessed to armed robbery of a bank at Taft, Cal.

FRENCH FRANG AGAIN HITS THE CHUTES

Financial Kings Fear For the Future

By ARNE SWABECK.
"I hold no brief for the Illinois operators, but I do for the Illinois miners and my only desire is to help the miners, but in order to do that I must help the operators find a wider market for their coal."

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Indeed, a poor solution. Cheapening the cost of production of any article has never been known to extend the markets. It has on the other hand, served to increase profits of those who own the tools of production, and perhaps this is what Mr. Farrington desires.

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FOOD WORKERS TO PUT STRIKE ON WIDE FRONT

Meet Tonight To Plan City Wide Fight

The restaurant and lunch room workers organized in the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union will hold a mass meeting tonight at their headquarters, 14 N. State street, to plan an organization campaign to reach all the workers in all the restaurants of the city.

That will be their answer to the message of the Chicago Restaurant Association, representing the Greek restaurant owners who have just notified the union they will not meet with the union representatives to discuss a collective agreement.

Strike Worries Association.
The association had approached the union to see if they could not end the strike of the union against the restaurants of the North Side. The union informed them of their demands and indicated their willingness to talk settlement. Then the association sent back a reply they would not settle or negotiate for a collective agreement.

The International office of the Food Workers' Union has notified the Chicago strikers that they will render them all the aid in their power.

Tonight's meeting will hear reports from Organizer Norman on the strike situation and also on his organizing work on the South Side.

12-Hour Day Must Go.
"This campaign means the beginning of the end of the 12-hour day in the Greek restaurants of Chicago," Norman told the DAILY WORKER yesterday. "The bosses are going to learn that the workers no longer consider themselves slaves. To the demands of the union and the workers for decent conditions the bosses reply with injunctions. They are going to learn that injunctions don't win arguments or strikes."

"Hundreds of new members are coming into the union and we are going to win. The active workers in the union know that now is the time to go forward to victory and they are on the way."

Fatal to Miners' Union.
This will mean nothing but the ultimate destruction of the miners union. Grant the operators the speed-up system, limit your right to strike, and the next thing which will follow inevitably is a wage reduction. Acceptance by the miners of the proposals made in Farrington's report, will mean an immediate weakening of the miners' union and an invitation to the operators to demand greater concessions. The coal miners' unions of Germany, with the beginning of the occupation of the Ruhr, granted several concessions to the operators, under the general plea of supporting the nation. Today 600,000 of these coal miners in the Ruhr are out on strike against the threat of the operators to take away the prevailing seven-hour day for work below the surface and the eight-hour workday on the surface.

Super Power Pile.
To detract the attention of the rank and file mine workers from the burning issues within their organization and the need of practical steps to relieve the present situation of unemployment and destitution. Farrington's report advances some alluring schemes for the establishment of one or more giant power plants on the Ohio and Mississippi river for the manufacture of electricity. Even this is put up as a means to extend the market and create more work, when as a matter of fact it would rather reduce the need of coal.

In any event the coal operators of the nation are today so completely consolidated into great trusts with interlocking directorates that any temporary gain made along these lines by the miners in one state could only be on the cost of the miners in other states, just as much as the lowering of the conditions of work in one state would react to the same degree on the workers in other states.

Enemy Press Likes It.
It is rather illuminating that the Chicago Tribune, so bitterly condemned by Frank Farrington during this convention, a few ago, carried an editorial lauding Farrington's

Chamber Of Commerce Agent Failed To Scare Kansas Workers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 20.—A group of rank and file workers endorsed the call for a State Farmer-Labor convention, to meet June 8th. The local Communists have done yeoman service in getting the ball started. They invite the local socialist party and all class conscious workers to attend the next meeting, May 25, at 8 p. m. Delegates to the convention will then be elected.

Errol D. Leniton, a fat, slow-witted spy of the local chamber of commerce, remarked that he proposed to "stamp out" the organization. He seemed abashed when courteously reminded that such bad manners are out of place except in bootleg circles. The local thug groups have been unyielding since a drunken score of the Murray Davis Post of the Legion created a disturbance at a Workmen's Circle meeting in the new building of the Carpenters' Local.

A colored delegate spoke on the persecution of his race and called on the F. L. P. to draft a platform for its relief.

Railroad Workers Industrial union 520, is beginning publication of a monthly Bulletin, edited by John Grady, former general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. It is a 16-page tabloid, published at 1071 W. Madison street, Chicago.

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Non-Union Conditions.
Farrington's report draws a comparison between the output of the organized mines in Illinois and that of the unorganized mines in West Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama, stating that during the last fiscal years with an average of 146 days work the former show a total output of 73,410,837 tons, while West Virginia during approximately the same period and about the same number of men employed mined 103,000,000 tons. In the West Virginia field wages are much lower than in Illinois. In Alabama miners work 10 hours per day and the operators pay whatever they feel disposed to pay, and "the situation is almost identical with what it was in Illinois prior to 1897."

Would Stop Strikes.
Farrington's report proposes to the Illinois miners, "Respect for contract, elimination of strikes in violation of contract, work when the operator has work to do, careful workmanship, load clean coal, reduce the amount of slack by careful shooting, give an honest day's work, co-operate with the management in doing the things that are right." In other words, do away with strikes, speed up production, make it possible for the Illinois operators to compete with those of the unorganized miners; accept their conditions of work; go back to the conditions which obtained in Illinois prior to 1897.

Fatal to Miners' Union.
This will mean nothing but the ultimate destruction of the miners union. Grant the operators the speed-up system, limit your right to strike, and the next thing which will follow inevitably is a wage reduction. Acceptance by the miners of the proposals made in Farrington's report, will mean an immediate weakening of the miners' union and an invitation to the operators to demand greater concessions. The coal miners' unions of Germany, with the beginning of the occupation of the Ruhr, granted several concessions to the operators, under the general plea of supporting the nation. Today 600,000 of these coal miners in the Ruhr are out on strike against the threat of the operators to take away the prevailing seven-hour day for work below the surface and the eight-hour workday on the surface.

Super Power Pile.
To detract the attention of the rank and file mine workers from the burning issues within their organization and the need of practical steps to relieve the present situation of unemployment and destitution. Farrington's report advances some alluring schemes for the establishment of one or more giant power plants on the Ohio and Mississippi river for the manufacture of electricity. Even this is put up as a means to extend the market and create more work, when as a matter of fact it would rather reduce the need of coal.

In any event the coal operators of the nation are today so completely consolidated into great trusts with interlocking directorates that any temporary gain made along these lines by the miners in one state could only be on the cost of the miners in other states, just as much as the lowering of the conditions of work in one state would react to the same degree on the workers in other states.

Enemy Press Likes It.
It is rather illuminating that the Chicago Tribune, so bitterly condemned by Frank Farrington during this convention, a few ago, carried an editorial lauding Farrington's

OHIO ORGANIZING FARM-LABOR FOR NATIONAL ACTION

Convention Planned To Precede June 17

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LIMA, Ohio, May 20.—A provisional committee elected by the Lima Trades and Labor Council has called a convention of all trade unions and central bodies, workers political parties, co-operatives, etc., to meet in Lima, O., on June 3rd for the purpose of forming a county branch of the state Farmer-Labor Party.

The convention is called as part of the organization plan for the formation of the state Farmer-Labor Party which will be organized at a convention held in Columbus on June 7th and 8th.

The call for the Lima Convention states: "The County and State Conventions above referred to are in conjunction and harmony with the national Farmer-Labor Party movement, which convention will be held in St. Paul, Minn., June 17th, 1924."

The state of Ohio at one time had a strong radical movement and all signs point to the fact that the Farmer-Labor Party in that state will quickly become a powerful organization.

Hoover Opposed To Publishing Secrets Of Corporations

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Herbert Hoover, defender of the Chicago meat packers during and after the war, is now trying to head off the adoption of income tax returns in the conference report on the revenue bill. The Senate voted overwhelmingly for publication, because it realized that LaFollette would make that an issue in the presidential campaign. The House conferees were expected to agree to this Senate amendment to the House bill.

Hoover argues that big business corporations will learn the financial secrets of their small competitors, and will be able to crush them by the use of that information. On the other hand, he fears that fake concerns, desiring to fleece the public into buying their stock, will make inflated returns and pay taxes not really due, in order to put up a convincing "front."

He claims that publicity of tax returns was required from 1867 to 1872, and that it added to the industrial and financial chaos of the time.

However, Congress is not much frightened; it is familiar with the corporation twist in Hoover's brain.

Chicago Federation Labor Party Ditches National Convention

The Farmer-Labor Party of the United States has abandoned plans for holding a national convention in Cleveland July 4th, Jay G. Brown, national secretary announced yesterday, coincident with the holding of the conference for Progressive Political Action.

This decision follows and is the result of the action of the Chicago Federation of Labor abandoning the Farmer-Labor Party at their meeting Sunday. The reason given is that the national committee of the Party does not feel justified in incurring the expense necessary to a national convention without better support than has thus far materialized.

It is believed that "The New Majority" which has been the national organ of the party, will no longer be used for that purpose because it is owned by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Young Workers To Hold Mass Meeting Tomorrow Night

Believing that there is something in a name, the Englewood Branch of the Young Workers' League has selected Prospect Hall, 64th street and Ashland avenue, for its bi-weekly "mass" meeting Thursday night.

The Englewood branch is grappling at close range with the difficult task of organizing the American youth into Communist groups. This effort is deserving of all possible help.

Talks on problems now confronting the League will be given by Comrades Barney Mass and Max Shachtman. Dancing will follow, the music being furnished by the Young Workers' League's own orchestra.

And If It Should Pass Supreme Court Would Down Thumbs

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Barkley-Howell railroad labor bill has been favorably reported to the senate interstate commerce committee by its subcommittee, with an amendment under which a strike would automatically result in suits by the government to throw the roads into a receivership. The government would then seek to adjust the industrial dispute in order to restore operation.

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STONE PROMISES TO OUST FINKS FROM BUREAU

However We Are From Missouri

By LAURENCE TODD.
(Staff Correspondent of the Fed. Press)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—An end has come temporarily to the dream of the boss detectives to create a secret political police, or political spy system, serving the employing and banking interests thru both the big capitalist parties.

The hint given by Attorney General Stone appears to be confirmed by the statement to the Wheeler-Brookhart committee by John E. Hoover, master red-catcher now in charge of the bureau of investigation. Hoover said Stone had issued orders that none but lawyers should henceforth be employed in the bureau, and that the work of the bureau should be limited to the assistance of federal attorneys in the preparation of cases already in their hands. The personnel, now 607 in all, is to be weeded out, and much of the work undertaken under Palmer and Daugherty has been stopped.

What has been indicated in recent weeks is: That spies are abhorrent to Stone as a lawyer, and are not contemplated by law as part of the government machinery. Spying is to end.

That the "dossier" or irresponsible secret report system established by Palmer as a means of terrorizing the country into making him president is abolished. Burns and Daugherty found these jackets in the files of the bureau—jackets filled with charges and gossip from cowardly enemies of great numbers of citizens, whose whole tendency was toward government by blackmail and frame-up. Burns enlarged this dossier library paying large sums of public money, illegally, for secret "evidence" against the political critics and opponents of Daugherty.

That the system of exchange of finger-prints and other identification between police offices thruout the country and with foreign police, as built up by Burns, will be dropped. Burns is supposed to have been permitted by himself to gather records for the Burns agency in this way at public expense.

Whether Stone is sincere will be tested by the fate of this John E. Hoover and of Rush Holland, who still draw salaries as assistants. It was J. E. Hoover who caused the issuance of 10,000 warrants of arrest of labor radicals and caused the violations of law known as the red raids of January, 1920. He is temporarily the head of the bureau of investigations, while Stone is finding a suitable lawyer for that job.

Rush Holland, equally rabid in his attacks upon liberals, was Daugherty's representative in attendance on the Teapot Dome oil scandal hearings.

Then there is Grimes, who has represented the department before the Wheeler-Brookhart committee, and who has admitted on the stand that the records of his bureau may show that Albert Fall used part of the \$100,000 he got in the suitcase from Doheny to finance the Cantu revolt in Mexico. Senator Wheeler charged that the evidence of that crime was in the department's files, and Grimes did not deny it.

President Coolidge, then, must rely upon the privately financed gunmen and spies for the service rendered in national politics for the past six years by the bureau of investigation and its affiliates. The appropriation of \$2,250,000 a year for the bureau will be sadly shrunk, and the hopes of the "convention of 62 patriotic societies," which has just met here to restore prosperity for the anti-Russian spying industry will be dashed—if Stone does what he promises.

Predict Bitter Debate.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 20.—Bitter debate was forecast as pacifists and anti-pacifists in the 4th quadrennial convention of the Methodist Episcopal church prepared for a vote today on the anti-war resolution reported to the convention by its committee on state of church.

"The rank and file of Methodism thruout the United States would not tolerate such a resolution for a single minute," William Van Benschoten, New York attorney, said. "If adopted, it would cast the country's flag out of the church."

Russia to Exhibit in England.

MOSCOW, May 20.—The question of the participation of the U. S. S. R. in the London Exhibition of 1925 has been settled. Ten branches of the economic life of the U. S. S. R. will be represented in the Soviet pavilion, the principal place being assigned to raw materials.

RAILROADS' SECRET AGENTS PLOT AGAINST BARKLEY-HOWELL BILL

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Secret agents of the railroads using secret code telegrams have attempted to coerce and mislead members of congress in order to defeat the Barkley bill abolishing the railroad labor board, Representative Nelson, Wisconsin progressive, republican leader, charged in the House today when debate on the bill was resumed.

WORKERS PARTY CANDIDATES ENTER MINNESOTA PRIMARIES; CAMPAIGN WITH STRONG TICKET

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 20.—The Workers Party is entering the political field of this state on June 16 with almost a full ticket of candidates bound to the support of the workers' and farmers' interests in office. The Farmer-Labor candidates are provisionally recommended to voters where the Workers Party has not entered.

"Free Yourselves from the Dictatorship of Wall Street! Establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government!" These are the party cries raised for the voters of Minnesota in the forthcoming primary elections.

The official statement of the District 9 organization follows:

During the past few months much has been said of the activities of the Workers Party by both the capitalist newspapers and the more conservative supporters of the Farmer-Labor Party. We, therefore, take this opportunity of telling the workers and farmers of Minnesota exactly what the aims of the Communist movement are. WORKERS AND FARMERS EXPLOITED.

The financial interests of this country are ruthlessly exploiting both the farmers and the industrial workers. During the past few years millions of farmers have been driven from the land because they were not able to secure from their labor enough to supply their families with the necessities of life. Millions of other farmers will be forced to follow the same course unless they take a militant stand against this exploitation by the privileged capitalist class. Instead of the present government taking steps to relieve the farmers, those in control are using their political power further to fatten the pockets of their masters, the grain gamblers, the bankers and the railroad magnates.

During the same period of time, this same capitalist class, working under the guise of "open shop associations," has launched a bitter attack against the workers in the cities. Taking advantage of the industrial depression, it has cut wages, lengthened hours of labor, and seriously weakened the labor unions by its attacks. In every strike, the government has allied itself with the financial interests. It has used the police, the militia, and the courts to force the workers back into the workshops and mines. Injunctions against the workers are an every day occurrence. The infamous Daugherty injunction stands an injunction which at one stroke robbed the workers of every right supposedly guaranteed by the constitution.

The Republican and Democratic Parties have proven themselves equally the tools of the financial interests of Wall Street. They have both contributed their share toward maintaining the dictatorship of organized capital over the lives of the producing masses.

THE WORKERS AND FARMERS MUST RULE. The first task confronting the farmers and workers is to establish themselves as the ruling power in government. The control of the financial interests must be broken. A workers' and farmers' government must be established.

The greatest enemy of the farmers and workers is the group of financial parasites who live off their labor. The Workers' Party is an organization made up entirely of farmers and workers, pledged to the abolition of the capitalist system of society and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government. It carries on its activities entirely in the open. It has no interests; it adopts no policies that are not in the interests of the producing masses of the world.

The Workers' Party is for the Farmer-Labor Party. We will do our utmost to build and strengthen the party in every state in the union. We do this because we recognize that the Farmer-Labor Party can gather the masses of the workers and farmers inside its ranks and that by necessity it must carry on a struggle against the capitalist class. The aim of the Communist Movement is more far-reaching than the platform and program of the Farmer-Labor Party. The Farmer-Labor Party contents itself with demanding temporary remedial reforms. The Workers' Party and its candidates will fight aggressively for every measure which affords relief from capitalist exploitation. They will use every effort to bring about the adoption of the measures proposed in the platform of the Farmer-Labor Federation of Minnesota. They will strive to build up and strengthen the Farmer-Labor Federation in an effort to develop it into a real fighting machine against the financial interests.

REFORMS NOT A SOLUTION. The platform of the Farmer-Labor Federation does not offer a permanent solution for the problems confronting the workers and farmers. The present bankruptcy of the farmers and the chronic unemployment developing among the workers are world-wide symptoms of the cancer eating at the heart of society. The cancer is capitalism. The workers and farmers of England, France, Germany, thruout

Public Has Friends. PHOENIX, Ariz.—Taking its cue from C. M. Scott, vice-president and general manager Arizona Eastern, branch of the Southern Pacific railway, the Phoenix chamber of commerce is sponsoring the cause of the "public" in a resolution opposing the Howell-Barkley railway labor bill.

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SENATOR SHIES AT RED REMARKS OF INTERVIEWER

Brookhart Denies His Speech Communistic

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—One of the Workers Party members here took up the challenge of his group to go to see just what Senator Brookhart of Iowa meant in his recent speech in the senate. The Senator's remarks sounded suspiciously communistic to the friends and they wanted to "get the guy right."

The interview with the Senator, who was in a non-committal mood, follows:

Balks at Daily Worker. "Senator," I began, "there is considerable comment going the rounds of the Communists with reference to certain remarks that you made in the Senate recently."

"To what remarks do you refer?" interrupted the Senator.

"In referring to Henry Ford's industrial machine you stated that you believe it is not a good thing for the country to accumulate wealth thru the sweat and work of other men. Some of our members say that this is only another way of saying that you are opposed to the exploitation of labor. The Communists would appreciate your interpretation."

"I am not," replied Senator Brookhart, "with the Communists. I believe in co-operatives."

"I am aware of that, Senator. Would you care to elaborate upon your other statement that you belong to the economic theory that never makes a millionaire and never makes a pauper. It is quite possible to interpret that remark as a belief in Communism. The Chicago DAILY WORKER would be glad to print your interpretation."

"The WORKER will make its own interpretation anyway. I have nothing to add to what I said in the Senate."

Alex Howat Repels Attack At Peoria

(Continued From Page 1.)

us. I feel that he was misled, that somebody was telling him lies."

Refused to Betray Miners. "I was expelled and deposed as president of the Kansas miners because I refused to go down the line with Lewis and refused to do some of the things he wanted me to do. I suppose if I'd gone down the line with Lewis I would still be president of the Kansas miners. But I am not going to surrender my principles as a man for anyone. I always went the limit for the Kansas miners and I would rather go to jail for the members of the miners' union and keep my principles than stay out of jail and continue as the president of the Kansas miners' organization and betray the men and my principles."

"I suppose I could have gotten along easier if I had permitted the mine operators to impose on the Kansas miners." In answering Farrington's misstatements that the progressive miners' Conference believes in a dual union, and that he had deserted Howat because he was associated with Foster in this conference, Howat said:

Against Dual Unionism. "No man on earth can show that I have ever tried to do anything against the United Mine Workers of America or that I ever advocated a dual union. I have always advised the miners to stay inside the union and fight corruption from the inside, no matter how dissatisfied they may be with the officials of the miners' union."

"I have always tried to do my part in making the miners' union stronger and I always will, no matter what the disposition of any individual case may be. Farrington says he quit the fight for the Kansas miners because I attended the Pittsburgh progressive conference. I am not going to let Lewis tell me where I can go and where I can't go."

Best Men in Conference. "The Progressive Miners' convention was composed of coal miners. Some of the best men you have in the

American Legion Stoolpigeons Spy On Labor For D. Of J.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 20.—Activities of radical groups here have been subject to the constant spying of the American Legion Intelligence service, according to this organization's recent report to the Department of Justice. The alleged Communist leanings at Central High School were particularly subject to the Legion's investigation.

Members of the American Legion Intelligence service, led here by Major Charles Edwards and R. B. Boyle, attend meetings held by Socialist, Communist, or I. W. W. groups and make reports on what is said, particularly when derogatory remarks are made concerning the flag, the United States Constitution, the military organization, the Klan, or any of the special privileged groups. Most of the members of the service work like ordinary dicks, without disclosing their identity or purpose.

TEAPOT DOME SPECIAL BREAKS IN POLAND AS EX-MINISTERS BEGIN TO CASH IN ON THEIR PATRIOTISM

By ANISE
(Staff Correspondent of The Federated Press)

WARSAW.—It will be a long time, I realize now, before the big imperialists and international capitalists of the world will be much interested in concessions in Russia. Why? Because they can get such juicy profits out of the little states in eastern Europe which have been created and maintained for that purpose.

A scandal, like our own Teapot Dome, is just starting in Warsaw. The Polish senate is to investigate Kukharski, former minister of trade and industry, and before that of finance. It seems he lent millions of public money to start stock companies in the big industries that Polish and French capital had grabbed from the old Russian or German states. Later he allowed these millions to be repaid in depreciated Polish marks, worth only a few thousand.

Still later he was director of one of these companies which had been presented with millions from the Polish treasury.

Mortgaged to Bankers. But this is only one little sample. The real profits are made, not in small stock companies, but in great international loans. Italy has just issued a loan of 400 million lire to Poland, at 10 per cent. One condition is that 40 per cent of all tobacco bought from abroad for the Polish state tobacco monopoly shall be purchased of two designated firms in Italy. Those firms appear to have a stand-in with either Mussolini or the Bank of Italy, for they will be repaid three times or more by the workers of Poland to the firms that have the proper connections in Italy and they will still owe the principal.

Must Guzzle French Boose. Of course, the French are the real beneficiaries of Polish natural resources. They have concessions in oil which they are exploiting ruthlessly, taking the crude oil out of the country in order to build up refineries in France over the protests of the Poles, who would like to develop a little industry themselves. France also has a tariff treaty whereby she gets 40 per cent lower duty than Ger-

many. German merchants are shipping to Warsaw by way of France to escape the high tariffs. And France has forbidden Poland to set up any barrier against French wines, silks or perfumes, altho all these little countries much desired to cut down on imported luxuries. Incidentally, no wines but French can be brot into Poland at all.

There has been a great fury of national speculation on the basis of patriotism. Generals or former prime ministers give their names to stock companies, which then proceed to get concessions and loans from the government, and sell stock in America or elsewhere abroad where loyal Poles, led by the famous name, subscribe to "help build up the industries of Poland." Some of these materialize, others don't.

United Front. Meantime the Polish workers are just beginning to act together. The Poles and Jews are in separate trade unions, but they have formed a joint central committee. It is strong enough so that recently when the textile workers had failed to get together on account of the anti-Semitism of the Poles, the offending Polish union was expelled from the Central organization of trade unions. In textiles, leather and bakeries, the workers of both groups now act on joint agreements, but in the metal industries there is no recognition of Jewish workers by the Poles unions.

Strong nationalist feeling and old habits of division are still the curse of the Polish working class movement. organization in this country, and told them of his fight against the industrial court law. He told how he smashed it after spending 17 months in jail. Howat declared that Lewis deposed Dorsey and himself while they were in jail, without notice and without cause, and in direct violation of the constitution of the miners' union, which gives everyone the right to a fair trial.

Howat expressed the sincere appreciation of the Kansas miners for the aid Illinois miners gave in fighting for the reinstatement of the Kansas leaders. "I voice the sentiment of at least 95 per cent of the Kansas miners when I say that we appreciate your help. And I would feel that I had lost almost my last friend if the Illinois miners deserted this fight. I call on the rank and file of the miners of Illinois to stand by us now as in the past even tho the district officials of district 12 do not."

Illinois The Backbone. "The miners of Illinois are the backbone of the American Labor movement and I don't believe they will allow any set of men to crucify a man in the miners' union because they do not like him." The fight would have been won before this if the union officials of district twelve hadn't layed down on us.

Some of Farrington's statements were challenged from the floor of the convention when Howat spoke for the independent political action of labor as against the Gompers policy of dealing with the politicians of the old party. Howat is a delegate to the St. Paul conference on June 17th, elected from the Pittsburgh-Kansas central labor council.

Lewis arrived in Peoria today from Springfield accompanied by the present secretary of the Kansas Mine Workers, Harry Burr. Not "Dual," Farrington Admitted. "The wind was taken out of Farrington's sails, when Freeman Thompson, in spite of excessive use of the gavel on Farrington's part, shouted out to the convention that he had a letter signed by Frank Farrington, in which Farrington stated specifically that he did not think the progressive miners' organization was a dual union. Farrington had stated to the convention that he had stopped fighting Howat's case because the international executive board had ruled the progressive miners' organization a dual union. But Freeman's letter shows that Farrington admitted that he did not think so.

RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS OF WISCONSIN SPURN C. P. P. A. CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

MADISON, Wis., May 20.—Rail brotherhoods and powerful LaFollette republicans in Wisconsin have declined to participate in the national conference for Progressive Political Action, on which many third party advocates pin their hopes.

At the "organization" meeting of the Wisconsin conference here yesterday, the railroad brotherhoods, altho supporting Senator Robert M. LaFollette, withdrew after the conference got under way, saying its promoters were, "too radically inclined."

Republican progressives who are partisans of Governor John J. Blaine, and who also favor LaFollette, were sparsely represented at the meet, and former promoters of the Non-Partisan League controlled the convention. The Wisconsin conference elected three delegates to the Cleveland national progressive convention July 4 and also chose a representative for the St. Paul Farmer-Labor Convention, June 12.

N. Y. COMMUNISTS HAIL VICTORIES; GERMAN, FRENCH

Point American Need Of Farm-Labor Party

NEW YORK, May 20.—The revolutionary workers of New York celebrated the great Communist victories in the recent French and German elections recently at Yorkville Casino.

William Weinstein, chairman, made a few brief remarks, illustrating how the German workers were rapidly casting off the yoke of the social traitors, and were joining the ranks of the revolutionary proletariat. The Communist Party in Germany has gained the adherence of the revolutionary workers thruout the country.

Jack Stachel, organizer of the Young Workers League, spoke on the role of the young Communists in the revolutionary movement. Thousands of the young workers were killed in the Spartacus days of 1918, fighting side by side with their older comrades. In every important struggle the youth can be found in the front ranks fighting the master class.

Ring of Steel Breaks. Arnold Roller, who spoke in German, showed how the ring of steel that was forged by the Czars and Poincare, aimed to crush the Russian and German workers was rapidly crumbling. The French workers have gone to the polls and registered the vote of condemnation against the imperialist of the arch-reactionary Poincare, and the Socialist renegade Millerand.

Earl Browder, editor of the "Labor Herald," spoke on the June 17 conference at St. Paul, and pointed out the importance of workers' organizations sending delegates to the conference for the formation of a class Farmer-Labor Party. He appealed to all those present to help the Workers' Party carry on the work for a revolutionary class party in this country that will fight for the abolition of capitalism and for a workers' and farmers' government.

James P. Cannon, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers' Party, delivered the main speech of the evening. He pointed out that the only way to help the revolutionary workers in Europe is to join the Workers' Party, the American section of the Communist International. It is the duty of the revolutionary workers in this country to strengthen their organization, and only this way can they emulate their European comrades. The German workers have shown by this election that they have finally forsaken the yellow banner of special patriotism for the red flag of communism. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Internationale.

Remember Political Prisoners' Birthdays Coming During June

Birthdays in June of political prisoners, confined in the American Prisons, are announced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort Club, 1923 Chestnut street, Milwaukee, Wis., as follows:

- At Massachusetts State Prison, Charlestown, Mass.
 - June 11, Bartholomew Vanzetti.
 - At Folsom Prison, Represa, Cal.
 - June 16, Herman O. Suhr, No. 9266;
 - June 22, Louis Allen, No. 12026.
 - At Leavenworth, Kan., Box No. 7.
 - June 10, Jos. Baltusaitis.
 - At Blue Ridge State Farm, Hobby, Tex.
 - June 29, Pedro Paroles.
 - At Senior Farm, Dewalt, Brazoria Co., Texas.
 - June 30, Jesus Gonzales, No. 36455;
 - June 30, Leonard Vasquez.

Cora Meyer, National Secretary, invites friends and sympathizers to send birthday cards and letters (money is advisable for gifts) to these political prisoners. Books and publications must be sent directly from the publishers. J. Baltusaitis, who recently was made a political prisoner, writes: "It is indeed a cheer—yes—more than that, a pleasure appreciated very highly to receive letters of comfort.

Missouri Federation of Labor. MOBERLY, Mo.—The 31st convention, Missouri State Federation of Labor, opened in the Moberly high school auditorium with almost 200 delegates. Workmen's compensation legislation, still absent from Missouri statute books, is a principal topic before the convention. Other matters dealt with by the federation's legislative committee are a miner's washhouse bill, child labor and the defeated industrial court bill modeled on the Kansas measure that has proved a farce.

Hiram Tosses Sponge. PIERRE, S. D., May 20.—Hiram Johnson will release South Dakota's delegation to the republican national convention and they will go to Cleveland uninstructed, John Sutherland, state manager for the Johnson campaign, said today.

Meetings Forbidden. BERLIN.—Demonstrations of the workers on May First, the international labor day, were forbidden in Italy, Hungary, Spain, Bulgaria, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, and Germany. How many of your shop-mates read THE DAILY WORKER. Get one of them to subscribe today.

COMMUNISTS OF ROUMANIA FACE REIGN OF TERROR

Labor Press Stopped; Union Offices Shut

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 BUCHAREST, Roumania, April 15.—(By mail)—While "patriotic" demonstrations were staged in Bessarabia and in other parts of occupied territory, at the same time the rich landowners' government of Bratiunov proclaimed a state of siege in Bucharest, Chernovitz, Klyue, and Jassy. After mass raids the political police discovered that the Communist Party of Roumania is in close contact with Soviet Russia and is therefore, guilty of "treason." The editors of the Communist paper of Bucharest and the paper of the Madjar workers of Semigrad, "Munkach," will be court-martialed. The party attempted to issue another paper, but the editors as well as the compositors have been arrested.

At first the government prohibited the use of mails to the Communist press and the sale of the papers in the streets, but with the declaration of a state of siege the government decided to destroy the labor press altogether. At the same time the military prosecutor closed up the offices of the trade unions.

All Suspected Deported.

The terrorism of the government takes on different forms. In Semigrad, Temeshware, and Brassove mass arrests are going on among the civilian population as well as among the soldiers. The usual accusation is "espionage." The capitalist press of Bucharest is accusing every "foreigner" of being a spy, and is demanding that all "foreigners"—i. e., all those who are not Roumanians by birth, and there are at present 6,000,000 of such out of the 15,000,000 population within the borders of the "Greater Roumania," shall be expelled from government and civil offices, and shall be denied such rights that are still enjoyed by the Roumanians. Many such "foreigners" who have been born and lived all their lives in the territory now occupied by the Roumanians, are being arrested and deported abroad. Not only workers are the victims of these deportations, but also small business people, intellectuals, etc. Everyone who is suspected of being unfriendly to the conquerors is liable to be arrested and deported.

At the same time the government press agents are widely advertising abroad the "patriotic" manifestations carefully staged with the aid of stool pigeons, the political policy and small bands of Fascists.

Bessarabian Terror Reign Protested By Refugee Thousands

MOSCOW, May 20.—A big demonstration was held in Vienna with the participation of thousands of refugees from Eastern Galicia and Bessarabia, to protest against the Polish and Roumanian terror and the occupation of Bessarabia by Roumania.

A delegation of Vienna Bessarabians called on Mr. Krestinsky, the Chief Delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and presented documentary evidence of the reign of terror now prevailing in Bessarabia, demanding the withdrawal of Roumanian troops, a general referendum and the release of all political prisoners now in jail in Bessarabia.

Pat Harrison to Talk.
 NEW YORK, May 20.—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will be the temporary chairman and deliver the party keynote address at the Democratic national convention here.

SOCIALISTS LEARN ABOUT ST. PAUL

By C. E. Ruthenberg

In reply to the open letter addressed to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party by the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party, demanding that the Socialist Party sever its connection with the Conference for Progressive Political Action which is still in the business of endorsing old Party candidates and affiliate with the June 17th Farmer-Labor Convention, the following letter has been received from Bertha Hale White, Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party: Workers Party of America, C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Sec'y, 1009 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:
 This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 10, addressed to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, in which you demand the immediate withdrawal of the Socialist Party from the Conference for Progressive Political Action, to which the Socialist Party is affiliated, and its participation in a convention which has been called to meet in St. Paul, Minn., on June 17th, for the announced purpose of forming an alignment of farmers and workers for the coming campaign.

While the National Office of the Socialist Party has had indirect information of the St. Paul convention, it has had no official communication whatever respecting it.

In order to decide fairly whether the convention at St. Paul offers more to a truly revolutionary, class conscious political party of the working class than the Conference for Prog-

ressive Political Action, will you kindly send this office copies of the platform and program upon which the call was issued for submission to our executive?

For the information of our committee, may we ask if you have the authority to invite our participation, and, if so, is the letter which you have submitted to be considered as a formal invitation? It has been our understanding that the invitations to the St. Paul convention were issued some time ago, and it is hardly possible that the time yet remaining before June 17th will permit the election of delegates should the National Executive Committee obey your rather imperious command.

Fraternally yours,
 Bertha Hale White,
 Executive Secretary.

To this letter, the Workers Party has replied as follows:
 Bertha Hale White, Executive Sec'y., 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:
 Official invitations to the St. Paul Farmer-Labor Convention are being sent out by the National Arrangements Committee of which William Mahoney is chairman and C. A. Hathaway, secretary. The address of the Committee is, Labor Temple, St. Paul, Minn.

If your organization has not received an invitation from this committee, it is undoubtedly due to an oversight. If you will communicate with the Committee I am sure that such an invitation will be sent at once.

For your further information, I am enclosing a copy of the call for the

Convention. You will note that this call reads:

"We extend an invitation to send delegates to this convention to all farmer organizations, local unions, central labor bodies, state federations of labor, international unions, co-operative organizations, labor fraternal organizations and all farmer and labor political organizations . . ."

The call further provides that "each national organization shall be entitled to five votes."

This invitation which has been broadcasted thru the labor press of the country, I am sure, is broad enough to include the Socialist Party. Fraternally yours,
 C. E. Ruthenberg,
 Executive Secretary.

We are very happy, indeed, that the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party was inspired to send the open letter to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. It seems if it were not for this inspiration on the part of the Central Executive Committee of our Party, the Socialist Party would have remained in complete ignorance of the class movement of farmers and workers which is expressing itself in the June 17th Convention, altho the call for the June 17th Convention has been printed in labor papers all over the country and has been commented upon by even most of the capitalist newspapers.

It is curious, indeed, that under these circumstances a Party such as the Socialist Party which claims to be a party of the working class should have remained in complete ignorance of the character of the June 17th mass movement of farmers and workers.

It should not be difficult for the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to decide whether the June 17th "convention at St. Paul offers more to a truly revolutionary, class conscious political party of the working class than the Conference for Progressive Political Action." To us this seems a very simple question. It can be answered by contrasting the attitude of the groups behind the June 17th Convention and the Conference for Progressive Political Action on one point only, and on this point the Socialist Party should have as much information as any one else in the United States.

The Socialist Party knows that the Conference for Progressive Political Action does not stand for independent political action of the workers and farmers. It knows that the Conference for Progressive Political Action has met three times and three times refused to go on record for independent political action by the workers and farmers. It knows that even now the Conference for Progressive Political Action is supporting candidates on the old party tickets.

We cite as evidence the action of the C. P. P. A. in the state of California, which is fighting against independent political action and even goes so far as to bring the prestige of the American Federation of Labor decision to bear as a means of preventing the workers and farmers of California from supporting a movement for independent political action of which, contrary to the position of the national organization of the Socialist Party, the state organization of the Socialist Party of California is a part.

In contrast to the position of the

Conference for Progressive Political Action asking the voters to support candidates on the old party tickets, the June 17th Convention is a call for independent political action. The June 17th Convention will not endorse any old party candidates. The June 17th Convention and the state organizations affiliated with it will support candidates on the Farmer-Labor ticket only. The June 17th Convention group has forever cut its relationship with the capitalist political parties.

This is the answer to the question in the letter from the Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party. The facts are so plain that even the Socialist Party cannot deny them. Will the Socialist Party, in the face of these facts, continue its affiliation with the Conference for Progressive Political Action or will it break away from this group which still plays old party politics and align itself with the mass movement of workers and farmers which is going forward to the formation of the class Farmer-Labor Party in this country.

Let the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party answer that question.

No member of the Socialist Party who has even the slightest conception of the class basis of political struggles will have any doubt as to what the answer should be. Various local and state groups of the Socialist Party are already supporting the June 17th Convention contrary to the policy of the National Executive Committee. They should demand that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party do likewise and cut its affiliation with the betrayers of the movement for independent political action organized in the C. P. P. A.

DETROIT CALLS FARMER-LABOR CITY CONVENTION

May 25th Meet Will Vote For St. Paul

DETROIT, Mich., May 20.—A call has been issued by a representative group of trade unionists of Detroit for a city convention to be held on May 25th for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Farmer-Labor Party in this city.

The opening sentence of the call endorses the June 17th convention in the following terms: "The enclosed call for the Farmer-Labor Progressive Convention to be held in St. Paul, Minn., June 17th, presents an opportunity for the workers to register their profound disapproval of the misuse of the two old political parties which the recent Washington exposures have shown to be equally the tools of the privileged class."

The call for the convention is signed by Wm. Reynolds, Carpenters' Union No. 2149; Robert Funk, Tailors' Union No. 229; Herman Richter, Carpenters' Union No. 420; Edgar Owens, for the Workers' Party; Anna Krakalis, Federated Working Women's Organizations, Detroit; and George Tries, Member Executive Board of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

The convention will be held in the Bricklayers' Hall, 4225 Cass avenue, beginning at 10 a. m. There has been a strong movement for independent political action in Detroit for some time and it is expected that the call will bring a big response from the trade union movement as well as from other organizations of workers in this city.

Remaining Dates, Places, Announced For Trachtenberg

The remaining dates and places for the Trachtenberg tour are as follows: Wednesday, May 21—Butte, Mont., Carpenters Hall, West Granite St., at 8 p. m.
 Sunday, May 25—St. Paul, Labor Temple, 416 Franklin St., at 8 p. m.
 Monday, May 26—Minneapolis, First Unitarian Church, 8th St. and La Salle Ave., at 8 p. m.
 Tuesday, May 27—Superior, Workers' Hall, cor. Tower Ave. and North 5th St., at 8 p. m.

Previous meetings have been enthusiastically attended. Trachtenberg's discussion of the present German situation has never failed to hold his audiences.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENTION!

Continuing the work of familiarizing the party membership with the united front policy of the party in relation to the Farmer-Labor party, the central executive committee has arranged a series of meetings at which Comrade James P. Cannon will speak on the question of the party labor party policy. The meetings arranged will be held in the following cities:

Buffalo, N. Y.—Friday, May 23, 159 Grider street, 8 p. m.
 Pittsburgh, Penna.—Saturday, May 24, Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller street, at 8 p. m.
 May 25—Cleveland, Ohio; mass meeting, Labor temple, 2536 Euclid avenue, at 3 p. m.
 May 26—Detroit, Mich.; House of the Masses, 2646 St. Aubin, corner Gratiot, at 8 p. m.

Every party member is urged to attend these meetings and branches to see to it that at least some members of the branch attend so that a further report can be made at the branches.

Party Activities Of Local Chicago

BRANCH MEETINGS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st.
 Mid-City English, Emmet Memorial Hall, Taylor and Ogden.
 Douglas Park Jewish, 3420 W. Roosevelt, Liberty House, 6414 S. Halsted.
 Englewood English, 6414 S. Halsted.
 Checko Slovak, No. 51, 2648 S. Homan Avenue.
 Czechoslovak, Women's Circle, Masaryk School, 57th Avenue and 22nd Place, Cicero.
 Czechoslovak Women's No. 1, 1325 S. Loomis St., 2nd floor.
 THURSDAY, MAY 22nd.
 Italian 19th Ward, 1103 S. Loomis.
 Scandinavian W. S. Zelic's Hall, corner Cicero and Superior West.
 Italian 11th Ward W. S. No. 2, 2439 S. Oakley Street, downstairs.
 Scandinavian Karl Marx, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.
 Finnish Branch, 2409 N. Halsted, Imperial Hall.
 On Wednesday, May 21st, Comrade Ernest Eckinger will speak before the North Side English Branch of the Young Workers League at Imperial Hall, 2409 N. Halsted Street on the subject, "The Need for a Labor Party."

SAN FRANCISCO BENEFIT BAZAAR COMES SATURDAY

German Children To Profit By Program

(Special to The Daily Worker)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 20.—The grand international concert, bazaar and ball for the benefit of the starving children of Germany, promised for Saturday evening, May 24, at 8 p. m. in California Hall, Turk and Polk streets, will be one of the most interesting events held here for some time.

The evening's entertainment will be of the highest order, including numbers by the Friendschafts Saenger Band; the Gesang Verein "Alpenrosen"; the San Francisco Spartan Club, the Maennerchor; and Dancenor "Lyra"; Bitter brothers at the violin and piano; Mrs. Johnson, soprano; R. Bamatre, cellist; Miss Alice Kagan, international dances. W. Heidelberg is stage director.

German delicacies will be offered to appease the lower appetites of the audience. Gabler and C. G. Blicke, Moorgarten Lodge, Druids, are in charge of the food, and Otto Santer in charge of the bar.

Donations of money and goods for the bazaar have been pouring into the office of the committee in charge. All indications point to a most successful and delightful evening with tangible results for the needy German children.

OUR BOOK REVIEW SECTION

Mexico.
 "Where the outsider has seen nothing but tumult, revolt, restlessness, lack of discipline, bloodshed, there has really been a consistent striving for a single end—to give the enslaved, oppressed and humiliated masses of Mexico a status of full economic, political and social equality."

Thus writes Plutarco Elias Calles, associate of Obregon and probably next president of Mexico, in the May issue of The Survey Graphic. Writers in the magazine agree that the government south of the Rio Grande has a sweeping program of social and economic reform, but that the program has not been put into operation for the most part.

"No government in Mexico can last unless it recognizes the age-long cry of the Indian for land," says Calles. But the government is "proceeding cautiously," secretary of agriculture Ramon P. de Negri admits: "So far only about 3,000 villages (out of a stated 15,000) have been given provisional possession of their lands."

The power of the organized labor movement which has taken the place of the military class as the dominating force in Mexican life is described by Frank Tannenbaum, who shows that Obregon defeated the recent military rebellion by arming and sending into battle under their own leaders the peasants' and workers' organizations.

Mexico is not a workers' state. "Obregon obviously placed more faith in his Yaqui Indians than in his volunteer workers and peasant brigades which might subsequently be tempted to inaugurate industrial revolution," says Carleton Beals.

Artists such as the Communist Diego Rivera and educators like Jose Vasconcelos show by their articles and pictures in The Survey not only that Mexican Indians, the vast bulk of the population, have a rich esthetic and communal heritage but that a revolutionary rebirth is taking place. That this is having a profound effect on all Latin America, is the testimony by V. R. Haya de la Torre, president, Students' Federation of Peru.

U. S. oil diplomacy is not discussed in The Survey.

FARMER-LABOR FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Returns received by the National Office of the Workers Party, during the past week, show contributions to the Farmer-Labor fund from the following branches:

Esthonian, San Francisco.....	\$ 5.00	Finnish, Ashburnham, Mass.	10.00
North West English, Chicago.....	8.50	So. Slav, Cleveland.....	23.00
Greek, New York City.....	25.00	Hungarian, Chicago.....	14.00
Hungarian, Los Angeles.....	10.00	So. Slav No. 17, Detroit.....	18.00
English, St. Louis.....	7.00	Finnish, Gardner, Mass.	9.00
Mid-City, English, Chicago.....	12.00	Russian, Elizabeth, N. J.	10.00
Finnish, Fort Bragg, Cal.	14.50	New Brighton, N. J.	30.35
Lith. Workers' Soc. Br., Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00	C. C. C. Washington, D. C.	5.00
Lettish, New York, N. Y.	15.00	Finnish, Racine, Wis.	10.00
Czecho-Slovak, Buffalo.....	2.00	Anonymous, Riverside, Cal.	5.00
Boston, English.....	1.00	Czecho-Slovak, Binghamton, N. Y.	25.00
Finnish, Mass, Mich.	10.00	Jewish, Newark.....	6.50
L. M. P. S. A., 37 Br. Grand Rapids Mich.	5.00	Finnish, Brantwood, Wis.	10.00
Russian, Wheeling, W. Va.	3.90	Russian, Haverhill, Mass.	9.00
Russian, Pullman, Ill.	2.00	Minneapolis, Minn., Russian ..	4.00
Branch W. P., East Liverpool, O.	5.00	Russian, Davenport, Iowa.....	1.00
Russian, Detroit.....	15.00	So. Slavic, Harmarville, Pa.	24.50
W. P. Branch, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00	English, Detroit.....	10.00
Finnish, Quincy, Mass.	3.00	Rual Ridge, Pa. W. P.	6.00
		English, Berkeley, Cal.	8.00

These branches are showing the right spirit in giving support to the campaign the party is carrying on at the present time. They represent, however, only a small proportion of the total number of branches of our party, not more than one-fifth of the branches having responded thus far. That is not a good showing. It indicates that our party membership does not yet realize the importance of the Farmer-Labor United Front campaign. Those branches which have not yet made their report, are urged to send in their contributions.

More Balkan Barking.

MOSCOW, May 20.—The Yugo-Slavian press is indignant at the fact that the Roumanians pillaged two small towns which were to be handed over to Yugo-Slavia prior to evacuating them. The press advances that the government take strong measures and do not turn over to Roumania those localities which should be turned over according to the treaty, before Roumania compensates for the losses and settles the frontier questions.

It is reported that the Yugo-Slavian government will address a strong note of protest to the Roumanian government.

Try to Bluff With "Siege."

MOSCOW, May 20.—Vienna reports that, in connection with the student and Fascist troubles, the Roumanian government has decided to declare a state of siege at Bukharest.

The Rosta correspondent at Vienna learns, however, that the reason given above for the declaration of the state of siege is but a pretext, the true object being to terrorize the labor movement and eradicate any move in favor of the realization of the plebiscite as demanded by the Soviet government. Even the official Vittoroli avows that the state of siege is a measure to fight "White and Red Bolshevism" alike.

Russian Platinum Found.

MOSCOW, May 20.—Platinum has been uncovered in quite a considerable amount in the bed of the Belaya river, an affluent of the Anadyr river (Siberia).

Kruse Lectures At Lewis Institute On Russia And Germany

On invitation of the "Liberal Club" of Lewis Institute, a leading technical college in the Middle West with an enrollment of 2500 students, William E. Kruse lectured in the school auditorium on the subject of his recent visit in Russia and Germany. An excellent attendance was assured when upon request of the students, several teachers dismissed evening classes to permit them to attend.

Two reels of pictures were shown in connection with the talk. Unfortunately, the short version of the regular "Russia and Germany" film which was shown by the speaker at the University of Chicago, was going the rounds of eastern colleges, showings having already been made at Yale and Swarthmore. On short notice the two opening reels of the full length picture were used at Lewis. These showed the Youth Day demonstration in Moscow and the great Moscow International Agricultural Exposition. Conditions in Germany were then described by the speaker, and several interesting questions on Russian education were answered.

Russian Delegation Touring Turk Land With Trade Exhibits

(By Rosta News Agency).
 MOSCOW, May 20.—Before leaving for Turkey, the trade delegation of the Russo-Oriental Chamber of Commerce, visited the Turkish Ambassador, Akhmet Mukhtar Bey, who remarked that he was confident the delegation would meet with a warm reception on the part of the Turkish government and the business and public circles in Turkey.

The delegation also visited Mr. Chitcherine, the People's Commissary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Krassin, the People's Commissary of Foreign Trade and Mr. Lejava, the Chairman of the Commission for Internal Trade.

The delegation is taking to Turkey about 500 pounds of different samples of the Russian industry, including the textile industry, chemical sugar, electro-technic, leather, metallurgy, glass and china, timber, cement, butter and also samples of flour and grain exported from Russia.

The delegation intends to leave from Constantinople for Angora, where it will be introduced to the Turkish government and come into contact with the economic institutions. Afterwards it will visit Smyrna and other big ports of Asia Minor. The part of the delegation intends to establish connections with the eastern districts of Turkey. Altogether the delegation will stay in Turkey about four to six weeks.

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NEW YORK CITY Party Activities

The new North Hudson English branch has been given authority to arrange street meetings for the campaign of the Farmer-Labor Party and for the conference being called for June 5 at Eintrachts Casino, Union Hill.

A branch of the Young Workers' League is soon to be organized in the North Hudson district.

A LAUGH FOR THE CHILDREN



RHODE ISLAND CALLING LABOR PARTY ASSEMBLY

State Meet Settles Nat'l Action Sunday

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 20.—The state convention of the Labor Party will be held next Sunday, May 25, at 3 p. m. in American Co-operative Association Hall, 1735 Westminster street, according to a call just sent out to all members of labor unions, of workers' fraternal organizations and of co-operatives in Rhode Island.

The circular letter call states in part:

"Two years ago a group of workers in Rhode Island got together and organized the Rhode Island Labor Party. Later on they affiliated with the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. This Federated Farmer-Labor Party has succeeded in grouping together various independent political parties into a federation, hence the name Federated Farmer-Labor Party."

"A call has been issued for a national convention of delegates from all these groups. The Rhode Island Labor Party can take part in that convention by sending delegates. But we do not want to take any part unless we have a mass state convention. We want you to come to the state convention, either as a representative of your organization, or as an individual member. Read the enclosed call for a National Convention. Read the tentative program. If you agree to that you are welcome, in fact WE WANT YOU."

"If you think your organization will send delegates to our state convention, then bring this matter before it. If you cannot get such action, then show this call to some of your fellow members and ask them to attend. We do not ask what your political faith is, we only ask if you belong to a labor group and if you are willing to help build a Labor Party in Rhode Island, and in the nation. Don't be misled by the sham battles that are now being staged by the politicians of both old parties. Organize a Labor Party and we can make our own laws."

Watchmakers' Union Protests Company's Cheap Labor Plans

The Watch and Clock Makers' Union of Chicago, is following the protest of the Cincinnati union against the petition of the Gruen Watch Company for permission to bring fifty more watchmakers to this country. The Gruen Company of Cincinnati, has applied to government authorities to allow them to import more European workmen when the unions claim that there are already more watchmakers here than jobs for them. The Cincinnati Watch and Clock Makers' Union passed a resolution of protest explaining this situation and sent it to the United States Department of Labor.

The union sees in the move of the Gruen concern only another effort to import cheap labor and break down the standards so painstakingly developed here by union organization. The local watchmakers say that it is only another phase of the open-shop drive and the Chicago union approves the action of Cincinnati workers.

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ANTI-RED DRIVEL USED BY GOMPERS AGAINST RADICALS IS USED BY GARY AGAINST UNIONS

(By The Federated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Wm. J. Burns, now retired from the department of justice by the dismissal route, denies that Herbert Little worked for the bureau of investigations. J. F. Hoover, temporarily in charge of the bureau, denies that any agent of the department ever was sent to Russia to get evidence of the connection between the Third International and American labor.

That is the reply of the administration to testimony by H. J. Burton, detective formerly under Burns but now employed by the Randall agency in Cleveland, that one Herbert Little gave him a lot of valuable material on this Third International connection with radical labor in America.

Burton's testimony, given before the Brookhart committee as a supplement to his story of the failure of the department to prosecute a series of big whisky-fraud cases in Ohio, was that Little introduced himself as an agent of Burns' bureau, and showed a badge and identification card. Little wanted Burton to introduce him to some labor leaders in the Cleveland district. A few days afterward, Burton met Little in the latter's office in Pittsburgh—at a location he could not describe, as they went there at midnight in a closed taxi. The information he received as to Russian intrigues with dangerous labor agitators in this country from Little, Burton said, was so valuable that he made a pamphlet of it and sent it to rubber and pottery manufacturers in Ohio. The A. F. of L. was at that time trying to organize their unskilled labor. This data helped to break that effort by the unions.

Little told Burton that he was paid \$4,000 by the government, but got \$11,000 a year from the U. S. Steel Corporation, which was interested in having him take a trip to Russia and bring back material. It was a case of stopping an organization movement in the steel industry, last year, and the steel people were not stingy. Burton reported to the department at the same time that he reported to steel. Afterward, Burton noticed that Secretary Hughes was publishing the same charges as to the Third International and its American propaganda as Little had recited to him in Pittsburgh last October.

On this information, Burton testified the manufacturers had been able to cause the arrest of two men at Youngstown for circulating "anarchistic" labor literature.

When Burton made an attempt to get further data, recently, from Little, the latter told him that the staff in Pittsburgh had been sent into the field for a few days, when the Daugherty investigation by the Senate committee began, and that during their absence the records were all removed and had not reappeared.

Norwegian D. Of J. Stops City Relief Of Striking Workers

KRISTIANIA, May 20.—The strike and lockout situation is unchanged. The students' society, which has been under Communist management, elected a conservative chairman for the next semester. He got 82 votes, the communist candidate 75.

The Department of Justice, relying upon paragraph 26 of the law for city administrations, has declared void actions by different city councils. The paragraph states: "City Council may not take actions that especially benefit political organizations or purposes." The actions have been to provide medical attention to locked out workers and free milk for their children.

Three thousand tons of barley have been ordered from Russia. This is the first purchase for a long time, Russia lately having sold no grain.

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Drumheller Miners Strike Goes Strong Despite Relief Need

By JOHN GIFFORD.
(Special to The Daily Worker)
DRUMHELLER, Alberta, May 20.—The struggle in District 18, between miners and operators, has become intense, after almost two months of the strike and with both sides still showing determination that they will win in the end.

To date, the miners have not received any relief in any way from the District or International organization, but have been distributing whatever small funds are in the local treasuries, and only then to needy cases. However, the fact that the miners in the southwestern states have settled up, is of good omen to the striking miners in this district, as it will release all the available funds necessary to the successful conclusion of the strike in this district.

President William Sherman is at present in Indianapolis, negotiating with John L. Lewis regarding the possibilities of relief for District 18, miners. Immediate relief is urgently needed as there are some non-union fields out with the union miners, and to hold these miners, and to make a successful conclusion to the present strike, immediate distribution of relief is desirable. The miners are determined to stick to the strike, relief or not.

Such is the stand of the miners of Alberta and British Columbia, realizing that not only is their future determined by the stand in this strike, but also the future of the rest of the industrial slaves in this western country. The miners to date have been the main defense, in the attacks of the capitalist class, in their wage reduction offensive.

It is the duty of every member of the working class, to assist the miners of District 18 in their adversity, and help to make this strike a victory, thereby paving the way to greater success for all workers, and the final abolition of this system of exploitation, which permits a small group of men to stand and dictate to over 20,000 men, women and children, the conditions under which they must exist. Canadian and American workers, the miners of Alberta are depending on you, to come to their aid, in saving them from degradation and misery.

N. Y. Taxi Drivers Win Fight Against Mogul Checker Cab

(By The Federated Press)
NEW YORK, May 20.—Victory on the industrial and legal front has been won by the union in the New York taxi war. Union recognition, 40 per cent of receipts for day men and 35 per cent for night drivers with half the receipts above \$90 a week, are terms of the new contract with the Mogul Checker Cab Corp., which runs until Nov. 1.

Fleet owners of the Mogul Corp. have withdrawn charges of extortion against officials of the union, the Brotherhood of Taxi Chauffeurs of Greater New York, an independent organization. At the same time the judge exonerated the men.

Painters' Strike Wins Victories In Open Shop L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 20.—The last week of the painters' strike shows a big gain. A few more members of the bosses' association settled with the union and are employing union men. A good number of them are conferring with the representatives of the strike committee, with very good prospects for a satisfactory settlement.

The stand taken by the association from the start was a flat refusal even to meet any representative of the union. As the strike was progressing they had to change their attitude. Conferences are now being held daily with individual members of the association. The only issue in the controversy is the "open shop" question.

A vigorous organization campaign is being conducted. Many new members are joining the union every day. A conference of 19 Jewish organizations was organized in Boyle Heights to organize and control public opinion in support of the striking painters. This conference is now very active in raising funds for the strikers.

The striking machinery is in good order and works harmoniously. The confidence of the membership shown to their strike committee is wonderful. The fighting spirit of the strikers is splendid.

Methodists Dodge on War.
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 20.—The "anti-war" resolution of the committee on state of church of the Methodist Episcopal General conference, has been cast aside and a special committee authorized to deal with the question, it was announced this afternoon.

The resolution, adopted by the state church, was to have been presented to the general conference today.

NEW YORK ORGANIZES UNITED FARMER-LABOR PARTY; JOINS IN NATIONAL MOVEMENT, JUNE 17

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 20.—The United Farmer-Labor Party of New York was organized here yesterday at the state convention called by the Federated Farmer-Labor Party of New York and the Buffalo Labor Party. The platform and program of the national Farmer-Labor Party was endorsed, including the convention at St. Paul to be held June 17th.

Representatives of organized labor, workers' fraternal organizations and farmers' granges participated in the convention and enthusiastically rallied to the cry for independent political action.

FIRST PICNIC OF SEASON TO BE HELD MAY 30TH

Plan To Visit Graves Of Labor Martyrs

The coming joint picnic on May 30th of the T. U. E. L. and the Y. W. L. at Altenheim Grove, Forest Park, holds a double attraction for the militants and youth who will gather at this first major social affair of the year.

Besides the opportunity presented for sport and diversion, the militant workers and youth can make this a revolutionary pilgrimage to the graves of the pioneers of the movement for the eight-hour day in the United States. In the cemetery across the road from the picnic grove lie the bodies of Spies, Parsons and other victims of the Haymarket Riot's gallant fighters in the class struggle to whom the militants and youth of the T. U. E. L. are the logical successors.

Many of those coming to this yearly re-union of Chicago's radicals will be pleased to take advantage of this double reason for attendance.

Your Union Meeting

- Third Wednesday, May 21, 1924.
- | No. | Name of Local and place of Meeting |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 38 | Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 1564 N. Robey St. |
| 179 | B. & S. I. W., Stone Derrick, 180 W. Washington St. |
| 131 | Belt Line Federation, 62nd and Halsted. |
| 2 | Block and Clay, Village Hall, Lansing. |
| 10 | Carpenters, Western and Lexington. |
| 242 | Carpenters, 5443 S. Ashland Ave. Forest. |
| 250 | Carpenters, Blacker's Hall, Lake Forest. |
| 643 | Carpenters, 180 W. Washington St. |
| 1693 | Carpenters, 505 S. State St. |
| 1784 | Carpenters, 1538 Halsted St. H. Felling, Rec. Sec'y., 2253 Grace St., Irving 7597. |
| 1922 | Carpenters, 6414 S. Halsted St. |
| 2289 | Carpenters, 113 S. Ashland Blvd. Carvers (Wood), 1619 N. California Avenue. |
| 14 | Cigar Makers, 215 S. Ashland Blvd., 730 p. m. |
| 798 | Electricians, 127 N. Francisco Ave. Engineers, So. Chicago, 11405 Michigan. |
| 2 | Firemen's Assn., 159 N. State St., 2 p. m. |
| 451 | Firemen and Enginemen, 9118 Commercial Ave. Hod Carriers, District Council, 814 W. Harrison St. |
| 10 | Janitors (Mun.), Kedzie and Belmont. |
| 5 | Ladies' Garment Workers, 328 W. Van Buren St. |
| 366 | Machinists, 818 W. 55th St. |
| 478 | Machinists, 3802 W. Madison St. |
| 830 | Machinists, 1182 Milwaukee Ave. |
| 515 | Maintenance of Way, 5324 S. Halsted St. |
| 23 | Marine Cooks, 357 N. Clark St. |
| 22 | Molders, 2802 W. Madison St. |
| 54 | Painters, Sherman and Main Sts., Evanston, Ill. |
| 624 | Painters, 130 W. Washington St. |
| 893 | Painters, Moose Hall, La Grange. |
| 972 | Painters, Odd Fellows Hall, Blue Island. |
| 5 | Plasterers, 910 W. Monroe St. |
| 18653 | Poultry and Game, 200 Water St. |
| 346 | Railway Clerks, 165 W. Washington St. |
| 225 | Railroad Trainmen, 812 W. 59th St. |
| 900 | Railroad Trainmen, 64th and University. |
| 931 | Railroad Trainmen, 159 N. State Street, 1:30 p. m. |
| 73 | Sheet Metal, 714 W. Harrison St. |
| 723 | Teamsters (Soda), 220 S. Ashland Blvd. |
| 733 | Teamsters, 220 S. Ashland Ave. |
| 769 | Teamsters, 6359 S. Ashland Ave. |
| 8 | Wall Paper Crafters, Chicago and Western Aves. |

(Note: Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are at 8 p. m.)

"Dennie" Helps Bootlegger.

"Injunction" Judge "Dennie" Sullivan, who has been especially vicious against the striking garment workers of the city, doesn't mind issuing injunctions to the owners of suspicious restaurants and hotels. His latest is an injunction against the police interfering with the business of Roy Rush's restaurant at 115 North Wells street.

This "feed horse" has been the hangout of gangsters and the more "elite" bootleggers, but Rush claims that he has reformed it now and wants the police to get over their bad habits of raiding his place. Judge Sullivan was glad to assist.

Killer Escapes Joliet.

JOLIET, Ill., May 20.—Posses scoured the country surrounding Joliet for Harrison King, murderer, who escaped from state's prison here.

AMALGAMATED FLAYS ENEMIES OF FOREIGN BORN

Exposes Scab Purpose Of Immigration Laws

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, May 20.—In striking contrast to conventions which allow Secretary James J. Davis to speak from a labor platform, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America—at the convention just ended—made the following declaration against the finger-printing and strike-breaking conspiracies now being carried thru under the guise of "selective immigration." The resolution reads:

Whereas, America has been traditionally an asylum for the oppressed and persecuted in their countries; Whereas, the immigrant workers in this country have helped make America what it is and have, thru their great labor organizations, raised the standards of living for the workers in this country;

Registration of Workers.
Whereas, there is proposed legislation, providing for the registration, photographing and fingerprinting of non-citizens, which violates every cherished ideal upon which this government was founded. Whereas, such proposed legislation, if enacted into law, will impose upon this country a system more disgraceful than the Prussia of the Hohenzollerns ever knew, and will compel non-citizen-workers to act as strike-breakers against citizen-workers, be it

Emphatic Protest.
Resolved, that the Sixth Biennial Convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, representing 150,000 workers, protests emphatically against all immigration restriction legislation and denounces the attempt to place the non-citizen workers in a status of criminals as a denial of the elementary principles of decency and justice, an insult to the intelligence of the American people, and a menace to the welfare of American labor, and be it further

Resolved, that we authorize the General Executive Board to cooperate in all efforts to liberalize the immigration laws and prevent the shameful alien registration legislation from being inflicted upon this country.

Burns Will Go to Europe.
Raymond J. Burns, crown prince of stool pigeons and "framers," will take charge of the destinies of the Burns detective agency when the "king"—W. J. himself—goes to Europe for a vacation, he announced yesterday. Officially the "king" has not been running his agency while in charge of the bureau of investigation of the D. of J., but the I. W. W. has proven that he was really directing it in spite of his loud denials.

The "crown prince" was loud in his praise of his father's work as head of the bureau of investigation of the D. of J. That makes two friends Burns has—his son and Daugherty.

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Russian Crops Gaining.
MOSCOW, May 20.—The representative of the People's Commissariat of Agriculture has officially reported to the State Planning Commission that the area under winter crops has increased nearly by six per cent, while the sown area of spring crops—by nine per cent, as compared with last year's. This will make the total sown area in Russia proper about eighty per cent of the pre-war dimensions. The harvest forecast for the whole of the Union of Soviet Republics, is fairly favorable.

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Under the Kept Pencil

If workers only knew just how the news of labor's activities is treated by the kept pencils of the copy readers in capitalist newspaper offices, they would turn in disgust from the yellow press.

The DAILY WORKER, therefore, takes considerable pleasure in reproducing an excellent insight into the practices of the yellow press as it appeared in "The Week," a convention publication that appeared during the recent gathering of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, at Philadelphia.

The convention reporter evidently worked up a fairly good story, for a capitalist sheet. But then the slaughtering began. "Kill" is the newspaper term for striking out. Stuff marked "kill" is not wanted. It is to be discarded. And the news of the "Amalgamated" convention certainly fell under the copy reader's pencil, like other labor news.

HOW LABOR NEWS IS KILLED

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America... their Sixth Biennial Convention at Whitehouse Hall, Philadelphia, on Monday May 12th to 16th 1924...

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and tricks to give its readers, principally the city readers, the workers, a dangerously erroneous impression of the situation. The Tribune would have the world believe that there is a "buyers' strike among the farming masses of the section of the country, that the poor farmers constituting the overwhelming majority of the rural population, are simply refusing to buy and that this "strike" is having its disastrous effect on factory employment and wages.

This analysis, if we may call it such in spirit of generosity, is wrong from beginning to end. The farmers are ceasing to buy, not out of their own desires, but out of cruel necessity. For years the agricultural industry of the country has been going from bad to worse. Slowly but surely the savings of the farmers, the small savings earned during the war-prosperity, have been disappearing.

When the Tribune speaks of the inability of the farmers to buy back even as much of their produce as they did yesterday it is misleading the workers. This is simply another attempt on the part of this loyal servant of the big capitalist interests to pit the workers and farmers against each other and to prevent their uniting against their common capitalist enemy.

Lessons In Democracy

We acknowledge our thanks to the National Security League. For once this organization of watchdogs of the capitalist class has rendered service potentially useful to the workers. Of course, the achievement was unpremeditated and has a totally different object than the lessons that can be drawn from it.

The National Security League has just published the findings of an investigation captioned "Government By Default." This survey is primarily a statistical statement based on the election results of 1922.

We gather from these findings that democracy, capitalist democracy in practice, is completely devoid of one of its most advertised blessings. The proponents and champions of pure democracy, as we know it today, under capitalism, have always maintained that this institution accurately reflects the desires and opinions of the entire population.

First of all, we are told that most of the thirty-three states investigated show considerably less than 60 per cent of the possible voters participating. In Pennsylvania, dominated by the steel and coal trusts, Senators Reed and Pepper were elected by about 18 per cent of these eligible to vote.

The bankruptcy of capitalist democracy as an organ for the expression of the wants of the working and farming classes becomes even more painfully clear when one considers some additional features of this system. The fact that the rural and city masses are compelled to vote away from the places of their employment and as an amorphous mass only aggravates the confusion of the issues and makes it impossible for them to view the situation as it really is, on a class basis.

The control of the press, the moving pictures, the theatre, the schools, the church, and sundry other organs of information and misinformation by the employing class, tends to blight the efficacy of the present system of suffrage still more. Add to that the fact of the government machinery, the financial and industrial power, the legal capacity to restrict and limit suffrage and the ownership of the workers' jobs being all in the hands of the capitalist class and you have a picture of the utter inadequacy of the capitalist democratic system as an organ of working and farming class expression in their conflict with the exploiters.

The findings of the National Security League afford excellent propaganda material for the class conscious workers. They present indisputable, authoritative evidence of the hollowness of the principal claims made for the preservation of capitalist democracy and its superiority over the Soviet system based on the mass organizations of the workers and farmers which enables every worker and farmer to vote as a functioning, useful, economic unit in his industry and through his employment.

Communism will abolish all wars thru eliminating the cause of war; capitalism perpetuates war because it carries within itself the seeds of new wars.

Ralph Chaplin's Book of Heroes

By ART SHIELDS.

Ralph Chaplin, whose battle songs of the West Virginia miners furnished inspiration to the readers of the old International Socialist Review ten years ago, deals with another dramatic story of the class war in the Centralia Conspiracy, just reissued in greatly amplified form by the Defense Committee.

The armed defense of the loggers' union hall against the Lumber Trust's white guard is a theme that Chaplin does justice to as probably no one else could. The author was one of the first investigators on the scene after the battle and by revolutionary temperament and artistic insight he was qualified to tell the story with color and power.

There is a magnificent militancy running thru the 144 pages of Chaplin's book, without any straining after effect. The story tells itself. It would have been easy for another writer, seeking to avoid the sickly apologies of liberalism, to have veered over into a penny-dreadful style. Not so with Chaplin. The battle of Centralia and the class war background behind it had been stamped into his heart and mind in the weeks that he spent going over the ground, while the White Terror was still rampant.

Chaplin is a poet and artist but he is also one of the boys. In fact he is first of all one of the boys. And he tells the story of the Centralia fellow workers in this book just as he would be talking to an audience of lumber workers—which in fact he is doing, for the book will have its largest sale in the logging camps of the northwest.

Wesley Everest's Last Stand.

We hear the wobbles discussing the coming raid.

"I hope to Jesus nothing happens," said the secretary.

"Wesley Everest laid down his few unrolled papers, rolled a brown paper cigarette and smiled enigmatically over the empty seats in the general direction of the new One Big Union label on the front window. His closest friends say he was never afraid of anything in his life."

"Torn and defiant as a wind lashed reed, "Wounded, he faced you as he stood at bay," begins Chaplin's great sonnet to Wesley Everest.

It was a hero's death that is described in the prose narrative—Everest's last stand on the banks of the Chelalis River. The hall had been raided. Three Legionnaires bit the dust. The mass of invaders broke thru bent on lynching the union men inside. Everest who ran outside, drew the fire on himself and saved the lives of his comrades.

"Having kept off his pursuers thus far the boy started boldly for the comparative security of the opposite shore, splashing the water violently as he waded out into the stream. . . Suddenly Everest seemed to change his mind and began to retrace his steps to the shore. Here he stood dripping wet in the tangled grasses to await the arrival of the mob bent

on his destruction. Everest had lost his hat and his wet hair stuck to his forehead. His ammunition was nearly gone. Eye witnesses declare his face still wore a quizzical half-bantering smile when the mob overtook him. With his pistol held loosely in his rough hand Everest stood at bay, ready to make a last stand for his life."

Dale Hubbard, nephew of the lumber king who organized the mob, falls dead. Bullets gone, Everest battles with fists. The mob's fury vents itself on him. A gun barrel knocks his teeth out. A rope is thrown over him. "You fellows haven't got guts enough to lynch a man in the daytime," ejaculates Everest "torn and defiant."

The night of torture and terror in the jail; the emasculation and lynching from Chehalis Bridge is told as only a strong man, wrung with the outrage of it, could tell it. This is the chapter of the Centralia story that must be told and retold, lest we forget.

A White Guard Leader.

"Tell the boys I died for my class," were Everest's last words as he was dragged out to mutilation and death.

Likewise the four white guard leaders who were shot down in the raid against the workers' hall died for their class—the employing class. This was recognized last summer by the late President Harding in one of his last official acts when he laid a wreath on the memorial to the four slain Legionnaires, near Centralia.

Chaplin's picture of the commander of the Centralia post of the Legion, for whose death Wesley Everest's comrades were convicted, would fit many a young White Guard leader:

"Warren O. Grimm came from a good family and was a small town aristocrat. Grimm was a lawyer, a college athlete and social lion. He had been with the American forces in Siberia and his chief bid for distinction was a noisy dislike for the Workers' and Peasants' Republic of Russia, and the I. W. W. which he termed the "American Bolsheviks."

During the 1918 raid on the Centralia hall Grimm is said to have been dancing around "like a whirling dervish" and waving the American flag while the work of destruction was going on. Afterwards he became prominent in the American Legion and was the chief cat's paw for the lumber interests who were capitalizing the uniform to gain their own unholy ends. Personally he was a clean-cut modern young man."

Chaplin sketches the social background to Armistice Day, 1919, in clear cut strokes: The millions of fir and cedar trees "straight and majestic, with green and foam flecked streams purling here and there at their feet;" the lumber monopoly that stole this magnificent domain from the people; the lumberjacks who toiled 10 and 12 hours daily until their rebellious unionism won them some few of the good things of life and the hatred of their masters, with its culmination at Centralia.

"The lumberjack," says Chaplin, "... is the perfect proletarian type—

possessionless, homeless, rebellious. . . But as wage earners go, he is not the common but the uncommon type both as regards physical strength and cleanliness and mental alertness. He is generous to a fault and has all the qualities Lincoln and Whitman loved in men."

A Rebel Portrait Gallery.

So Ralph Chaplin says in the opening pages but he is too accurate an artist to see the individual I. W. W. loggers with whom this Centralia drama deals as "types." Each is reflected in his individual contour and light and shade. There is old Mike Sheehan, 64 at the time of the raid, born in Ireland and a stoker in the navy during the Spanish-American war who became a woodsman only in his later years; Eugene Barnett and his sweetheart wife, who had gone into the timber game just to get some money to prove up his Idaho claim; Ray Becker, educated for the ministry; having "the zeal of a prophet and the courage of a lion;" O. C. "Commodore" Iland, the father of seven children and John Lamb, the father of five; James McInerney, whose neck was stretched all night by a rope while the inquisitors tried to make him turn stool pigeon; Britt Smith, hall secretary, 20 years a logger, who slept in the hall and watched it night and day; Bert Bland, one of the men who was posted on Seminary Hill during the fight; Loren Roberts, the unfortunate youth whose mind flew away during the night of torture and Bert Faulkner who was involved in the affair by accident; Tom Morgan, moral weakling who succumbed to the luke and turned stool pigeon as Rad Ike Brewer, one of the defenders of Matewan with Sid Hatfield.

Elmer Smith.

Elmer Smith stands in a still more individual light. Not that he is not heart and soul for their cause now as he was when he visited their hall and gave them the legal advice that they had a constitutional right to defend themselves. But because Elmer Smith is a revolutionist without the wage slave background. He is a lawyer—still a member of the Washington bar in spite of the conspiracy by lumber interests to disbar him—but so genuine a comrade of the boys in jumpers that not one of them would think of calling him anything but "Elmer." And physically he is a powerful giant who could give almost any lumberjack a tussle tho he insists he would not like to go up against tough old Mike Sheehan.

The legal analysis of the case is explained with more convincing detail than it has been explained before but this side of the case is of more importance to the outsider than it is to the rebel who is for the Centralia boys because they had the guts to fight back against the employers' gangsters and to inflict such a signal lesson that such raiding has ceased in the northwest.

After all, as Walt Whitman says: "How futile are all arguments before a defiant deed!"

The Centralia Conspiracy, published by the General Defense Committee, 1001 W. Madison street, Chicago, Ill. Price, 50 cents.

AS WE SEE IT

A nice little civil war is raging within the ranks of the Italian Fascisti. There are two main divisions, one called the "Savages" and the other "Legalists." The head of the "Legalists" is an old friend of Mussolini and one of the 52 original founders of the Black Shirts. It seems that he is getting tired of the bloodthirsty organization and editorially criticized the acts of violence perpetrated by the Mussolini heroes. For this his life was threatened by the "Savages" and Mussolini who was away on a political fence-building mission was compelled to return and settle the dispute. He did that by having the "Legalists" expelled from the Fascist. It would not be surprising to see the two factions resort to arms in defense of their respective ambitions.

John Fitzpatrick has released all members of his Farmer-Labor Party from all obligations to cast their ballots for its candidates in the coming elections. While this looks at first sight like an act of generosity, we learn that there are no candidates running on this party's ticket and still more important, the party is placed in storage for the summer months. Whether it is ever destined to be separated from the moth balls again is a matter for profitless conjecture, but experience proves that political parties, unlike good wine do not improve in splendid isolation away from the maddening hustle and bustle of this topsy-turvy and complicated world, particularly when not even exercised occasionally.

Billy Sunday raves against sinners who refuse to come to Jesus but persist in living on this wicked earth, yet when fortune rapped at his door in the form of a rambunctious kidney, instead of letting the said kidney send him on his upward journey to see his heavenly mail ticket, the Rev. Sunday took a special train to Rochester to bring the offending organ back to normalcy. Rather remarkable what an aversion our preachers have to going to heaven when they are given a sporting chance. "Nearer my God to Thee" means nothing to them except a hymn chanted for the benefit of their pocketbooks.

Among the organizations listed in the All-American Conference to combat radical propaganda we find the American Federation of Labor, The American Defense Society, Hebrew Sheltering Immigrant Society, Knights of Columbus, National Catholic Welfare Council, etc. Rabbis, priests, labor fakers, capitalists and stool pigeons are joined together in an unholy alliance against the working class. This outfit claims to represent 20,000,000 Americans. But outside of a letterhead and Mr. Whitney of the American Defense Society the heterogeneous collection of mental fossils who compose most of those organizations have as much influence on the course of human events as the Three Tailors of Tooley Street had on the history of England.

It is rumored in Washington that the impetus for the "united front" of these organizations comes from the "Ohio Gang" of grafters who attached themselves to the Harding administration and clung to Coolidge after Harding's death. While Daugherty was at his post Mr. Whitney and his stool pigeons had easy pickings out what with publicity and the need for political maneuvering Coolidge was obliged to dump the finks along with Daugherty and Burns. This compelled Whitney to do some real panhandling. The result is the calling together of a fake conference. The National Security League, The American Defense Society and other such organizations are in the business of jacking up the patriotism of the people of this country simply for the "jack" they can scare out of the bosses. Lately the latter have been tightening up their wallets and after the exposures in Washington it is not unlikely that a patriotic panhandler may have to show some real results before he succeeds in attaching some of the bankers' dough to himself.

This is a splendid labor movement we have, is it not? The American Federation of Labor in league with the most contemptible gang of scoundrels in existence. Gompers works hand in hand with the Department of Justice. Whitney, Gompers, Burns, Daugherty, Fred Marvin of the New York Commercial, the Socialist Party and the Jewish Daily Forward worked hand in hand against the radicals among the American labor organizations. What one of them missed the others provided. If Burns failed to pick up some story about Soviet Russia, Gompers or the Socialist Party supplied it. But they have fallen on evil days. In spite of their worst, Soviet Russia is forging ahead and the nations of Europe who were so impudent a few years ago are today practically begging Russia to do business with them. This is sad news for the American stool pigeons, but the worst is yet to come.

Attempt to Revive "Review." SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Attempts to revive The Illinois Industrial Review which suspended four weeks ago for lack of adequate support are unsuccessful so far. The paper, which was edited by Duncan McDonald, supported the opposition to the administration group in the Illinois Mine Workers' union.

Repulse Attack on International Workers' Aid

INFORMATION has reached the Committee for International Workers' Aid here that the Social Democratic leaders of Germany are planning a general attack on the International Workers' Relief Committee, of which the Committee for International Workers' Aid is the American branch. The coming of this attack was indicated as far back as two months ago at the congress of the Executive Committee of the Second International held in Luxembourg on February 15 to 17, when a veritable assault was made upon the International Workers' Relief Committee by the German Social Democratic leader, Adolph Brauns.

A circular letter has been sent out by the General Federation of German Trade Unions, which is controlled by the Social Democrats for all its local branch organizations stating that the International Workers' Relief Committee is a Communist organization and that "authentic" material about this organization is being gathered.

150 Committees at Work. The real reason for the hostility of the Social Democratic leaders is the phenomenal sudden growth of the In-

ternational Workers' Relief Committee, which has succeeded in establishing 150 new committees all over Germany, uniting a considerable group of trade unions and other workers' organizations. This development, the Social Democratic leaders consider a menace against their own position and they are preparing all kinds of plots against the International Workers' Relief Committee, including misstatements, garbled police reports a year old, "documents" which have been unsuccessfully used before.

The International Workers' Relief Committee has been giving medical relief to workers, has been constantly opening new soup kitchens, has been feeding the hungry, has provided milk for infants, has opened more and more nurseries, has cared for needy children, has provided for invalids, widows and orphans, has supplied aid for unemployed and striking workers. Thru this immense relief work the International Workers' Relief Committee has been keeping up the stamina of the working class of Germany in its resistance against the onslaughts of the capitalist class. The Social Democrats who are the lackeys of

the capitalist class want to break the power of resistance of the working class and one means for doing this is to fight the International Workers' Relief Committee. The Social Democrats do not want to be behind the extreme reactionaries of Germany such as the monarchist government of Bavaria, which has been arresting relief workers and seizing money collected by the International Workers' Relief Committee.

French Workers Pledge Aid. The Social Democrats are especially incensed over the tremendous success of the congress of the German section of the International Relief Committee in Berlin on March 16, where, besides the delegates from all over Germany, there were representatives of many countries, including Camille Salles from Paris, who brought the assurance of solidarity from the French workers in spite of the imperialist Poincare government.

The Committee for International Workers' Aid, the American branch of the International Workers' Relief Committee is making every effort to speed up its part of the world-wide campaign for the relief of the suffering and battling working class of Germany.

RUSSIAN-JAPANESE TREATY IS EXPECTED SOON AS RESULT OF OFFICIAL PEKING CONVERSATIONS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TOKIO, Japan, May 20.—Russia and Japan seem to be nearing diplomatic negotiations thru the conversations carried on between L. M. Karakhan and Ambassador Yoshizawa, the official representatives of their respective nations at Peking, China. Both men have been given power to frame a treaty between the two nations if they can agree upon an adjustment of the points of difference between their respective governments.

Recognition of Soviet Russia is the chief obstacle to immediate formal treaty negotiations. The Vladivostok imprisonment incident, the Nokolevsk massacre, and the Japanese interference in the island of Sakhalin are matters that are being carefully considered by the Japanese and Rus-



The Poor Fish says: The country will feel terribly unprotected now that Daugherty and Burns are out. The only people who will be glad are the reds and these common people who have nothing that is worth stealing.