

# ELECTRIC TRUST ENSLAVES GIRLS

## Workers Say the Real Story Is Not Yet Told

### WESTERN ELECTRIC ATTEMPTS TO STOP DAILY WORKER EXPOSE THRU ARREST OF INVESTIGATOR

Alarmed at the startling exposures in the DAILY WORKER of the non-union, low-wage, speed-up system used by the Western Electric management, the Cicero police were called to the aid of the company and arrested Karl Reeve, reporter for the DAILY WORKER, while he was distributing leaflets at the 22nd Street gate of the plant.

Reeve, who worked inside the Western Electric plant gathering the information which proved the Western Electric to be among the worst slave-driving low-wage concerns in the country, was arrested by A. Borg, plainclothes dick, apparently on the charge of distributing leaflets without a permit.

### 25,000 GIRLS DRIVEN IN HUGE NON-UNION SHOP

### Investigator Tells What He Found in Plant

Over 25 thousand girls and women work in the Western Electric Company plant at Hawthorne. Their average wages range from 15 to 18 dollars a week. The girls make this money by the most intense kind of speeding under the piece work system.

On the morning of July 8, several hours before I was given a job in the process inspection department, I walked past the guards and thru many of the departments in the plant. I stopped in many of the departments and talked with the girls.

The Western Electric is managed under a highly specialized system for producing standard parts. Whereas Ford has only a few thousand parts to his "flyovers," there are over 100,000 standard parts to the telephone apparatus and switchboards manufactured in the Hawthorne plant.

The big Hawthorne plant covers 207 acres, with 30 entrances, scores of departments and many buildings. There are also scores of bosses—an average

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Russian Ships on Schedule.  
MOSCOW, May 12.—According to information received by the State Commercial Fleet, in view of the progress of trade in the south, regular freight and passenger steamship service is being established between Odessa and Constantinople. The steamers will make the trips three times monthly.

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## Western Electric Talks of Loyalty

While the Western Electric management talks to new employees about loyalty to the company, it is running on a cold-blooded basis of the cheapest possible labor with the greatest possible production.

Men who have been with the company for years are given no consideration whatever when it comes to hiring young high school and college men at a cheap wage and firing the old employees.

The Western Electric plant is full of young men who work about a year until they learn that the bunk peddled by their bosses about the chance for promotion is not getting them a higher wage. Then they quit, and a new squad of suckers is brought in.

The employees consist of from twenty-five to thirty thousand unskilled girls who do the dirty work for from 15 to 18 dollars a week, and eight thousand straw bosses who draw only a slightly higher salary for keeping the girls at their tasks. In the article in this issue, the DAILY WORKER reporter, who spent several days going over the plant and working in it as a straw boss, tells about the conditions under which the girls work and what the straw bosses think of their workers.

In the next issue the DAILY WORKER reporter will tell how the men are treated by the employment department when they come job hunting, and how the DAILY WORKER reporter was drafted into the Western Electric army of cheap labor as a boss in the inspection department.

### SIDE-SHOWS LOSE TO DAILY WORKER AT ELECTRIC SHOP

### Western Electric Co. Workers Eat It Up

The regular "side shows" that go on across from the Western Electric Hawthorne plant, lost their fight for the workers' attention yesterday. At noon and at night the DAILY WORKER "newsies" captured the crowds of workers.

Everyone was buying the DAILY WORKER to see what the first big "inside" story on the Western Electric was. Greedily they grabbed it up and then turned to laugh at the campaign of the Poor Fish for vice-president.

DAILY WORKER Beats Dope. The stolid Indian kept on trying to hand out his yellow ads for "Wi-No-Na, the great Indian cure-all," for sale at Dubb's Drug Store. But the Western Electric workers were reaching for pennies to get their copies of the DAILY WORKER.

The cowboy squatting in a side street trying to demonstrate some other fake device, lost his following when the DAILY WORKER came on the scene.

The radio magazine went begging after the DAILY WORKER arrived. The DAILY WORKER "newsies" outshouted the salesman.

Who wanted to look at shoe samples or cloth samples and be fooled into paying down the first installment on a suit that never would arrive? The DAILY WORKER was there, and the workers wanted to "read all about the Western Electric for three cents."

Workers Show Sense. A soap-box railing against the two old oil-soaked parties had quite a crowd—until he sprang his book on economics and then all the Western Electric workers around him got practical and bought the DAILY WORKER for three cents instead of the faker's book for \$8.

Even the hot-dog man bought the DAILY WORKER.

And this is only the beginning. The Western Electric workers, judging by their eagerness to get the paper, are going to follow up each day the splendid articles which our special investigator is writing on Western Electric.

### STATE BLAMES KLAN AND ANTIS FOR MURDER RIOT

### Trial Will Go Over Into Next Week

EBENSBURG, Pa., June 12.—The state probably will conclude its testimony late today in the trial of 44 men, most of them members of the Ku Klux Klan, who are charged with murder and inciting a riot at Lilly.

The state has presented 68 witnesses in attempting to prove that the 44 men caused the trouble which ended in the street riot. Some 20 other witnesses have been summoned by the state, but they probably will not be asked to testify.

The trial will continue over to next week, as the defense has called 100 witnesses.

Angell Can't Grace Occasion. NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 12.—President James Rowland Angell, of Yale University, has suffered a nervous breakdown and will be unable to take part in the school's commencement exercises.

### OHIO FINNISH BRANCH PICNICS SUNDAY FOR DAILY WORKER BENEFIT

(Special to the DAILY WORKER.)  
CONNEAUT, Ohio, June 12.—The Finnish Branch of the Workers Party, will hold a great picnic next Sunday, June 15, for the benefit of the DAILY WORKER, at Branches Picnic Grounds, the corner of Lake Road and Wright Ave. Everyone is invited to come and have the best time ever, and help the DAILY WORKER spread its gospel to the workers and farmers of this country.

### LOOK!

Aren't These the Handsome  
Boys of Wall Street Who  
Ran the Coolidge Show at  
Cleveland?

Pictures Specially Drawn for the  
DAILY WORKER by Robert  
Minor.



Temporary Chairman Theodore E. Burton.

HE HELPS THE RICH



Here's Mr. Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury, who'll help you with your income tax, IF YOU ARE RICH. He's richer than Rockefeller.

ONLY REPORTER NOW



Just a reporter by the name of William Jennings Bryan.

Fascist K. K. K. Fail to Stop Showing of "Russia, Germany" CANNONBURG, Pa., June 12.—Workers of Cannonburg saw the motion picture film, "Russia and Germany, a Tale of Two Republics," despite attempted mobbing by Klan members. The owners of the theater donated \$25 to relief of German children in protest against the Klan tactics.

### STAHL ASSAILS JENSEN FOR NOT ORGANIZING CITY

### Saturday Daily Worker is Featuring Election

Chicago carpenters tomorrow are holding the most important annual union election they have held in years.

Twenty-five thousand members of the brotherhood will come down to their local halls and choose a president of the Chicago district council for the coming year.

Frank Stahl of Local No. 13, a carpenter working at the trade, is challenging the regime of Harry Jensen, the present incumbent, who has failed to organize the thousands of carpenters working under the scab citizens' committee of the infamous Landis award.

Building Trades Divided. Stahl places the responsibility for the chaos in the Chicago Building Trades council on Harry Jensen. This divided condition has weakened the efforts of building tradesmen, whom the organized employers are fighting.

The carpenters' union is facing a crisis in Chicago. The building boom is coming to an end. Unemployment is looming ahead. If the carpenters delay the organizing of the remaining non-union men they will find their difficulties enormously increased.

Urge Housecleaning Saturday. Jensen, the reactionary, is not pushing the fight against the boss, his opponents charge. Stahl's friends urge a housecleaning at tomorrow's election in the interest of the union.

The DAILY WORKER, in Saturday's issue, will feature the issues of the carpenters' election. It will give the policies to which Stahl commits himself and will deal with Jensen's record.

### Rochester Clothing Bosses Back Down to Amalgamated

By the Federated Press.  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 12.—Clothing manufacturers employing 18,000 workers in Rochester have withdrawn their demands for wage cuts, according to Max L. Holtz, president of the Rochester Clothiers' exchange. Under the contract with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union, which runs until May, 1925, either side has the right to ask for a wage revision at the end of each year.

Unemployment is a problem in Rochester, as in other men's clothing markets, but the busy season in the industry opens in a few weeks.

### France Sends More Munitions for Use Against Russians

(Special to the Daily Worker.)  
PRAGUE, June 12.—France is sending munitions in steadily to the Polish and Rumanian governments in the rebellious Russian territories occupied by each. Most of the arms are being sent from the Skoda works. The Rumanian premier, M. Bratianu, has proclaimed his intention of going to the July meeting of the Little Entente to explain the difficulties now existing between Rumania, on the one hand, and Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, on the other, over the Russian situation.

### N. Y. Educators Quitting Jobs that Don't Pay Enough

NEW YORK, June 12.—The shortage in substitute public school teachers in New York city is caused by the withdrawal each year of 200 teachers who cannot live on the low wage, according to the Substitute Teachers' association. The association is also protesting against the system of reducing pay of substitutes when they are late, although often they are not notified to report for duty until 15 minutes before school opens.

Bootleggers Insured. DETROIT, Mich., June 12.—Authorities today investigated charges that "bootleggers' insurance" was being sold in Detroit.

### CAL COOLIDGE, WALL STREET'S FAVORITE SON, IS OFFICIALLY NOMINATED AT G. O. P. MEET

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
CONVENTION HALL, CLEVELAND, June 12.—Calvin Coolidge, the strikebreaking governor of Massachusetts and now by the grace of the grim reaper, president of the Real Estate firm of J. P. Morgan et al., was today nominated for the presidency on the oil-soaked Republican platform which will very likely prove his political funeral pyre next November.

The speech that launched Coolidge on his voyage to political extinction was considered by veteran reporters to be the flattest collection of inanities ever hurled at an offending convention. Great as are the crimes of the republican party, and the principal criminals were in the audience, the constitutional provision against cruel and unusual punishment was ignored by Dr. Marion L. Burton, president of Michigan University, as he fulsomely flattered the most inconspicuous nonentity that ever accidentally slipped into the position once occupied by the bourgeois giant Abraham Lincoln.

Burton Talks; Lodge Squirms. While the nominator exhorted hoary oratorical vintage from the days of Mark Anthony, Lodge was seen to squirm in his seat. It is not surprising. After all Lodge is somewhat of a scholar. Listen to this: "To describe him in spoken or written words is quite impossible. Personality defies the rigid barriers of speech. To know any man you must see him. To know this man you must spend time with him. As he himself said of Lincoln: 'The great men of all times baffle all analysis and all description.'"

Reporters cynically grinned at this tommyrot but their pencils scribbled furiously. Readers of their papers will not see their inner thoughts in print. They will find instead flattering references to the fossilized professor who uttered the sterile nonsense about a sterile candidate.

He's Whirling Question Mark. Of course Coolidge baffles description. He is a political note of interrogation, a whirling question mark. Personality—he has none. To know him you must not alone see him but hear him and he hardly ever speaks. When he does he says nothing, because he has nothing to say. When Dr. Burton quoted the president or Lincoln he was advancing an alibi for the artlessness of the president's success in dodging analysis. It is a case of taking nothing from nothing. Nothing remains.

By this time Senator Lodge has bitten deeply into his cane. The old man must have sound teeth. Is he practicing to bite Calvin in the rear during the campaign?

The nominator was now describing "Coolidge, the Man." He is saying, "We have found him to be superbly American. . . . To be an American is to be a member of the human race." A delegate much the better for booze, applauded vigorously and tried to stick his thumbs into his vest pocket.

He was too drunk and put his hands in his hip pocket instead. Having proven Calvin was a member of the human race, the speaker went on. "We know that there is nothing in all the world that can be compared to or should be given in exchange for a human being." By this time all the humorists were crying. They had been licked at their own favorite profession. Instead of making funny cracks at the convention, the funmakers seized copies of the nominating speech and rushed to the nearest telegraph office. "It is funnier than anything I ever wrote," said Ring Lardner.

Too Much for Lodge. "He has unlimited confidence in the people." This was too much for (Continued on page 2.)

### FEDERAL RESERVE BANKING LAW USED TO ROB FARMERS IS SHOWN IN WORKERS PARTY STATEMENT

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
MINNEAPOLIS, June 12.—The Workers Party has issued the following statement to the electors of Minnesota calling attention to the desperate conditions of the farming population and the part played by the United States government in aiding Wall Street to fleece the agricultural producers:  
Hit Federal Reserve System.

Thru the machinations of Wall Street bankers, the United States congress passed a law in 1913, by which the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Board were established. (Continued on page 4)

### FRENCH DARK HORSES RACE TO PRESIDENCY

### Many Politicians Seek Millerand's Job

PARIS, June 12.—Party races in the French republic were held today. Leaders of the left, having driven Alexander Millerand from the Elysee, sought to combine behind a candidate who would be certain of a majority tomorrow.

Paul Painleve's chances still were considered best, but the smooth sailing towards the presidency which appeared to lie before the present president of the chamber was ruffled somewhat today by the attitude of president Doumergue of the senate.

The latter, who has ambitions to be thirteenth president of France, even if elected on Friday the 13th, by the thirteenth legislature, is reserving his decision. This suggested the possibility of his becoming an independent candidate, which would split the senate and chamber voters.

The French franc continued today to improve, touching 18.57 to the dollar in the expectation by traders of a stable government of the left bourgeois faction.

### German Communists Demand Freedom of Jailed Workingmen

BERLIN, June 12.—Practically the first act of the Communist delegation of 62 members of the German reichstag was a bill demanding amnesty for all political prisoners.

To lend weight to their demand, the Communists are making arrangements for deputations and delegations from factories, industrial plants, and especially of the wives of imprisoned men, to flock to the lobbies of the reichstag and to voice their demands.

LONDON, June 12.—The new Japanese cabinet presided over by Premier Kato took its oath of office today and was presented to the Prince Regent, according to a Central News Dispatch from Tokio.

# DOCTORS TELL OF GRAFTING IN MEDICAL TRADE

## "Pig-Head" Politicians Aid Stealing

"The malevolent pigheads who make our laws and the cuckoo executives who veto any beneficial bills that happen to slip thru have got to be taught by severe measures if progressive medical legislation is to get anywhere," said Dr. Allan Nelson, representing the state of California at the meeting of the bureau for medical legislation of the American Medical Association, at 535 North Dearborn St.

"A medical practice law was, by some miracle, forced thru the last session of the California legislature. Powerful lobbies of quacks and of groups benefited by the practice of quackery effected a quick combination, with the result that the bill was vetoed."

Provincialism and Profiteering. Middle class provincialism and stupidity, combinations of manufacturers who in some way derive profit from disease and suffering, inertia of city and state officials, red tape procedure, in whose tangles bills get lost, and "politicians" are the factors responsible for the standstill to which medical legislation has been brought, for the fact that, as Dr. W. H. Woodward of Chicago said in his introductory address, medical legislation is "as far on the road today as it was when this bureau met for the first time in 1921."

Here are a few of the "accomplishments" which these forces have brought about within the past year:

### Legislators Bought.

Bought legislators in New York state caused the failure of a medical practice act, providing for means of securing and presenting evidence against fakers. Immense sums of money spent by lobbyists were responsible. Attempts to take prosecution in such cases out of the hands of the dishonest district attorneys and to turn it over to impartial agencies were defeated. Anti-riviviscation laws, which would have put a stop to experimentation of any sort on any animal, barely escaped passage.

Christian Scientists and members of other religious and semi-religious cults worked to secure the passage of anti-vaccination laws in Denver. A terrific outbreak of smallpox was the only thing that prevented their success.

### Circus Grafters.

"Criminal negligence," was the way in which Dr. Woodward expressed himself when he asked for his opinion of the passage of Barnes' circus beasts across the borders of Arizona during the time of the epidemic of hoof and mouth disease.

Physicians who use their diplomas as a means of entrance into the bootlegging profession were denounced by the house of delegates of the American Medical Association yesterday. Promiscuous prescriptions of liquor and the self-administered drug treatment of addicts were vigorously denounced in resolutions acted upon by the house.

### Negro Housing Segregation.

"For the Negro, health problems are badly complicated by the discriminations which he meets in trying to find suitable quarters," said Dr. Henry H. Boone, Negro physician of Chicago's south side. "Wherever conditions are crowded there is sure to be poor sanitation and an increase of disease. Negroes are hard hit by discrimination such as is practiced in nearly all of our large cities."

### Federated Gains in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, June 12.—Farmer-Labor party advocates, including former members of the quiescent Farmer-Labor party of the United States, are enrolled in the Cincinnati local of the Federated Farmer-Labor party. A. J. Feldhaus is secretary.

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# "One Big Family"

By EARL R. BROWDER.

The Western Electric Company has been forced to take notice of THE DAILY WORKER exposures of their methods of exploitation of the workers.

Like all institutions of the capitalist class, it falls back upon two mainstays of the system—force and fraud.

Force—the police are called in to prevent THE DAILY WORKER from reaching the Western Electric slaves. Karl Reeve, reporter for THE DAILY WORKER, was arrested yesterday on the request of the corporation tools, to prevent him from handing out bills to the employees.

Fraud—the Western Electric Company is running high-priced advertisements in the capitalist press, in which they describe the slave conditions in its plants as ideal. "The Western Electric people are all one big family," says the advertisement.

"One big family"—thousands of young men and women toil long hours for a miserable wage, to produce the profits that keep a few parasites in idleness.

"One big family"—with a system of industrial espionage, firing and re-hiring in order to reduce "production costs," which means reducing wages and living standards.

"One big family"—where all organization of the workers is strictly forbidden, on pain of dismissal and blacklisting from the industry.

Force and fraud against the workers, is the method of the capitalist class everywhere. So it is also the method of the Western Electric Company.

Organization of the workers, in shop committees and unions where the workers control, where the agents of the bosses are kept outside—this is the only way in which the employes of the Western Electric Company can protect their own interests.

Organization—and education, which makes organization possible and keeps it strong. THE DAILY WORKER is giving the information and education. It is now up to you, workers in the Western Electric Company, to form your organizations.

THE DAILY WORKER is in the battle to the end. Use it to wake up your fellow workers! Use it to keep yourself up-to-date and well-informed! Use it to lay the foundations for a mighty organization of the Western Electric workers!

## TRUST FIGHTS DAILY WORKER

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The lad had been given two sandwiches at his meal hours. He was dependent, as his mother is dying in a sanitarium close to Chicago. This man gave his name and address to the DAILY WORKER reporter, but asked that his mother be not informed, as he felt the news of his ill luck would kill her. "I don't care what they do to me," he said, "just so my family doesn't hear of it."

Reeve gave the lad a dollar and a pack of cigarettes. He was trying to sleep on a hard, narrow wooden shelf swung out from the wall. There were no covers of any kind, and the lad had contracted a severe cold from the previous night's exposure. The narrow cells were ranged along two sides of a dingy room, the rest of which was taken up by the power plant which supplies the water to the town of Cicero.

### Let Old Woman Suffer.

The noise precluded all possibilities of sleep. During the hour stay of the DAILY WORKER reporter, an old drunken woman, who had been arrested on the same corner, was moaning and screaming continually from the cell next to the DAILY WORKER reporter. Altho she was obviously terribly sick, nothing was done for her by the police.

Thomas Myerscough was required to put up \$26 bail, altho he was given a receipt for only \$25. Myerscough demanded a receipt for the other dollar. "That's the fee for approving the bond," said Desk Sergeant H. S.

### Getting Away With a Dollar.

"Who approved the bond?" Myerscough asked.

"I did," the desk sergeant replied. He persistently refused to give Myerscough a receipt for the extra dollar which he charged. The only receipt received by Myerscough was No. 10472, on the official receipt blanks of the Cicero department of police, 2517 South Fifth St. The case will come up at the above address tomorrow morning.

Some of the Cicero policemen told

Reeve that the Western Electric company undoubtedly instigated the arrest. "They are concerned about the articles in the DAILY WORKER, and they are getting tooth and nail to try to keep decent union conditions out of the plant."

### Big Effect of Daily Worker.

The DAILY WORKER articles are being favorably discussed throughout the entire plant. One Western Electric worker told the DAILY WORKER reporter that the bosses in several departments have made speeches trying to counteract the tremendous effect the DAILY WORKER expose of the secrets of the bosses has had upon the men.

Another strong union man, who has been with the Western Electric company for three years, told the DAILY WORKER reporter: "For the first time since I have been with the Western Electric company I find the workers susceptible to organization and wage scale talk. The DAILY WORKER articles have vividly put before the men the true conditions. Now we are able for the first time to go ahead and show them how much higher the standards of wages are in the unionized shops."

## WALL STREET'S SON NOMINATED

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Lodge. "Why, he hasn't faith even in his own crowd," he muttered. " . . . entire confidence of both capital and labor . . . believes in the family. . . . A sigh of relief went up when the speech was finished and the delegates roared their relief.

"Poor Calvin, he is going to his doom like a real martyr," was the general comment.

The humorists may cry over the competition, the old guard may moan over the ghosts of their former greatness, the insurgents from Wisconsin and North Dakota may chuckle over the prospects of having something to spill from the platforms during the election campaigns, but Wall Street knows its man. Behind the candidacy of Calvin Coolidge is the mighty power of American finance and while the money kings will make the best of a bad bargain and accept with the best possible grace, whichever capitalist politician finds his way into the White House after November, Calvin is their favorite son and even if defeated in the coming elections as he is almost sure to be, one must not forget that only recently the Wall Street Journal expressed its dissatisfaction with congress and declared the time was ripe for a Mussolini to lead the blackshirts on Washington.

Wall Street has the men; it has the guns and it has the money, too. Wall Street does not play all its cards on election day.

Makes Sleepy Audience Sleepy. With the aid of several pokes at the expense of the United States, Dr. Marlon Leroy Burton managed to keep a sleepy audience in their chairs while he described the smallest candidate that ever passed the mental tests of the Wall Street political psychologists.

When he got thru by presenting to the convention: "The virile man—the staunch American—the real human being, Calvin Coolidge," the delegates with the exception of 28 delegates from Wisconsin and six from North Dakota, grabbed their banners and marched around the hall singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and other

### HE MADE COOLIDGE



FRANK O. STEARNS. This is the little old guy that "Made Coolidge"—if anybody can make you believe it.

### HARD-BOILED BURTON



This is Theodore E. Burton, who was temporary chairman of the national republican convention at Cleveland. He helped run the Coolidge steamroller.

## WHAT ARE YOUNG REDS? WHO WANTS TO KNOW? EVERYBODY—TONIGHT

"Who and what are the Young Reds?"

Everybody wants to know. All the young people are asking. And here's a chance to find out.

Thomas J. O'Flaherty, the "As We See It" column man of the DAILY WORKER, and Max Schachtman, editor of the Young Worker, are going to tell the world tonight in the biggest mass meeting of young people ever held in the city of Chicago.

Get it straight now: Tonight, Friday, the 13th, (no jinx can stop it), at 8 p. m., in North Side Turner Hall, 820 N. Clark street, near Chicago avenue. Everybody will be there and it won't cost a cent!

If you are a young worker, why don't you belong to the Young Workers' League? That's an organization—well, come tonight and find out all about it and meet the peppy bunch of young people in the city.

### er bloody hymns.

The manner in which the vast audience received Dr. Burton, was remarkable. He had the Coolidge O. K., the delegates were suspicious of him. Scattered applause greeted him. When he finished his speech, the elephants knew he was their man.

### He Does Splendid Job.

He did a splendid job. His task was to explain Coolidge, the unexplainable. He explained something sure enough, and the delegates accepted the explanation. When they threatened to start thinking, he cracked a joke and got them laughing. "What a first-class vaudeville monologist he would make," remarked a reporter.

The puzzle in the White House grew more puzzling as Dr. Burton proceeded to raze the riddle, but he did it in such a way that it was a pleasant surprise to the moth-eaten stuff that was trotted out by the other eulogists. It was the best act on a bum bill.

There was very little excitement as everybody did just about what the dopesters predicted. South Dakota cast ten votes for Hiram Johnson. California did not give him a smile. The total count was Coolidge, 1,165; Johnson, 10; LaFollette, 84. A motion to make the vote for Coolidge unanimous, was carried, but the vote was not unanimous, Wisconsin supplying the "no."

The vice-president is still missing, the convention gossip now favors Kenyon.

## Young Communists' Leader of Breslau Thrown in Frotress

(Special to The Daily Worker.) BERLIN, June 12.—Richard Monden, secretary of the Young Communist League of Breslau, was sentenced by the supreme court for the defense of the republic in Leipzig to one year and six months in a fortress. He was charged with "treason," of course, and the court claimed to make allowance for Monden's "youth and idealism."

## POOR FISH BOOM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY GOES INTO COLLAPSE

By THE POOR FISH.

(Special to the Daily Worker.) CONVENTION HALL, Cleveland O., June 12.—(Just Before the Nominations Were Put Over)—I have had the honor of being the only individual who has openly announced his willingness to accept the assignment of running in the presidential Marathon with Calvin



Coolidge on the Republican ticket. Coolidge may be popular with the bankers and in the primaries, but devotion stops short at being his side kick when the revolver cracks and Wall Street's boys put on their togs for the big race.

For the first time in my fishy political career I have confessed myself in doubt as to the causes for this unwillingness to accept a per-

fectedly kosher task, with few responsibilities. The vice presidency should be the lay man's paradise. It would be the best possible hiding place for a man wanted by the police. Nobody even remembers the vice president's name. I wonder why it never struck Albert B. Fall to take the job. Of course there is very little to sell, but a fellow could keep his eyes open and threaten to squeal unless the hard-working cabinet officers divided the spoils of office.

It just struck me that Coolidge might unload all the crimes of the Republican party on me during the campaign. He did it to congress. Perhaps that accounts for the reluctance of Republicans to run with him. I would not be surprised if he had to make the race all by his lonesome. It is rumored the White House parrot is willing to make the sacrifice for the good of the party, but as Calvin is his only human companion, and the president does not do his thinking out loud, the parrot would make poor copy for the press. But he would be quite satisfactory to the capitalists in case Coolidge dropped dead. He could quote Lincoln and make a reputation for himself.

I am beginning to fear that my candidacy has fallen flat. I know too much. Not for nothing have I been in the company of the great political wizard, Arthur Young, the man who practically brought Harding from obscurity with the aid of Jake Hamon's dollars. Arthur is behind me now—about 900 miles—but there is no Hamon in sight.

My boom has collapsed. The Virginia delegation took the last swig out of my campaign bottle.

## MEXICAN LABOR SUPPORTS CHOICE OF TWO EVILS

### Calles Only Promising But Flores Worse

By E. G. WOLFE.

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent) MEXICO CITY, June 12.—Plutarco Elias Calles is a sure winner in the Mexican presidential election July 6, with the united if not overenthusiastic support of almost all the workers and peasants.

Gen. Calles is supported by the Mexican Federation of Labor, by over 90 per cent of all the peasants, by part of the anarcho-syndicalist workers, part of the railroad workers, by a large part of the bureaucracy who believe he will be elected and wish to preserve their jobs under the new administration. The second candidate, Angel Flores, is the candidate of the large landowners, the employers and the Catholic church.

### Calles Makes Promises.

Calles pledges himself to continue the repatriation of common-lands but more effectively. Under the Obregon government 2,500 villages were given common lands, but this was not followed up with distribution of farm machinery, nor with money to intensify production which means that the handling of the agrarian problem by Obregon was practically a failure. Calles pledges machinery and money. He pledges himself also to encourage investment of capital but to protect the workers. He pledges faithful carrying out of articles 123 and 127 of the Mexican constitution.

However, neither the workers nor the peasants have absolute faith in Calles. But between Flores and Calles the workers and peasants of Mexico cannot hesitate.

### Fair to Both Sides?

Flores pledges himself to protect the big landholders. Flores also believes in the right to strike, but that the workers on strike have no right to prevent other workers from filling their jobs. He pledges excellent concessions to capital; also a more secure position for the Catholic Church.

The Mexican Federation of Labor has a membership of 750,000, all for Calles. The General Confederation (anarcho-syndicalist) has 78,000. Its attitude is anti-political, but it does not control more than 38,000 of these members, so that about 40,000 are pro-Calles. The railroad workers, an independent organization, before the revolution were all practically for de la Huerta, but it is said that more

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than half of its membership is for Calles. Similar conditions exist among the carmen of the capital.

The million active members of the National Peasants' organization can muster 90 per cent of the peasants for Calles; the other 10 per cent are controlled by leaders who have had personal differences with Calles and will swing their constituents away. The only labor organizations opposed to Calles are the Catholic unions (of which there are quite a number in the country) which are controlled by the priests.

### Congress Counts Votes.

With such a lineup Calles' victory would be certain were it not that the congress of Mexico counts the votes. In this congress Calles has not an assured majority, and most of the representatives are quite unscrupulous. In the senate the Calles sympathizers are even fewer than in the house—and to the senate is left the ratification of the election.

It is said that should the house count enough votes to elect Calles, and should the senate ratify, that the landholders will start another revolt to impose Angel Flores. Rumors are current that the large landholders have made preparations in the north of the country, and that is the reason that Obregon has suddenly left the capital to go to Sonora.

### India Plans for Juvenile.

BOMBAY, India, June 12.—The government of Bombay has published its plan for the protection of children and young persons in the form of a bill to be introduced in the Bombay Legislative Council. This bill would create separate courts for children's cases and abolish hanging and transportation as punishment for youthful offenders. It would prevent the sending to prison of any children except those adjudged by the court to be too unruly to benefit by admission to a reformatory school; would introduce a system of probation and also establish industrial schools teaching trades to offenders under 16.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT IN SHARP INCREASE; ANOTHER 100,000 ON N. Y. STREETS

ALBANY, N. Y., June 12.—A reduction of more than 7 per cent in the number of workers employed in the state, showing that more than 100,000 workers were dismissed from the factories during the months of April and May, is the startling condition revealed in the report of Industrial Commissioner Bernard L. Shientag.

"The number of factory workers has now fallen back to where it was two years ago, before the strong upward movement of 1922-23 had begun," said Shientag.

No improvement is noticed, or expected in the immediate future, in the clothing and textile industries, in which the present depression first showed itself. In the May report the metal trades are shown to be suffering likewise, losing decisively in production and employment. The depression is general at this time.

## GREAT CHORUSES FILLED COLISEUM WITH MELODIES

### Singing Societies Hold 75th Celebration

The tremendous ocean of sound from the 8,000 voices of the mixed chorus of the assembled German singing societies of the country, swelling in the strains of the finale of "Die Meistersinger," made a magnificently impressive conclusion to the first program of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Saengerbund and left the Coliseum audience thrilled as it poured out into the perfect spring night.

The other song which most stirred the great crowd was "Du Hirte Israels" (Bortinsky), sung and repeated as an encore by the mixed chorus. The quiet, strong melody filled the ugly building with pure sound beauty.

With 4,000 singing the Tannhauser "Pilgrims' Chorus," the old favorite could not fail to thrill the responsive hearers, nor could the "Hallelujah" from "The Messiah," sung by 3,000 mixed voices.

### Symphony Splendid.

The simple excellence of the Chicago Symphony orchestra, led by Frederick Stock, added a great deal to the pleasure of the evening's offerings, altho the fineness of the opening number from "Die Meistersinger," played by the orchestra, was somewhat lost in the disturbance of late arrivals and unfinished conversations.

Mme. Marie Sundellus, Swedish soprano, and Alexander Kupnis, basso of the Civic opera, were the soloists. By contrast to the perfectly unified volume of the choruses, and because of poor acoustics, the soloists' voices were thin. The unaccompanied male chorus was one of the finest disciplined musical instruments one could wish to hear. The conducting of Wilhelm Reckzeh and of William Boeppler was all that could be desired.

### Dever Has His Word.

The interruption of speeches in the middle may have been necessary, and probably was satisfying to the many visiting Germans, but to the rest it was annoying. The flag display of the various societies meant most to them. The greetings of Mayor Dever may have appealed to some, but one could not but think how his praise of the wholly admirable "great German spirit" as shown in the preservation of the old folk songs by these singing societies would not have pleased the hysterical war maniacs of not so many years ago. He concluded very truthfully: "I hope your stay in Chicago will be profitable as well as pleasurable. I know it will be profitable for Chicago." The infection he gave to "profitable" almost twisted it into a dollar sign.

The Saengerbund almost outdid itself in decorating the hall and the outside of the Coliseum with American flags.

Concerts were held yesterday afternoon and evening and will be held this afternoon and evening. One of the most appealing numbers will be the songs sung by the chorus of 4,000 children.

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## Your Union Meeting

SECOND FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1924.

- | No.   | Name of Local and Place of Meeting.                        |
|-------|--|
| 287   | Bakers and Confectioners, 3420 W. Roosevelt Road.          |
| 122   | Blacksmiths, 64th and S. Ashland Ave.                      |
| 429   | Boller Makers, 105th and Ave. M.                           |
| 434   | Boller Makers, 55th and Halsted.                           |
| 533   | Boller Makers, 63d and Halsted.                            |
| 674   | Builders Trades Council, 180 W. Washington St.             |
| 805   | Carpenters' District Council, 805 S. State St.             |
| 2200  | Carpenters, 4239 S. Halsted St.                            |
| 14286 | Commercial Portrait Artists, 19 W. Adams St.               |
| 9     | Electricians, 2501 W. Monroe St.                           |
| 182   | Electricians, 19 W. Adams St.                              |
| 653   | Engineers (Loc.), Madison and Sacramento.                  |
| 845   | Engineers, 180 W. Washington St.                           |
| 674   | Firemen and Engineemen, 5428 Westworth Ave.                |
| 45    | Fur Workers.   |
| 17117 | Gardeners and Florists, Village Hall, Morton Grove.        |
| 21    | Garment Workers, 175 W. Washington St., 8 p. m.            |
| 84    | Glass Workers, Emily and Marsh St.                         |
| 118   | Hod Carriers, 1850 Sherman St., Evanston.                  |
| 7     | Janitors, 165 W. Washington St.                            |
| 1225  | Ladies' Garment Workers, Joint Board, 328 W. Van Buren St. |
| 4     | Lithographers, 638 S. Ashland Blvd.                        |
| 113   | Machinists, 113 S. Ashland Blvd.                           |
| 189   | Machinists, 113 S. Ashland Blvd.                           |
| 492   | Machinists, 58th and Halsted St.                           |
| 746   | Machinists, S. E. cor. Lexington and Western.              |
| 1225  | Machinists, 53d St. and Halsted.                           |
| 8     | Metal Polishers, 115 S. Throop St.                         |
| 637   | Painters, School and Sheffield Ave.                        |
| 78    | Pattern Makers, 115 S. Throop St.                          |
| 6     | Photo Engravers, 314 W. Harrison St., 6:30 p. m.           |
| 310   | Plasterers, 180 W. Washington St.                          |
| 245   | Plumbers, 5212 S. Halsted St.                              |
| 612   | Plumbers, 2551 S. Chicago Ave.                             |
| 297   | Railway Carmen, 59th and Halsted.                          |
| 1265  | Railway Carmen, Blue Island, Ill.                          |
| 1307  | Railway Carmen, 62d and Robey.                             |
| 783   | Railway Clerks, 8 S. Clinton St.                           |
| 16857 | Rope Splicers, 5505 Milwaukee Ave.                         |
| 2     | Teachers (Men), 315 Plymouth Ct., 7:30 p. m.               |
|       | Telegraphers, O. R. T. Cort Club, Atlantic Hotel.          |
| 111   | Upholsters, 159 N. State St.                               |
| 301   | Watchmen (Stock Yards), 3749 S. Halsted St., 9 p. m.       |

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

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F. W. Fairman of the Chicago Stock exchange is back from Germany telling of six American manufacturers who have started production in Germany because lower priced labor there enables them to compete better in foreign markets.

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# WASHINGTON MAN SEES ST. PAUL AS FARMERS' HOPE

## Shows Ranchers' Misery Under Old Party Rule

By JOEL SHOMAKER.  
Farmer-Labor Candidate for Governor in Washington.

The Farmer-Labor national convention at St. Paul, June 17th, is the most important meeting ever called by the farmers and workers of the northwest. It points to a beginning of a nation-wide campaign for a change in the ways of doing business that will keep the farmers on the farms. The success of that convention is the farmers' only hope.

In fifteen grain-growing states of the west there is poverty and woe almost everywhere that the land has been cultivated. Entire sections of the bread producing fields show nothing but abandonment. Houses are tumbling down. Barns are mere empty rickeries. The relics of former days stand out as sad monuments to the reign of capitalism.

Back in Washington where the records are kept, there is an official department given over to the work of handling agricultural questions. From that bureau comes the information that 600,000 farmers, or 20 per cent of the rural population in the fifteen states where cereals are the chief crops, have become bankrupts in the past four years.

### 50 Per Cent Virtually Bankrupt.

A glance at the bulletins brings out the information that such states as Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Colorado are suffering for the reason that an average of about 50 per cent of the farmers are virtually bankrupt. And the end is not yet, for the wave of destruction continues to blow the sands of desolation.

The only signs of prosperity in the districts where the farmers are being forced to leave their homes, are noticed in the extravagant displays of wealth made by those who profit from the salvaging of wrecks, produced by their own hands. It is a bad painting of depraved humanity and the works of money-lenders and profiteers on the farmers.

### Big Crops—For Speculators.

Prosperity? Yes, there is a semblance of prosperity in all of the western wheat-growing states. The fields have produced good crops in the past four years. The grain has gone from the farms into the hands of the millers, gamblers, dealers and others who boast of wonderful business results because of the crops that destroyed the farmers.

The newspaper writer who desires to learn the truth and get real romance for western stories, can find pages of material in any of the cities where the business of farming the farmers forms the basis of prosperity. Tales of agricultural wealth come from the bankers and chambers of commerce while the farmers pace the pave seeking work.

### Misery for Rancher.

In a dark and stuffy old room of an ancient lodging house, the temporary residence of many down and outers, I talked with a woman, who was trying to gain fame and secure food and clothing by writing for magazines. She had been a school teacher in a city not many miles west of Chicago, her birthplace.

The man of the house, if such a title could be suggested, under the circumstances, was the sole owner of more than one thousand acres of wheat land. He had it stocked with horses and cattle and possessed modern farm implements and machinery. His fair crop of wheat was sold in the usual way, to a buyer. The returns just paid for the hauling from the threshing to the railroad station.

### Prosperity for Business Man.

Two blocks from the little den of poverty, where a woman hoped to work her way to a square meal and a new dress, I met and conversed with a man of the commercial type. He was loud in his comments on the wonderful era of prosperity being enjoyed by the farmers because of big prices for all kinds of farm products. The man knew better.

What is to become of the country towns, crossroads' stores and rural gas stations when the farmers are gone and the fields grown over with weeds and thistles? That question is not given any thought by the political tricksters of today. They are steeped in the foul-smelling, disease-breeding pools of greed and corporate capitalism.

### No Horse in Old Parties.

It is out of the question for any sane person to entertain even a remote idea of a change for the better coming from the acts of either of the old political parties. They have had ample time to work out plans to save the farmers and thereby save the country depending on the farmers for future existence and have failed to do anything.

The Farmer-Labor party has a mission to perform. It must deliver the farmers of this nation from human slavery and financial bondage in which they have been placed by the capitalist system. The work cannot be passed on to others. There are no others in the field. That explains why the St. Paul convention is of so much importance.

# WHAT IT COSTS TO BECOME PRESIDENT

By Jay Lovestone

THE presidency of the United States is a most expensive commodity. The chance to be president of the greatest democracy on God's green earth is sold on the market and commands a price running into millions of dollars.

Few workmen have any notion whatsoever regarding the expenses entailed in winning the presidential nomination on either the Democratic or Republican party. The business of becoming president of the United States begins long before the convention of the party. Most presidential aspirants begin their campaigns a year or eighteen months prior to the national convales.

### Costly Preliminaries.

The preliminary preparations are very costly. Publicity is the first item on the budget. Special articles must be written about the life, character and Christian habit, and modesty of the white hope that is being groomed for the White House. Publicity bureaus and special agents, political drummers and humbuggers, traveling all over the country must be financed and financed rather lavishly. Then the machine must be very well oiled. Golden grease must be applied profusely in order to win the primaries.

Soon the convention preparations actually begin. The delegates must be treated royally. Their bosses must be handled with even more care. Success at the convention is not the end of this costly game. It is only the beginning of another phase of the affair—and a mighty expensive one at that, too. Between nomination day at the convention hall and election day in the fall, huge sums pass over the political counters in the cities and in the rural communities.

### Enter—The Rich Friends.

Where is all this to come from? Sometime the presidential aspirant is himself a member of a multimillionaire family. In that case he has a tremendous advantage over his competitors who are less fortunate. While the latter have to chase around the country rounding up "angels" and birds of rich plumage perching on the financial posts, the millionaire candidate is on the job building his fences for the stormy days ahead.

Rich friends play a decisive part in the presidential market. Mr. Frank R. Kent, one of the leading Washington correspondents, now serving with the Baltimore Sun, views the situation in the following light:

"There is scarcely any man of presidential calibre who has served in any sort of public office, who has not made a friend or two among the men of millions, who can be counted upon for financial support, of the kind, for instance, given General Leonard Wood by Colonel Proctor in the Wood campaign for the Republican presidential nomination of 1920.

"Not a few of our presidents have

really been 'made' a year and a half ahead of the convention, by means of a confidential contribution of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to some state boss with a fight on his hands."

### Cellar Staff.

Most of this campaigning is done very quietly. There is more truth than poetry in saying that it is almost all "sub-cellar" stuff. Under these circumstances it is extremely difficult to find out the exact sums expended in the average presidential campaign. All estimates recorded are incomplete and afford knowledge of only a fraction of what was spent in the venture. It is very seldom that the country is treated even to a partial acquaintance with the money-flow in these political contests. It is only when someone is caught spending huge funds promiscuously that the searchlight is turned on the campaign costs, even then we are not told all. Yet, an examination of the incomplete and admitted records reveals the expenditure of vast sums of money in the presidential races.

### McKinley No Slouch.

The last vestige of the efficacy of the ballot, of popular suffrage as a decisive force in the making of America's presidents was busted when the United States entered the arena of capitalism as a full-fledged imperialist power.

"Holl-and-Maria" Dawes, working under the boss, Mark Hanna, sold William McKinley to the American masses at the paltry sum of a little over \$6,000,000. This was the day of rising monopolies. Industry was developing at a very rapid pace. At least the same amount of money was invested by the millionaire capitalists in 1900 in the re-election of McKinley.

### Roosevelt Expensive.

The "trust-busting Theodore Roosevelt won the presidency at the cost of more than \$11,000,000 in 1904. This is a rather surprisingly large sum when one considers the special circumstances at hand. Roosevelt was president for three and a half years after McKinley's death. During this time Teddy succeeded in boosting his own stock with the masses to dizzying heights. Yet so huge a sum was sunk into his campaign to succeed himself. It is especially instructive to observe that, according to the testimony uncovered before the Clapp investigating committee in the Congress of 1911, the greatest contributors to the Roosevelt campaign funds were the most powerful monopolists, the biggest capitalists whose interests were protected so effectively during the first Roosevelt term. Apparently the gigantic trusts could see no harm in rewarding their friend Teddy the Trustbuster.

### Teddy's Angels.

George W. Perkins, then a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and a director of the Harvester and Steel Trusts, invested \$480,000 in this campaign. E. H. Harriman acted as the

clearing house for several contributions totaling \$400,000. J. P. Morgan & Co. gave \$150,000 outright; the Standard Oil Company, \$125,000; Chauncey M. Depew, representing the Vanderbilts, George J. Gould and Henry C. Frick presented 100,000 a piece; E. T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia agent of J. P. Morgan & Co., gave \$130,000; George V. L. Meyer, \$125,000 in the capacity of Boston clearing house; B. T. Wainwright acting as the Pittsburgh clearing house, \$120,000; and James Stillman, Jacob H. Schiff, Charles S. Mellen, Andrew Carnegie, Henry H. Rogers, M. Guggenheim & Son, the Clark Manufacturing Co., the International Harvester Co., and the American Can Co., were among other contributors whose gifts ranged from ten to seventy thousand dollars a piece.

The cordial relations between the White House and the Stock Exchange were best evidenced by the fact that after being sent for by Roosevelt, Harriman contributed an additional quarter of a million dollars besides his first \$150,000, to "save New York State to the Republicans." Frick's campaign contribution was sound investment from the business point of view because the president permitted his Steel Corporation to violate the anti-trust law by absorbing the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

During this election the Democrats were financed very heavily, the net as lavishly as the Republicans. Thomas F. Ryan, one of the leading stockholders in the rubber and tobacco trusts and a director in numerous industrial, traction and public utility corporations, was the leading Democratic "angel" at this time.

In the campaign of 1908, resulting in the election of Taft, the contributors were practically the same ones as in 1904.

### When Dollar Meets Dollar.

In the sharp struggle between Taft and Roosevelt in 1912 there was a terrific expenditure of money. The Roosevelt pre-convention expenses alone attained the sum of \$835,000. Taft spent more than \$500,000 for similar work. This year George W. Perkins admitted having donated \$122,000 to Roosevelt's campaign. Dan Hanna, son of the notorious Mark Hanna, who made McKinley, confessed having given \$175,000 to this fund. William Flinn and Frank A. Munsey spent \$144,000 and \$118,000, respectively, on the Progressive party standard bearer.

Among the leading contributors to the campaign of Taft were to be found John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Pierre Du Pont, Henry C. Frick, E. T. Stotesbury, Payne Whitney, Daniel G. Reid and George F. Baker.

### The Successful Candidate.

Woodrow Wilson, according to the available records, was supported by Cleveland R. Dodge, Cyrus H. McCormick, Thomas and David B. Jones of the Harvester and Zinc trusts, Charles R.

Crane, Samuel Untermyer and Henry Morgenthau.

Extensive Political Bootlegging. Charles E. Hughes, tho defeated by the Democratic party in 1916, admitted an expenditure of more than \$3,000,000 on his campaign. The same coterie of money sharks that supported Taft backed Hughes.

Among the leading investors in the bad stock of Hughes one will find the infamous Harry P. Sinclair, Vincent Astor, Eugene Myer, Jr., B. N. Duke, A. W. and R. B. Mellon, Payne Whitney and E. H. Aldrich. Particularly heavy sums were spent in the New York gubernatorial elections to put Governor Whitman over in preparation for the 1916 campaign. No less than half a million dollars was squandered in this fashion. John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, William B. Thompson, T. W. Lamont and George W. Perkins gave away sums ranging from \$44,000 to \$5,000.

The Democratic party spent, according to its own admission, nearly a million and a half dollars to put over Wilson in 1916. Cleveland H. Dodge is on record as having donated \$79,000; Edward L. Doheny of McCandoo fame, and Bernard Baruch, who was allowed to clean up millions on an advance armistice notice from Woodrow Wilson, \$25,000 apiece, and several others of whom the following are the most prominent capitalists: Nicholas F. Brady, R. J. Reynolds, J. D. Ryan and Alvin Untermyer, gave away at least \$10,000 each.

The seven million Harding majority was bought at an exorbitant price. The reactionaries began their preparations for their great victory by investing more than \$2,000,000 in the 1918 congressional campaign. No less than \$700,000 were expended on the purchase of the senate seat for Truman H. Newberry from Michigan. DuPont, Spreckels, Colt of the Rubber trust, Deering of the Harvester trust made their full and heavy financial hands felt and feared at this time.

### Buying 1920 Presidency.

In the presidential campaign of 1920 there was a banner year for spending money. General Wood alone spent nearly two million dollars—\$1,773,000—to win the Republican nomination. William C. Procter, the soap king; William Wrigley, Ambrose Monell of the Nickel trust and the oil thief, E. L. Doheny, were among Wood's staunchest supporters.

Lowden, who married a daughter of the late George M. Pullman and inherited \$80,000,000 in this fashion, spent nearly half a million dollars on his campaign.

Adding to the deficit of \$1,300,000 after the victorious campaign, one will find that the Republican party spent all in all about \$5,300,000 on the nomination of Harding. The Democrats acknowledged having spent \$1,300,000. The Republicans are reported to have collected more than seven millions of the fifteen million-dollar goal they had set for themselves. Felix Warburg, Otto H. Kahn, Edward J. Berwind, Edward S. Hark-

ness, Simon Guggenheim and Thomas Cochran of J. P. Morgan & Co. were in the front ranks of the donors.

Bernard Baruch, E. L. Doheny, Cleveland H. Dodge, Allan A. Ryan, August Belmont and James W. Gerard were among the leading contributors to the national Democratic fund in 1920.

More than \$3,000,000 were spent on state campaigns in 1920. On the election of congressmen there were expended \$800,000, and \$3,000,000 on the various presidential aspirants. All in all, according to the public records, a minimum of \$13,400,000 was spent in the last presidential year on political purposes.

The big business interests began their preparation for the presidential campaign of 1924 in the last congressional elections. It has been talked of for some time in Washington circles that the reactionaries are prepared to spend as much as \$250,000,000 in order to have Coolidge succeed himself. The huge gifts of R. B. Mellon, John D. Rockefeller, George Eastman, William Wrigley, Herbert Hoover, Henry L. Doherty and others to the Republican party campaign fund of two years ago are a sample of what they are ready to invest today in "Silent Cal."

### Business is Business.

There is nothing mysterious or generous about the big capitalists investing so much in presidential timber. The principles of campaign contributions are based on the firmest foundations, on the very bedrock of sound and profitable business. We need cite but a few of the outstanding and typical instances where the soundness of such investments was illustrated.

The Standard Oil company was ordered dissolved and a fine of \$29,000,000 imposed on it. The trust was never dissolved. It never paid one cent of this fine.

Woodrow Wilson sent Cyrus H. McCormick to Russia as a member of the Root mission. Mr. McCormick, head of the Harvester trust, had huge interests in Russia.

Penfield, who gave \$10,000 to the Wilson campaign in 1916 and contributed heavily to the 1918 campaign, was made an ambassador.

For similar reasons Morgenthau was made American ambassador to Turkey.

The Phelps, Dodge & Co. perpetrated its outrageous deportation of workmen and was not punished for the crime, tho indictments were procured. The \$79,000 given by Cleveland H. Dodge to the Wilson campaign of 1916 were evidently not forgotten.

And today American capitalists who invested close to \$2,000,000 in the 1920 presidential primaries of General Wood are utilizing the latter's governor generalship of the Philippines in a campaign to strip the islands bare of all its natural resources.

The principles of capitalist politics are as sordid as the principles of capitalist industry.

# MISSOURI FARM-LABOR GOING TO ST. PAUL MEET

## State Ticket in Field for Farmers-Workers

By S. J. CLARK.  
(Special to the Daily Worker.)

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—At an enthusiastic convention of the Farmer-Labor forces of Missouri, representing thousands of workers and farmers, the June 17 convention at St. Paul was unanimously endorsed and five delegates elected to attend it. The convention in a strong resolution declared the Farmer-Labor party of Missouri favored the organization of a class Farmer-Labor party at the St. Paul convention.

The Farmer-Labor party of Missouri is not a new party. It has existed for over four years, but latterly it has been inactive. During the last few months the sentiment throughout the state has crystallized around the Farmer-Labor convention at St. Paul, thus giving new life and vigor to the state party.

Splendid Prospects. Brother E. D. Wilcox of Kansas City, the secretary of the state party until today's convention, made a statement at the opening of the convention that he was convinced of the splendid prospects for the building of a strong and powerful party of the farmers and workers in the state of Missouri.

The convention adopted a clear-cut program in the interest of the exploited farmers and workers. Other resolutions adopted in addition to that calling for a national class Farmer-Labor party were the abolition of prison factory labor, the recognition of Soviet Russia, equality of opportunity for the Negro, against the Fascist menace.

### Iron Worker Meads Ticket.

The following ticket for the state elections was nominated: Governor, W. F. McCoy, an iron worker of Kansas City; Lieutenant governor, J. J. Herman, Blue Springs; secretary of state, E. D. Wilcox, Kansas City; state attorney, H. S. Julian, Kansas City; state auditor, S. R. Cleaver, St. Louis; superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Dorothy Clark, St. Louis; congressman at large, John Mihelc, Kansas City; congressman, Fifth district, Dr. E. A. Burkhardt, Kansas City; congressman, Tenth district, John Braun, St. Louis; congressman, Eleventh district, Harry Stoltz, St. Louis.

All the candidates are active trade union men. J. J. Herman, who is a tiller of the soil, and H. S. Julian, the candidate for attorney general, a Kansas City lawyer, whose services have always been at the disposal of persecuted workers.

### Vigorous State Committee.

The following brothers, elected as the state committee, were empowered to fill out the state ticket: W. M. Adams, machinists; S. J. Clark, William Lezner, tailors; Elmer McMillin, E. D. Wilcox, barbers; W. F. McCoy, iron workers; T. R. Sullivan, office workers; John Mihelc, machinists; S. R. Cleaver, switchmen.

The convention adjourned with enthusiastic determination to vigorously push the work to put Missouri across in a big way for a class Farmer-Labor party.

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## TEACHER TORTURED IN "GOLDFISH" ROOM FOR FIVE DAYS TO OBTAIN FAKE FRANK CASE "CONFESSIONS"

"Only one of a thousand cases," Alderman Guy Guernsey told the DAILY WORKER of the five days' of police torture practised on Walter Wilson, instructor in the exclusive Harvard Prep School which Robert Frank attended.

The alderman agreed that if Wilson had been a poor and friendless man his case might never have come to light.

The police committee of the city council is authorized to make a thoro investigation into the "third-degree" "goldfish" agony to which prisoners are subjected by the Chicago detective bureau and state's attorney Crowe's men.

Crowe Torture "Confessions." Wilson was arrested with his employer, Mott Kirk Mitchell of the Harvard School in the early stages of the case before Richard Loeb and Leonard Leopold were picked up. Robert E. Crowe hailed them as convenient scape-goats and the days of torturing of innocent men began, which were eventually followed by Crowe's announcement that he had extracted "confessions" of deeds of sex perversion in the school.

These "confessions," which were knocked in the head by later evidence, were obtained for the purpose of building up a theory that the school men had murdered the Frank boy to hide sexual crimes they were alleged to have committed.

Five Days of "Gold-Fishing." The story which Alderman Guernsey tells of the torturing under the direction of Crowe's men and the detective bureau was gotten from Andrew Anderson, editor of the Kiwanis Magazine and a friend of Walter Wilson the tortured victim. Anderson is now attending the international Kiwanis convention in Denver.

Five days the "gold-fishing" lasted. Five days of sleeplessness, threats of murder and vicious beating with a rubber hose. All in a private hotel room in Chicago—in a hotel which the alderman's investigators refuse to disclose for the sake of protecting the "good name" of the management.

Hung Him Over Window. On one occasion Wilson was dragged to the window ledge over looking the hard pavement many stories below.

Detectives vowed they would pitch him down-headfirst if he did not confess. They told him the world

would be made a year and a half ahead of the convention, by means of a confidential contribution of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to some state boss with a fight on his hands."

## FRENCH SOLONS WORRY OVER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON THE 13TH

PARIS, June 12.—Despite the popular superstition connected with Friday the thirteenth, it was announced this afternoon that the French Chamber of Deputies and the Senate will meet at Versailles at 1 p. m. (13 o'clock Continental time) on that day for the purpose of electing a new president of France.

Moreover, it will be the thirteenth president they are electing, and Friday will be the thirteenth day of the present legislature, which incidentally is the thirteenth legislature.

A number of deputies, afraid of the omens, urged that the elections be held tomorrow or Saturday, but there was not sufficient time to prepare for the election before Friday, and the constitution provides a successor to Millerand must be chosen within three days.

## South Bend Forms English Branch to Help Workers Fight

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 12.—An English branch of the Workers party has been established here and will meet regularly every second and fourth Thursday in the month at 8 p. m., 1216 West Colfax Ave. All workers of this vicinity who are interested are cordially invited to attend meetings to see whether they want to join the only movement in the United States and the world that is working for government by the workers and farmers.

Hypnotism For Anaesthetic. (Rosta News.) MOSCOW, June 12.—At the Psycho-Neuro-Pathological Section in Moscow, Professor Platonoff read a paper on the successful application by himself and a number of prominent doctors of hypnotism during accouchements and other operations. Much interest is being evinced among scientific circles in Russia for this kind of treatment, and the recent All-Russian psycho-neuro-pathological conference adopted a resolution in favor of instituting courses of hypnology at the universities.

Denver Typos Gain \$4.50. DENVER, June 12.—The scale for printers on all Denver dailies is now \$46.40 a week, an increase of \$4.50. The typographical charter is held by local 49.

## NEW JERSEY WORKERS EAGER TO FORM STATE, NATIONAL F-L PARTY

By HARRY M. WINITSKY.  
NEW YORK, June 12.—The workers of New Jersey have decided that they must follow the example of the other states thruout the country and organize a state Farmer-Labor party which is to affiliate itself with the national convention at St. Paul on June 17. Hudson and Essex counties have already held their conferences and Essex county has formed a labor party, is sending a delegate to St. Paul,

## Bloomered Boobs of Mystic Shrine Take Over Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 12.—The town is now getting over the invasion of 100,000 Boobs in Bloomers, who attended the Shrine Convention here. The city has not seen so many strange morons since the Legion thugs convened here three years ago, wrecked the Hotel Baltimore, stripped girls on the street—and in a few cases, paraded with their lady loves in the hotel corridors in the altogether.

The city links co-operated by rounding up the cheaper local harlots and all suspected criminals, not enrolled in the police force. The downtown business district, roped off and all traffic forbidden, was used for parades and for all-night dancing.

Three local trades thrived amazingly—hotels, hookers, and hooch. The newspapers used the silence conspiracy, only mentioned one Shriner, who was following his trade of forging checks and never mentioned at all the fact that the police were kept busy arresting and searching doubtful dames accused by indignat boobis of robbing them of their money and jewelry.

A worker was impressed by two features of the convention—the helplessness of the police in handling dense masses of people—even painfully respectable parasites and the average imbecility of our Best Minds. These were no ordinary Babbitts. These were the wealthy nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Many of them travelled three thousand miles in order to parade by day in clown costume and dance by night. A fitting symbol of the whole tawdry show was the enormous Tenpot flaunted everywhere by the Wyoming delegation.

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# LA FOLLETTE IS REBUKED AT F-L CONVENTION

## California for St. Paul Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 12.—Delegates will go to St. Paul from the California Farmer-Labor Party which held a two-day convention here.

Senator LaFollette's assault on the St. Paul convention and particularly on the Communists participating therein, was vigorously attacked by several speakers. It was pointed out that LaFollette was not in favor of a class Farmer-Labor party, that he was a representative of the small bourgeois and middle class elements and the \$25,000 a year labor fakery. The Communists, it was stated were the most vigorous in pushing the movement for a national Farmer-Labor party to a successful issue and without the Communists the organization would be a corpse.

The following were elected delegates to the St. Paul convention: George Kidwell, of the bakery wagon drivers; David Gorman of the electrical workers; Anita Whitney, J. H. Ryckman and D. D. Donovan.

The state platform calls for public superpower, public markets, state compensation insurance, state maternity aid including birth control information, making yellow dog anti-union contracts for employees illegal, repeal of criminal syndicalism law, restrictions on state and federal judges, five year moratorium for farmers and many other advanced measures.

The convention formally expressed its "contempt for contempt of court," denounced fascism and demanded recognition of Russia.

A temporary state executive committee of 33 was elected.

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

# Pining Preachers Complain Workers Scorn Dry Manna

By HARRY SHAFFER. (Special to the Daily Worker.)

WHEATLAND, Pa., June 12.—Things in this locality look blue and are getting worse every day. Seven blast furnaces have closed within the past two weeks in this valley. Much propaganda is now flooding this locality on the pristine beauties of Americanism. These stories in the local papers tell of the brave sayings of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. "Brave words, but they butter no parsnips."

The pulpites here complain of non-support by workmen of this district. They claim that "the working man is leaving God out of the equation." The Sky Pilot in Wheatland could not get a Ford until he became a Kleeple in the Cuckoos. He tried to pay God back by getting a few tithers into the church. He held what he called a series of revivals, and a few travelers to Zion gathered. He began on them and the way he raked them fore and aft was a caution, but the effort failed. He blamed the atheism around here for his failure to "bring in the sheaves."

Farrell is as bad as Wheatland, maybe worse, the pulpites say. Sometimes they compare it to Babylon. Just where they get any such comparison it would be hard to say. They prepare "intellectual feasts," but the "wayfaring man," tho' a fool, does not enter. "Hell is preparing a hot place for this district after death." They are right it is, but the hell is capitalism and it is not going to do any waiting on death, rather will it hasten it.

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# Realtors Gambol Gaily in World's Oil (iest) Capitol

By E. J. IRVINE. (Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The Real Estate Dealers of America are holding their convention in Washington. Five thousand attired in monkey decorations to make themselves conspicuous and advertise real estate. There is at least one honest man among them, the delegate from Tulsa, who calls Washington "The oil capitol of the world."

Washington is the proper hangout for landlords. In this city they are well organized, and combine to keep rents high—the only labor that they perform.

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# The Workers Party in Action

## The Fight in Minnesota

(Continued from page 1.)

This law provided that in case of need this banking system, owned and controlled exclusively by a very few individual money-hoarders, should be entitled to use national credit to the extent of two and one-half times the amount it has invested in the securities of the federal government, at the trifling rate of one-half of one per cent, the federal government to be bound to redeem said credit in gold, when demanded.

According to this law, the Federal Reserve Board, consisting of seven members, is appointed by the President of the United States. Under present conditions, this means that those members are appointed by Wall Street because big business furnished the campaign funds for both the Republican and Democratic candidates for the presidency. Yet this marvelous law provides that the "regulation" of the credit of the nation shall be vested in the hands of this Federal Reserve Board—which means, that the Federal Reserve Board has the power to dictate the rate of interest which any group in America must pay for credit.

### Robbed Farmers.

The passing of this Federal Reserve Banking law marks the turning point in the economic structure of our nation. No matter under what pretext it was passed, it has been used in every respect to enrich the money trust and to wring the very life-blood out of the producing classes.

The farmers of the United States have felt very heavily the results of this law, because under its provisions they have been robbed during recent years of the astonishing amount of eighteen billions of dollars.

### No wonder the farmers are bankrupt and deserting the land which they have tilled for their life-time, at the rate of over 100,000 each month.

How It Is Done.

To make this issue clear, it is necessary to point out in brief how robbing of farmers has taken place. During the war period the Federal Reserve Board set out to encourage the farmers of the United States to enlarge their capacity of production to the utmost limit. Propaganda for this purpose was used in the press, and the rural districts were flooded with pamphlets to this effect. Every little bank was turned into a propaganda center to this end, and "the winning of the war" was said to be dependent upon increased agricultural production, and there was no limit to the credit extended to the farmers for purchasing land they did not need and to purchase all possible farming implements with which the market was promptly flooded.

In general, the farming class swallowed this well-sugared bait. Considering their patriotic duty, they ran into an indebtedness out of all proportion to their ability to pay. But no sooner was the war over than the Federal Reserve Board turned the page.

### Farmers Foot Bill.

The Allies and the European merchants were unable to meet their obligations contracted with the exporters of the United States. The American exporters en masse faced economic ruin and instead of letting them pay for their gambling in foreign markets, the Federal Reserve Board set out to make the workers and farmers of United States foot the bill of this speculation.

The notorious "open shop" on-slavery was organized to reduce the standard of living of the industrial workers, and the deflation policy was inaugurated against the farmers.

The credits extended to the farmers were mercilessly called in and the prices of the agricultural products were slashed far below the cost of production. Over one billion dollars was withdrawn from circulation within ten months, and a complete panic was instituted to effectively rob the farmers.

### Federal Reserve Took Pill.

Then once more Congress was put to work. In the name of "agricultural relief" a law was passed, whereby the Federal Reserve Banking System could relieve itself of the huge pile of worthless mortgages taken on the desert lands which had been sold at high prices to the farmers during the war boom.

Under this law the farmers were compelled, in renewing their notes to give additional mortgages, this time on their cultivated lands, cattle, and implements.

A tremendous amount of worthless

## MINNESOTA! VOTE FOR THESE MEN JUNE 16! FORGET OLD PARTIES!

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 12.—Here are the men the Workers Party members of District nine are urged to support in the primary elections, June 16, in accordance with the instructions of the accompanying proclamation:

- For U. S. Senator—Hjalmar Dantes, Orr.
- For Lieutenant Governor—Emil E. Holmes, Hopkins.
- For Secretary of State—Susie W. Stageberg, Red Wing.
- For State Treasurer—Carl Berg, Erskine.
- For Attorney General—Thos. V. Sullivan, St. Paul.
- For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—A. E. Smith, St. Paul.

- Representatives for Congress.
- 1st District—Otto Baudler.
  - 2nd District—O. F. Swanjord.
  - 3rd District—J. B. Lokkesmos.
  - 4th District—J. F. Emme, St. Paul.
  - 5th District—J. O. Johnson, Minneapolis.
  - 6th District—Halver S. Halverson.
  - 7th District—O. J. Kvale.
  - 8th District—K. O. Bentall, Duluth.
  - 9th District—Knut Wefald.
  - 10th District—Irving G. Scott.
- Representatives in State Legislature.
- 29th District—Oscar Coover.
  - 35th District—Emil S. Youngdahl.

papers were shifted to the federal government and the vaults of the Federal Reserve Banking System were filled with papers transferring the ownership of the tilled lands to the banking trust of the United States.

### Distress Increasing.

This process has been going on ever since. With very rare exceptions, all cultivated land in the central, northwestern, southwestern, southern and western states is now mortgaged to that financial clique which holds the reins of power in its hands.

Large areas of farm lands are deserted and the distress of the farmers is becoming more and more acute. But the Federal Reserve branch house in Minneapolis is making clear profit on this distress at the rate of \$10,000 average in every day of the year, and the other branches of that system in the same proportion.

The slashing of the price of the agricultural products has continued ceaselessly. To illustrate the skinning of the farmers, it deserves mention that while the consumer of the United States paid for the 1922 crop, \$22,500,000,000, the farmers who produced this crop, received only \$7,500,000,000. Two-thirds went to the speculators financed by the high financiers, while only one-third was left to the tiller of the soil. The proportion was the same in 1923, and will be the same, if not worse in 1924, because the unorganized farmers are unable as individuals to resist this trend.

### A Hopeless Task.

Their taxes are growing ever larger. During the last eight years they have increased on the average of 160 per cent with no relief in sight. To pay for seed, for the necessary occasional help, for taxes, for interest on mortgages, the farming class has pawned and given lien notes on the crops, cattle, implements, yes, even on the unborn colts, calves and sucklings. When every attempt to stay on the land cleared by their life-long work is exhausted, the farmer leaves the farm with his wife and children and heads for congested industrial centers to look for work, unorganized and unskilled.

This process is now going forward on an unheard of scale and it is being rapidly accelerated by the ever increasing failures of National and State banks, which, under the protection of Banking Departments of the different states are recklessly speculating with the funds of the depositors.

### Wall Street Kills Relief.

The distress of the farmer is well known. Every politician talks about this problem, the Department of Agriculture reveals startling facts in regard to this situation, but as soon as the mildest reforms are proposed in Congress and legislative bodies, the whole apparatus of Wall Street with its mighty tool, the government, and the Federal Reserve Banking System,

with the Secretary of the Treasury at its head, arises to kill every move made toward the relief of the farmer.

Realizing that the ruin of the farmers of the United States and the creation of an American peasantry, tolling under the mercy of a mighty agricultural trust, will be the only logical outcome of the present state of agriculture, and further realizing that the sufferings of the workers will be increased thru that process without limit, the Workers Party as an integral part of the Farmer-Labor Party, instructs its candidates, when elected, to fight for a moratorium on all indebtedness of the working and tenant farmers, and for placing the working farmers after that period in a position where they will have, at least the same privileges in the use of national credits as the non-producing and speculating bankers, i. e., paying the rate of interest of two per cent and one-half of one per cent as the National Bankers and Bankers of the Federal Reserve Banking System are now paying respectively.

### Land To The Users.

We demand, that land be given to those who till the land and that the hold of the bankers and speculators of the land be broken by proclaiming the mortgaging of land a punishable offense.

We demand, that the Federal Reserve Banking System and the National Banking System, which are directly responsible for the present distress in the agricultural section of the United States, be taken over by the government, and that the members of the governing bodies of these banking systems be elected by people from the ranks of producers and that they be made responsible to the delegated bodies of the people.

We demand, that the taxes be lifted from the back of the tillers of the soil and placed on the money-hoarders, bankers, trusts and corporations, speculating on the very life of the workers, and we further demand, that the privilege of evading taxation by investing in governmental bonds be stopped.

### Bankers Should Be Punished.

We also demand, that the government, which now pretends to keep Banking Departments for the safeguard of depositors, be made responsible for each bank failure, and that officers be severely punished for their neglect in allowing, as now, the speculation with the funds of depositors to exceed all bounds and limits.

We further demand, that the purchasing of agricultural products be taken from the gambling grain exchanges and packing trusts and turned over to government control, and that actual producers be placed in control of institutions so established, responsible to the delegated bodies of the producers.

We demand, that the railroads be taken over by the nation without compensation, where as the railroads have been built with funds taken and robbed from the people, and the railway management be put in the hands of the workers and farmers responsible to the delegated bodies of the producers.

Further, realizing that these demands cannot be put into operation as long as the capitalist class is in unrestricted control of the state and national governments, we urge the workers and farmers to sweep aside the parasites in our society and to establish a government of the producing masses of our nation, by the producers and for the producers on land and in industries.

Signed: District Executive Committee, Workers' Party, by Norman H. Talentire, District Organizer.

We call upon the voters of Minnesota to vote for the Communist Candidates in the Farmer-Labor Primaries on June 16.

- For U. S. Senator: Hjalmar Dantes.
- For Congress: Fourth District—J. F. Emme. Fifth District—J. O. Johnson. Eighth District—J. E. Bentall.
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(Special to The Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 12.

In order to prevent the nation plunging into grief over the nomination of Calvin Coolidge for president, the supporters of that fighting organ of the California workers, "Labor Unity," are giving a ball on the day the Coolidge announcement is made—June 14th.

The supporters feel that all may not be well in Cleveland but San Francisco is going to witness one riot of color. Costumes of every age and clime will be worn at the grand prize folk costume ball to be held here in the California Hall, Turk and Polk Streets, June 14th. There will be fun galore, in fact, it is said on good authority that Do-heny may come dressed up as an oil-can. The Poor Fish says that he will come if Hoover does not hand him over to the Alaska profiteers before that time.

Workers Party branches are making a special effort to make this ball the success of the season. Committees are actively functioning and all in all June 14th will be one real night in June. The Italians, Russians, Finns, Filipinos, Hawaiians, Mexicans and the Irish will be there. Some night! Some Crowd!

## Little Girl Burned to Death Parading for Shriner Sheiks

(Special to the DAILY WORKER.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 12.—The shrieking Shriners' sheiks departed as gaily as they came to this peaceful city, but they left a sorry wake behind them. Little Pollyanna Dunkle's charred body will be buried by her sorrowing friends and many workers will attempt to clean up where the Mystic Nobles trampled so heedlessly.

The nine-year-old girl rode very proudly and innocently in the float "Tenderfoot Trail" of the Shriners' parade. Something, perhaps a defective wire, started the flimsy float afire and little Pollyanna was fatally burned.

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Investigator Tells What He Found in Plant

(Continued from page 1.)

of six different layers of bosses, one over the other, to every department. The large majority of workers in the plant, those who receive the least wages, and who do the meanest, most monotonous and mechanical tasks are the \$15-a-week piece work and day work girls.

The girls work at long benches, mechanically going over the same process thousands of times a day, working with one small part of the telephone apparatus. One squad of girls does nothing all day but punch out on a small punch press, a little piece of metal, that, after passing thru sometimes a score of girls, finally becomes the tip of a switch-board plug.

Winding Coils at \$3.28 Daily.

Several hundred girls, in the small coil winding department, spend their entire worktime winding the coil threads on small metal spools. I asked some of the girls in this department how much they make. They answered \$3.10 per one hundred.

It was the lunch hour when I went thru the coil department, and yet almost half of the girls were working at top speed. One girl, who was working during her lunch hour, said she could make 106 coils a day. Her pay for a ten-hour day, with only five or ten minutes for a bite to eat at lunch time, was thus \$3.28 and her average weekly wage, provided she worked every lunch hour and on Saturday afternoon, was \$19.14.

Smell of Burning Rubber.

Other departments which I carefully inspected were places where girls worked at hard rubber parts of the telephones. The smell of burning hard rubber here was enough to knock a strong man down. The effect on young girls who work in the plant eight and nine hours a day, must be permanently injurious.

There are other departments where acid is used in soldering, which also injures the health of the girls. The Western Electric brags that they have a well-equipped hospital where periodical physical examinations keep the employees perfectly fit.

In another article I will prove from personal experience that the hospital examinations are a hollow joke.

Use Sex for Better Jobs.

B. Stock, the section head of the jack inspection department, practically admitted to me that many of the girls, due to their low wages, are forced to become semi-prostitutes. "You must not take any of the girls

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The above temporary pass was made out and signed by B. Stock, who talked so freely to the DAILY WORKER reporter regarding the secrets by which the Western Electric bosses keep down wages and speed up production.

out," Stock warned me. "As soon as you are caught taking out one of the girls under you, you are done for with the Western Electric Company.

A large number of these girls are very willing to form alliances with their superiors. They use their sex to get better work and to get more money. It is absolutely necessary for you to form a barrier between yourself and the women under you.

Pepped Up By Straw Boss.

Stock, who was foolishly frank in giving away the damnable system whereby the girls are unsuspectingly exploited by the numerous bosses, then explained to me the system of promotion. He had no doubt, just attended a pep-meeting of the straw bosses, and he tried to convey to me, also he did it in a crude and unskilled manner, the Western Electric spirit of loyalty, ambition, pep, success, hard work, and endeavor to rise from the ranks.

Stock drew a pyramid on a sheet of Western Electric paper. It is a famous, spectacular pyramid, running the entire length of the page. The first day of my employment Stock talked to me about the Company to which he is so loyal but about whose methods he is so foolishly frank, for a solid hour and a half. While he talked he scribbled notes on what he said and illustrated his little loyalty lecture. I afterward took this paper away with me, and I have it before me now, in Stock's handwriting, with the famous

pyramid boldly scrawled across the page. Stock's Pyramid of Success. The pyramid is drawn as a long, narrow triangle, with the short base at the bottom of the page, coming together at the top to form the apex. Stock drew six lines across the pyramid, at even distances apart. On the bottom line he drew numerous squares. Just above these squares he placed a dot. "That dot," said Stock, "is yourself. The little squares right under you are the girls who do the mechanical work. You understand, only one man can be at the top at this pyramid. There is only one room for one. Each one of these six lines represents a different executive, one in charge of the other. I am on the third line from the bottom—that is, the section head. Above me is the department head, and above him is the superintendent.

First 15 Years the Hardest.

"You may think because there is only one room for one superintendent that you have no chance to rise to that position. But ability and ability alone gets a man ahead in the Western Electric company. Look at that stupid old fellow sitting over at that bench there. He has been with the Western Electric company for over 15 years. We made him a sub-section boss, just in order to please him with some sort of a title. He is under me and he is supposed to look after about 35 girls. But he is so unimportant I

U. S. Capitalists Are Suspected of Causing Race Riots in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, June 12.—In the state of Sonora the struggle between the Mexicans and the Chinese grows tense. In the city of Cananea 50 Chinese were killed in an armed skirmish between the two races. For many years the Chinese have contributed to the economic well-being of the whole state of Sonora, and they are not disposed to be put out now. After the laws passed last February which forced them into special districts, and prevent them from marrying Mexican women, the Chinese began to store arms, for they knew the authorities of Sonora would refuse to protect them.

There is a queer angle in this affair. Only four months ago the press of the entire country carried articles on Chinese citizens in Mexico. They had nothing but praise for their industry and sobriety, when suddenly this hostility came in Sonora. It is rumored that the United States has something to do with the developments.

They have shown the farmer. He lives in 15 western states. They have put 600,000 of those farmers on the road from the farm to the city. They have literally turned the country upside down by a revolution under the direction of the army of capitalism.

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THE VIEWS OF OUR READERS ON LIFE, LABOR, INDUSTRY, POLITICS

They Showed the Farmer. To the DAILY WORKER: In 1920 I was doing the educational work of the Farmer-Labor Party in the State of Washington. I went among the wheat farmers, met with them, talked to them and heard their stories.

On one occasion I had delivered an address in the court house, as I did in various counties of the state, and was the talk of the county seat—a wheat town.

A group of men was standing in front of a bank. They were the spies, sent out the night before to get the news and report to the banker. And they had reported.

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gathered to hear the remarks of these speakers. One of the speakers carried about 75 Chicago Socialists which he tried to sell to the Negroes.

However, he did not sell one single copy. I heard at least five Negroes in the crowd ask if he had the DAILY WORKER.

One Negro stated that if he had brought DAILY WORKERS in place of his socialist papers, he would have sold them all to the Negro worker audience.

I was in the audience and I was much pleased to hear so many Negroes mention the DAILY WORKER, which proves that they are reading same.

GORDON W. OWENS.

Praises Food Workers Fight. To the DAILY WORKER: As a student and admirer of modern Greece, allow me to congratulate your publication for the good work it is doing in connection with these eating places in Chicago that are owned and administered by Greeks. The evil is one of long standing and I pray that the "little fight" will be extended to other large cities of this country as well as to other fields of business frequented by this class of Greek immigrants.

Yours truly, George Saranton.

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## The Elephant's Platform

One hundred per cent of capitalism; against the workers and farmers; this sums up the Republican party platform adopted in Cleveland.

The capitalist class of the United States is to be made rulers of the world. To this end, taxation is to be reduced on big business and shifted more and more to the broad masses. Foreign debts are to be liquidated according to the precedent established with Great Britain, thus consolidating the financial hegemony of Wall Street over the capitalist world. The consolidation of the railroads in private hands is to be facilitated. Big business is to be controlled only insofar as it is necessary to keep order between rival capitalist groups, so that they shall not cut one another's throats. "Selective immigration," which means finger-printing and passport regulations for the foreign-born, is to be established. The Philippines are not to be given independence. Imperialist aggression in South America is tacitly approved, with the understanding that it is to continue unabated. A large army and navy. These are a few points in the program of American imperialism and world conquest, as laid down by the G. O. P.

With this necessarily, goes the subjugation of the working class, and its more intense exploitation. The G. O. P. platform stresses the necessity to increase production and decrease "costs." The employing class is told to go so far as it likes in the "open shop," wage-reducing, union-smashing campaign, with the only reservation that the government must be able to step in to keep a solid line-up of the master class as a whole. The strike-breaking record of the government, under both Republican and Democratic parties, is endorsed.

The farmers are told to work harder and have faith in the G. O. P. Those who still have anything to mortgage will be given the chance to borrow some more money, so that they, too, may be in the bankruptcy courts in the next crisis. All demands for actual relief of the agricultural crisis are rejected as "unsound" in the system of capitalist exploitation.

The elephant's platform is one hundred per cent for Wall Street, but it has the merit of being so frankly reactionary that it will fool very few. The donkey's platform will have more camouflage, but will mean the same thing. The workers and farmers are left to organize themselves at St. Paul.

## The Peace of Europe

The negotiations now going on between the representatives of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and the British government will, more than any other event now on the horizon of international affairs, determine the developments of Europe for some time to come.

In those conferences between the spokesmen of the first Workers and Farmers' Republic on one side, and the British Labor government and big bankers on the other side, lies the hope for the peace of Europe for the next decade. Soviet Russia is anxious to be at peace with the world. Soviet Russia abounds in natural resources and teems with the supplies needed by the rest of the world. But the Soviet Republic inherited a broken-down industrial organization which at its best was inefficient and under-developed for meeting the needs of the vast country and the great Russian population. The various counter-revolutions financed by the foreign capitalist groups after the masses turned their backs on the imperialist war have only served to aggravate the ills of economic backwardness.

Today the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is anxious to rebuild the country and to organize an efficient system of industry and exchange that will serve the proletarian and rural masses. Towards this end much capital is needed. At this date, with the capitalist class supreme in every country of the world except Soviet Russia, this capital must be secured from the capitalists who still control the means of production and exchange in the other countries. Hence, Soviet Russia is willing to make concessions to these foreign capitalists and to permit them to operate within its boundaries provided they adhere to the labor laws of the land.

The workers and peasants' Soviet republic has gone a long way toward giving up many immediate interests in order to secure the peace of Europe. For instance, the Roumanian brigands have been allowed to over-run and pillage the rich Russian land of Bessarabia and the Polish hangmen have been given more rest than they deserve, simply because Soviet Russia is anxious to be at peace with its neighbors. A conflagration on the Danube or a war on the Polish frontier can prove only the signal for a new world slaughter. In view of these considerations it is now the turn of the MacDonald government to force the Lombard Street bankers to make some concessions to the Soviet republics and to grant them the loan they need for reconstruction.

If the MacDonald group will exercise as much pressure on the bankers for this peace loan as they brought to bear on the English working masses for war loans in the past, then the peace of Europe will be assured for a long time to come.

More Italian troops have landed on the island of Rhodes. Turkey is mobilizing troops. Coup d'etat threatens in Roumania. Macedonia is on the rampage. Rebellion in Albania took the form of armed uprisings. Diplomats hurry to and fro, conferences hastily summoned as hastily dispersed. Ministries fall, rise, and fall again in Germany and France. Strikes of millions of workers in Great Britain and on the continent. It looks like the international pot is boiling dangerously near the top again.

# Communism in Germany and the Recent Elections

## AS WE SEE IT

By J. T. O'FLAHERTY.

(Editor's Note: The DAILY WORKER has received for publication the documents on the re-orientation of the German Communist Party just before the elections, at its Frankfurt Conference, and the judgment of the Chairman of the Communist International, Gregory Zinoviev, on the significance of the elections. Beginning today, these documents will be run serially, for the benefit of our readers, most of whom have been awaiting just this detailed information with great eagerness. In addition to clarifying the German situation for American readers, they contain material of great value for our own movement.)

### ELECTORAL VICTORIES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY AND THE FUTURE TASKS OF THE PARTY.

By GREGORY ZINOVIEV.

THE outstanding feature of the parliamentary elections which have been just concluded in Germany, is undoubtedly the victory of the Communists. However, much our opponents may strive to conceal this, the fact remains a fact. When the German Social-Democratic Party in its most flourishing period, led by August Bebel, received 3,900,000 votes (during the elections 1903, 1907, 1911), it was regarded as a world historical event. With much greater right can we claim that the fact that the German Communist Party has received nearly 4,000,000 votes is an event of world historical importance.

#### A Party of Revolution.

The German Communist Party entered the battle with banners flying, as the party of Proletarian Revolution. For eighteen months already the German Communist Party had openly declared that it will arm the workers and was preparing for the armed revolt against the capitalist system. It openly declared a war to the death against the present system and flung its challenge in the face of the bourgeoisie.

During the election campaign the German Communist Party told the workers with frank brutality (and it acted quite rightly in doing so) that the regime of bourgeois parliamentarism has become completely bankrupt and that the Communists will enter the so-called parliament not for the purpose of conducting practical "organic" work but for the purpose of revolutionary agitation and for the mobilization of the masses. It told them that the real questions confronting Germany could be solved not by the ballot box, but by armed fighting and that everyone who voted for the Communists was voting for the Soviet system in Germany. This resolute but most appropriate presentation of the question, undoubtedly repelled all the irresolute sections of the working class away from the Communist Party. But this did not matter. The more weight does this give to the almost 4,000,000 votes that were cast for the German Communists.

Within the last few months the German Communist Party has been wholly absorbed in solving the internal problems of the Party which had become acute as a consequence of the retreat in October, 1923. A re-estimation of values and a regrouping of forces took place and an intensive and acute internal struggle was carried on. There is no doubt that the election campaign suffered as a consequence of this. Furthermore, the Party has only just emerged from underground. Hundreds and thousands of the best Party workers are still in prison. The ablest leaders are being persecuted and are obliged to act illegally. Half the newspapers of the party were suppressed.

Yet another circumstance must be borne in mind. The votes cast for the German Communists were votes cast for the Party and not for individual persons. There are almost no great "names" in the German Communist Party. The party ticket was headed by the Hamburg workman, Comrade Thalman, who is only just beginning to acquire wide political fame through Germany. The more remarkable therefore, is the brilliant victory of our party.

#### Communism Acquires Reality.

The bourgeois and Social-Democratic press is full of election "sensations." Hundreds of newspaper columns are filled with the petty squabbles between the various bourgeois factions. All sorts of conjectures are made, concerning various inter-party combinations which spring up and wither before they have time to bloom and all the time they refuse to see the most important: that the irreconcilable party of proletarian revolution is overcoming all obstacles and is advancing ever forward; that the spectre of "Communism" is assuming real material form, is acquiring flesh and blood, that militant Communism has opened the path for itself towards millions of workers, that 4,000,000 Communist votes have been cast against all bourgeois parties and against Social Democracy and that this is an event of world historical importance, a memento mori for the European bourgeoisie.

We did not defeat you in October, 1923, but our victory is not far distant. This is what the 4,000,000 workers have said to Messrs. the Bourgeoisie and the Social-Democrats.

Social-Democracy Declines. German Social Democracy has lost

over 4,000,000 votes. This does not imply the final collapse of German Social Democracy, but it is a blow from which it will never recover. For German Social Democracy, parliamentary success and failures are everything, for parliament is its natural element which determines its activity. German Social Democracy will now be compelled to take a right turn: it will tend still more to rely on the non-labor and petty-bourgeois elements; it will become more dependent on the bourgeois parties. The millions of workers who voted for the German Social Democracy from this time now onward will be nothing else but recruits for the Communist Party. Either today or tomorrow they will gradually join the ranks of the Communists.

German Social Democracy is a declining power, German Communism is a mighty rising power. The star of German Communism will soon shine with unexampled brilliance; the decisive battle is approaching.

#### Russia and Germany.

During the elections to the Constituent Assembly which took place after the conquest of power by the Soviets in November, 1917, we Bolsheviks obtained 9,000,000 votes (in 54 constituencies) out of 36,250,000 votes. The German Communists in this election, May, 1924, obtained 4,000,000 votes out of 23,000,000 million. If we take merely the numerical relation, the German Communist Party already is not far removed from the position the Russian Bolsheviks were in 1917. Against their 4,000,000 votes, the German Communists have the 6,000,000 cast for the Social-Democrats, but the Bolsheviks in November, 1917, had 21,000,000 votes of the SRs and a little over half a million votes of the Mensheviks against their 9,000,000 votes.

The fact is, however, that comparative figures at elections completely fail to settle the question. The Russian Bolsheviks in October and November, 1917, had the majority in the decisive place and at the decisive moment (the proletariat and garrisons in both capitals, the important armies which had not yet been demobilized, and the most important peasant districts).

Comrade Lenin explained this circumstance to the international proletariat with classical clearness in his famous article "The Elections to the Constituent Assembly and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat." The German Communists, unlike the Russian Bolsheviks, cannot in May, 1924, lead the German proletariat immediately to the final battle. But after the October (1923) set-back of the German Communist Party and after all its partial defeats, the elections in May, 1924, undoubtedly show that the time is near when the German Communists will have the decisive place at the proper moment. Then the wavering will not be repeated and the German Communist Party will carry out its great historic mission.

#### The Controversies in the C. P. G.

The results of the election throw some light on the controversy within the German Communist Party which roused such concentrated attention among all the sections of the Communist Party.

The first conclusion that one naturally draws is that the recently concluded period of work of the German Communist Party was not wholly bad. In the application of the tactics of the united front in Germany, great opportunities were committed, but the tactics in themselves were correct. The German Communist Party broke thru to the masses. It became a powerful mass proletarian party in spite of all misfortunes and the opportunist mistakes of its leaders. This would have been impossible if the tactics of the united front had been wrong in principle.

The second outstanding fact is the comparatively great success of the Social-Democrats in Saxony and Thuringia and the small successes of the Communists in those places. This is a new and important confirmation of the fact that the "Saxon policy" of Comrade Brandlers' group was opportunistic and wrong and that the left majority of the German Communist Party with the Comintern, were absolutely right when they condemned and repudiated this policy. In Saxony and Thuringia, where the Communists directed their aim towards an agreement with the Social-Democracy, the masses of the workers saw the Social-Democrats in their "left" robes. This, as it were, placed a halo around the head of Social-Democracy. By its vague tactics tending towards opportunism, the Brandler group failed to win over the Social-Democratic workers and to a considerable extent lost its influence among the revolutionary sections of the proletariat.

The third fact that the elections have emphasized is the tremendous growth of Communist influence in such important centers as Berlin and Hamburg. This too emphasizes the colossal error of the Brandler group which, during the course of three years, in which they were at the helm of the party, failed to link up closely with Berlin and Hamburg organizations, the most important organizations in the party, and failed to understand that the fate of the revolution would be determined by these two centers.

#### German Party Has Recovered.

In our article, "The State of Affairs of the German Communist Party," written in March this year, we expressed some fear with regard to the

William Gibbs McAdoo will not make the mistake his father-in-law made in 1916 when he failed to compensate his Ohio supporters for the assistance rendered in putting his candidacy over the top. In a letter issued from the Columbus headquarters of McAdoo, prospective supporters are informed that all those who lend money or influence to the McAdoo campaign will be remembered when the time comes to reward the faithful. In the event of McAdoo going over the top on the first Tuesday in November, his machinists will start a new "Ohio gang" in place of that capitalist once led by the notorious Daugherty. This will inspire other political scavengers to get busy cleaning out the new gang.

This is the way capitalist politics are played. There is no ideal to strive for but the personal interest of the particular politicians who are selected to serve the capitalist class in the legislatures, national, state or municipal. From the White House down to the lowly ward, this corrupt machinery that barter principles for cash, flourishes.

There must be something to a man who inspires a poet to verse. There must be something unusual about a man who inspires two poets and there must be something extraordinary about a man who inspires a political party to sing about him. But perhaps, the poetry is even more unusual. It usually is. The Republican Party is singing to keep up its courage, while it sends its leader, Coolidge, forward to face the paper bullets in November. This is the refrain of the campaign song:

"So keep cool and keep Coolidge is the slogan of today. Keep cool and keep Coolidge, for the good old U. S. A. A lot of politicians cannot do a thing but knock. But Calvin Coolidge is a man of action and not talk. So just keep cool and keep Coolidge in the White House four years more.

We have a chance to do it in this year of twenty-four. He's been tried, he's never wanting; he is giving of his best; Keep cool and keep Coolidge, is our country's mighty test."

A well-wisher of the DAILY WORKER challenged us to improve on the above, so we sought an idle rhyme and finding him, offer the following for the consideration of our readers:

The Burglar's Refrain. Keep cool and keep Coolidge is what the grafters say; Keep cool and keep Coolidge till we rob the U. S. A. We already got the Teapot Dome—Cal never opened his block. When he gets back to Washington, we'll put Uncle Sam in hock. So just keep cool and keep Coolidge.

future of the German Communist Party owing to the acute controversy going on in its ranks at that time. The conference of the German Communist Party which took place recently illegally in Frankfurt, showed that the state of affairs in the party was better than we had expected.

#### The Party Tasks.

The important task now confronting the new Central Committee is to remove the traces of factionalism, and not merely in words but in deed, to attract the best of all the former factions to the work, in order finally and completely to restore the line and to render harmless the "ultra-left" tendencies, which the Central Committee rightly describes as tendencies towards passivity and in order to put an end to the internal conflict and to take up broad political work.

There are many reasons for believing that the Central Committee of the party will manage to fulfill its task.

To take up broad political work—this is the principal task of the party. The elections have created a most favorable situation for this. Whatever government is formed now (either a large "coalition" or a bloc under the heel of the right), it is clear that none will be stable. The mistake made by those who said that Fascism had been victorious in Germany, is now evident to all. The fluctuating situation will continue. The solution of international difficulties which appeared to be approaching (the decision of the Committee of Experts) become less probable as the result of the elections in Germany and as a result of the events proceeding in France. Even if this "solution" of the question be accepted, the hopelessness of the situation will again become evident in a very short time. There is no other way out for Germany except by a proletarian revolution. This is what the elections have shown.

A broad illimitable field of action now opens up for the German Communist party. The confidence of the members of the party and of the revolutionary workers generally is rising. Every such worker will say to himself, "We are four million adherents of the proletarian revolution."

Economic battles are extending. Political problems are becoming more acute.

While we steal he'll simply snore; He'll do for us again boys, what he did for Fall before. He's been tried, and he was silent when the burglars did their best, Keep cool and keep Coolidge and we will keep the rest.

There is more truth than poetry in that verse, tho we confess there is a little of both. Coolidge's coolness is contagious. The workers are not so cool when they remember the injunctions secured by his party against them, and the dirt farmers find their celluloid collars trickling down their backs as they look on their vanishing wealth. But the producers are inclined to be equally cool to the Democratic party. They have not forgotten the famous war for democracy and the Palmer red raids and injunctions. Both parties are tools of Wall Street. Whichever party wins, the workers lose and Wall Street wins. The organization of a class Farmer Labor party at St. Paul on June 17 is what the class conscious workers and exploited farmers are pinning their hopes on.

The capitalist press is indulging in much nonsense about the dictatorship of the workers in Russia. It is there. We do not deny it. We defend it. It means the rule of the majority over the minority, or what the average American would consider democracy. The Russian workers are taking precautions that will prevent the enemies of the workers who still infest Russia from undoing the work of the revolution. They have taken the guns from the robber class and placed them in the hands of what was formerly the ruled class, but is today the ruling class. When all vestiges of the capitalist system are abolished and communism is established, automatically eliminating class government, there will be no further need for a dictatorship, and having outlived its function it will vanish. There is nothing criminal about such a necessary form of government. In the United States, where we have capitalist democracy, the workers are allowed freedom to starve, but very little else. The capitalists own the means of wealth production. They own the jobs that the workers must have in order to get the wherewithal to buy food, clothing and shelter. Sometimes the workers do not get enough to buy the necessities of life with the money they receive in wages from the employer, and they strike. If they lose the fight, they are compelled to again beg the boss for their old jobs, and if he is not in a gracious mood he lets them seek a job elsewhere. Sometimes workers starve under these conditions. Is that dictatorship, or is it not? Which dictatorship would you have—as you have to choose between two dictatorships—the dictatorship of the workers or that of the masters? Would you not prefer to own your own job than have to beg for it?

#### Deeper into the Masses.

Meanwhile—deeper among the masses. Increase the work of the Communists in the trade unions tenfold. Set up, not on paper but actually, an extensive system of Communist fractions in the trade unions. Capture the factory councils in fact. Reorganize the party on the basis of factory council nuclei.

Only if the party does all this, will it really commence a new chapter in its history. Only if it does this, shall we really commence to carry out the policy of unity from below, in place of the method of negotiating for the united front mainly with the leaders as has been practiced hitherto.

It is necessary that the party really conduct its work on new lines. It is necessary that the change of course shall not be limited merely to the publication of more radical articles in the newspapers. It is necessary to plunge right into life. It is necessary to become the focus of the economic and political struggle.

The German Communist party is fighting on the most important position of the world revolution. This explains the enormous interest displayed by the workers and Communists of all countries in all that is taking place within the German Communist party. The German Communist party is at heart, so sound that no mistakes committed by the leaders, no internal crisis can destroy it, but such errors nevertheless, may cause the party considerable damage.

Our desire is that the German comrades quickly remove the traces of the already too-long-drawn-out internal controversy. The difficulties are great, but great also is the spirit of the German proletariat. The attention of the whole of the Communist International is concentrated on the work of its German detachment. In spite of today's brilliant election victory (and perhaps because of it), the German bourgeoisie in alliance with the German counter-revolutionary Social-Democrats, may strive tomorrow again to drive the German Communist party underground. But no matter what the enemies of the German proletariat may do they will only further the proletarian revolution.

And the German Communist party will be at its post.

## The Bankruptcy of LaFollette

LaFollette's idea of "purging" the Republican party has demonstrated its complete bankruptcy. With the almost unanimous casting aside of the LaFollette program by the Republican convention, the Wisconsin senator has come another step nearer his disappearance as a political force in the country.

The Wisconsin senator insisted upon maintaining his regularity. Timidly he refused to connect himself with any fighting forces outside the Republican organization. He had no program that reached beyond the old party machinery.

When the Wisconsin platform was drowned out at the Cleveland sessions by a tidal wave of nays, even the ghost of LaFollette was banished from the Republican councils. As a guiding force in the circles of the party rulers Mr. LaFollette was long ago thru, despite all the groundless illusions, he might have entertained to the contrary. The decisive rebuke accorded his principles by the hand-picked delegates, the refusal even to graft some of the Wisconsin progressivism on the party platform is the most convincing evidence of the bankruptcy of the LaFollette tactics and maneuvers placing hope in the reactionary G. O. P.

It has been the essence of the LaFollette plan to avoid action against the old capitalist parties, to delay, if ever, breaking with them and to continue within the fold of the Falls, Daughertys, Coolidges and Lodges. This convention's treatment of the Wisconsin delegation should serve to convince whatever small following that LaFollette might still have had amongst the industrial workers and exploited farmers that there is neither fight nor hope left in "Fighting Bob."

When LaFollette's program was thrown out of the window in the Republican convention, the last nail was driven into the coffin bearing the Wisconsin senator's right and pretense to pose as a spokesman of the working and farming masses. The insistence of LaFollette to keep one foot in the reactionary capitalist Teapot party and another in the ranks of the great mass of discontented has only served to sabotage and interfere with the movement towards an open, sharp break by the exploited classes with the political organizations of the bosses. Anyone guilty of misleading the workers and poor farmers, anyone responsible for holding up the organization of a separate and distinct party of the city workers and the dispossessed rural classes is unworthy of the slightest confidence of the masses and ought to be completely discarded.

Now that events have established the utter failure of LaFollette at the Republican convention, an empty gesture may be made by the same political innocents at the Democratic convention. This puppet show in New York, within a stroll's distance from Wall Street, will be as hopelessly capitalist as the Cleveland farce was. With LaFolletteism so completely in discard all workingmen and poor farmers should cast aside all illusions which will organize the party of the industrial workers and poor farmers.

and line up solidly for the St. Paul convention

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## Nominating Coolidge

Of all dreary reading the worst is speeches nominating capitalistic candidates for the presidency. The past has produced terrible specimens of such literary atrocities, but probably never a worse one than that of M. L. Burton, in nominating Coolidge at Cleveland yesterday. Stupid, inane, and pointless—the speech symbolized the candidate it was intended to exalt, his party, and the capitalist system of society for which all stand.

It might be urged that we should pardon the learned Dr. Burton for his inability to say anything interesting about so dull and gray a figure as the puppet Coolidge. It was an impossible task to set, even for a genius of oratory, which the Doctor is not. But what shall we think when the "leaders of a great nation," in the solemn hour of choosing leadership, cough up and present to the world such a brilliant apothegm as this, supposed to characterize Cal Coolidge: "He may be an example, but he would never set one."

Altho Coolidge, the human being, may be as completely devoid of meaning as that phrase, yet Coolidge the candidate is not so blank. Behind the senseless nothings of the speeches, the forced cheers, and reactionary resolutions of the Cleveland convention lie the sinister forces of American capitalism, knowing exactly what they want and how to get it. The public display of idiocy in the nominating speech is merely a part of the effort, more clumsy than usual, to keep the eyes of the workers away from the great realities behind the convention—J. P. Morgan and his check book.

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