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DOWN WITH IMPERIALIST WARS!

(Statement of the Central Executive Committee, Workers Party.)

TEN years ago the great war broke upon the world. Today another world war is an imminent prospect. The workers were opposed to the last war. But in spite of their opposition they were led unresistingly to the slaughter, and for four years they killed and maimed one another at the orders of their capitalist rulers.

Standing before the prospects of the new world war, what have the workers learned from their bitter experience in the last one?

The first lesson of the world war is the shameful betrayal of the labor leaders, the socialists and union officials.

The first lesson that the workers have to learn from the world war is that the socialists, who took an anti-war position in the resolutions of the various international congresses before the war, shamelessly betrayed the trust that had been placed in them by the masses of the workers. In most treasonable fashion they sold out the lives and hopes

of the workers to the imperialist demands of the capitalist masters. Only the revolutionary Communists took a firm and uncompromising stand against the imperialist slaughter. It was the Communist movement that brought home the other lessons to be gained from the experiences of the workers in the last war. They pointed out that wars are an inevitable result of the system of society whereby the many toil for the profit of the few. They pointed out that the only way to bring an end to wars, is to overthrow the system of society which cause them.

Today the workers of Soviet Russia, led by the Communists, have succeeded in establishing their rule and thus taken the first steps toward the end of all wars. Today the Communists all over the world call upon the workers to unite all their energy and power in a demonstration of protest against the war that approaches.

The last war did not end the struggle of the capitalists of the world for new markets. The struggle to safeguard and increase the returns on investments in foreign countries over the dead bodies of the flower of the working class, becomes sharper every day. The world's oil, coal, railroads, and other fields of investment and profit, hold a bait for the greedy imperialist rulers of the world. Their hands itch and their mouths water at the sight and thought of the opportunities to increase their ill-gotten wealth.

The imperialists of America, as well as of the rest of the world,

realize the nearness of the next war. They are increasing their armies and navies, training the youth, preparing the workers in every way for the coming slaughter-fest! Their international conferences are of no avail! Their Dawes' plans are leading them right into further complications and war will be the result!

Facing this situation, the workers must exert all their strength, must build up their forces, and be prepared to turn the next attempt to plunge the workers into the bloody shambles of imperialist war into a revolutionary struggle against the war-breeding capitalist system.

The Workers (Communist) Party calls upon the workers to demonstrate against the coming imperialist war, to unite their forces for the demands of the Communists!

Down with Militarism and Imperialist Wars! Down with Capitalism which sacrifices the workers for profits! Down with the Dawes plan! Down with American Imperialism in Central and South America! Forward to the Workers' Rule—the Soviet Republic and Communism!

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman, C. E. RUTHENBERG, Executive Secretary.

RUMORS OF FRANCO-BRITISH WAR 500 Filipino Scouts Face Mutiny Charge

UNCLE SAM'S BROWN SOLDIERS IN ORIENT FORM UNION AND ASK EQUAL PAY WITH WHITES

(Special to The Daily Worker) MANILA, P. I., July 25.—Because they demanded equal pay with white soldiers, and because they organized a soldiers' union to enforce their demands, 500 Philippine scouts are to be placed on trial here charged with mutiny.

This trial, which is scheduled to begin on July 29, marks the latest effort of American imperialism to subjugate discontent among the colonial troops of the growing empire of the United States.

The demands of the Philippine scouts have already been labelled as "Bolshevist," and the trial proceedings have been broadened to take in at least 500 men stationed at Fort McKinley.

NORTH DAKOTA MEMBERS WILL CONFER AUG. 3

By ALFRED KNUTSON WILTON, N. Dak., July 25.—A conference of the Workers' Party members in North Dakota will be held at Wilton, Burleigh county, Sunday, August 3, 1 p. m. All members are strongly urged to be present at this conference because matters of great importance to the party in North Dakota will be taken up.

The agenda, as outlined by the District Executive Committee will contain the following:

- 1. Report by the district organizer on the party work in North Dakota. 2. How best to carry out Program of Action adopted by the C. E. C. 3. Our national election campaign as related to North Dakota. 4. The present political situation in North Dakota and our policy in the coming election campaign. 5. State campaign slogans and Farmers' program. The decision of the party to participate vigorously in the election campaign, both state and national, should be a clarion call to all members to rally to the support of the party policy. A political campaign, in which we are active participants, will give us a great opportunity to educate the farmer to realize that the Workers' Party is the only party in the country that has a solution for his problems. We want to show him that communism is his best friend. We expect full attendance by the comrades at Fargo, Bismarck, Mandan, Wilton, Wing, Garrison, Douglas, Belden, Williston, Bonetrail and Sanish. Let's meet up in force at Wilton on August 3rd.

The work of investigation connected with the trials has been completed and the accused divided into three groups. The trials, instead of beginning July 25, as announced, will begin July 29. Three courts are to be set up for the hearings instead of two, as had been planned. These will be: A court to try the fifteen alleged ringleaders in the movement, which included besides refusal to perform duty, the formation of a secret soldiers' union, intended to seek equalization of pay with white soldiers. Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur already has been named to head this court. The principal charge against these men is inciting a mutiny.

For Noble Prize. BERLIN, July 25.—Chaim Nachman Bialik is being seriously considered for the Noble Prize for Literature this year.

CORRECTION The dropping of a line from page three, DAILY WORKER for Thursday, July 24, in the "Thesis for Agitators," made a paragraph read as follows: "In the Union of Soviet Republics there is one soldier to every 100 persons of the population." This is, of course, ridiculously untrue. And it was never written that way. What the original said, before the printer dropped a slug, was this: "In Poland, which has armed with the aid of French money against the Union of Soviet Republics, there is one soldier to every 100 persons of the population."

AMERICAN MINISTER IN CHINA "MEDIATOR" OF SOVIET LEGATION WAR

PEKIN, July 25.—American Minister Schurman has been in conference with Leon Karakhan, newly appointed Soviet ambassador to China. Schurman is acting as mediator in the dispute between the Soviets, the Chinese government and the diplomatic corps relative to the refusal of the latter to hand over control of the former Russian legation. The Chinese government had sought to have the property placed in its custody to be turned over to Karakhan. The new ambassador—the first to be named to China by any nation—will present his credentials to President Tsao, July 31.

AROUSE WORLD AGAINST WARS OF CAPITALISM

Communists of World Demonstrate this Week

This special "Fight the Wars of Capitalism" edition of the DAILY WORKER ushers in Anti-Capitalist War Week, which every Communist Party the world over is conducting from July 27 to August 4. Denouncing the Morgan interference with the lives of the workers of Germany, France and other countries; exposing the traitorous socialist betrayal of the workers in 1914; explaining the economic causes of war; this issue of the DAILY WORKER forms the shock troop in the Workers Party campaign of anti-capitalist war education. The "Fight the Wars of Capitalism" week comes at a time when American capitalists, with the home markets flooded and an industrial crisis approaching, are reaching out their bloody fists to squeeze more profits out of the bodies of the workers on foreign soil. "Imperial" Navy The Philippines, oppressed under the blood and iron rule of Major General Leonard Wood, are crying out for independence. The Philippine's delegation now in America has received scant

RAILWAY UNION OFFICIALS DEFY BOARD'S POWER

Leave Rail Labor Hearing Until Court Calls

Charges made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that the United States Railroad Labor Board is violating the law and exceeding its jurisdiction in trying to take over a dispute between the railroad brotherhoods and the Western railroads were again made yesterday at a hearing in the Transportation Building.

The railroad labor board ruled that it is right in claiming jurisdiction over the dispute and threatened recourse to the courts in an effort to make the railroad brotherhood officials testify. The brotherhood officials left the room immediately after hearing chairman Ben Hooper's autocratic ruling, intimating they will not return unless ordered by the courts.

"Since May 14 the Labor Board has insisted upon retaining jurisdiction of these disputes," said Donald Richberg, attorney for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, "which action has been utilized by the individual carriers concerned as a basis for refusing to fulfill their obligations under the Transportation Act, to meet with representatives of the employees, and to consider, and if possible to decide in conference such disputes."

Board Ignores Workers. "It is only disputes between individual carriers and their employees which may be subsequently submitted to the board, or of which the board may take jurisdiction. The board has studiously and inexcusably ignored contentions made in behalf of the employees regarding jurisdiction of the board."

The proceeding now being carried on by the board under docket 4055, is not a lawful exercise on the part of the Board, but is an unlawful usurpation of authority operating in the aid of the wrongful actions of the carriers concerned, and their direct violations of the provisions of the Transportation Act.

Unions Trapped. The attorney for the Brotherhood of Engineers declared that the West-

JAPANESE CABINET HAS AGREED ON BASIS FOR RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

TOKIO, July 25.—The Japanese cabinet has agreed on a basis of negotiations with Soviet Russia for the recognition of that government. Diplomatic "conversations" have been in progress for some time between Japan's representative, M. Yoshikawa, and the Soviet envoy, now ambassador, to Peking, M. Karakhan.

The Japanese representative returned here several weeks ago and it was then assumed that Japan would proceed with official negotiations to reach an agreement and treaty with the Soviet government. The outstanding obstacle between the two nations was northern Sakhalin Island, which has valuable oil resources. The Japanese occupied this territory after the Nicolaevska affair, although it is claimed by the Soviets, who have granted Harry Sinclair, the American oil capitalist, concessions there.

ILLINOIS LABOR LEADERS FIGHT 'BOB' FOR SMALL

Oppose LaFollette Man for Governor

A deadlock between Senator LaFollette, who, the DAILY WORKER is informed, has picked Raymond Robbins as his candidate for governor of Illinois, and the officials of the Illinois and Chicago Federations of Labor, make it practically certain that tomorrow's state Conference for Progressive Political Action will not name a full Illinois state LaFollette ticket.

LaFollette insists that a candidate for Governor be run in Illinois, preferring Raymond Robbins. The American Federation of Labor officials, including Walker, Olander and Fitzpatrick, stubbornly refuse to desert the Len Small regular republican camp, which LaFollette has declined to endorse. "Congressman Nelson hurriedly left

FRANCE, CROWDED TO WALL BY BANKERS, IS THREATENING AN INTERNATIONAL RUPTURE

(Special to The Daily Worker) LONDON, July 25.—War rumors grated out of the diplomatic chambers where premiers and international bankers were arguing over the Dawes plan today. The specter of world conflagration rose out of the discussions on the Ruhr coal mines and industrial plants over which France and the Anglo-American entente are now wrestling.

Morgan and the international bankers following his lead are insisting that France take her troops out of the Ruhr region which the Dawes plan mortgages intend to control.

Premier Herriot, on the other hand, is fighting at the conference for the right of France to occupy Germany whenever she thinks necessary. The coal mines of the Ruhr Valley, united with the ore of Lorraine, are meant to give France the pig iron and steel supremacy over Europe and make Great Britain a secondary industrial power.

Bankers Crowding France. France is being crowded to the wall by the bankers. Herriot's home papers are snarling across the channel at the rapacity of the Wall Street-Washington-London combine represented by Lamont, Young, Hughes, Mellon, Kellogg, Ramsay MacDonald and the governor of the Bank of England.

The situation is tense. Never since the British French alliance has the conflict of interests between England and France come to such a head and led to such bitterness.

Hughes Lunches with Herriot. Secretary Hughes met Premier Herriot at luncheon today in the effort to swing the Frenchman into line, but at the close the deadlock was still officially unbroken. Reports of a pending compromise emanate from American sources but they are contradicted in French circles. The French say that if Herriot assents to the bankers' present demands that French industrialists will force him out of office.

France is fighting to retain the leadership of Europe which the Anglo-American group demands. Her leadership depends on her control of the Ruhr, she believes. But it also depends on the stability of her franc—and there is the weakness of the extreme French nationalist position.

Desperate as she is France has one big card—her military power. And the pressure which is now being exerted against her by the rival capitalists of England and America is rousing the jingo spirit and war talk is becoming distinctly audible in the entourage of the French delegation.

FIRE INQUEST SHOWS KANSAS CITY LAWLESS

Negroes Died in Coop Burned for Insurance?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 25.—The coroner's investigation into the collapse here of a Negro rooming house has revealed a criminal contempt for safety.

The house caught fire and collapsed following an unexplained explosion. It was very heavily insured both against fire and explosion—\$70,000 in all. There were twenty-five large cans of gasoline in the basement.

Fifteen dead bodies were recovered and it is hoped that this is the total death toll. The house was built less than a year ago, there were no fire escapes, only one entrance and half the thirty-six rooms were those horrible unsanitary coops to which the poor are sentenced—rooms without windows, lighted by gas day and night. There was no fire wall and the joists were not anchored to the walls.

Housing conditions in the Black Belt are typically American. Its population has grown from 23,000 to 38,000 in a decade but no extension of the Belt is tolerated. Hardy men who move out are bombed, their families endangered. Seventeen families have already been bombed this year—some several times.

A grisly feature—the rescue work was delayed while the police and fire departments squabbled over whose duty it was to extricate the wounded. Send in that Subscription Today.

MILLIONAIRES' MURDER TRIAL SEATS RESERVED

Frank's Case Staged as Exclusive Affair

When the sons of millionaires are being tried for the murder of the son of another millionaire seats are at a premium. To get past the barriers of unformed policemen into the Loeb-Leopold trial one must have credentials from the police or have unusual pull.

The DAILY WORKER reporter watched the police turning away the rank and file from the portals of the Cook County court house yesterday morning. Very few got past. State's Attorney Crowe was giving his show to an exclusive audience.

On the sixth floor another battery of officers winnowed out more of the curious so that by the time we were required to rise to honor the gentleman in a black gown there were still seats to spare. Of all the millions who are reading about the case hardly a hundred persons are seeing the trial for themselves from day to day.

Scientist Seeks Vengeance.
Ten o'clock, and in they come, the millionaire slayers. A ripple of excitement follows, which balliffs quiet. The slayers take their seats with smiles to friends and counsel. They do not smile at the father of their victim. Robert Frank, the millionaire pawn-broker, looks at them with hate. He is a Christian Scientist but is moved just now by a primitive spirit of vengeance for which he is ready to spend his money.

Plays to the Camera
Robert E. Crowe, State's Attorney, takes the witnesses in hand. He turns full on the audience and the shooting camera men as he asks his matter of fact questions. Crowe intends to make this trial his ladder of political safety and every bit of publicity counts. By catering to the public's "hangings" temper he hopes to get by the voters once more, in spite of his blackboard record of labor-framing and strike-breaking.

Millions Against Millions
There is no class issue as between the Leopold and Loeb forces on the one side and Frank on the other seeking vengeance, with the aid of the state's attorney. The big open shop paper box factories of the Leopold, the rich Loeb fortune and the millionaire pawn broking business of Frank simply make possible a more sensational trial and direct more spectacular attention to the State's Attorney prosecuting it.

Fortunate For Crowe
The conduct of the prosecution at this stage involves little mental strain on the prosecutor's part—fortunate for Crowe who is not a great lawyer. His witnesses are not cross examined by Defense Counsel Clarence Darrow. There is no sharp conflict of wits needed, no lightning intuition. The questions are of a formal character to put on the record certain facts which the opposing side does not dispute. The defense admits the murder, admits everything except that the murderers should be hanged.

Will they hang?
They are not friendless workers or Negroes. Think over that and get your answer.

NEW YORK CITY Party Activities

Anti-Imperialist War Campaign.
Workers Party members and sympathizers are requested to report at Workers Hall, 1347 Boston Road, Bronx, July 28 to August 4th, any evening during the week and you will be assigned to work in connection with the anti-imperialist and anti-war campaign conducted by the Communist International throughout the world to mark the 10th anniversary of the commencement of the great World War.—B. Robins, Section Secretary, Workers Party, Bronx.

Actors' Union Leader Ill.
NEW YORK, July 25.—Frank Gilmore, executive secretary of the Actors Equity Association was reported in a grave condition at a hospital here today suffering from a breakdown.

Amalgamated Food Workers

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Stockbrokers and Socialists.

LETTER from the stock-brokers of St. Petersburg to the socialist Minister Vanderveelde of Belgium:
" . . . Altho we may not be headed, we are explaining these circumstances to you, inasmuch as we are taking into consideration the international significance of the European conflict, as the active cooperation of the socialists of the aforementioned countries, and we plead with you to see that the conflict will be solved in the interests of international Socialism, and to say that we in our work in Russia will not maneuver against the war."
(From Plekhanov's collection "The War.")

Railway Unions' Officials Defy Board's Power

(Continued from page 1.)
ern Railroad carriers invited a group negotiation between a Conference Committee of Managers of the roads, and the railroad unions, which the brotherhoods accepted. After negotiations were under way, the railroad unions found they were being hoodwinked by the managers, as the "Committee was not a committee of the individual carriers authorized to confer and decide disputes, but was merely an advisory committee, without authority to decide disputes and enter into an agreement."
"This joint conference, failing to agree even on what the carriers termed 'the establishment of principles for the guidance of managers and representatives of the employees,' was terminated by the committee representing the carriers. The representatives of the employees of the individual carriers then endeavored to resume legally required conferences with the individual carriers which had been interrupted by the interposition of the Conference Committee."
The Conference Committee, which was without the power to decide the disputes over wage agreements, then wrote the Labor Board, conveying the idea that they did have such power, and requesting the Railroad Labor Board to take jurisdiction of the dispute."

Board Usurps Power.
"Without further information or investigation concerning the propriety of its action, the board on May 14, 1924, assumed jurisdiction upon its own motion of the dispute."
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers declare their right according to law to take up labor disputes with the railroad carriers direct. They say the only authority the railroad labor board has to take the matter up, or to order the Brotherhood officials to appear in such a hearing, is the authority arbitrarily taken unto itself. They charge the labor board with being partial to the carriers, and unfair and biased toward the railroad unions.

Omaha Is Going After Farmers and Workers In Anti-War Meetings
OMAHA, Neb., July 25.—The Communist world-wide Anti-War Week will be observed at Omaha by means of street meetings every evening during the "Week," by distribution of the party leaflet on Militarism, and thru sale of the party literature and special editions of the DAILY WORKER dealing with the problems of War and Imperialism from a working class standpoint.

The "Week" will be given a grand wind-up on Friday evening, August 1, at a "radical re-union" and banquet which will mark also the opening of the new party campaign headquarters at 206 Crouse Block. Norman Tallentire and J. E. Snyder will be the chief speakers on this occasion.
Tallentire, who is on a western tour especially for the Anti-Military campaign of the party, will speak on the topic "Ten Years After the World War."
Snyder is mapping out the plans for the Foster-Gitlow campaign which it is hoped will familiarize the great masses of backward farmers, and the equally backward industrial workers in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas with the aims of the Communist movement.

Revolution Rumored.
LONDON, July 25.—Dispatches from Bucharest today contained rumors of a revolutionary movement in Roumania. There were unconfirmed reports General Avarecu had entered the capital with irregular troops.

Electrical Workers Strike.
BOSTON, July 25.—Over 300 electrical workers of the Stone and Webster Construction Company are on strike in various parts of the state demanding union conditions at the Montauk electrical plant in Fall River. The General Electric in Lynn, a powerhouse job in Brockton, operations on the \$12,000,000 Edison plant in Weymouth, the Beaver Country School for Boys in Brookline, and the Montauk plant are tied up. The city workers here are not affected. Charles Kaveney, New England representative of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is conducting the strike.

Smuggling Plot.
NEW YORK, July 25.—In the seizure today of a rum-laden adventurer off Long Island, evidence came to light of what is said to be a widespread conspiracy to smuggle into the United States not only liquor, but Chinese, other aliens and large quantities of drugs.
Proof of the plot was found in a letter taken off one of the prisoners.

Illinois Labor Leaders Fight "Bob" for Small

(Continued from preceding page.)
for Washington at one o'clock yesterday, refusing to talk to reporters as he picked up his grip and left for the train. It is thought he will confer with the LaFollette-Wheeler board of strategy there about the muddled Illinois situation.

Won't Name Governor Yet.
"The LaFollette candidate for governor will not be named at Sunday's convention," a well informed Illinois LaFollette leader told the DAILY WORKER yesterday. "In view of the opposition of labor leaders, it is doubtful whether a governor can be run in opposition to Len Small. Newton Jenkins will eventually be named the LaFollette candidate for United States Senator."

The political alliance between the labor officials of the state and Len Small has become increasingly embarrassing to both LaFollette and the Federation of Labor officials. With Gompers' machine leaning strongly toward LaFollette, and the New Majority, official organ of the Chicago Federation of Labor, opening its columns to furthering the LaFollette campaign, if Raymond Robbins runs as the LaFollette choice for governor, the Federation of Labor officials will be placed in an untenable position. They will be endorsing LaFollette's policies on a national scale, which includes non-alliance with a regular Republican. At the same time they will be campaigning locally for the corrupt regular Republican, Len Small.

Labor Has The Dough.
At the present time the Federation of Labor officials have the best of the contest with the LaFollette group. It has been stated by an authoritative official of the Illinois Federation of Labor that Len Small will be supported by the Federation in November at all cost. They have become too immersed in the Small camp to withdraw their support, considering their promises to the Republican candidate for governor, and his hold upon them, even if they desired to.

LaFollette also has much to lose by opposing the Illinois labor leaders. The LaFollette-Wheeler campaign committee has just announced from Washington that much of the proposed \$3,000,000 campaign fund will be raised within the labor movement. LaFollette is relying strongly on the support of the A. F. of L. machine. The labor leaders are apparently holding the upper hand in their fight to keep a full state LaFollette ticket out of the field. Tomorrow's convention, while endeavoring to assume the aspect of harmony, will in reality, be a line-up of LaFollette versus the Len Small Federation of Labor champions.

No State C. P. A. Ticket.
An announcement of the probability that no state ticket will be put in the field was virtually made yesterday afternoon by Charles J. MacGowan, chairman of the Illinois Conference for Progressive Political Action. In telling of the meeting to be held Saturday, between the executive committee and the representatives of the socialist party and various liberal organizations he said:

"It is presumed that the program will deal only with the national aspect of the campaign and that no position—either for nor against—will be taken in respect to state or county candidates."
That matter, he added, would be left solely to the local organizations.
Business Men Too.
At the coming state gathering of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, MacGowan said that professional and business groups would be represented with the railroad, mining, building trades and general labor groups and farm and co-operative organizations.

Change Tallentire Dates.
Norman Tallentire, well known Communist speaker, begins his tour of the West in St. Louis on July 31. Tallentire will speak thruout the Pacific coast. Omaha, Nebraska, Kansas City, Missouri, Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, have already written the National Office of the Workers Party that huge Tallentire meetings have been arranged. Tallentire will speak in Los Angeles on August 3, and in San Francisco and the Bay district on August 9 and 10, these three dates having been changed.

Steel Workers' Convention.
MONTREAL, Canada, July 25.—The coppermiths and sheet metal workers' unions are to merge, according to the decision of the convention of the Amalgamated Steel Workers' International Alliance in session here. Support to the child labor amendment to the constitution was passed and the Railroad Labor Board was attacked as unfair to the workers.

YOWLS DRIVING PESSIMISM FROM HEGEWISCH FIGHT

Youth Carry Whirlwind Campaign into Strike

By EARL R. BROWDER.
All "tired revolutionists" who feel that, because the revolution was not found around the corner, the workers are a hopeless lot who must be left for the starvation cure, should take a trip out to Hegewisch, where the strike is going on in the car shops and there see what the Young Workers' League is accomplishing.

Boys and young men with the Y. W. L. red cards proudly showing in their shirt pockets, will gladden your eyes when you come up to the picket line. The captain of the pickets is a member of the League. In fact, if you are not in the Yowls in Hegewisch, you are not in the swim. Hegewisch youth is a unit for the Y. W. L. It all came about in the midst of the strike that began three weeks ago. The DAILY WORKER entered into the battle for the strikers. The Young Workers' League sent out Barney Mass and Max Shachtmen to do their part for the strike, they called for the organization of a branch of the Young Workers' League. The first call resulted in 21 members. Since then the branch has continued to grow and flourish. Red cards are now the fashion in Hegewisch, and, as it is a working class community, the fashion extends to all inhabitants.

The backbone of the Y. W. L. is also the backbone of the strike. It consists of the heater boys in the shops. And that they are a live bunch is evident when you see the activities they carry on. Not content with making the strike effective in the shops, they are carrying it to the workers generally, with the appeal for solidarity. Extensive benefit entertainments are being organized to raise money for the strikers and their families, and the league is the force directing and performing the work. Young boys, 7 to 10 years of age, cover the town selling copies of the Young Worker.

Last night a mass meeting for the workers of the plant was held with Barney Mass, organizer of the Young Workers' League, as the principal speaker, and it was a "yowling" success. Again I say, all you sour-faced and pessimistic old grouchies in the movement, if you want to get a touch of high life, go out and join the Yowls in their work in Hegewisch. It will do your tired souls good.

Arouse the World Against the Wars of the Imperialists

(Continued from page 1.)
In encouragement from American war lords. American gunboats are hovering about the coast of Brazil, protecting Wall Street capital. Germany, France and Belgium are dominated by J. P. Morgan, backed up as he is by the American army and navy. Japan is squirming under the anti-Japanese laws which Coolidge allowed the American bankers to pass without objection. While the American capitalists are "following the flag" with their army and navy to protect their millions, the Social-Democrats of the Second International, unashamed at their betrayal of the workers in 1914 when they voted for war credits, weekly claim to be powerless to avert a war if the capitalists really want it.

Not Pacifists
The Communist International during the coming week, raises the slogan of "Down with capitalist wars." Capitalist wars with their accompanying graft, bringing millions in profit to the war profiteers, bring only misery, poverty, desolation and death to the working classes of the world. The Communists recognize only one war, the class war to liberate forever the workers from the rule of the financiers. The Communists are not pacifists but they will resist with all their power the wars of capital, which are perpetrated in the name of high ideals, merely to extend the markets of the nationalist capitalists and plunge the workers revolts into chaos.

The special anti-war edition of the DAILY WORKER is being distributed by the thousands of copies during the coming week. Hundreds and hundreds of street meetings are being held in every city of the land, telling the workers the position of the Communists on capitalist wars.

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Socialists Make Sure Suicide Is Successful

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

TODAY, the socialists have made doubly sure that the suicide of their party will be completely successful at this year's elections.

They left no possible escape from sure death when the party's national executive committee issued the official congressional policy stating that:

"When the candidate of another party has the official endorsement and approval of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, and the socialist party has no chance of election, it may be best, in the campaign of 1924, to abstain from making a rival nomination."

Bi-chloride of mercury or potassium cyanide are not more deadly to human life than this policy will be upon the flickering political life of what remains of the socialist party. In only one congressional district in the land, that now represented by Victor L. Berger in congress, can the socialists be said to possess that ephemeral thing called, "The chance of election." Everywhere else over the land one finds only the graveyards of the socialist political hopes of years gone by.

This is true even in New York City. There LaGuardia, the republican, who has been trailing the LaFollette band wagon, is already in congress in the strongest socialist district. Under their own policy the socialists will be compelled to swallow LaGuardia as they have swallowed the "LaFollette and Wheeler" ticket.

Under their own policy the socialists will everywhere be compelled to work for the election of old partyites. This is shown to be doubly true since it is working out in practice that the LaFollette forces are everywhere declaring war on the Farmer-Labor Party movement.

This was shown in the attack of the LaFollette following, at the Minnesota Federation of Labor Convention, against the idea of independent political action.

It was shown in the refusal of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, in Montana, to endorse Farmer-Labor Party officials, already in office, for re-election.

It was even slapped into the face of Morris Hillquit, himself, when Thomas E. Ryan, the New York state legislative agent of the railroad brotherhoods, sent out the call for the meeting of the New York Conference for Progressive Political Action, to be held in Albany, August 16, without even inviting Hillquit and his fellow socialists to attend.

The fact that the national office of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, at Washington, appointed Morris Hillquit, Gilbert E. Rowe and Thomas E. Ryan as a committee to call a full convention, does not change the situation. Even suicides are given the last chance of a hurry-rush to the hospital.

Class conscious workers and farmers everywhere are called upon to fight this year under the Communist standards of the Workers Party. Only in the fight for the Communist candidates, William Z. Foster, for president, and Benjamin Gitlow, for vice-president, will the class interests of the workers and farmers be safeguarded in this year's political struggle. Only thru the refusal of militant labor to take the socialist bait held out by the LaFollette "little business" ticket, thus refusing to betray its own class interests, will it be possible to continue building for the great class party of workers and farmers.

The socialist party may commit suicide, as it is doing. The reactionary officialdom of labor may run after LaFollette and Wheeler in the two old parties of Wall Street.

But greater and greater masses of workers and farmers, confronted daily with their own problems, will realize their class interests, enter more vigorously than ever into the growing class struggle, and march onward, ever more confident, to the final victory.

N. Y. APPLAUDS FOSTER'S STORY OF 1924 RUSSIA

Presidential Candidate Heard by Big Crowd

(By The Federated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 25.—The Russian revolution has met its severest tests and fought its way thru to victory, William Z. Foster, chairman of the Workers party and its presidential candidate, declared to a cheering mass meeting of New Yorkers. Foster, who has recently returned from a six weeks' visit to Russia, described the improvement of conditions there today as contrasted to the situation as he saw it in that country in 1921.

As a result of the Russian success he predicted victory for the world revolution: "The Russian working class have smashed a great breach in the wall of international capitalism. The exploiters can never patch it up again. It will widen and widen until finally the great proletarian flood pours thru and overwhelms the capitalist class all over the world."

He said he lost 25 pounds in Russia in 1921, and the workers were hungry, thin and haggard. Now in Russia the workers have food, control over their jobs, and are happy and contented. He described how the government had overcome the counter-revolutionary Allied invasions, civil war and foreign blockade.

Production has increased, foreign trade has begun again, and the peasants are satisfied, according to the speaker. He stressed the great achievement of the government in balancing the budget and stabilizing the ruble. This he contrasted with the chaos and collapse in Germany and Poland which one meets on the way to Russia.

Suicide Arranges for His Funeral.
MADRID, July 25.—Senor Roque, a merchant, deciding on suicide, visited his relatives and invited them to attend his funeral which he said would be held today. Then he purchased a casket and made arrangements for the funeral. After visiting a municipal judge and requesting him to call later for his body, he went to his home and hanged himself.

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CHINESE COMMUNIST DELEGATES SEE COUNTRY TURNING TO SOVIET RUSSIA FOR HER DEVELOPMENT

BY ANISE

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

MOSCOW, July 25.—China will never be developed by the capitalist imperialist nations. She is building her connections with Russia. Such is the view of the Chinese delegation at the Third International's meeting in Moscow.

If India breaks loose, the British empire goes. If China frees herself, world capitalism and imperialism receives its death blow. Those are the sentiments one hears. They go farther and say: "That is why British labor can never speak out frankly on the subject of India. For if British capitalists can no longer exploit India and the colonies, then half the population in the British Isles faces the question of starvation."

Capitalists Won't Get China.

The Chinese delegation feels sure of itself. World capitalism will not get the development of China in its hands, they say. If the Chinese furnished a market for American cotton goods and collars and manufactured products, then America could keep her workers well fed on the exploiting of China, and it would be very long before they faced their capitalists at home. But China won't. China will be going the soviet road, they predict.

They give you reasons for their views. China has just slapped the western imperialists. In spite of Secretary Hughes and France, she made a deal with Russia, and declared the Chinese Eastern railway concerned her and Russian alone. Politically, China is a complex of many states, almost of many nations, speaking various tongues. Central

control is still lacking. One province after another may feel the attraction of Russia as Russian independence of foreign imperialists has made a deep impression on the young intellectual class in China.

Bigger Than German Issue.

If China starts swinging into the soviet orbit, the problem of a German revolution may pale beside the questions of the far east.

Incidentally, the larger capitalists of the world are not asleep. One hears the opinion expressed here that the reason for the large Japanese loan recently floated by Morgan was to buy off the Japanese from recognizing Russia. Japan's capitalism and imperialism is pretty well grounded, but she might begin to look westward if China goes, and if the other imperialist nations keep on treating her citizens as undesirable.

Arabs Kick About British.

JERUSALEM, July 25.—The Palestinian Arabs are opposed to the treaty between England and the Hedjass, according to Muza Kazin Pasha, the President of the Moslem-Christian Association of Palestine, who expressed this view in a cable to King Hussein of the Hedjass, protesting against the signing of the treaty.

The President of the Moslem-Christian Association, in his cable, states that the Palestinian Arabs consider the treaty, which omits the independence of Palestine, as a betrayal of the interests of the Palestinian Arabs.

Jewish Orphanage Burns.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 25.—The Jewish orphan asylum here, which sheltered 200 children, was destroyed by fire today. By the quick action of the Fire Department all the children were saved. Their situation, however, is very precarious since there are no accommodations in the city, which could give them shelter.

MILITANTS IN ILLINOIS MUST PREPARE FIGHT

Urge United Support for Progressive Measures

Progressive measures in the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention, to be held in Peoria, Sept. 8th, will require the militant backing of all progressive elements if they are to be successfully established.

The reactionary forces are busy preparing to kill them, and only the determined will of all forward-moving elements can put across such vital measures as amalgamation, unemployed relief, organize the unorganized, recognition of Soviet Russia, and other necessary measures for which progressive labor stands.

That is the gist of a statement issued by the Trade Union Educational League, thru J. W. Johnstone, assistant secretary, to its Illinois members. The statement follows:

PROBLEMS of vital importance and proposed progressive measures will again be dealt with at the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention to be held in Peoria on September 8.

Whether these progressive measures will land in the wastebasket or be enacted for the benefit of organized workers in the state that is entirely up to the affiliated unions to decide.

The miners of District 12 at their convention went on record for the principle of industrial unionism thru amalgamation of the existing craft unions. It also instructed all its affiliated unions to work for full representation at the Illinois convention for the purpose of putting this measure across. The miners of the state are today among our most militant fighters and in organizational measures far ahead of most of our unions.

The union smashing campaign of 1920-21, temporarily checked during the period of prosperity just passed, is showing plenty of signs of revival. The bosses are preparing for new attacks and it would be well for all progressive unionists to follow the example set by the miners to work for a real united front thru the proposed measure of amalgamation.

Unemployment is increasing rapidly thruout the state, bringing added misery to the workers organized as well as unorganized. The employers are alert to the situation and planning vigorously to use the unemployed as the weapon to lower union conditions.

Real measures are required not only to bring relief to those unemployed but also to protect the existing organizations. An aggressive campaign to organize the unorganized is needed that we may not face complete annihilation.

Several efforts have been made to unite the workers politically thru the establishment of a mass Labor Party. We have not as yet succeeded in our efforts. The fight for a real Labor Party must continue.

No efforts on the part of the workers to assert themselves politically will become effective before they organize themselves on a class basis. The need of organizing a mass Labor Party is now more apparent than ever. It is one of the vital problems facing the organized workers in the state of Illinois.

The activities of the Ku Klux Klan have long been recognized as a menace to organized labor. It is becoming ever more an instrument of capitalism used to break down the standard of living of the workers and endangering the existence of labor unions.

This white guard menace must be fought aggressively. The trade unions must assert themselves and definitely declare that Ku Klux Klan must be eliminated root and branch.

All progressive unionists should unite and work for the adoption of these and other vitally necessary measures. Every union should be represented at the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention at Peoria on September the 8th.

ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN FOR PRESS PICNIC COMING AUGUST 10?

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Also see that the language branches elect a committee which will help in the work at the Press Picnic. Have the branch send in the names and addresses of those comrades so that we can assign them to definite work beforehand.

You should make yourself especially responsible for advertising the press picnic in your press. Publicity is sent out regularly. You should make certain that your language press prints that publicity and also prints special publicity of their own to attract the language comrades and sympathizers.

Get the branches on the job distributing the special advertising material we have gotten out. This can be obtained at the local office. If you can help to get the branches put on a special feature at the Press Picnic do so. We are depending upon you to help make the Press Picnic a huge success for the DAILY WORKER and your press and we expect you to continually communicate with the branches of your language to this end.

Fraternally yours,
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Martin Abern, Secretary.

Miners' Leaders Slash Each Other In Personal Fight

DANVILLE, Ill., July 25.—As the result of a feud of long standing, Herbert Halls, official of District 121 of the United Mine Workers, is in a local hospital with a jaw bone broken in two places, a broken nose and other injuries, the result of a fight with Peter Markanis, a labor leader of Westville. Halls is alleged to have started the trouble by striking Markanis with a knife. Both men have been bitter opponents for the leadership of the miners of this district for several years. Markanis has been placed under arrest and is under bonds of \$5,000.

Boiler Scalds Workers.

ANDERSON, Ind., July 24.—Homer Manning, 43, was suffering from scalds today and William Woods, 35, was recovering from hurts inflicted when a large boiler at the General Insulating plant exploded. The boiler was blown 75 feet.

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Party Activities Of Local Chicago

BRANCH MEETINGS

Monday, July 28—Northwest Jewish, 2642 LeMoine Ave., 1103 S. Loomis Ave. Italian 19th Ward, 1402 S. 60th St. Tuesday, July 29—Party and Y. W. L. Members in A. C. W. A., 2322 Douglas Blvd., 8 p. m. Wednesday, July 30—Roumanian Branch, 2254 Clybourn Ave. Thursday, July 31—Anti-Militarist Mass Meeting, Wicker Park Hall, 2040 W. North Ave. Scandinavian Karl Marx, 2721 Elmhurst Blvd. Thursday, July 31—11th Ward Italian, 2439 S. Oakley Blvd. Friday, August 1—Ukrainian No. 2, Pullman, 10701 Stephenson Ave. Polish North Side, 1902 W. Division St. Lithuanian No. 41, 4138 Archer Ave. Greek Branch, 732 Blue Island Ave.

STREET MEETINGS

Saturday, July 26 Roosevelt and Central Park, Douglas Park Jewish, 2254 Clybourn Ave. 20th and State, South Side English W. P. 112th and Michigan, Pullman Sub-City Central Committee. Sunday, July 27 Marshfield and Roosevelt, Marshfield Y. W. L. Saturday, July 28—Riverview Press Picnic Committee meeting, at Room 307, 165 W. Washington St., 3 p. m. Friday, July 26—Speakers Class, 1902 W. Division St.

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Against the Next War

War is brewing in Europe and J. P. Morgan, the ruler of the United States, is stirring the cauldron. When it breaks, this country will be playing a leading role, even tho the first moves may be made by puppets, responding the strings from Wall Street. The London Conference, the presence in Europe of two members of the Cabinet together with Morgan and his agents, the American participation in efforts to wring "reparations" from Germany, the squabble with Japan, the revolts in South American countries, the presence of American armed forces in small countries of the Caribbean and South America—all these are but a few symptoms of the boiling forces of war that are preparing to burst forth.

The working class is still, in its majority, blindly following the same traitorous leaders who delivered them to the capitalist class during the last war. Lulled by the pacifist phrase of the socialists and trade union bureaucrats, the rank and file workers are again being led to the slaughter, to fight for Morgan's billions. They have not yet learned that "pacifism," the poison of non-resistance, is one of the most potent weapons of the war-lords.

There is but one center of resistance to the next world-slaughter that capitalism is preparing—that is the Communist International and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Holding one-sixth of the earth's surface in the hands of the workers, uniting in fraternal solidarity with the awakened workers all over the world in the ranks of the Communist International, determined and prepared to defend themselves against all the forces of capitalism, including the capitalist armies, it is the Russian working class that holds out the one promise of peace to the workers of the world.

There is no hope of peace, is the wordy phrases of middle-class pacifism. Against the brutal powers of capitalism, the workers must be prepared to organize their own power, to answer blow with blow. For peace will come to the world only thru the elimination of the cause of war, and that cause is the capitalist system.

In every country the workers and farmers must organize their own resistance to their own imperialism. No power can finally master Wall Street and destroy its capacity to upset the peace of the world, except the power of the American workers. And today there is but one center of organization against the next war—the Communist International, and in America its fraternal section, the Workers Party.

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The "Pittsburgh Plus" Decision

After five years of legal dickering, the Federal Trade Commission has declared that the "Pittsburgh Plus" system of price fixing in steel must go. The decision is aimed at the United States Steel Corporation.

Under the orders of the Commission, the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries are directed to abandon the present system under which prices, on rolled steel, products manufactured at and shipped from their plants, outside of Pittsburgh, are quoted at a Pittsburgh base price plus an amount equivalent to what the railroad freight charge would be from Pittsburgh to the customer's destination, if these products were actually shipped from Pittsburgh. Under this scheme the Corporation pays only the freight charges on the products from their mills to the customer who in turn is compelled to pay the freight from Pittsburgh.

It has been estimated that the Steel Corporation pocketed an additional fifty to seventy-five million dollars in profits annually thru this procedure. The independent concerns in the Chicago-Gary steel district are rejoicing. Likewise, the farm users of steel welcome the decision.

But is there really a substantial basis for considering this decision a blow against the Steel Trust? We think not. The shares of the United States Steel Corporation showed no sign of weakness or disturbance in response to the decision. For one thing the decision is not final. The big steel interests have not yet consulted the courts on this matter. Should they decide to take the issue to the courts, it will very likely be years before the outcome is reached. Then, today, "Pittsburgh plus" is very much less of a steel market factor than it has been in many years. The acute depression in the steel industry is working against its playing a decisive role in the steel market.

At best the decision of the Federal Trade Commission is a very small victory for the independent steel corporations. The farmers and other steel consumers will derive insignificant benefits, if any at all, when the decision becomes final at some date in the indefinite future.

Democracy's Blessings

Time and again we are called to order when we criticize and expose the true nature of the government. We are then told that the blessings of "democratic suffrage" are incalculable.

The country will soon participate in a national election of greater significance than any to date. There are three so-called major candidates and six so-called minor candidates, for the presidency. Eight out of the nine candidates stand for the perpetuation of capitalism in some form or other. Only one candidate, Comrade Foster, the standard-bearer of the Workers Party, is fighting for the complete abolition of capitalism and is propagating the necessity for the establishment of a Communist order.

How many are going to vote? How many will participate in the coming elections? If we are to accept the results of the last seven elections as a criterion, then we can look forward to perhaps only half of America's citizens participating in the November balloting.

In 1896, when Bryanism was at its height and when American imperialists were making their first flagrant attempt, only eighty per cent of the potential voters cast their ballots. In 1900, the proportion fell to seventy-three per cent; in 1908 to sixty-six per cent; in 1912, with Roosevelt at his loudest, to sixty-two per cent, and in 1920, the first election after the war, to less than fifty per cent. In the non-presidential elections, the number of voters is even smaller.

Why is there a steadily decreasing proportion of potential voters? The fact of the matter is that the great mass of workers and farmers have, in recent years, been developing a deep disgust with capitalist parliamentarism, with the democracy of the two big capitalist parties. Then, there are residential restrictions and employment conditions preventing potential voters from exercising their rights.

The decreasing proportion of voters is only more proof of the uselessness, of the inefficiency of capitalist democracy as a test, as a gauge of the opinions and desires of the great mass of the population. The very bicameral system, the artificial geographical basis of representation, in itself tends to diminish the ability of the workers and dispossessed farmers to register accurately their voice.

Only when the workers and farmers vote as they work, vote thru their occupations in the mines, the mills, on the railroads and on the land, will there be genuine—proletarian—democracy in the country.

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"Law and Order"

The Southern Illinois Ku Klux Klan mobs are a menace. Three Negroes arrested near Mound City, Illinois, "suspected" of killing a white girl, twice narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan mob. A company of Illinois militia was rushed to the scene, and the Negroes were moved from Villa Ridge, out of the clutches of the Klan mob, to the Mound jail, where another Klan mob formed. They were then moved by the sheriffs to Mound City, the mob, howling for blood, following in autos.

"The witness to the crime was unable to identify the Negroes," news dispatches tell us. Despite this fact, the Klan mob later in the day again threatened the lives of these innocent men, thirsting for blood, calling for "justice."

This same Klan mob, however, which was augmented by respected citizens from West Frankfort, Illinois, allows O. P. Bozarth to remain on the police force of that town, after brutally murdering twenty-one year old Boris Popovsky. Popovsky was not arrested for robbery. He was hailed to court accused of driving a bakery truck too fast. Bozarth evidently did not like Popovsky's looks so he brutally clubbed him to death under the nose of the judge. Bozarth is now out on bail, which is said to have been put up by the Ku Klux Klan. He is still on the police force at latest accounts, altho charged with murder.

But Popovsky happens to be a Communist. The Southern Illinois Ku Klux Klan lynchings do not howl for the policeman's blood. In the name of law and order it is all right to murder Communists. It is time the miners of Southern Illinois wiped out the disgraceful practices of Ku Kluxers who are operating in Southern Illinois.

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The Bankers Have Three Parties

That Burton K. Wheeler only consented to accept the vice-presidential nomination to run with LaFollette after Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, urged him to do so in a telegram hastily dispatched when Wheeler was on the point of refusing, is the story given to the press by John M. Nelson, campaign manager of the LaFollette forces in Chicago.

It seems that the LaFollette organization is quite proud of its banker connections, and of the decisive part they play in important questions. Rudolph Spreckles, millionaire banker and sugar king, is made one of the directors of the campaign. Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly of the National City Bank, utters the decisive word in picking LaFollette's running mate.

After the rich banker has made the decision, we have the pathetic spectacle of the Socialist Party formally endorsing the choice of Wheeler, swallowing all their brave words about the necessity of, at least, having something to say about the second place on the ticket.

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RUSSIA IN 1924

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Continued from Last Issue.)

Rising Wages—Trade Unions.

The essence of present-day Russia is that production is carried on not to line the pockets of a few social parasites, but for the benefit of all the workers. Consequently, as industry revives and produces a greater mass of goods, naturally the workers get the benefit of it in a higher standard of living. General wage increases have followed the increase in industrial production. Whereas in all other countries, the workers have suffered heavy reductions in wages and lengthenings of the workday, in Russia alone have wages gone up and the eight hour day been maintained. This fact speaks eloquently for the new society. The average wage increase for all Russian industries in 1923, was 25%. As compared with pre-war standards, wage rates in various industries are as follows: metal 52%, textile 82%, mines 38%, chemicals 75%, printing 73%, food 113%, leather 92%, paper 100%, wood 80%, railways 46%. In Moscow the workers of all classes earn on an average 93% of pre-war rates, and in Leningrad they earn 83%. The wages for all classes of workers throughout Russia are now about 65% of the pre-war average, and they are constantly and rapidly rising.

Corresponding to the improvement in industry and the wages of the workers, the trade unions are making definite progress in many essential respects. One is a substantial increase in membership. On January 1st, 1923, the unions totaled 4,546,000 members; on January 1st, 1924, the figure amounted to 5,621,000. The unions actually engaged in industry, except transport, gained 35% in membership. Prior to the introduction of the New Economic Policy, in 1921, membership in the unions was virtually compulsory. Now it is entirely upon a dues paying, voluntary system. Fully 97% of all workers belong to the unions. Approximately 85% of them are financially in good standing in their organizations. At least 90% of the total trade union membership works under collective agreements. Of the industrial disputes that have developed, nearly all of which were settled without strikes, only 7% were settled in favor of the employers, which in most cases is the State. The unions are developing their educational work extensively. For this work they have organized 1562 cultural clubs, of which there are 1,000 located in the factories. In 1923, 160,000 illiterate workers were taught to read and write in the trade union schools. There are 639 trade union physical culture societies.

Unemployment.

As I stated earlier in my talk, the solution of some of the old problems confronting the revolution, has given birth to new problems. One of these is unemployment. It may seem strange at first blush that there should be unemployment in a country where the capitalist system has been killed. But such is the case, and for perfectly understandable reasons. Let me explain them briefly. In 1921 there was practically no unemployment in Russia, though there was not much industry either. But the number of unemployed workers throughout Russia is now estimated to be about 1,000,000. The number has been increased for the past year. Strangely enough, the number of employed has been growing rapidly at the same time that the army of unemployed is increasing. In nine months, from February to October of 1923, the total number of workers engaged in the state industries increased 10%.

The apparent contradiction of the army of the unemployed growing simultaneously with the army of the employed, is easily explained. The fact is that new supplies of workers are being assembled faster than the expanding industries can absorb them. Hence the growth of the number of unemployed, in spite of the progressive opening of the factories. The unemployed are coming from many sources. One factor is the reclassing of the proletariat that I mentioned earlier; that is to say, the coming back to the cities of large numbers of workers who left them for the country during the period of the greatest economic crisis. These returning workers help to swell the ranks of the unemployed. Then there were the demobilization of the army and the elimination of great numbers of needless office workers and bureaucrats from the state industries and government institutions in order to balance the state budget. Also there is the proletarianizing of the old bourgeoisie, the forcing down into the ranks of the workers of the remnants of the former ruling class. And finally, to mention only a few of the more important factors, the official list of the unemployed is swollen by the registration of all kinds of doubtful social elements, Nepmen and others, who register as unemployed in order to get the protection and advantages of being a worker-citizen. These ad-

vantages are many and great. For one thing, there is the unemployed benefits, of which I shall speak in a moment. Then there are the various rebates that the workers receive. For example, an unemployed worker gets his rent free, or practically so, while a Nepman may pay, for similar lodgings, as much rent as half a dozen families of employed workers. Naturally, the Nepmen and their ilk will not do this if they can possibly avoid it, so they make every effort to register as unemployed workers. Not all the purgings of the list can free them entirely from these cheats, of whom, even in Russia, there are still many. The trade union officials state that of the unemployed only about 35% are union members, which means, as practically all real workers are trade unionists, that large numbers of the unemployed have only slight real connections with industry. The latest figures show that only 8% of the total union membership is unemployed.

It is noteworthy that the unemployment in Russia is not smashing the wage scales, as always happens in capitalist countries during "hard times." The verification of this fact is furnished by the figures cited earlier on wage increases. The explanation is that in Russia, wage rates are not based upon how little the workers can be driven to accept, but upon the revolutionary principle of an equitable division of the total wealth produced and available for distribution among the workers. Present-day Russia presents the anomalous picture of rapidly increasing wage rates and a growing army of unemployed.

The only cure for the unemployed problem now vexing Russia will come when the expanding industries catch up with the increasing supply of workers, which, if present indications are valid, will not be very long. In the meantime, however, the State, recognizing the right of the workers to either remunerative work or free sustenance, has developed an elaborate insurance institution. The law forbids the workers contributing anything to this fund. The insurance applies to workers thrown out of work for any cause. The following official table shows not only the extent to which unemployed workers are taken care of, but especially the great improvement that is taking place in the insurance rates. The table indicates the percentage of wages paid to the unemployed.

Place.	Date	Temporarily Incapacitated	Totally Incapacitated	Unemployed
Moscow.....	Jan. 1, 1923,	72%	42%	27%
Provinces, Jan. 1, 1923,	64%	30%	20%	
Moscow.....	Jan. 1, 1924,	92%	100%	60%
Provinces, Jan. 1, 1924,	89%	66%	54%	

In Conclusion.

Has what I have said conveyed the impression that everything is rosy in Russia? I hope not, for I have not wanted it to do so. Living conditions are still difficult, so much so that Americans compelled to bear them would soon cry quits. But the important fact is that they are a tremendous improvement over the frightful conditions which prevailed a few years ago. It is this improvement which shows the progress of the Russian revolution to success and which encourages the workers to still greater efforts. Bad off as the workers still are, all they have to do is to think back to the civil war, famine, plague, and starvation that marked the early stages of their death struggle with capitalism, and then their present evils seem light in comparison. They know full well that if they could overcome those awful conditions and bring industry to its present improved condition, they will also be able to vanquish the comparatively simpler problems now confronting them and to carry the revolution on to final and complete success.

The way taken by the Russian working class has been a long, hard, uphill struggle. It has tried the last ounce of their courage and endurance. But hard as it has been, it is the load that the whole world's working class must travel. Capitalism has had its day. It cannot be patched up and made livable for the workers, whether the patching is done by a Gompers, who frankly admits that he wants to perpetuate the present system, or by a Hillquit, who hypocritically tells the workers that he is establishing Socialism. The capitalist system must be abolished root and branch, and the Russian working class have shown the workers of the world how to do it. The Russian revolution unquestionably still has many great battles to fight. A thousand difficult problems yet remain to be solved, and no longer is the matchless leader, Lenin, at hand to help solve them. But the revolution will live, and as it establishes and fortifies itself, it will be an ever greater stimulus and inspiration for the international working class.

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BISCUIT BOSSES MAKE PROFIT ON ALL PAPER BOXES

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

MANISTEE, Mich., July 24.—To THE DAILY WORKER: I see you are making a drive against the National Biscuit Company of Chicago, which is termed a "slave-driving concern" and which is a trust.

The National Biscuit Co. also owns and operates a paper mill in Marseilles, Ill., making all their own cartons for their biscuit factory. I know, for I'm a paper mill worker by trade, but not working at present.

Here is the size and output of the mill in the new 1924 Paper Mill Directory: Mill, Marseilles, Ill.: Owner, National Biscuit Co. (F. B. Davidson, mgr.; H. J. Brown, asst. mgr.; and A. A. Deane, supt.) Ten beating engines; one 122-in., 6 cylinder board machine. Water and steam power. Combination board for N. B. Co. owa use. 130,000 lbs. in 24 hours.

This box board is made out of any kind of waste paper, bought thru waste paper dealers in Chicago or other large cities.

N. B. Co. making their own box board makes extra profit, but the mill workers don't get any of it.

CHAS. CASSELL.

MEMBERSHIP EAGERLY HEARS PARTY PROGRAM FROM SPEAKERS

The series of membership meetings, addressed by Comrades William Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg, are the most successful and at the same time the largest and most enthusiastic that the Party has held.

The reports of Comrade Foster and Ruthenberg, for the new policy of the Central Executive Committee, were received with great interest. The explanation of the necessities which forced the C. E. C. to adopt the new election policy, had the effect of clearing up some misconceptions. When those present at the meetings began to fully grasp the possibilities of building up our own Party in the coming election struggle, it was apparent that their support to every phase of the fight against the old parties and La Follette, would be unstinted.

The large mass meetings on "Russia in 1924," addressed by Comrade Foster, were an opportune answer to the present scarehead lies appearing in certain capitalist newspapers—that Russia was again about to collapse because of a new famine. Audiences listened eagerly to the story of how the Russian Communists, with their indomitable courage together with the iron discipline of their Party, have smashed the blockade, thus forcing recognition from so many countries who are now extending credits and beginning to struggle with one another for the trade favors of the new Russia. This, and Foster's discription of the "Nepman," and his desire for free competition, made many of us think of the ideals and desires of our own American Nepman, Robert M. LaFollette.

Useless in the Hour of Need

THE futility of the Second (Socialist) International was admitted by Karl Kautsky when he said in "The New Order," October, 1914:

"... It (the International) is not a powerful instrument during war-time; it is essentially an instrument of peace.

"The International is strongest in peace, weakest in war. That is certainly to be regretted."

WORKERS' SPORTS ALLIANCE BEGUN ON UNITED FRONT

By CHARLES ERIKSON

At a meeting called last night to launch the United Front Sports Alliance, a Provisional Committee was organized, consisting of the Federated Workers Gymnastic Association, the Liebknecht Soccer Club, and the Young Workers League of Chicago. Comrade Matilda Kalousek, of the Federated Workers Gymnastic Assn. was elected provisional chairman and Charles Erikson of the Young Workers League, provisional secretary.

This marks the first real attempt to organize the youth on a field which heretofore has been claimed only by capitalist clubs and associations. It is a field which should not be neglected. Thru it many can be reached which it would otherwise be impossible to attempt.

Plans were laid down for the calling of a United Front Conference to be held August 15th, to which all workers' sport organizations are to be invited. It is planned to unite them all in one big Sports Alliance.

All workers' and liberal sport and athletic groups who may be interested should get in touch with Charles Erikson, Secy., 4911 West Walton Street.