

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHEARTY.

THE foreign dispatches published in the American capitalist press the Trotsky quarrel with the committee of the Communist Party of Russia might just as well have been written in New York or Chicago. It is quite likely indeed that many of them are. Those acquainted with the methods of capitalist editors know that they are not beyond concocting an imaginary yarn about "Soviet" atrocities and slipping a Moscow or Riga date line over it. Trotsky, for the second time since 1917, finds considerable favor in the eyes of some capitalist writers. Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish orator and so-called "emancipator," once said that whenever he earned the compliments of the British government, he went home and examined his conscience. If Comrade Trotsky, while in the Crimea, has an opportunity to read flattering comments on his fight against the central committee of his own party, he could do worse than recall O'Connell's famous remark.

POPE Plus has condemned the Russian Soviet regime and buried his poisoned stiletto in the heart of Communism. But the old peddler of religious opium can froth at the mouth; he can hurl his bulls and edicts until his throat gets dry, the revolutionary heaven continues to work and his thunderbolts miss their mark. There was a time when the pope could call on governments to carry out his wishes. But those days are no more. He tries to maintain the illusion of the Vatican of today is the Vatican of the dark ages and of the days when to invent a machine for the lightning of human toll or conceive a new idea, was tantamount to applying for a bed on the rack or a drink of molten lead, from the pope's predecessors.

TODAY the pope is hanging on by the "skin of his teeth." Instead of being a leader he is merely a political mien of the great capitalist powers. In Italy he is the ally of the murderer, Mussolini, but one of these days, the Italian workers are going to give him the same medicine they have concocted for Benito. The pope is the willing tool of the British empire. It is significant that this anti-Red diatribe of the pope's was given out shortly after he was visited by Austen Chamberlain, tory foreign minister. Chamberlain was on a Red crusade and induced Herriot to open war on the French Communists. He did and is now in bed with a sick foot.

CHAMBERLAIN'S visit to the pope was not altogether connected with the international crusade against Communism. The press reports state that the nomination of Mgr. O'Donnell as archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, followed the reception of Chamberlain by the pope. This means that the British protestant government has endorsed the appointment of O'Donnell to succeed the British lackey, Cardinal Logue. Britain is known as one of the "protestant powers" but that power has the right of veto over papal appointments to his ecclesiastical office in Ireland. Irish Catholics who profess a great hatred for England do not seem to realize that the British government and the pope are working hand in hand to keep Ireland under the British yoke. They should read "Labor, Nationality and Religion" by Ireland's greatest revolutionist, James Connolly, and learn the truth.

THE conventions of the C. P. P. A. and what is left of the socialist party will be held on the same day in Chicago, Feb. 21. The socialists want to capture the C. P. P. A. and it looks as if they are going to be successful. William H. Johnston may turn over the letterheads to Hillquit but very little else. The railroad brotherhoods (Continued on page 2)

COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON AUSTRALIAN LABOR COUNCIL FOR GREATER EFFORTS FOR VICTORY

(By The Federated Press)

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—Following on the decision of the Australian labor party not to allow Communists to affiliate, an intimation of this fact was sent to the Communist International at Moscow, and the following reply was received by the Labor Council of New South Wales:

"Communist International notes decision of Australian labor party and open antagonism to Communists. Bourgeoisie and their agents are quaking everywhere. Victory is assured. Let seventh year spur you on to greater effort.—Zinoviev, Chairman, Communist International."

With Zinoviev's message came also a message from Tomsky, president of the Russian Trade Union Congress, as follows:

"Convey greetings to miners and transport workers in struggle against capitalist offensive. Russian workers appreciate efforts of labor council to organize workers in their fight against reaction.—Tomsky, President, Russian Trade Union Congress."

CARPENTERS IN MANSFIELD, O., ALL FOR ROSEN

Faker Brown Drew But One Vote

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 19.—The election returns in the carpenters' union in this town at least, shows a tremendous opposition to the reactionary machine of Hutcheson. In the Mansfield Local 735, in every case where an opposition candidate ran against the present officials, the vote for the opposition was almost unanimous.

ALASKAN SNOW STORM COMES DOWN OUT OF THE NORTH WITH CHILL

The long heralded "Alaskan snow storm" arrived in Illinois yesterday, creeping over the midwest in its southward and eastward course. Telephone and telegraph wires were broken down, and traffic in many places was paralyzed. Near zero temperature prevailed, making the suffering of the large number of unemployed workers in Chicago acute. Many homes of the workers were freezing cold yesterday, those who have been unable to find work being without fuel. Hundreds of shade trees and telephone poles were snapped by weight of the ice and snow. Commercial wire companies had hundreds of linemen working thruout the state in an effort to re-establish communication in the storm area, but the broken poles made resumption of normal conditions impossible.

A. C. W. MEMBERS ANGRY AGAINST OFFICIAL THUGS

Shops Demand Protection in Voting

"The tyrannous machine which has shown its fangs in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' election is evidence of the fear the administration is in lest the left wing candidates and the left wing policies be the victors," said Phil Aronberg yesterday, in regard to the fight the left wingers under his guidance put up the last three days to oust the class collaboration

Pick Green, Democrat and Red Baiter, to Take Place of Sam Gompers

EVIDENCE GATHERED BY DAILY WORKER SHOWS NEW HEAD OF THE A. F. OF L. IS ENEMY OF WORKERS

A traitor to the working class—a man who as secretary of the United Mine Workers of America did all in his power to prevent the strengthening of the miners' union and organization of the non-union fields, has been elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

The proof that Green tried to keep secret the deplorable conditions of the unorganized miners of Eastern Kentucky has just reached the DAILY WORKER. The few locals which have been organized in this coal field have repeatedly asked Green for aid to organize the non-union miners. They have pointed out that the wages are only \$3.50 per day and that the miners themselves are demanding organization.

Green Tried to Gag Complaints. In reply, Green wrote these locals, asking them not to make public these deplorable conditions. On June 21, 1924, Green wrote L. E. Whitehead, of Local Union No. 4106, Blackey, Kentucky, who had asked for aid in organizing the non-union miners, who had asked for a charter. "I thank you for the information you submit regarding mining prices and working conditions, which you explain prevail in eastern Kentucky. This information is decidedly interesting. I do not think it would be advisable at this time to submit the data which you give to the public thru the United Mine Workers' Journal. It would be all right to do so at some later time, but not now."—Signed, William Green.

Green was asked by Whitehead for aid in organization and wrote back that nothing could be done now. Whitehead then sent Green a resolution requesting that something be done to organize the miners of eastern Kentucky, who had again and again spontaneously held meetings and requested the aid of the miners' union. Green replied, "I have noted the copy of the resolution you sent me. Undoubtedly, there is a strong sentiment in favor of organization of the miners of the Hazard coal field. This same sentiment prevails in some other sections of eastern Kentucky. However, this may be the international executive board has been rather cautious in any action which might be taken looking toward the organization of this important coal field. Any move to organize in these fields must proceed with caution and calm deliberation."

RUTHENBERG IS TO APPEAR FOR COURTS' DECREE

(Special to The Daily Worker)
ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 19.—Judge Charles E. White has issued an order directing C. E. Ruthenberg, whose conviction of criminal syndicalism was affirmed by the supreme court of the state, to appear in court on Wednesday, Dec. 24, for sentence.

Meanwhile Attorneys Frank P. Walsh and I. E. Ferguson, for the defense have submitted a motion to the supreme court of Michigan asking that the mandate to Judge White to sentence Ruthenberg be withdrawn for the purpose of permitting the defense to submit a motion for a rehearing in the supreme court on issues which the defense believes were not met by the opinion of the supreme court. This motion will be decided on Tuesday, the day before Judge White has ordered Ruthenberg to appear for sentence.

Should he follow this course the defense would be obliged to go to the supreme court of the United States with a bill of exceptions and ask for bail from that court, which would involve some weeks during which Judge White's sentence to imprisonment would hold.

The case will eventually be appealed to the supreme court, the question at issue being whether Ruthenberg will be compelled to begin serving his sentence before action by the supreme court can be secured.

ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN CLOSED SESSION

(Special to The Daily Worker)
ROME, Dec. 19.—Following the exposure in the opposition press of the crimes of Fascist leaders, Fascism is steadily losing ground in Italy. The socialists and monarchists, are banding together to prevent the capitalist state from going into the hands of the Communists, and are advocating a military dictatorship to replace the weakening Fascist.

The chamber of deputies is now in closed session, with many of the opposition deputies refusing to participate, and is voting on the law prohibiting opposition to Fascism from being expressed in the newspapers. The law provides that all opposition editors be imprisoned for three years and all opposition newspapers be suppressed for a period of at least three months.

Deputy Duces has challenged under secretary of state Suard to a duel following a heated argument in the chamber of deputies.

Mussolini's position has been shaken by the act of the Fascist deputies in refusing to permit vice speaker of the chamber, Giunta, to resign. This places the full responsibility of for Giunta's crimes upon the Fascist. Giunta has been found to have instituted an attack on the life of one of the opposition deputies. Following this act of Mussolini's followers, former premier Salandra, who has been one of the leaders of the Fascist, joined the opposition in voting against the Fascist.

Fascisti Won't Allow Giunta to Resign

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The women's committee of the Workers Party, district of New York, and the United Council of Working Class Women, will hold a mass meeting in protest against housing conditions which led to the fatal fire which killed six people.

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THE UNEMPLOYED



Robert Miner

This is added proof that the left wing in the unions, the basis of Communist activity and the army of the Trade Union Educational League, in the long but certain struggle to revolutionize the unions, is an indestructible mass of workers over which leadership in the daily struggle is both necessary and possible.

In Local 735 the vote ran as follows: For general president, Hutcheson, none; Brown, one; Rosen, the left winger, 67. For first general vice president, Cosgrove, one; Walsh, 66. There was no opposition to the incumbent 2nd vice-president, the general secretary or general treasurer, nor for general executive board member in the 5th and 7th districts. But the vote against the administration in the others ran as follows:

First district: Guerin, none, Mulcahy, 67; second district, Williams, none, Kelly, 62, Allen, 5; third district, Pott, one, Carlson, one, Johns, 65; fourth district, Ogletree, 1, Dixon, 67; sixth district, Cole, 3, Spann, 64.

Trial Result Shows Ebert Did Not Aid German Workers' Strike

MAGDEBURG, Germany, Dec. 19.—Editor Rothardt was found guilty today of libeling President Ebert. The prosecutor demanded six months' imprisonment for Rothardt.

The editor charged that Ebert influenced a strike of munitions workers during the war.

INSURANCE CO. SPOILS ATTACK AGAINST LABOR

Shows Bomb Planted to Collect Good Money

"Labor troubles" were quickly given by the papers as the reason for a dynamite bomb explosion in the children's dress factory of the Shraiberg Manufacturing Co., Chicago.

The proprietor recalled that he cut wages, dismissed some white girls and taken on colored workers. The story looked good to the capitalist press.

But it was spoiled by the hardboiled insurance companies who had Irving Shraiberg, one of the partners, arrested. The companies thought "labor bombers" a good gag for the public but they had facts that made them hesitate to pay Shraiberg cold cash on his generous bombing and fire insurance policies.

The stock in the dress making shop was worth \$3,000, according to deputy state fire marshal McNally. The insurance policies carried a face value of \$34,000. The result of a little problem in arithmetical ratio was the arrest of the heavily insured employer on a charge of causing the explosion in order to collect insurance. His good friend Samuel Ablin was greeted by the police with a charge of malicious mischief, being held as the planted of the bombs.

Use Palaces for Hospitals. MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—Hospitals and homes for the workers and peasants of Russia will be built out of the magnificent palaces at Livadia, in the Crimea. These palaces formerly belonged to the czar.

Levin leadership in Chicago.

Aronberg, who ran on the left wing ticket against Levin, stated that the voting would end yesterday and the ballots would be counted later.

"The administration officials launched a campaign of terrorism to drive the membership away from the polls," he said, "particularly were they anxious to prevent the left wing from presenting its policies and its candidates for consideration by the membership. The only result is to reduce the number of those voting."

Treated Members Like Cattle. "In order to shut off any chance of equal opportunity by the left wing, they called in their sluggers and beat up the members who worked for the left wing candidates," said some of the militant members who were distributing sample ballots. "They tried to drive the members around like cattle with guns and blackjacks, as hundreds of the members know and as proved by the wounds of those now under doctor's care."

Clearly, the revolutionary wing is a power when it so frightens the administration that it resorts to such desperate measures which are certain to lose in the long run.

Shops Demanded Protection. That the membership is intensely resentful of this rule of their union by gangsters and autocrats who shove the maraud and have no reply to make to the policies advocated by the left wing but violence, is shown by many developments of the election. Some shops refused to go to the union halls for voting, unless they were guaranteed protection from the administration's sluggers and allowed free choice of candidates.

The chief results of the official terrorism are the probable reduction of the aggregate vote over the two years ago, and the thro arousing of the membership against the violent and autocratic administration.

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MOSCOW SCENE OF CONGRESSES, SHOW PROGRESS

Union Membership Has 100,000 Increase

By ANISE.
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent.)

MOSCOW.—Several trade union congresses have been going on during the past month and a half in Moscow.

Most significant was the All-Russian Congress of Trade Unions, with the British fraternal delegates present.

The sixth Moscow state congress of trade unions showed an increase of almost 100,000 members during the past year, from 819,668 to 900,098. Of these 785,232 are working under collective agreements. Wages from October, 1923, to June, 1924, increased 15 per cent. In some unions they are now higher than pre-war. This means real wages, not merely money wages, for the unions keep their tables in figures based on living costs.

Special attention has been paid to educational activities. In the summer large numbers of physical culture, sport and radio circles were organized. The Moscow unions also established their own publishing house during the past year.

The Moscow state congress of educational workers was attended by 600 delegates, mostly rural teachers. Their resolutions showed the move of the village workers during the past year towards Communism. Especially marked were the unfriendly relations between the district organizations and "religious" teachers. The congress passed a resolution that teachers with religious beliefs should not teach.

Land and forest workers of the state of Moscow also held their annual congress with 800 delegates. This union has 23,000 workers in Moscow district. Since one-third of them are illiterate they are maintaining 128 courses for beginners and 165 schools for the half-literate. They received fraternal greetings from the United Federation of Land and Forest Workers of France, and elected its secretary an honorary member.

Three Coal Miners Killed in Blast Near Tacoma, Washington

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Three men are dead, two injured and three unaccounted for in an explosion at the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine at Burnett, Wash., near here, according to a report received here from N. D. Moore of Seattle, president of the company. Forty-six men were in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Peace Time Spies Busy.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—British naval circles ridiculed today the report from Washington that an American spy had been able to get aboard a British battleship. The admiralty refused to comment but denied that there would be any change in the armor plate because of the report.

The Scare Is Over.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The special armed police recently appointed to protect the members of the British cabinets in consequence of a reported Egyptian plot have been withdrawn.

POSTAL CLERKS' BILL FOR PAY INCREASE IS BLOCKED BY COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—A vote on the bill increasing the pay of postal employees, vetoed by Coolidge at the last session of congress, was again blocked by Coolidge adherents in the senate. Coolidge is determined to deprive the postal employees of their wage increase if possible to do it by delaying and filibustering.

FACTS FOR WORKERS

By JAY LOVESTONE

Industry	Annual Protection	Total Wages in Industry (Annual)	Annual Excess of Protection over Total Wages
Paints	\$ 55,567,695	\$ 19,550,371	\$ 36,017,324
Soap	59,087,838	21,228,063	37,859,775
Automobiles	455,755,465	312,165,870	143,589,595
Tinware	65,558,939	34,493,399	31,065,540
Furniture	146,849,867	141,116,316	5,733,551
Sugar Refined	151,159,668	22,710,464	128,449,224
Tobacco	95,345,731	12,674,736	82,670,995
(Chewing and smoking)			
Cigars and Cigarettes	347,922,729	111,313,348	236,609,381
Food Preparations	124,556,802	29,329,209	95,163,593
Slaughtering and Meat			
Packing	555,073,316	209,489,263	345,584,053
Bread and Other Bakery			
Products	229,877,974	158,237,059	71,640,915
Shirts	52,841,739	25,833,855	27,007,884
Clothing Cotton	241,064,269	131,039,275	110,024,994
Clothing Woolen	461,342,163	196,555,912	264,786,241

These figures are instructive in the light of President Coolidge's speech regarding the blessings of the high tariff for the workers.

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have turned down their thumbs on the organization of a third party. This leaves the C. P. P. A. without any visible means of support except the socialists and J. A. H. Hopkins who is always in favor of something or other. It is even doubtful if Oswald Garrison Villard can sum up sufficient courage to "endorse" the sham. The dazzling adventure of the socialists in quest of a new skin is ending with a strong probability that they will find themselves naked.

THE remarkably heavy vote cast by the progressives in both the carpenters and the miners' union indicates two facts. First that there is a decided revival of militancy in the trade union movement following the reaction that broke loose after the Portland convention of the A. F. of L. Secondly that the policy of fighting within the unions, along the lines of the Trade Union Educational League, under the leadership of William Z. Foster has proven correct. The present upsurge of militancy in the unions is no longer the sentimental kind that scared the reactionaries stiff two years ago. It is now more conscious, as a result of T. U. E. L. and Communist propaganda, and more dangerous to the reactionaries and their paymasters, the capitalists.

TEXTILE STRIKE AT MIDDLEBORO OUT TO WIN

Young Workers League in the Fight

By BARNEY MASS.
(Special to The Daily Worker)
MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 19.—The 200 strikers of the Nemasket Worsted company have entered the fifteenth week in their fight.

At a mass meeting Thursday, Comrade Jim Ried, national committee man of the Amalgamated Textile Council, and Barney Mass, of the Young Workers League, spoke to the solid body of strikers. Many of the young workers have indicated a willingness to join the Young Workers League and a meeting is arranged for Sunday at which a league nucleus will be formed.

Began With the Weavers.
Old workers and young, men and women, boys and girls, went on strike Sept. 11. The grievance was against the increase of work in the weave room, as a result of trying to inaugurate the two kinds of fillings on two loom work.

A Magnificent Spirit.
This is the first strike that has occurred in Middleboro. In spite of no relief until the eighth week the solidarity of the strikers was superb. After the mass meeting there was mass picketing, and Y. W. L. members from Providence walked the picket line along with the strikers.

Mecca Is Surrounded.
JERUSALEM, Dec. 19.—Hedjaz Mohammedan troops have surrounded Mecca from three sides and are planning a blockade to starve out the Wahabi tribesmen who are holding the holy city.

Russian Lecture.
This Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 p. m., there will be a Russian lecture at the Soviet School, 1902 W. Division St. Dr. E. Prilla will talk on "The Crime Wave and How to Combat It." Admission free.

HATHAWAY CASE ROUSES LABOR IN MINNEAPOLIS

Unionists Watch Fight with Great Interest

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—What may develop into a trade union case rivaling the famous Bradlaugh parliamentary election test in England almost 50 years ago is in its second stage before the Minneapolis Trades & Labor assembly.

After several years of more or less effective disciplining by the American Federation of Labor executive council, the Minneapolis central body, faced by threat of automatic revocation of its charter, got down to business and started to separate itself from the militant labor elements belonging to the Workers Party.

First, it voted under executive council pressure to exclude from assembly office all delegates belonging to the Workers Party or certain other radical organizations or "associating" with such.

Then it voted to conform in all respects, directly and indirectly, with A. F. of L. policies, especially promising not to countenance revolutionary attitudes.

In the third place, it voted on recommendation of a committee headed by R. D. Cramer, editor Labor Review, the assembly itself a trade union delegate who was a Workers Party member. C. A. Hathaway, representing Machinists' lodge 91, and known throuth the railroad labor world for his efforts to promote railroad union amalgamation and a power in the Minnesota farmer-labor federation, was the victim.

Re-Elected Hathaway.
It was the machinists' next move. They made it by unanimously re-electing Hathaway as their delegate to the central body.

Charles Bradlaugh was elected to the British house of commons six times before he was allowed to take his seat because he refused to take the customary oath, being a professed atheist who preferred to make affirmation. If the Minneapolis assembly again turns Hathaway down, a similar struggle may begin in the American trade union movement.

The St. Louis County Independent, indorsed as the official paper of the unions of Hibbing, (Minn.) and the farmers of the district, comments: "Hibbing unionists are watching the outcome of this fight between the officialdom of the A. F. of L. and the militant trade unionists in Minneapolis with much interest and many are of the opinion that the labor movement of the state will suffer if the militants are driven from the organizations."

Wife of Glenn Young, Ku Klux Gunman, Gets Reward While He Lives

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MARION, Ill., Dec. 19.—The Ku Klux Klan presented widows of Klansmen who were slain in attacks on officers of the law in Klan raids conducted in Williamson county, with pensions of \$2500.00 each. The wife of S. Glenn Young, Klan gunman, who has engaged in numerous murderous shooting attacks on Southern Illinois miners, was also given a pension, although Young is still abroad looking for trouble. Mrs. Caesar Cagle, widow of the Klansman who was shot when he tried to ambush an anti-Klansman, and Mrs. Green Dunning, Mrs. Charles Newbold and Mrs. Charles Wollard, whose husbands were killed by deputy sheriffs after the Klansmen had killed two deputies, were the other women receiving money from the Klan.

Call Stenographer to Aid Forbes Attack Mortimer's Testimony

Attorneys defending Charles Forbes, charged with corruption, bribery and conspiracy against the government while head of the U. S. veteran's bureau put Edna Breese then Forbes' stenographer, on the stand to supply Forbes with an alibi.

Miss Breese testified that Forbes was not in the Drake hotel on the day Elias Mortimer was said to have given him \$5,000 there. Defense attorneys are attempting to show that Mortimer, who made public dealings of Forbes with contractors in building government hospitals, is an unreliable witness.

Yowl Ball in Revere.

REVERE, Mass., Dec. 19.—A fancy costume ball will be held by the Young Workers League and the Workers Party of Revere on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 8 p. m., in the Eagles Hall, Shirley and Walnut Aves. Five prizes will be given for the best costumes. Admission will be fifty cents.

Amnesty in Honduras.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Guarantees of amnesty have been made to all those who fled Honduras during the late recent revolution, the state department is informed. Martial law has been abolished in Honduras by executive decree.

FROM MILWAUKEE TO TACOMA RAIL WORKERS ARE GETTING THE BOOT

MILWAUKEE.—Indefinite layoffs by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road at its West Milwaukee shops are posted on its bulletin board.

GREEN BAY, Wis.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road announces a 5-day week for yardworkers at Green Bay for an indefinite period. Shopmen will get the same dose before long, yard gossip says. Rail and other workers are flocking to the lumber camps to keep alive.

TACOMA, Wash.—After laying off numbers of shopmen in the mechanical department at Tacoma, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad cut down the working week of the remainder to five days.

ALBANIA WARNS NEW WORLD WAR VERY IMMINENT

Workers' Revolution Is Only Hope

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Albanian minister to London sounds the alarm of a new world war in a statement today accusing Serbia of instigating the rebellion in Albania.

"Unless some great power intervenes another Balkan war is imminent," he declared, "followed probably by a new European war. The trouble arises from the deliberate militaristic policy of aggression on the part of Serbia against Albania to annex Albania."

The Jugo-Slav legation quite naturally denies the charge of Serbian aggression. The only apparent deterrent to a new and horrible war appears to be the fear among the great powers of revolution from their own working classes.

From Belgrade reports are that the Albanian rebels have followed their success at Kruxa with occupation of all the territory surrounding that city. Government troops were reported driven back or deserting to the rebels. Martial law was declared in five border prefectures and general mobilization is going on.

Tea Pot Dome Steal Dwarfed by Coolidge Muscle Shoals Bill

WASHINGTON.—In a terrific attack on the Coolidge-Underwood bill for the leasing of Muscle Shoals to private power interests, Sen. Norris chairman of the senate committee on agriculture, declared that Teapot Dome would be but a pinhead in comparison to the scandal involved in this deal. In later years, he predicted, the giving away of Muscle Shoals by this congress would be referred to as "the rape of the treasury." It would be the surrender of untold hundreds of millions of dollars in immediate value and would enable the power trust to oppress the southern states for half a century to come.

Norris called upon President Coolidge to withdraw his support from so outrageous a betrayal of public trust, so soon after the election. He begged the senate to vote for rejection of the power trust scheme with its hand cuffs for the public.

BRITISH JUDGE IN STARTLING DECISION AGAINST THE HINDUS

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON.—The Daily Herald recorded as a "startling decision" the verdict of a British judge at Tanhore, India, that Englishmen may pull the ears of Indians and kick them in the usual place without being subject to legal punishment for the assault. Whether Indians may do the same to Englishmen was not taken up in the judge's decision.

The victim was a clerk at a railway station newsstand who was sitting in front of the counter when the British district medical officer came along, pulled the clerk's ear and kicked him. In court the defendant admitted the acts. The judge dismissed the case finding that the acts complained of were of a "beneficial nature as it was necessary to rouse the clerk from a lethargic state into one of activity. Pulling at the ear is to be considered as handling the ear in a friendly way and kicking is merely a gesture with the leg, intended to make the clerk stand up and is never given to dishonor the man."

Winter's Cold is Here to Make Life More Bitter for Hungry and Jobless

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL.

TODAY, the cold comes to make life more bitter for the poor and the jobless. Winter's lash stings the miserable with the agony of its blows. Misery takes on new horrible forms to tantalize its victims.

"I am sure that there will be a lot of suicides this winter," declares Thomas J. Noonan, in charge of the longest bread line on "The Bowery" in New York City.

Noonan claims that there are more hungry, jobless men on "The Bowery" this year, than he has seen in 20 years. This black pool of abject poverty is to be found hardly a stone's throw from the golden treasure vaults of Wall Street. The offices of J. Pierpont Morgan are but a few minutes walk away. This condition prevails in the richest city in the world. And the alternative that some of these workers choose is suicide. That is the way only of those who have had the last ounce of resistance pounded out of them.

Turn to another news item. It tells how a large flock of starving wild rabbits made a raid at night on Sterling, Illinois. They had been made desperate by hunger. This mildest of creatures, in his hunger, was ready to fight. In great numbers, these rabbits, usually timid, swarmed thru the storm swept business districts of Sterling, eating the bark off hundreds of Christmas trees placed along the sidewalks as holiday decorations, or getting food wherever they could find it.

In due course of time, according to the best methods of capitalist civilization, the police arrived on the scene, and according to press reports, "drove the invaders away after killing many."

At least the rabbit, with his own primitive weapons of tooth and claw, put up a fight. He did his best to survive. It wouldn't hurt the great army of jobless workers, daily growing in numbers, to imbibe some of that spirit of militancy.

But it isn't enough merely to go out and seize what one needs in the immediate struggle to cover naked limbs against the cold, or to fill an empty stomach. The multi-millionaires are passing out their annual doles to the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and other charity organizations, to assuage misery where it appears in its most virulent forms. They carry out the age-old custom of crumb throwing, favored by those at the top as a handy palliative. But this does not lift, by the smallest fraction, the real level of misery.

That can only be done thru the organized and triumphant war of all oppressed against the social system of "The Haves"—the capitalist system. It is this struggle that presses on to victory under Communist leadership, inspiring the great masses with organized aggressiveness.

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FAKE OFFICIAL IN CHINA ISSUES DECREE AGAINST COMMUNISTS

PEKING, China, Dec. 19.—The new minister of the interior, appointed under the administration of Tuan Chijui, has instructed the police to arrest any one found circulating literature favoring the Soviet form of government. Since Tuan Chijui assumed the presidency of China, no members of the provisional cabinet have been appointed who sympathize with the Russian Soviet government, it is reported.

Negro is Lynched, Officials Start One More "Investigation"

(Special to The Daily Worker)
CHARLESTON, Mo., Dec. 19.—Another "investigation" was under way here today into the torturing and lynching of Roosevelt Grigsby, a Negro who was arrested charged with attacking a girl. No proof had been produced as to Grigsby's guilt other than the confused and hysterical utterances of the 15 year old girl.

Two hundred men hanged Grigsby, shot him, cut the body down, dragged it thru the Negro section of town behind an auto, and eventually burned the body. Grigsby was in custody of Sheriff B. B. Jackson, when the mob seized and murdered him.

There have been many "investigations" of the numerous lynchings in this state, but no white man is punished for the murder of a Negro.

Motion Picture Operators Demand Increase in Wages

Six hundred motion picture operators demanded an increase in wages at a meeting in the Capitol building on North State street. The agreement with the theatre owners expires on January 10, and the wage scale committee was instructed by the operators to demand the increase. A preliminary conference will be held with the theatre owners on Dec. 26.

Facts Show Green Fights Against the Workers' Interests

(Continued from page 1)
The part of Pascoe or William Green. Pascoe visited the local union at Blackey, Kentucky, which had written to William Green protesting against the lack of organization, and criticizing Green and John L. Lewis, and without permission of the local union, confiscated their funds and told the members that their local was dissolved. This action, occurring after the local's letter to Green, showed only too plainly that Green and the international board members were in a conspiracy to break up the unions rather than tolerate criticism of their rule.

Pascoe, in reply to a letter from Alonzo Walters, protesting against the dissolving of this local, and demanding a drive to organize the unorganized miners, replied, to Walters on Dec. 16, of this month. "Ashland, Ky.—Your most astounding letter of Dec. 1, reached this office in due time, and in reply to your ignorant and ridiculous questions, will say that the national executive board map out the policy of our organization, and I am carrying that out to the letter. We are not giving any information to such ignorant inquiries. I am returning your stamps and I hope that in the future you will try and avoid demonstrating your total ignorance by not writing or asking such silly questions. Yours truly, (signed) Samuel Pascoe."

Germany Makes Move to Join the League of Nations

(Special to The Daily Worker)
GENEVA, Dec. 19.—Germany made its first official move toward joining the league of nations when the German consul this afternoon formally asked the league secretariat what military obligations Germany would assume if it became a member.

Make the Plans Anyway.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Coolidge today asked congress to appropriate \$275,000 to complete the drafting of plans for the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes water way project.

Death of Haarmann.
HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 19.—Fritz Haarmann, the "wholesale murderer" whose trial for the slaying of twenty-six persons has stirred all Germany, was sentenced to death today.

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MACDONALD GAVE AID TO REVOLT AGAINST SOVIET

British Socialist Exposed by Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—But for the support of Ramsay MacDonald, then Britain's labor premier and of other outsiders the tiny Georgian revolt against Soviet rule in the Caucasus would not have started, in the opinion of Louis Fischer, the Russian correspondent of The Nation, who was in Georgia at the time.

Received Foreign Gold.
Writing in the Dec. 17 issue Fischer says, "The insurrection was inspired and organized by the mensheviks who live in Paris. Georgian menshevism has no kinship with socialism. The mensheviks who precipitated this revolt received foreign financial aid. The were promised that if they succeeded in holding power for three or four days British and French vessels would land troops in Black Sea ports and march to their support. And not without reason did they believe so. Had not MacDonald seen Tseretelli, a member of the menshevik cabinet? And did not MacDonald and Herriot support the Georgian mensheviks at the recent meeting of the league of nations?"

Exposes Fake News.
Fischer then explains the newspaper faking indulged in by the Chicago Tribune foreign "news" service and

Notice! Carpenters and Miners!

It is essential that we have information as soon as possible regarding the vote cast for the left wing candidates in the recent elections in the carpenters' and miners' unions. The reactionaries at the head of these organizations may be depended upon to rob us of our vote wholesale and thus to minimize our showing. Therefore, it is the duty of every left-winger in these unions to let us know at once how his local voted. You should take this matter seriously and act upon it without delay. Please let us hear from you.

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many American and European papers with the stories first of rebel triumphs that never occurred and then of atrocities by the Bolsheviks which likewise never occurred.

"The entire affair was liquidated in three days Berlin and Paris dailies (and the American papers taking the Tribune service) continued for more than a month to describe disturbances in places which I know were perfectly peaceful because I was visiting in them at the time when these supposed disturbances were being reported," Fischer writes. "Terrible massacres of old men, women and children, piteously cabled by the Chicago Tribune correspondent, never took place."

A similar expose of capitalist foreign reporting on the Georgian rising was made by the Federated Press correspondent a month ago. She had peacefully gone on an undisturbed vacation hiking trip thru Georgia at the time the revolt was supposed to have been at its height.

Are You Going to the Open Forum Sunday Night?

INDIANS RAIDED BY LABOR RULE; 72 ARE ARRESTED

MacDonald Used White Terror; Then Got Boot

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, England, Dec. 19.—Seventy-two leading Indian nationalists, members of the Swaraj (Freedom) Party, were arrested in Bengal with the approval of the MacDonald government, just before the British elections, it has been disclosed. The "labor" government had full knowledge that this outrage was to be perpetrated, as well as a simultaneous raid on several hundred houses. The labor government approved this act of terrorism, enacted thru a special ordinance by the viceroy on Oct. 28.

Pretext "Anarchy."
The pretext was to justify the growth of "anarchical crimes," also the men arrested were all members of a political party, which has repeatedly declared itself against violence, and whose program does not call for a separation from the empire.

The Swaraj Party reiterated at its last convention in Calcutta on August 15, that the party advocates self-determination. "We do not want any particular system of government," said C. R. Das, president of the Swaraj Party at this convention. "We want to establish our own system of government."

The Swaraj Party contains many confused ideas in its program such as the gaining of freedom thru aid to native industrial enterprises. The party does not recognize the necessity of the arming of the workers of India for the forcible overthrow of the capitalists in control of their industries.

However, MacDonald gave in to the demands of tory imperialism for a "strong hand in India," just before elections, in order to show them that "labor was fit to govern." The labor government is implicated by the dispatch of the London correspondent of the semi-official Calcutta paper the "Englishman" cabled the day after the arrests. "Whitehall is not surprised at the Bengal arrests but is only surprised that they were not made much earlier. The British government was fully aware that the government of India contemplated taking action, and that the cabinet had promised fullest support to maintain constitutionalism," says the report.

Men Arrested Were Not Guilty.
M. N. Roy, a leading member of the Communist Party of India, declares, "There is absolutely no evidence to prove any guilt on the part of the men arrested. According to its own admission the labor government withdrew the charge against Campbell because the attorney general thought that there was not enough evidence to secure a conviction. But in India one need not bother about evidence. If the ordinary law does not suffice, a special ordinance can always be issued."

The labor government has gone; but the men who constituted the labor cabinet still dominate the British labor party. Therefore, this story of MacDonald's parting kick to India is very instructive to the British proletariat. It reveals what a monstrous lie is the doctrine of self-determination, as indeed is any other doctrine of the Second International.

The city committee has bought its policy. The district committee will follow suit. In my mind, this campaign is one of the most constructive and forwardlooking measures yet taken by the party.—James Dolsen, San Francisco.

You surely must be short of paper when you have to use telegram blanks for your letters! Anyway, here is \$14.—J. Stevenson, San Pedro.

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Russian Branch 3 herewith insures the daily with this remittance of \$50.—Fred Rosko.

Comrades are showing a very good spirit in this insurance campaign. Send two more books at once to the South Slavic branch of Kansas City.—Thos. Krasnick.

Our December 9 English branch meeting subscribed \$24. More pledges were made. Will send more money soon.—Katheryn Verror, Philadelphia.

Send me at once another book of policies. Here is \$20 cash. Twenty-five more has been pledged. We'll raise our quota in a short time.—C. Berger, Buffalo.

WORKERS' WORLD SPORT CONGRESS SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL WORKERS PERSECUTED BY REACTIONARIES

The Third Congress of the "Sportintern," the international of working class sportsmen of the world, has issued the following letter to all workers of the world who are languishing in bourgeois prisons and to all champions of the working class who are being persecuted by the reactionaries. The Sportintern Congress recently met in Moscow.

Dear Comrades:—The representatives of working class sportsmen of the various countries, who have come together on the occasion of the Third Congress of the Red Sportintern, send hearty greetings to those who are persecuted by the reactionaries for the stand they are making for the liberation of the working class. We who live in the very heart of the free Russian proletarian state and who have before our eyes the achievements of the glorious October revolution, wish to assure you of our solidarity with you. We are convinced that capitalist domination and white terror can only be put an end to by general energetic revolutionary action on the part of the international proletariat in which working class sportsmen must take part.

We do not hold with the "non-party nature" of sport as propagated by the bourgeoisie and its lackeys, for we know full well that by this treacherous slogan workers interested in sports are to be diverted from the class struggle and drawn to the side of their bourgeois oppressors in the latter's struggle against the working class. As we are part of the working class, our aims and work must be connected with the working class. By contributing to the physical well-being of the members of the working class, we are consolidating the strength of the proletarian class army.

Comrades! Be assured that working class sportsmen belonging to the Red Sportintern will always be on your side in the fight against capitalist domination and for proletarian revolution. Your fight is our fight. We will do our utmost to induce proletarian sportsmen in all countries to support your struggle against reaction and fascism. We will do everything which lies in our power to rally working class sportsmen scattered throughout the world to the united front of the fight for proletarian revolution.

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Another Member of Daugherty's Gang is Jerked from Payroll

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Another of the "Ohio gang" that centered around Harry Daugherty when he was attorney general has been dismissed from the federal service under a cloud. Warden Sartain of Atlanta penitentiary has been removed by Atty. Gen. Stone, within a few days after Stone's dismissal of purchasing agent Allen at that prison. Sartain figured in the Wheeler-Brookhart investigation last spring as the warden whom Daugherty selected from his own home town, Washington Court House, O., to replace Warden Dyer when Dyer was reported as being too hard on the bootleg millionaires under his charge.

Coalition Attempts Fail.
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—All attempts to form a coalition government here have so far failed. President Ebert conferred with Chancellor Marx, following the failure of Foreign Minister Stresemann, of the people's party, to construct a cabinet.

Your Policy at Every Meeting

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party has decided that the first order of business at every meeting at which the party policies are discussed shall be the sale of INSURANCE POLICIES in the campaign to INSURE THE DAILY WORKER FOR 1925.

Branch and City Central Committee secretaries and District Organizers will give this their attention and see to it that the above decision is carried out.

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LOS ANGELES NOTES

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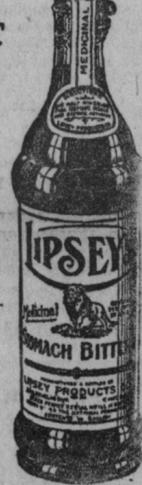
The Jewish branch of the Workers Party have just closed a campaign for the Freiheit, raising \$2,000, and now the branch is raising funds for the DAILY WORKER. Comrade Lunin's presence in Los Angeles has stirred up the work, and was successful in disappointing all the pessimists as well as the optimists for some of us have ever dreamed of raising \$2,000. All party members must be present at the general membership meeting, Dec. 28 at the party headquarters.—Sam Globerman, city representative of DAILY WORKER.

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The U. S. and Japan

There is a noticeable change in the Japanese policy of the United States government. The quite open preparations of the navy department for war with the Mikado government and the bellicose declarations of admirals were given a sharp rebuke by President Coolidge, and the enthusiastic reception given by Secretary of State Hughes to the appointment of Tsuneo Matsudaira as Japanese ambassador to the United States is another warning to the fire eaters to adopt a less provocative tone towards the eastern empire.

Why this change of policy? Of course, superficial observers will say that Coolidge and Hughes represent the elements in American capitalism that favor a more conciliatory attitude towards Japan. But that is not the way the machine works. Coolidge and Hughes are the leading spokesmen and executives of big business and when they speak they speak for Wall Street.

There are two possible explanations for the present attempt of the Washington government to conciliate Japan. One is the success of the Soviet government diplomacy in China and the need for bringing Japan into the international ring led by the United States and having for its object the more thoro exploitation of China by the capitalist powers. To make this possible China must be kept weak and the influence of Soviet Russia there must be killed. Japan has been drawn into a position of benevolent neutrality toward the Soviet policy in China, as a result of its strained relations with the United States. But capitalist Japan knows that the policy of Communist Russia will, in the end, prove fatal to its imperialist ambitions and Tokio, no doubt, would rather trust to the tender mercies of the American capitalist devil than to the deep sea of Communism. For Japanese capitalism it is only a choice between two evils. It will choose the lesser if given a chance. That is what Coolidge and Hughes are trying to do.

Another possible explanation is the United States quarrel with Britain over the division of the loot from Germany thru the operation of the Dawes plan. After all, England and the United States are the two leading world capitalist powers and are destined to fight for unquestioned world supremacy. Behind the flow of honeyed phrases, the desperate and deadly diplomatic war goes on. Sometimes the United States plays with France; again with Japan. The United States may fight Japan first, or it may fight England first. Of the two England is the more powerful enemy and the most serious competitor for world supremacy. Soviet Russia is a direct challenge to capitalist rule. The capitalist powers are in an unhappy position. They have no more confidence in each other than a gang of burglars. But they have a well founded fear of Soviet Russia and much that they distrust each other their dread of Communism drives them together for self-protection.

Perhaps either one of the above explanations is the secret of the soft pedalling on the war preparations against Japan. Perhaps both are correct. And again, it is quite possible the change is more apparent than real. Assassins are sometimes known to kiss their victims before they stab them in the back.

Filipinos and "The League"

The Filipinos, thru their labor department in the islands, have asked for information as to the steps that must be taken to secure membership in the league of nations. This effort is part of the campaign that is being waged by the Filipino nationalists to secure complete national freedom.

We have been in the front ranks of the movement for genuine Filipino freedom from the clutches of American imperialism. We propose to continue to be so until the last financial pirate or diplomatic or any agent of Yankee capitalism is driven from the Archipelago. We will do everything in our power to unite the workers and poor farmers of the United States and the Philippines for a victorious struggle against their common enemies—the exploiters of American and Filipino stripe.

Consequently we are fully justified in rendering some advice and criticism to the Filipino nationalists. Frankly, we believe that the Filipino independence movement has been proceeding to a very large extent in the wrong way. We believe that this step now taken to apply to the league of nations for membership is largely a continuation of the ineffective tactics pursued by the Filipino representatives in the United States.

The Filipino nationalists have spent considerable energy in attempting to convince the Washington government that Filipino freedom is in its own interest. That is basically wrong. Washington is the enslaver and not liberator of oppressed nationalities. Washington is the citadel of world imperialism today. Likewise, the league of nations

is not what its name implies, but is solely a league of loot and capitalist piracy. It is an imperialist clique that is the foe of the freedom of nationalities, of oppressed peoples. In the Egyptian crisis we have seen the heavy hand of this imperialist gang.

The sooner the Filipinos get together with the working and poor farming masses of the United States and line up under the leadership of the Communist International, the sooner will they get genuine freedom from Yankee imperialism.

The Pope and Communism

The pope, also known as His Holiness, delivered a broadside against Soviet Russia in particular and the Communist movement in general. According to press dispatches the papal fulmination followed the return of the pontifical relief mission from Russia, but the truth is that His Holiness, as he sometimes styles himself, acted on the orders of the protestant foreign minister of the British tory government, Austen Chamberlain.

The pope is but the servant of international capitalism. He no longer makes and unmake kings and princes. He takes their orders like a good and humble servant. In the international war of capitalism against Soviet Russia, the pope is a valuable cog. He still exerts influence over the minds of millions of human beings, therefore the capitalist powers keep him on their payroll.

The so-called pontifical relief mission to Russia, was an espionage and propaganda expedition, just like the American relief organization under Secretary Hoover. But these stoolpigeons were confronted with a well organized and highly disciplined Communist Party that could not be fooled with fake charity stunts or purchased with capitalist gold. The pope's stoolpigeons held out while there was any hope left, and the vatican's squirt of poison propaganda is proof that the organ grinder of superstition sees no chance for his bunk to find root on Soviet soil. So he withdraws his prospectors and makes an open attack on the Workers' Republic.

The pope has been barking against Communism for many years, but yet the movement marches on, winning victory after victory. The pope, ally of Mussolini, and representative of the dead past sees the red tide of Communism rising. With centuries of the most astute kind of diplomacy behind him, he plays the game with a master hand, in a desperate effort to keep his head above the rising tide. He will fail. The victory of Communism, which is inevitable, will seal the doom of the pope's business as well as of capitalism.

In Good Company Forever

When Gompers was alive and working overtime to enhance the dividends of the exploiters, we never failed to point out the character of the company he was in.

We do not want to slight the memory of the dead. But we have at hand a statement of the Chicago Tribune regarding the burial and final disposition of the body of Samuel Gompers which is very instructive to the workers.

Samuel Gompers is buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery alongside of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. There is historic justice in this burial. When Gompers was alive and working for the exploiters, he was constantly in the company of the open shoppers. He was a member of the National Civic Federation, one of the blackest labor-hating groups in the land. Even in hell or in heaven, as one might want to place Gompers, the former president of the American Federation of Labor continues to be in the company of those who were once the worst enemies of the working class.

And the Rabbi Wise, who did most of the loud praying at the democratic national convention, bade a rather enlightening farewell to the erstwhile foremost lieutenant of capital in the ranks of the labor movement. The Rabbi eulogized Gompers in precisely the same fashion that he has time and again done in the case of "dead statesmen, financiers and soldiers."

This is a very fitting eulogy indeed. Gompers was only another pillar in the imperialist edifice. Gompers did more than his bit in closest collusion with the statesmen, financiers and militarists of the employing class to perpetuate wage slavery and to extend the influence of capitalist domination abroad. The rabbi was performing a good job when he blessed the Gompers body in the way he did. This blessing and farewell by Wise were the finishing touches to a career of service rendered by Gompers to the bosses of the United States.

Christmas Gifts

Textile workers in Lowell, Massachusetts, have received the comforting information that their wages will be "readjusted" on December 29. Of course, they will be readjusted downwards. The employees of one large mill have been informed that their meager standard of living will be further reduced 10 per cent.

What has happened to the great wave of prosperity promised the wage slaves by the Coolidge campaign orators prior to the last elections? The Communists pointed out that so long as capitalism exists and commodities are produced for profit and not for the use of the producers, there cannot be any prosperity for the workers. When there is a market for goods, unemployment is reduced and wages may go up provided the workers use their collective power to force a raise. But when the markets are glutted, and the capitalists do not see their way clear to produce commodities at a profit, the workers are locked out and unless they have managed to save something out of their scanty wages for emergencies, they and their dependents face starvation.

STRIKE AGAINST BIG MAY STORE IN CLEVELAND, O.

Experiences of Workers Shows Need of "Daily"

By J. A. HAMILTON.
(Special to The Daily Worker)
CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Seven members of the Waitresses' Union, engaged in picketing the big May company department store against which the union has been conducting a strike for nearly three weeks, were arrested last night but were dismissed at once by the police court judge, and now it seems no one will admit responsibility for the arrests.

Violated Union Rules.
The strike was called because the company refused to discharge several members of the union who would not comply with the union rules to wear their union buttons while at work and were consequently expelled. The Cooks and Bakers have a joint agreement with the Waitresses, and went out with them, and it is reported that the May company is losing a large amount of trade because of their efforts to break the union.

The added advantages to the union in this strike because of the common action among the food trades is an object lesson for amalgamation. The other union employes of this store such as carpenters and electricians are compelled by their agreements to remain at work, while if all the classes of workers in the department store were included in one general retail store workers' union, even though it would be necessary to maintain various craft organizations as well (but without power to deal with the company) the company could be met on more even terms than at present.

"Bargain Basement" Is Hell-Hole.
Of course most of the employes of this store are unorganized, even the conditions are very bad. The May "bargain basement" is a by-word in Cleveland; it is especially in summer a veritable hell-hole and the big sales are marked by the collapse of clerks who are overcome by the heat and the foul air.

Time for Organization Work.
Of course the May company employes ought to have completely organized long ago but since they have not, such events as the present waitresses' strike would serve as excellent occasions to attempt organization. If we really had in the United States the fighting, aggressive labor movement we ought to have.

The Cleveland Citizen, edited by the renegade "socialist," Max Hayes, and circulating in large numbers among union men in Cleveland is carrying a big May company advertisement in spite of this strike. Hayes has excused the presence of undesirable ads in the Citizen by saying he could not refuse them, but a labor paper conducted as it ought to be will not be much troubled with having to refuse such "ads" as May company.

The workers of Cleveland must awake to the vital necessity of a press which is "labor" not merely because it reports the news of union meetings but which has a fighting policy against the capitalist class and the capitalists system.

The moral is of course, SUPPORT THE DAILY WORKER.

"SALESMEN AND SUCKERS" ACTED BY NEGRO CAST

Southside Branch Drama Club Puts on First Play

The South Side Players have been organized by some of the members of the south side branch of the Workers Party. They aim to bring the message of Communism to the people thru the medium of drama. Particularly they wish to present it in such a way as to show the relation of Communism to the colored workers. One difficulty they have to meet is that there are no Communist plays which are intended to be acted by colored players and where he himself is not represented the colored worker habitually supposes it is "for white only."

Andrew Shelley is the Author.
The initial production had therefore to be specially written for the occasion. Comrade Andrew Shelley wrote the book under the constant criticism of the colored comrades who are now acting it. The play is called "Salesmen and Suckers" and it presents an analysis of the capitalist system, shows how it is destructive of art, tone cartismanship, character and of life itself, and emphasizing its inevitable tendency to create wars.

The initial performance will be on Dec. 23 at Mount Carmel church, 3721 Federal street, near 35th St. "L" station.
Comrade Griffen in Leading Role.
In Comrade Elizabeth Griffen we have an actress of very great promise, who has already a reputation as a singer. She is a member of the Workers Party and she takes the leading role in "Salesmen and Suckers."
Please come and help make it a financial success.

GOMPERS' PARTING WORDS

By C. R. HEDLUND.
"GOD bless our American institutions, may they grow better day by day," were the dying words of Samuel Gompers. Where can American capitalism point to a more faithful servant? He exercised concern over the welfare of its institutions even unto his dying hour. However, in order to appreciate and understand Gompers' viewpoint, and to ascertain more clearly where his interests and sympathies were located, it might be well to just glance over some of these "American institutions" upon which Gompers called for the blessings of God.

In the first place, these institutions which Gompers loved so well, had as early as in 1916, permitted 70 per cent of America's wealth to become expropriated by 2 per cent of our population, and since 1916, wealth concentration has operated upon an ever increasing scale. As a matter of fact, wealth concentration is riding this country to destruction. When it became necessary for us to participate in the European blood bath, in order to save Morgan's loan to the allies what did these institutions do? Did not the capitalist press, the church, and our institutions of learning, join in furnishing the propaganda to sell the war to the people. The country was swarming with government stool-pigeons, maintained at public expense to spy upon the workers, and to promptly arrest any one who possessed courage enough to protest against the rotten mess. Workers and farmers by the millions, were conscripted and hauled to European trenches to fight for capitalist interest against their will, while these same capitalists were permitted to stay at home and fatten their fortunes at the expense and misery of the working class, a class which had no interest in the outcome of that war, and which were never consulted as to whether or not they wished to enter that war. Our present institutions also hold that the same class that was conscripted to fight the war, must also pay for the cost of conducting it, because these sacred institutions of ours hold that it would not be fair to conscript the dollars of the wealthy to finance their own war.

Our American institutions are continuing to spend hundreds of millions annually to increase the strength of the army and navy. What are these armies and navies used for, if not as errand boys to protect the interest of the rich at home and abroad. Who ever heard of an American soldier being stationed at the door of a work-

ingman's home to protect it against sluggers and gunmen of corporations? Everyone knows also, how our institutions tolerate wholesale corruption in public office without any serious attempt being made to punish the culprits. Of this fact we have had lots of concrete evidence since and during the world war. It is only the workers in the ranks who meet the mailed fist of our so-called institutions when they point out the workings and character of our beloved capitalist institutions, the institutions which the now dead Gompers served as a bound slave, to the detriment of the American working class.

Gompers called for the blessings of our institutions. Can anyone imagine that in doing so, he had in mind the underpaid and unemployed wage slaves in the helpless craft unions in the A. F. of L.? Hardly. The poor workers whom he kept divided and unorganized were only useful to this capitalist funk in realizing his selfish aims during his lifetime. The only use he had for the workers was to keep them in submission and ignorance, and furnish him with a salary of \$25,000 a year, to enable him to live in luxury at the various pleasure resorts of America and Europe. For the last few summer seasons he ruled the A. F. of L. from a wheel chair at Atlantic City, pushed around by a colored servant. In this one respect Gompers was at least consistent, in that he always associated himself closely with the class he served, namely, the class who own and control America and its institutions. He even made provisions during his lifetime to be with them after his death, by securing a burial plot in the most fashionable graveyard in America, in order that he might remain in close proximity to Carnegie, Rockefeller and the rest of the exploiters of labor.

Among all the different breeds of self-seekers which infest the American labor movement, Gompers was the one outstanding champion office holder of them all. The way he hung on to that job for over forty years was a wonder. He was a marvel in stifling every movement which may have effected his tenure in office. He carried with him an insane hatred for anything progressive from a worker's viewpoint. He fought amalgamation of the present useless craft unions. He bitterly opposed working class political action, as well as recognition of the workers' and farmers' government of Russia. As a betrayer and misleader of labor, it will be hard to find his equal. Gompers' parting words, were indeed, a fitting preliminary to his exit.



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How We Live Under a Capitalistic Government and How We Will Live Under a Farmers' and Workers' Government.

By a Junior, Age 14.
In a capitalistic government, of course, the capitalists rule. They do nothing and get everything, while the workers do everything and get nothing. By this I mean that altho the worker makes clothing, food, etc., in a word everything we need, he does not run the government, does not own the factories, and does not get his right wages.

Many shops are not union shops. The boss then can fire any worker at any time he pleases, give him low wages and hard work for 9 hours or more a day and also employ child labor.

In the capitalistic schools the children are told lies about Communism, altho the teachers are workers just as well as any other worker.

In the workers' and farmers' government the one who will work will run the government, own the factories and the one who will shirk will get nothing. "We have been taught, we shall be all!" Child labor will not exist! Workers will all have the same opportunities. There will be strong unions and no bosses. Shop committees will settle all problems. The workers will get vacations as often as they decide upon for the good of all.

In school the children will be told the truth about everything. All workers, fight for a workers' and farmers' government! Fight for Communism!

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