

PITTSTON COAL MINERS BEGIN ANTHRACITE STRIKE

BRITAIN ATTACKS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR DISARMAMENT

Delegate of Empire at Geneva Speaks

GENEVA, March 20.—Staggered by reiteration of the demand of the Soviet Union for complete and immediate disarmament, Great Britain, thru its representative on the preparatory committee on disarmament, Lord Cushendun, is attempting to sidetrack discussion on the subject.

Evading the concrete proposals made yesterday before the commission by Maxim Litvinov, head of the Soviet delegation, Cushendun today tried to discredit them by declaring that the Soviet Union had "never during the past seven years worked with the League of Nations."

The Soviet plan, Cushendun declared, "is designed to wreck the League."

Quoting an article from what is presumed to be Pravda, the British spokesman charged that the real aim of the Soviet Union is to "unmask the capitalist states."

Bitter resentment against the Soviet plan for disarmament was also expressed by the representative of Fascism, General de Marinis of Italy.

Federal White Collar Slaves Demonstrate

WASHINGTON, March 20.—More than 2,000 federal employes stormed congress, March 19, in a demand for higher pay. This mass demonstration led by Mrs. Margaret Worrell, a lawyer in the Indian Bureau, was staged when hearings began on the Welch bill which would grant an average salary increase of nearly \$300 to federal workers. There are about 60,000 of these workers in the District of Columbia.

Officials Disapprove.

The army started its march from the Peace Monument at the foot of the Capitol grounds, where Coxey's Army was broken up by the police a generation ago. The march on congress had been officially disapproved by the executives of the National Federation of Federal Employes. Members of the house civil service committee could not get into the hearing room until police had struggled more than half an hour to make a way for them through the crowd. Shortly afterward Senator Ashurst of Arizona and 15 members of the house came forward to urge the adoption of the Welch bill.

No general increase in salaries for government workers has taken place since 1854, Ashurst told the committee.

Union Organizer Quits Autocratic Broach Machine

BRODSKY RESIGNS \$100 JOB; FLAYS IRON HAND RULE

Charges Broach Deals With Big Bosses

Declaring that the policy instituted by H. H. Broach, International vice-president of the Electrical Workers Union with its exclusions, sluggings and intimidations of union members was such that he could no longer in any way be connected with the Broach administration, Carl Brodsky, a member of the organizing committee of the local has resigned his position with the International in protest against the autocratic methods of the Broach machine.

Resigns \$100 Job.

In a long communication to the former members of the Electrical Workers Association whom he had organized and brought into the union and to the members of Local 3 whose confidence he has won, Brodsky yesterday stated his reasons for giving up a \$100 a week job as one of its organizers.

This was believed to be the first time in the history of the local building trades unions that a highly paid (Continued on Page Two)

Washington Police Seize Pickets Protesting Against Hungarian Fascists



Following the example of their New York confederates who fired their revolvers into a demonstration of Hungarian workers and liberals protesting against the arrival in the United States of the Horthy terrorists, the Washington cops have arrested four of the pickets who carried the fight to the White House. Picture shows the four arrested pickets, Hugo Gellert, well-known artist and president of the Anti-Horthy League of America, Emery Balint, secretary of the Anti-Horthy League, Paul Teles and Camilla Cingegrana being led by the police. The Horthy government whose wholesale murders, tortures and jailings of Hungarian workers are almost unparalleled, has sent the delegation

PROGRESSIVES TO EXTEND STRUGGLE ON CONTRACTING

Warn Against 'Leaders' Without a Program

PITTSTON, March 20.—A strike call against the individual contract system of coal mining which will involve 10,000 miners has been called by Local 1703 and is now in force. Indications are that the strike may spread to the whole anthracite region. Numbers of other sections which are working under the individual contract system and which are at the point of open rebellion may follow momentarily.

Beware of False Leaders.

Fifty thousand circulars have been issued by the Tri-District "Save-the-Union Committee," George Papcum, secretary, warning the miners against forces which will at this moment seek to side-track their victorious march and to play the game of the Lewis-Cappellini machine. "Beware of oppositionists who have no program," is the warning of the committee. At the same time endorsement is made of the miners' demands for a special convention which is sought for April 16.

In the onward sweep of the progressive miners against the Lewis-Cappellini machine, certain groups headed by the former Brennan forces have been seeking to capitalize the movement for their own purposes. In a conference held last Saturday delegates from a number of locals met at the call of this group. William J. Brennan, former president of District 1, who is heading the move, has made no indication as to his program, nor has he definitely stated his stand on Lewis and the Lewis machine.

The statement by the Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee follows: "Miners, demand special convention. But beware of oppositionists who have no program."

"The time is now here to abolish the infamous individual contract system. The first step in doing this is to eliminate the Cappellini gang from control of our union. They are agents of the operators in maintaining the contractor system. Our slogan shall be: 'Cappellini Must Go!'"

"The great mass of miners are (Continued on Page Two)

1,000 PERSONS IN FREIHEIT PAGEANT

Special Features at Sixth Anniversary

One thousand workers will participate in the gigantic mass pageant, "Red, Black and Yellow" to be presented at the Sixth Anniversary of "The Freiheit," Jewish Communist daily, at Madison Square Garden, 51st St and Eighth Ave., next Sunday evening, March 25.

One of the most impressive proletarian spectacles ever arranged, the pageant will be a portrayal of the history of the New York labor movement, especially in the needle trades where a militant, fighting tradition was always prevailed.

The pageant will be but one of the extraordinary features announced for the jubilee. A symphony orchestra and a number of prominent artists are also on the program.

CANADA WORKERS DENOUNCE A. C. W.

Demand Reinstatement of Expelled Members

TORONTO, March 20.—Over fourteen hundred needle trades workers crowded beyond capacity the large auditorium of the Standard Theatre here Monday night, in a protest meeting fathered by a conference of workers' organizations against the reign of terror now being conducted by the officialdom of the Toronto Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Joint Board, against all progressive members of the union.

The speakers, who consisted of leaders of the left wing and progressive movement here, bitterly condemned the union disrupting tactics of the right wing clique in control of the men's clothing workers' Joint Board. The union bureaucrats had expelled members of the union for criticizing the union heads' policy of cooperating with the employers, which resulted in greatly lowering the union standards of the workers.

Left Wingers Lose Jobs.

The Joint Board "leaders" had not even stopped at ordering several left wingers thrown from their jobs, in their attempt to stem the resentment of the membership against their policies. Protest demonstrations and open air meetings held almost daily in front of the Labor Lyceum, which is the headquarters of the union, are demanding the immediate reinstatement of the members expelled from the union and their jobs.

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LOSOVSKY OUTLINES TASKS OF LEFT WING

(Special Cable To The DAILY WORKER.) MOSCOW, March 20.—Losovsky reporting to the fourth world congress of the Red International of Labor Unions on the coming tasks of the international trade union movement declared:

TWO MEETINGS TO DEMAND WAGES

Unemployed Council Pushes Drive

With the hardships forced on the workers by the unemployment crisis still unrelieved, two meetings of unemployed workers will be held here today. The New York Council of the Unemployed will hold a rally at 2 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St. which will be addressed by John Di Santo, secretary of the Council, and Tom Fleming, of San Francisco.

A second meeting, under the auspices of the Youth Committee of the Unemployed, will be held at 8 p. m. at 2075 Clinton Ave. Di Santo will also speak at this meeting.

The executive committee of the council will meet tomorrow at 8 p. m. to further its plans for a nation-wide campaign to force action by the government on the question of relief for the jobless.

The Coolidge Myth.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—In attempt to perpetrate the myth of prosperity, deemed necessary for the success of the republican party in the presidential elections this year, Secretary of Labor Davis at the cabinet meeting today stated that the unemployment situation "is not serious."

Davis informed President Coolidge that altho he had not completed the national unemployment survey which he was directed to take, under a senate resolution, he had proceeded far enough to learn that "there are still many places in the country where the demand for labor exceeds the supply." He did not say where these places were.

BOSS OFFICIAL STOLE \$25,000

CHICAGO, March 20.—Robert Tuft, executive secretary of the Open Shop Employers' Association, which is composed mainly of union-baiting printing firms, was placed under arrest recently on the charge of embezzling more than \$25,000 from the organization's treasury. Tuft had the authority to sign checks, and his thievery extended over a period of 15 months.

The case, which came up in the South Clark St. court yesterday was postponed to April 3.

JOINT BOARD MASS MEETS TONIGHT

All cloak operators and cloak and dress pressers have been called to attend the meetings of their locals to be held tonight in both halls of Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., at 7 o'clock.

The meetings have been called by the left wing Joint Board and by the executive boards of Locals 2 and 35 for the purpose of nominating delegates to the coming International convention, to be held in Boston on May 7.

The importance of these meetings, due to the fact that the right wing leadership of the International union will probably refuse to recognize the delegates from the left wing Joint Board whom they expelled, is provoking much discussion.

PRISONER APPEALS FOR "DAILY"

Buried in San Quentin, Worker Urges Defense of Newspaper

From behind the walls of San Quentin prison, in California, one of the class war prisoners buried by the western capitalists, has raised his voice to appeal for defense for The DAILY WORKER.

He has been in the jail for five years since 1922. He will remain there until 1932. But his militant spirit is still burning. His determination to carry on the struggle of the workers against their oppressors is stronger than ever. His understanding of the role which The DAILY WORKER is playing as the leader

HORTHY EXPOSED AT WHITE HOUSE

Coolidge Greets Hejjas, "Mass Murderer"

WASHINGTON, (FP) March 20.—President Coolidge received at the White House on March 19 the delegation sent over by the Horthy terrorist in Hungary, but he was not permitted to forget the thousands of Hungarian workers and intellectuals butchered by some of the very men in this delegation.

Four pickets from the Anti-Horthy League of America stood just outside the White House office, and held up placards which read: "Hejjas a Mass Murderer," "Tomcsanyi Reinstated the Whipping Post," "They Dishonored Kosuth!" "Pereniy a Hapsburg Lackey," and "They Jailed Hatvany."

Picket Was Tortured.

The pickets were Hugo Gellert, president, and Emery Balint, secretary of the League; Camilla C. Cingegrana, pianist composer, and Paul Teles, who was tortured in prison at the age of 16 by the Horthy regime, and who witnessed the murder of other prisoners. Gellert is an artist and Balint a novelist.

While the demonstration was being "snapped" by the news photographer, scores of the Horthyites crowded near, and their official photographer called out to Gellert a threat while significantly drawing a finger across his own throat. Within a few minutes some of the 60 police who had been thrown about the White House premises to guard the official visitors, arrested the four pickets. They were escorted to a police station, booked for violation of park (Continued on Page Two)

SLAYER'S REPRIEVE RUMORED.

QUEBEC, March 20.—Doris Palmer McDonald, who was sentenced to be hanged with her husband, George McDonald for the murder of Adelard Bouchar, taxi driver, has been reprieved, it was reliably reported this afternoon.

PLAN CLEAN BILL FOR DAM BREAK GRAFTERS

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 20.—The first announcement made by the official state inquiry "investigating" the St. Francis dam disaster which claimed over 400 victims was that it would not attempt to fix responsibility. It was implied at the same time that charges that state inspectors were bribed to approve the project the knowing that the construction was faulty, will be not heard.

It will "strive only to ascertain the exact causes of the dam break," the commission composed of five engineers announced.

Besides the loss of life, hundreds of homes were destroyed and thousands of families made destitute when the water of the San Francisco Canyon broke thru the St. Francis dam.

Meanwhile another source of graft and corruption is seen in the setting aside of a fund of \$1,000,000 by the Los Angeles city council for purposes of reconstruction.

DEMOCRAT COMES TO KNAPP DEFENSE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 20.—A democratic assemblyman, Louis Cuvillier of Manhattan, gallantly came to the rescue of Mrs. Florence E. Knapp, former republican secretary of state, on the state assembly today and said that charges of graft brought against her could not be true.

"I have never doubted Mrs. Knapp's honesty," said Cuvillier. She may have been guilty of some state census irregularities, but I don't believe any jury will ever convict her." The sudden tendency on the part of New York democrats to gallantry towards Mrs. Knapp is thought to indicate the democrats' fear that republican members of the assembly may bring counter charges against democratic state officials unless the Knapp charges are soft-pedaled.

OIL GRAFT TRAIL LEADS TO HARDING

Senators Protect Gov. Al Smith

WASHINGTON, March 20.—It is now five years since the unexplained death of President Warren G. Harding. The senate Teapot Dome investigation committee has decided it can no longer avoid looking into the private records of the estate of the leader of the "Ohio gang" whom the oil millionaires put in the White House with Coolidge in 1920.

Chairman Nye, of the senate committee, said today an investigator would investigate Harding's records from the time he became president until he died. Reports have persistently been circulated to the effect that Harding was among those who profited personally from the Teapot Dome oil lease and similar deals through which the republican party financed its last elections—the election of the Coolidge-Dawes hold-over administration in 1924 as well as the Harding-Coolidge ticket in 1920.

Private Records Sought.

The senate committee's agent among other things will inquire into the sale of the Marion Star, Harding's newspaper. The agent has been instructed to look through all records for oil stocks or other securities which might have been slipped to him in the oil deals which have now involved all of the Coolidge-Harding cabinet.

The investigation had spread today to two other towns in the interior. In the Indiana home town of Will H. Hays, former republican national committee chairman, an investigator is instructed to look for records of (Continued on Page Two)

16 HURT IN SHOP ELEVATOR FALL

HARTFORD, Conn., Mar. 20.—Helen Cyr, 24, of 198 Hamilton St., will probably lose both her legs which were badly crushed when an elevator at the factory of the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company here fell several stories to the basement injuring 16 girl employes today. Five of the girls were so seriously hurt that they were removed to the St. Francis hospital. Mrs. Margaret Labelle, of 27 Orange St., also sustained a badly crushed leg which will probably be amputated.

MINERS APPEAL TO ALL WORKERS

Progressives Seek Aid for April 1 Conference

PITTSBURGH, March 20.—The Save-the-Union Committee of the United Mine Workers, 526 Federal St., Pittsburgh, has issued the following statement calling upon all mine districts, local unions, and other sections of the labor movement, especially those sections more strongly organized, to support the April 1, Pittsburgh conference. A plea for financial support for the delegates to the conference has also been sent out.

The statement follows:

Short Time Left. "The Save-the-Union Conference of the progressive miners will be held in Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 1st. We have less than two weeks for the final preparations.

"One of the most important problems which presents itself is that of funds for the railroad fare of the delegations.

"We have eager, enthusiastic letters from progressive miners in Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, in short from all over the bituminous fields, as well as from the anthracite regions, where prominent progressives are still being murdered for their activity in this Save-the-Union fight. The response to the conference call has been tremendous.

"We have letters telling of loss of membership, loss of local unions, loss of entire districts, because of the in- (Continued on Page Two)

Philadelphia Builders Club to Push Subscription Drive for Daily Worker

WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF PAPER IN DISTRICT 3

Urge Many to Join New Body

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 20.—An organization meeting of the Philadelphia DAILY WORKER "Builders Club" has been held here with twenty-three members attending. The meeting realized the plan which was suggested by A. Ravitch, circulation manager of the DAILY WORKER, during a recent visit to Philadelphia.

An executive committee has been elected to carry on the work of the Club. J. Forson was chosen secretary, L. Richman, treasurer, and H. Ruben, Correspondent of the newly organized Club. The officers were installed at once and the meeting proceeded to the business before it.

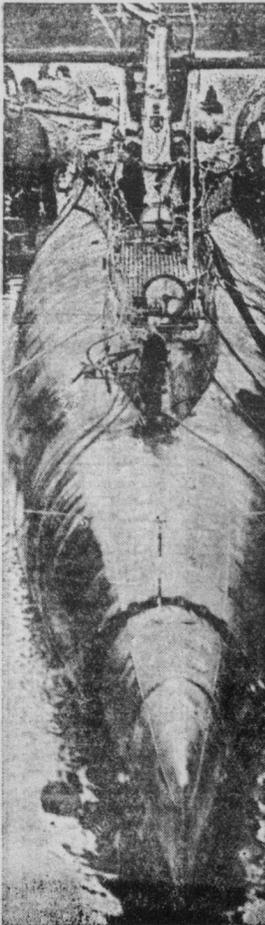
Plans for a free mass distribution of The DAILY WORKER at a large number of factories and union halls were arranged and it is expected that this will considerably stimulate the national subscription campaign in Philadelphia.

The special Philadelphia section in The DAILY WORKER of May 1 was discussed. Preparations to cover all phases of working class activities in Philadelphia for publication in The DAILY WORKER were also made.

With the assistance of The DAILY WORKER "Builders Club" the Philadelphia district promises to pile up subscriptions in the big campaign to add 10,000 new readers to the paper before May 1.

All readers and sympathizers are urged to join The DAILY WORKER "Builders Club."

Salvaged Death Trap



Above is the salvaged S-4 in port at Boston. The lives of 42 workers were wasted by the navy department in neglecting to safeguard the lives of the sailors it used as tools in preparations for an imperialist war. A naval court of inquiry officially whitewashed Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, making a goat of Admiral Brumby, in charge of operations around Provincetown, the scene of the S-4 disaster.

10,000 MINERS IN STRIKE ON SYSTEM OF CONTRACTING

Warn Against 'Leaders' Without a Program

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aroused and fully determined to not stop once for all to the individual contract evil. Consequently Cappellini and his crowd are compelled to make a pretense of opposing the contractor system. But the miners will not be fooled by this. For two terms Cappellini and his executive board have controlled the district organization, yet they have done absolutely nothing to abolish the contractor system. On the contrary, they have bitterly attacked every one in the union who has made a real fight to eliminate the contractors. Proof of this was their violent opposition to Local 1703, and the attack which was directly responsible for the deaths of Brothers Campbell, Reilly and Lillis.

Pretense. "But now, seeing that their campaign of terrorism fails in the face of the ever-growing rank and file opposition, Cappellini and his aids are now trying to fool the membership by pretending to oppose the contractor system. But we will not be deceived. Deep in the ranks now is the settled conviction that the sweeping of Cappellini and his executive board out of office is absolutely necessary not only for the abolition of the contractor system but also for cleansing the union generally of corruption and company influences and for building it into a real weapon for the defense of our interests.

Lewis Must Go.

"But defeating Cappellini and his gang is only the first step. We must also defeat John L. Lewis. He is the arch wrecker of our union. His reactionary policies have shattered the organization in the soft coal districts. He has brought the union into the deepest crisis in its history. If he is allowed to remain at its head he will destroy it as well as the bituminous. Throughout the soft coal districts the miners are in revolt against him. Past conferences have been held in all the soft coal districts. The overwhelming majority of the miners demand his removal as the first condition for winning the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike and for preserving our union and wage scales. The National Save-the-Union Committee stands at the head of this great opposition movement and will hold a big national conference in Pittsburgh on April first.

4 Jobless Catch Whale



Four unemployed Brooklyn workers had to catch a whale for which a museum gave them \$12 apiece in order to get relief. The whale was caught in the Gowanus Canal. The four workers had not eaten in a long while, and the \$12 reward will not last in feeding their families.

COOLIDGE GREETES HORTHY FASCISTS AT WHITE HOUSE

Pickets Jailed at White House Protest

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regulations and bailed out at \$10 each. Hejjas, the most notorious of the Horthy visitors, is credited with directing a long series of revolting crimes against both men and women seized by the Magyar officers' organization on which the Horthy regime is built. Details of one of his crimes of torture and rapine, as found in Wedgewood's report in 1920 were handed out by Gellert. Gellert stated also that the reason why men of this type have come to America to dedicate a monument to Kossuth, is that the Horthy regime, "sitting on a smoldering volcano," hopes to use the name of Kossuth to cloak its destruction of Kossuthism.

A majority of the deputation now visiting America, Gellert stated, supported the Horthy government in its anti-Jewish outrages, including the regulation that only 3 per cent of the students may be Jews, and including the frequent violence shown toward the Jewish boys and girls in the universities.

Concert for Miners



A symphony concert for the benefit of the striking miners will be held at Ashland Boulevard Auditorium, Chicago, March 31. Moissaye Boguslavski, shown above, pianist, and Letitia Leita, soprano, will be the principal soloists.

DEFEND "WORKER," VICTIM OF CLASS STRUGGLE URGES

Thousands Still Needed to Resist Attack

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class war prisoners is The DAILY WORKER. The only militant labor daily in the English language has always fought in the front rank for the release of these brave men. The class war prisoners trust The DAILY WORKER. They know that whatever help is brought to them will be brought thru the aid of their working class newspaper. The DAILY WORKER must be saved to carry on the fight for these imprisoned workers.

But The DAILY WORKER itself has had to defend itself against the attacks of the United States government. The same forces which have buried the class war prisoners in the American jails have reached out their dead hands to seize three of the editors of The DAILY WORKER.

The crisis which the government has forced upon The DAILY WORKER is one of the severest to which the paper has ever been subjected. The enemies of The DAILY WORKER, alarmed at the rising tide of militancy in the American labor movement, are determined to crush its only militant English daily organ with one blow. Thousands of dollars are still needed to defend the paper against the forces which are seeking its destruction. Only the united efforts of the militant American workers can keep The DAILY WORKER alive thru this trial. Every worker must contribute to the support of his paper. Every labor organization must send help to The DAILY WORKER.

Behind the walls of the capitalist prisons, the minutes pass like days, the days like months, and it seems that the long terms will never end. There is always the chance of death before release comes. Only The DAILY WORKER brings hope of relief to those who lie within the cells.

Save the DAILY WORKER to carry on the fight for the class war prisoners, and for the striking miners and the millions of unemployed thru-out the United States. The DAILY WORKER must not die. Rush your contributions to The DAILY WORKER, 33 First St., New York City.

CANADA WORKERS DENOUNCE A. C. W.

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prominent leader of Canadian labor, several local speakers addressed the meeting. One of the largest collections ever made at a meeting of this size, slightly over \$1,300 was taken up for the relief of the families of those workers on strike against the employers who discharged left wingers upon the instructions of the union officials.

Afraid of Ben Gold.

An interesting sidelight to the above event, demonstrating how far the Amalgamated officials will go in their fight against the progressive movement in the Amalgamated, presented itself yesterday when it was learned that the Amalgamated heads had requested the government authorities to keep Ben Gold, Communist leader of the New York needle trades workers, out of Canada. This request had been made so openly that a trade journal devoted to the interests of the men's clothing employers had carried a special dispatch announcing that Gold had been taken off the train on the Canadian border, and sent back. This despite the fact that Gold had not even been intending to go to the mass meeting due to pressing business here, according to a statement made by him at his office yesterday.

MINERS ASK AID FOR APRIL 1 MEET

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difference and corruption of the Lewis machine. The progressives from these districts all want to be represented at the conference. It is of the utmost importance that they attend, but they have no funds for traveling expenses in their local treasuries. They can collect almost no money among the miners, as they have either been on strike for a long period, as in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Oklahoma, or they have been working irregularly.

"Much money is needed for railroad fare of these delegates. We must have representatives from all of the important fields. We must have help from our friends in delaying railroad fare.

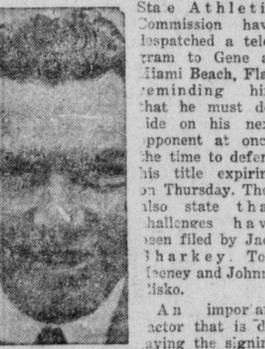
"We shall count on your unqualified support and cooperation in the next two weeks."

Scott Nearing Lectures On "Europe Today" at Irving Plaza March 28

Scott Nearing, recently returned from the Soviet Union, China and Central Europe, will lecture on "Europe Today" at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., next Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p. m. The meeting is arranged by Sections 2 and 3, Workers (Communist) Party.

Sports in Brief

Gene Tunney is being ousted out of his nest of solitude where he has been sequestered since his questionable victory over Jack Dempsey last year. The boxing colossus of the New York State Athletic Commission have despatched a telegram to Gene at Miami Beach, Fla., reminding him that he must decide on his next opponent at once, the time to defend his title expiring on Thursday. They also state that challenges have been filed by Jack Sharkey, Tom Donney and Johnny Misko.



An important actor that is delaying the signing of an agreement for a heavyweight match is that Tex Rickard realizes that none of the above mentioned challengers will be able to draw a record crowd if they face Gene in the squared circle. The only man today that would draw a capacity house and give Tunney a real fight is Jack Dempsey. In his writer's opinion Jack will meet Gene for the third time and regain his crown as world heavyweight champion. Boxing fans are urged to paste this in their hat and follow developments.—S. A. P.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 20.—Jack Dempsey will either appear or referee in one of the bouts to be held here Friday night for the flood sufferers in Southern California. Others on the program will include Ace Dudkins, Nebraska favorite.

Stating that his clients, Murray Render and William Dow, are confined to their beds because of the manner in which they were beaten up by detectives of the Industrial Squad under acting Lieutenant John Broderick, at Madison Square Garden, Isaac Schmal obtained an adjournment in West Side Court of the case against the men, the charges being interference with a police officer and disorderly conduct during the recent six-day bicycle races here.

Falling Crate Injures Shipworker in Midocean

While at work in mid-ocean on the S. S. Cesterayk of the Holland-American line, Arnold Kruger, 34, storekeeper of the ship sustained a possible fracture of the right hip and a strained back when a crate of canned goods fell on him.

ELECTRIC UNION ORGANIZER EXPOSES 'LITTLE CAESAR'

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worker has resigned a position in protest against the autocratic methods of the ruling machine. Brodsky in his communication to the workers called upon them to remain in the union and fight for their rights. He explained his resignation on the ground that he was not a member of the union itself but had been appointed to the position.

Confirms Broach Betrayals. Besides attacking Broach and his machine for their policy of exclusion, heavy fines and slugging, Brodsky also confirmed the charges already made in the columns of The DAILY WORKER against Broach to the effect that he has avoided the issue of unemployment relief, that he has aligned himself with the big contractors in the trade and that he has deceived the workers with promises about the "BX" proposition.

Brodsky's statement follows:

Dear Brothers: Many inquiries have reached me asking if it is true that I have resigned from the Organizing Committee of Local No. 3. I haven't your names and addresses to communicate with you individually so I am taking this means of advising you that I have resigned and my reasons for it. When the Electrical Workers' Association made its agreement to enter the union, last August 11th, 1926, we wrote to Mr. Broach on that date: "We believe the best and most effective method of organizing the unorganized electrical workers is not to organize the job or shop and ask the contractor to organize his men, but to take in every unorganized electrical worker, or, in other words, organize the men and not the contractors. With every electrical worker organized and with a proper method of discipline by his organization, this would mean that every job or future job would have a union man waiting for it, and we believe that this is a much more effective and powerful weapon, therefore, for forcing the bosses to accept the union men rather than asking the bosses to become unionized."

The Slogan. We aimed at 100 per cent unionization of every electrical worker in Greater New York. We took the position that no matter what branch of work the electrical man was doing, whether fixing a bell in some old cellar, or hanging a fixture in a millionaire's mansion, whether hooking up a press or slinging BX, or working in a public

utility, all electrical work and every electrical worker should be controlled by the union. Only through 100 per cent unionization could we achieve this. We said further in the same letter:

"The Electrical Workers' Association threw out the slogan, 'Every electrical worker a union man, and all electrical work under union control.' We stand by this whether we should become members of Local No. 3 or Local No. 20, or remain in our association. We believe this serves the interests of the electrical workers best and we also believe that this most important work must be carried out. We do not propose to be stopped under any circumstances in this elementary necessity to solve the problem of all electrical workers and we shall continue this organization work inside the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' Association if we cannot get together."

Non-Union Worker.

Our association raised the slogan of complete organization of the electrical industry in this territory. We further emphasized that everything should be made as easy and simple as possible for the non-union worker in order to get them to enter the union by the thousands. We were opposed to high initiation fees and in connection with this we wrote in the same letter:

"High initiation fees make it impossible for potential union men to enter a union primarily because they cannot afford to pay large sums, whether on installment basis, or in a lump. To carry out an organizing campaign every possible artificial barrier should be removed, and high initiation fees defeat this purpose. They keep out many efficient workers who otherwise have every qualification."

It was on the basis of these policies that our association entered the local and I was elected to represent them on the organizing committee of Local No. 3. I have tried to do my best to carry out these purposes. I tried to get the organizing committee to open its books widely, take in every electrical worker in the industry, carry on an open and vigorous campaign, distribute leaflets all over the city, hold mass meetings, reduce initiation fees, etc. This the organizing committee would not do. Mr. Broach believes that organizing the contractor

is the best way. We believe that organizing the worker is the correct way.

Initiation Fees.

Initiation fees have been increased since we entered the local. Certainly this is not an inducement to get the workers to join the union; quite the contrary, it has driven away thousands. I believe it is much better to take in 20,000 workers at \$25 apiece than 2,000 workers at \$250 apiece.

According to the figures of Mr. H. H. Broach there are about 22,000 electrical workers in the territory of Local No. 3. Only about 6,500 are in the union. This means approximately 70 per cent of the workers are unorganized and millions of dollars of work gets away from union men. This by the way applies generally to every trade in the building trades in this city, and is one of the main reasons for the weakness of the building trades unions.

At the present time the building trades workers are suffering from unemployment. They are part of the large unemployed army of 5,000,000. Nothing has been done to meet this problem in Local No. 3.

Unemployment.

With thousands of non-union workers walking the streets and thousands of union workers without jobs a condition arises which threatens the existence of the union. The power of the large contractors to drag down the standards of the union worker is obvious. Such a condition plays right into their hands. They can use this great reserve army to crush the union whenever they feel the time is ripe, and to overlook this possibility is a crime against the interests of the union man.

Ignores Organization.

Not a single public utility throughout the United States is organized. The policy of the International has been to ignore the organization of these powerful corporations. In spite of this many of the members of Local No. 20 attempted to carry on some organizational activities. They have been discharged and discriminated against. In not a single instance has the IBEW attempted to protect these discharged workers. The policy has been one of side stepping this issue. As a result of this Local No. 20 is practically a wreck and on the rocks.

This is not a pleasant picture for the electrical worker to contemplate. The building boom is on the decline,

work is getting scarce, unemployment is increasing. The labor-hating bosses always act the same way. They will use the unorganized and unemployed and unprotected worker to take your places when the offensive begins. The situation of unemployment must be met immediately and practical steps taken at once to overcome this crisis.

Subway Construction.

A few months ago a resolution was passed by the local demanding that the city administration make it mandatory that union men be employed on subway construction. When Mr. Broach appeared at the next meeting he ridiculed this resolution and it has been quietly forgotten ever since. Meanwhile millions of dollars of subway construction is going on now. The Tammany administration allows non-union men to do this work and union men to walk the streets. The union leaders do nothing, in fact they kill any attempt to do something. I protest against such methods, strongly urge the membership to see that this resolution is revived and a showdown demanded from the Tammany administration and the union leadership.

The BX proposition will take at least two years to be enforced before it becomes really effective. Men who are out of work cannot wait for two years. Practical remedies must be taken now. I can see no reason why the organization cannot proceed at once on the basis of getting a five-day week, establishing equal division of work, and prohibiting overtime.

In my opinion the program of Mr. Broach and his organizing committee is one which favors the large contractors at the expense of the membership. I am pretty sure that not a single large contractor is using union labels on his fixtures. This clause has been entirely eliminated from the agreement insofar as it affects the large contractor. The small contractor is compelled to use union labels.

Such special privileges work against the interests of the membership. I am opposed to a policy of special conditions for any group of contractors.

Members Excluded.

I have also become aware of the exclusion of members from the meetings of the local. Since I was closely identified with the administration, I want to go on record as emphatically opposed to any policy of exclusion, beating, slugging and intimidation of

any member for expressing his opinions, or disagreeing in policy with the administration, the organizing committee, or Mr. Broach. I cannot, and will not be identified with any such procedure. I am opposed to large and heavy fines for the membership, to blacklisting or removals from the jobs. I take the position that the contractors should be the victims of heavy fines for violating union rules.

Therefore in accordance with my duty and in keeping with what I consider my loyalty to the working class as a whole, I could no longer remain a member of the organizing committee. To do so would be construed as being in favor of the policies of the committee.

I have, therefore, resigned in protest against:

1. The lack of proper organizational steps to organize the unorganized electrical workers.
2. Against the increase of initiation fees.
3. Against the lack of immediate steps to meet the question of unemployment.
4. Against the policy of special privileges for the large contractors.
5. Against the policy of exclusion, slugging and blacklisting of the members for their honest convictions.

It is my opinion that Local No. 3 must prepare now to build a proper organizational basis to resist the inevitable attack that the building trades employers will make against it. I want to remind you of the recent plumbers' strike in connection with this. The employers are consolidating their forces. The unions must do likewise. If those who are leaders will not see this or will not do this, then the rank and file must proceed in spite of them. Your responsibility is a great one and you must take the lead.

Answer to Bosses.

Let us prepare to face the future with the necessary strength and courage. Let us give to the bosses such an answer that they will never forget. Let us gird our loins, raise our heads high, and fight like hell to resist any attempt to crush our union or reduce our standards.

I want to take this occasion to thank The DAILY WORKER for the use of its columns in publishing this letter.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) CARL BRODSKY.

Losovsky Outlines Tasks of Red International of Labor Unions at Congress

POINTS TO BLOG OF REFORMISTS AND EMPLOYERS

Urges Struggle for 7-Hour Day

(Continued from Page One)

for pre-war time and the lower standard of living as basic for the masses of the working class.

Abolish 8-Hour Day.

"Unemployment in certain countries has become permanent. The eight-hour day has virtually been abolished everywhere, special laws limiting the workers' right of self-defense has been introduced, workers of many countries have even been deprived of the right to have their own class and trade union organizations.

"In many countries, the capitalists with the aid of the reformists, have introduced compulsory arbitration. The reformist trade unions actually do not differ in any way from the liberal, democratic, Catholic or other trade unions which are existing on the assumption 'that there is a common interest between capital and labor.' The reformist trade unions have been practically amalgamated with the employers' organizations. Under our own eyes, there has been created a bloc consisting of the employers, police, and trade union leaders against striking workers—a united front of employers and reformists. Works and mills have established a single system of espionage, with employers and reformists working together.

Reformists Aid Capital.

"The successful onslaught of capital against the standard of living of the working class has become possible, owing to the assistance on the part of the machinery of the reformist trade unions. But at the same time the close cooperation of capital and reformism calls forth attempts at independent action on the part of the working class against capital and against the will of the reformist leaders.

"This shift on the part of the masses has produced a growth in the ideological influence of the Red International of Labor Unions of all countries.

Strikes Become Political.

"Economic strikes due to the concentration of industry are assuming a definite political character. Actual economic conflicts, strikes in various countries, have been caused by a desire on the part of the workers to resist capitalist rationalization and the lowering of the standards of living of the working class.

"The problem of strike strategy on the part of the revolutionary trade union movement in capitalist countries is a matter of the greatest importance. To win the masses not only against the employers but also against the employers but also necessary for the development of the great task of organizing these masses.

"Not every conflict must necessarily result in a strike. A strike must not be called if conditions are unfavorable, if the masses are not prepared for the struggle. We must avoid loud-sounding phrases unaccompanied by action. We must remember that a strike claims the utmost straining of all forces and a clear conception of the issues at stake.

Cleanse Trade Unions.

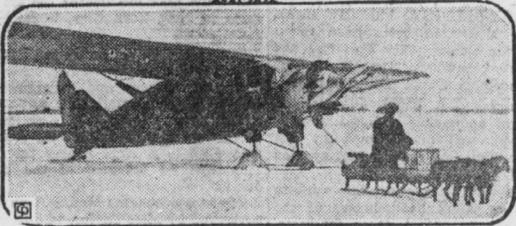
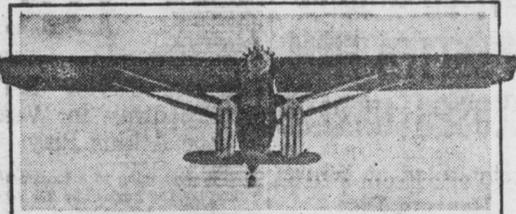
"To ensure victory in economic struggles, we must expel strikebreakers, agents of capitalism, from the leading organs of the reformist trade union movement. Without cleansing the trade union movement of these elements, the difficulty of winning a victory over the employers becomes much more difficult.

"While all capitalist countries are proceeding with a political and economic attack on the working class and its trade union organizations, the role of the trade unions in the Soviet Union is steadily improving. The socialist rationalization of production, which is aimed to increase the power of the working class, will raise its material and cultural level. Rationalization in the Soviet Union is definitely connected with introduction of the seven-hour day and the better protection of labor, etc. This explains the attraction which the Soviet Union has for workers of all countries, and the growing hatred entertained by the international bourgeoisie for the only workers' state in the world whose defense is the class duty of every proletarian.

"The Amsterdam International holds first place in all campaigns of the bourgeoisie against the left workers and the Soviet Union. All activity of the Amsterdam International is characterized by the talks at Geneva regarding the 'utility of social reforms' and the stubborn struggle against the revolutionary wing of the international labor movement. The Amsterdam International is an organic part of the bourgeois capitalist system, which determines its tactics and its policies.

"The basic slogan of the Red In-

Romanticizing Imperialist Aviation



Flights like that of Commander Byrd to the South Pole are used to drum up interest in imperialist flying. Photo above shows two views of Commander Richard E. Byrd's South Pole plane on a test flight to Grand Mere, Quebec.

Bukharin Exposes New International Forgery

MOSCOW, (by mail).—The so-called "Bukharin letter" which has been widely circulated in the American, French and German press has been branded a forgery in a statement made by Bukharin and published in the Pravda. The statement follows in full:

SANDINO TROOPS GATHER IN NORTH

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 20.—Capt. Francis E. Pierce, of the U. S. marine corps, who was wounded by one of Gen. Augustino Sandino's rebel snipers in the northeastern part of the Nueva Segovia district, will recover, it is believed. The bullet passed through his foot.

The pilot of the military plane in which Capt. Pierce was on duty as an observer when he was wounded had a narrow escape. This was the third U. S. plane struck by rebel bullets since last Friday. The other two planes were fired upon south of El Chipote; the latest attack was 25 miles north of El Chipote.

Marine observers report a fresh observation of nationalist troops in the Nueva Segovia region in the northern part of Nicaragua.

Building Workers Demand Increase

BOSTON, March 20 (FP).—Despite opposition by contractors, Boston's building trades workers are pressing toward wage increases of 12 1/2 to 25 cents an hour. Iron workers and bricklayers are asking \$1.50 and other trades \$1.37 1/2. Contracts expire April 1.

ternational of Labor Unions must be a united front with the rank and file in factories and shops of the reformist trade unions. The problem of creating a single international remains in spite of the persistent refusal of the Amsterdam International to pay any attention to the demands and interests of the masses. Unity tactics consist not in correspondence, not in worthless negotiations, but in the organization of the still unorganized masses. Organizations affiliated with the R. I. L. U. must become mass organizations. The question of unity will be solved by a direct struggle in the factories and mills for the winning of the confidence of the masses. The stronger the revolutionary trade union movement, the sooner will we attain unity.

Demand 7-Hour Day.

"The program of the R. I. L. U. amounts to a struggle against the longer working day, for a seven hour day as the maximum, for a six hour day in underground work or in harmful industries and for youths under eighteen, for a struggle against the lowering of the standards of living, for a raise in real wages, for broad trade union democracy, for a drawing in of the unskilled unorganized workers in the trade union movement, for a struggle against the fascist, yellow trade unions, against compulsory arbitration, against the submission of conflicts between labor and capital to the bourgeois courts; for a single united front of all workers in a struggle against capitalism and the bourgeois state.

"This program must gain the utmost popularity of the broad working masses. The members and friends of Red International of Labor Unions will be able to resist the blows of the fascist reaction and the white terror when they will be organically tied up with the working masses. Therefore the Congress must inform all organizations affiliated with the Red International of Labor Unions, that they must penetrate the factories and mills, and bore to the very core of the working masses."

A discussion of Losovsky's report will be held today.

OLDS, WHO FAKED MEXICAN "PLOT" WILL LEAVE JOB

Led Propaganda Attack Against Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, March 20 (FP).—Robert E. Olds, under-secretary of state, and former law partner of Secretary of State Kellogg, will leave the department some time this year, the department announces. Olds gained notoriety in November, 1926, when, in his capacity as an assistant secretary of state, he sought secretly to induce the telegraphic press associations to picture the Mexican government as fomenting a Bolshevik "plot" throughout Latin-America.

At that time the state department was seeking a pretext for its sending marines to crush out the liberal revolution in Nicaragua. Mexico had recognized the liberal government. Olds called in certain press correspondents and informed them in confidence that the department knew that the Mexican government was seeking to create "a Bolshevik hegemony" in this hemisphere.

A similar fantastic charge was made in the Hearst newspapers nearly a year later. The documents on which Hearst built up his case, when submitted to experts, were declared forgeries. The state department always denied that it had received or seen these forgeries, yet the department has never explained the basis of Olds' nightmare.

SOVIET POLICE ARREST BANDITS

KHARKOV, U. S. S. R., March 20.—Forty-one counter-revolutionary bandits have been arrested in border villages as the result of a series of raids by the OGPU, according to reports received here.

BRITISH COTTON BOSSES RETREAT

LONDON, March 20.—As a result of the successful strike of the cotton operatives at the Acqueduct Mill at St. Pauls, the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has withdrawn its demand for a lengthening of the working week from 48 to 52 1/2 hours. The federation is now seeking to resume conferences with the trade union.

In spite of the "conciliatory" attitude adopted by the trade union leaders, the rank and file of the operatives have made it clear that they will accept neither the 12 1/2 per cent wage cut demanded by the employers nor a longer working week.

PARACHUTE FAILS; 1 DEAD. PARIS, March 20.—Marcel Gayet, 40 year old professional parachute jumper, plunged to instant death from the Eiffel tower today while testing a new parachute he had recently invented.

Unemployment

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HONOR DEAD LEADER French Workers Pay Tribute to Laendler

Imperialist Envoy

PARIS, (By Mail).—On the 3rd of March the body of Laendler was cremated in the Cemetery of Pere Lachaise. The Parisian working class gave the dead leader the last honors. The Communist Party of France, the C. G. T. U., the Paris district of the Railwaymen's Union had appealed to the Parisian workers through "L'Humanite" to honor the dead leader by mass participation in the procession from the Lyons railway station where the body arrived from Cannes, to the cemetery of Pere Lachaise. The workers of Paris responded to this appeal. Numerous delegations of the organizations of the Communist Party, the revolutionary trades unions (C. G. T. U.), the railwaymen and the Red Aid were present at the station. The Hungarian emigrants in Paris appeared in great numbers.

When the coffin was lifted from the carriage it was surrounded by a sea of red flags. The station itself and the square before the station was filled with the masses. The procession moved slowly through the working-class districts of Pere Lachaise. As the procession passed the famous wall of the Federatives the flags and banners were lowered.

A tribute was paid to the memory of the victims of the Paris Commune and of the Hungarian Soviet Republic. The memorial celebration took place in the Colombarium. A group of Hungarian comrades sang revolutionary songs. French comrades then spoke in the name of the party and the trades unions. In conclusion Hungarian comrades spoke. The meeting was concluded by the singing of revolutionary songs.

Brazil and Venezuela In Pact to Help Stem "Internal Uprisings"

RIO DE JANEIRO, (By Mail).—A convention concerning "internal political uprisings" signed in Rio de Janeiro by the plenipotentiaries of Brazil and Venezuela in 1926 was finally ratified and promulgated in Brazil by an executive decree in December 1927.

This convention stipulates that persons or forces "proposing to instigate or join" internal uprisings in the other contracting state must be interned.

Mill Owners Make Enormous Profit

Hard times, come again, might well be the refrain of the tune sung nowadays by owners of stock in 26 northern textile mills. A survey made by Ernst & Ernst, accountants, shows that these firms turned a 1927 deficit of \$4,200,000 into a 1928 profit of \$13,950,000. Only two of the firms reported a deficit last year against 13 for 1926.

GERMAN POLICE SHOOT PEASANTS, WOUNDING MANY

Break Up Meeting to Protest Taxation



LANGELE WELS, Silesia, Mar. 20.—Several farmers were wounded today during a clash between twenty policemen and about 1,000 peasants. The peasants were attempting to prevent a bankruptcy sale. Using their sticks freely, the police charged the crowd, threatening to use machine-guns if the peasants did not disperse.

The clash was regarded by many as indicative of the growing unrest among German farmers against over-taxation.

U. S. HAS FINGER IN TANGIER PIE

PARIS, March 20.—Although not actually participating, the United States is "interested" in the international conference which opened here this afternoon to settle the future administration of Tangier, Morocco.

Four powers are represented—France, Spain, England and Italy. It is expected that the recent Tangier agreement will be approved; that Spanish officers will be placed in command of the Tangier gendarmes and that Italy will be permitted to have two commissioners at Tangier.

Will Study Gorki in Soviet Union Schools

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—A study of Gorki's literary works is included in the middle school curriculum for the next year, according to a recent decision of the commissariat for public education. The State Publishing Office is issuing cheap school editions of all of Gorki's works. Gorki himself will supervise the abridgment of his works.

REVOLT LOOMS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

LONDON, March 20.—Solomon Island natives are holding large demonstrations demanding the freedom of 150 natives, including chiefs, who have been jailed in connection with the recent uprisings against the collection of the poll-tax, according to a report received here last night from Sydney, Australia.

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Illinois Coal Meeting Held in Spite of Official Attack, Correspondent Writes

LEWIS HENCHMAN FAILS TO BREAK SAVE UNION MEET

Fake "Progressive" Is Really Official Tool

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
BENLD, Ill., (By Mail).—Joe Carnella, president of sub-district 6, United Mine Workers of America, failed in an attempt to stop the Save-the-Union rally in Benld last night. The local Save-the-Union Committee secured a hall and put out leaflets for a meeting at 7 p. m. Then Sneaky Joe got in his dirty work.

He went to Carlinville and saw Sheriff Stubblefield. The sheriff being a faker, as most sheriffs are, and always anxious to carry out the orders of the operators or their tools, called up the police in Benld.

He lied to the Benld chief and told him there would be a riot in Benld if this meeting was held and ordered him to stop the meeting. Fearing that his orders would not be carried out, the sheriff and the "progressive" Joe, drove to Benld and met the local chief of police.

The Save-the-Union Committee finding the hall closed to them, engaged another hall only to find this closed also. Then the crowd moved over to the school grounds and held an enthusiastic meeting.

Joe who was fast learning his trade of stool-pigeon went to the sheriff again and tried his damndest to have them stop the meeting. The chief had a little respect for free speech (or the size of the crowd: Ed.) and refused to break up the meeting unless a riot was started.

The only "seditious statement" that stool-pigeon Joe could report was: "They said they were going to throw Lewis out." Nowhere in any book of law could our police find this described as unlawful. And so the meeting continued. Joe Carnella, "progressive" faker and stool-pigeon, is now the joke of all Benld.

When Carnella came to the chief from our open air meeting he said, "Chief, there are 300 up in the school grounds, go up and disperse them." This was too much for the chief. He asked, "What are they saying?"

"Why," says Joe, "they are wanting to throw out Lewis."
—L. S. C.

Jimmie Not Worried About Unemployment

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 20.—Mayor James Walker of New York was consulted today by Will Rogers who is in search of some new stories to tell at a local Salvation Army benefit.

Jimmie, who is able to keep himself sartorially-perfect on the \$25,000 a year the New York taxpayers pay him is not worried about the unemployment situation in the big town nor is the transit situation interfering with what he calls his best vacation in years.

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Urge Textile Workers to End 54-Hour Week

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., (By Mail).—The mill workers of the Lonsdale Co., Ann & Hope Textile Mill have just been presented by the company with a reward for faithful service, a gift of the 54-hour week instead of the hard won 48-hour week, to take effect Monday, March 19th.

The workers, however, have concluded that a longer day means shorter pay, and eagerly read leaflets on the subject.

The leaflets called for immediate action, in order to prevent the instituting of the 54-hour week in their mill and its spread to other mills.

The after work meeting called for in the leaflet is bound to stimulate the fighting spirit of these workers, especially when they learn of the recent victory of the British textile workers in forcing their bosses to continue the 48-hour week instead of the 54-hour week that the mill owners tried to put into force.

Textile workers organize and defeat the 54-hour week as the British workers have done.
—M. WHITTIER.

Fascist Forges Checks



Above is the face of R. G. Myrland, organizer for the Military Order of the World War, one of the jingo societies which the United States government has used as a catspaw in its attack upon The DAILY WORKER. Myrland was arrested by a Minnesota butcher to whom he had tried to pass a fake check. The picture was sent to us by the Worker Correspondent whose letter appears below.

World War Society Organizer Is Forger

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
FAIRBAULT, Minn., (By Mail).—An individual, giving the name of R. G. Myrland, was arrested yesterday on a charge of forging different checks ranging in amounts from three dollars to ten dollars, at Fairbault and several other towns. He is now in the Rice County jail here, awaiting a hearing today.

There is nothing strange in the mere fact of one more individual forging checks to swell the number of such under the "wonderful and practical" capitalist system, which "gives everybody plenty."

But Mr. Myrland is an organizer in this part of Minnesota for the Military Order of World War Veterans, a 100 per cent Wall Street and anti-labor organization, one of the societies which is instrumental in bringing indictments against The DAILY WORKER for espousing the interests of the workers and farmers. The arrest of this forger places the society in the front rank of America's most wonderful imperialist and patriotic associations.

A butcher named John Brandenburg, had Myrland arrested for giving a three dollar check in payment of thirty-five cents worth of meat, the butcher giving him back the rest of the check in change. Myrland signed the name of "Harold Nelson" to his checks.

Myrland organized a section of the Military Order of the World War here and in conversation with one of the local members, your Worker Correspondent was informed that "Myrland comes with the highest recommendations."

Officials of the Order are here to fix things up for Myrland.
—"REGULAR."

URGE CALIFORNIA WORKERS TO FORM BIG LABOR PARTY

Exploited Ranchers Should Take Part

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
LOS ANGELES, Calif., (By Mail).—The "act of god" stuff has been injected into the flood disaster in California by city attorney Jess Stephens of Los Angeles. But in this case it won't work. The city of Los Angeles is between the devil and the deep sea. To admit that the land of sunshine, flowers and fruits, unemployment and jails is also a chosen spot for heavenly anger in the form of earthquakes landslides, cloud bursts etc. hits the climate peddler in the pocket-book. And with the "almighty" out of the case the city will undoubtedly have to pay for the \$15,000-a-year-plus "efficiency" of William Mulholland, the political engineer of the water and power bureau.

Knew Dam Was Weak.
C. C. Beadue, president of the Santa Clara Water Protectors' district was the first to point out the faulty construction of the St. Francis dam. The Los Angeles Record proves that Mulholland and others knew that the dam was dangerous. "It is admitted," Coroner Nance said, "that the dam was not anchored to hard rock." One end was fastened to shale and the other to a formation of conglomerate. "Also it has been reported unofficially for some time that the dam was leaking," Nance said.

With the municipal plant washed away, the Southern California Edison Co. offered to supply the city with power. The board of water and power, on bended knees before the power trust, has accepted the "offer." The resolution passed by that body expressed "regret that the Southern California Edison Co. has suffered the loss of some valuable employees."

Edison Profits.
Now the Southern Edison will increase its business, make real profits out of this disaster. The Southern California Edison is part of the \$17,000,000,000 power trust lobbying around Washington trying to get control of the lives of the workers as well as of the resources of the nation.

The persecuted, prosecuted and pauperized ranchers in the Owen Valley, Santa Clara Valley, etc., ought to join with the wage workers in the shops and behind the plow to form a Farmer Labor Party.

The crookedness, inefficiency and negligence of the Republican and Democratic master-class officials has already sent too many dirt farmers and wage workers into bankruptcy, missionized bread lines, jails, poor houses and graves in the potter's field.

Form Labor Party!
Backed by the capitalist business elements, who depend on the tillers of the soil for a living, desperate ranchers have dynamited the Los Angeles aqueduct nearly a dozen times since 1924. These acts of violence did force the Los Angeles officials to listen to reason now and then, but the ranchers got no real benefit from the powder smokes and gun plays, staged for years in this farming community ruined by "prosperity" artists in Los Angeles.

Why not build a Labor Party and get real results? This would be a beginning. Try some organized dynamite on the capitalist system.
—L. P. RINDAL.

"Arson Ring" Said to Have Caused Fires

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Mar. 20.—The lives of hundreds of workers were endangered here in a fire which the fire department believes to have been started by an "arson ring." The destruction of two large tenement houses on Marshall street was the latest in a series of fires, accompanied by explosions, and in which several jugs of gasoline were found among the ruins.

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Cut Lawrence Textile Wages Ten Percent

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

LAWRENCE, Mass., (By Mail).—The following notice greeted the workers in the cotton section of the Pacific Mills of Lawrence when they came to work this morning: "As a result of several conferences with the employees of the cotton division of the Pacific Mills, a reduced schedule has been agreed upon."

"The new schedule, effective March 19, 1928, is as high as is being paid in other Massachusetts mills on similar products."

The wage cut "agreed" upon is expected to be 10 per cent. After the 1919 strike the bosses of the Pacific Mills attempted to put into operation a company union program. The Lawrence United Front Committees successfully exposed this company union and the workers of the Pacific Mills have utterly no use for it.

The American Federation of Textile Operatives have some loomfixers organized in this section of the Pacific Mills and they held a meeting in Loomfixers' Hall here Sunday, March 18th, on whether to accept the cut or not, which was merely a rumor at this time, a feeler to test the workers' spirit.

This union has a reactionary official at the head of it by the name of Oliver Christian. Mr. Christian belongs to the discredited company union. He advocated a compromise of 5 per cent. The textile workers of Lawrence and in other textile cities in New England are showing a more militant spirit and are organizing textile mill committees, following the lead and advice of the Progressive Textile Conference held in Boston, Sunday, March 11th.
—FRED E. BEAL.

Denver Workers Raise \$200 for "Daily"

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

DENVER, Colo., (By Mail).—At a meeting addressed by M. J. Olgin, Sunday, March 11, \$200 was collected for the Party press. Monday, Comrade Olgin spoke at the International Labor Defense Hall. The subject of his lecture was "Whither America?"

In a very concise talk he reviewed the internal situation and our relations abroad. He showed on the one hand, all the factors which have led up to our present period of depression and the terrible conditions of the workers. He did not forget the role that the labor fakers have played in this.

As a result of these conditions, he said, bitter struggles are bound to occur between the workers and capitalists whose offensive against the workers is becoming more and more severe.

On the other hand, he showed how our imperialist policy abroad is leading us into the most frightful wars the world has yet known.

Comrade Olgin gave a complete report of the February Plenum of the Workers (Communist) Party to the members.
—H. U. Z.

Painter Is Killed

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 20.—Police today were searching for two men who, driving a large touring car, ran down John Gragon, 50, a painter, of 21 Orawaunum Street here. Gragon died in the White Plains Hospital early today. The car did not stop.

HONOR NOTORIOUS GRAFTER

WASHINGTON, March 20.—That Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau who served a term in Leavenworth for graft in hospital contracts was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal was admitted yesterday by Secretary of War Davis. Forbes was awarded the medal on March 13, 1919. Davis added.

MANY LOSE JOBS AS MITTEN FIRM CLOSES GARAGE

Men Work From 9 to 24 Hours a Day

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—The Mitten interests have taken over the Quaker City Cab Co., the largest competitor the P. R. T. (Philadelphia Rapid Transit) had.

Saturday the North Philadelphia Garage, employing a large number of men, was discontinued by the Quaker Cab Co., throwing many men out of work.

This again proves to the workers that the paternalist schemes of the bosses are against their interests. The Mitten Co. uses all sorts of fake company unions, stock ownership schemes, etc., to keep the workers in subjection.

At present the cab drivers average from \$22 to \$23 a week, the mechanics and machinists from 45 to 70 cents an hour. The working conditions are bad. Some of the garages do not use fans to expel the gas fumes and it is not unusual to see workers collapse. They work from 9 to 24 hours a day and most of them seven days a week, speeded up to the limit.

The Quaker City shops are full of rumors of further lay-offs.
—W. C. P.

Police Fire on Starving Men Who Stole Bread

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—Former Sheriff Carey, grafting politician and leader of the 5th ward, one who is alleged to be implicated in the murders and graft during election in this section of the city, has caused the arrest of two unemployed homeless men who stole two loaves of bread from his storeroom.

The police, after firing shots at these jobless men, captured them. Before Magistrate O'Brien the unfortunate hungry men declared they could not get work and took the bread. They received three months in jail.

The police again proved themselves ready to shoot the unemployed who thru hunger take bread to prevent death by starvation, while the causers of unemployment, the capitalist owners of industries steal millions in oil lands, etc.
—W. C. P.

Labor Schools Planned

NEW HAVEN, Conn., (FP) March 20.—Prospects are bright for the establishment of six labor colleges in Connecticut and Rhode Island, according to Jack Lever, field representative for Brookwood Labor College's extension department. Lever is surveying the field in southern New England for workers' education.

Labor bodies and liberals in New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, Providence and Newport have signified their intention of backing Lever's proposals for the establishment of classes to study local industrial problems. These would serve as the core for the labor colleges.

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DRAMA

Laurette Taylor Back on Broadway in Weak Zoe Atkins Play

THE nearest thing to a lunatic asylum is "The Furies" by Zoe Atkins now playing at the Shubert Theatre. While the play has one of the finest casts in New York City, it fails to make sense.

The play stars Laurette Taylor who returns to Broadway after a two year absence and struggles in vain with an unusually difficult role. Altho the play itself is of practically no consequence, to watch Miss Taylor makes up to a large degree for the stupidity and boredom of the production.

The story concerns Mrs. Fifi Sands, portrayed by Miss Taylor, who is contemplating a divorce when her husband is suddenly murdered. Both Fifi and Owen McDonald (Frederick Worlock) whom she was to marry after she is freed, are in turn suspected of the crime. The scene where the district attorney quizzes the two lovers, their servants and their friends is the only sane and rational part of the play.

Of course some one else is guilty of the murder, and in the third and final act when the mystery is solved, Miss Taylor is able to put in some of the best licks of the evening.

Other members of the cast who stand out are A. E. Anson, Estelle Winwood and Greta Kemble Cooper. Ian MacLaren, one of the best character actors in America, is wasted in a small part.

The settings in the play are by James Reynolds who has done a fine job. The staging is by George Cukor.
—S. A. P.

6 Months Suspension For New York Lawyer

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Abraham S. Gilbert, New York lawyer, today was suspended from practice in the supreme court for six months for accepting greater fees in a New York city gas rate fight than the court allowed.

Gilbert has returned \$92,744 to the Consolidated Gas Company and other New York companies, Chief Justice Taft said in announcing the court's action.

Chief Justice Taft also "lectured" courts generally against allowing excessive fees to lawyers.

Railwaymen Get Raise

CHICAGO, March 20.—Signalmen on the Illinois Central road have obtained a 3c hourly increase effective for 1 year from March 1, through their union.

The clerks and freight handlers and switchboard operators on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois won a 2c hourly increase for 2 years through negotiation by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

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Broadway Briefs

John Galsworthy's "Escape" reached its 150th performance at the Booth Theatre last night. Leslie Howard and Frieda Inescort play the leading roles in the production.

John Howard Lawson, one of the directors of the New Playwrights' Theatre has just signed a contract with the Gates Theatre in London, for the production of his play "Professional" next Fall. "Maya" which has raised such a storm in New York has been playing at this theatre for a year.

TO START NEW AIR LINE.

QUEBEC, March 20.—A tri-weekly air mail and passenger service, linking up Quebec with Rimouski, Montreal, Ottawa and New York City is to get under way at the beginning of June with the Canadian Trans-Continental Airways, Ltd., a Quebec company, holding the contract for this service.

Harry Wagstaff Gribble's satirical comedy, "March Hares," first here produced in 1921, will be revived by Charles L. Wagner, early next month. Richard Bird, who recently appeared in "Diversion," will be the featured player.

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Union-Wrecking Activities of A. F. of L. Increases Unemployment in City

FURRIERS JOINT BOARD WILL HOLD MEET FOR JOBLESS

Workers Scorn Charity Offer of Bosses

The serious unemployment crisis in the fur industry, intensified by the union wrecking activities of the American Federation of Labor bureaucrats and the employers' association, will be taken up at a mass membership meeting called by the Joint Board of the Furriers' Union for tomorrow afternoon in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., at 1 o'clock.

Some very recent developments have brought the question of the severe unemployment in the trade to the forefront of the attention of the workers. These are the open admission of the employers that about 8,000 of the 12,000 workers in the trade are completely unemployed, with many others working part time.

Bosses Offer Charity.

A storm of indignation greeted the recent cynical announcement of the employers that they are willing to offer charity for the relief of the unemployed. The announcement declared that about \$15,000 will be offered by the "Charity Chest" of the employers as loans to the workers.

"First the employers entered into a combination with the right wing officialdom of the International union to destroy the Joint Board, whose protection guarded us against unemployment, and now they are adding insult to injury by offering charity," the enraged workers in the fur market declared yesterday.

Ben Gold to Speak.

The proposal of the employers, when made, provoked praise from the capitalist press and from the American Federation of Labor officialdom for their "big heartedness." The hypocrisy of the employers' "big hearted" proposal becomes immediately apparent, it is pointed out, by the fact that for the 8,000 unemployed furriers admitted by the bosses, \$15,000 in "loans" is available.

At the membership meeting tomorrow, the Joint Board will declare its official attitude on this question and on remedies for the crisis as a whole. Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board will address the meeting. The activities of the executive committee of registered workers will also be discussed by Gold.

Conductor Hurt When Jammed Between 2 Cars

BAYONNE, March 20.—While working on a car at the Fiftieth St. tracks here yesterday afternoon, Edward J. Grausheimer, 34, of 212 Atlantic St., Elizabeth, a conductor, sustained severe contusions of the left thigh and the fracture of several ribs when a drill engine speeding along an adjacent track jammed him between the two cars. The train crew came to his assistance and he was soon removed to the Bayonne hospital where he will be examined for further injuries.

Brooklyn Tenement Fire

Nearly two dozen women and children were rescued yesterday when flames and smoke filled three 4-story frame tenements at 116, 118 and 120 Seigel St., Brooklyn.

Three alarms were turned in before the menace to that thickly populated working class section of Williamsburg section was subdued.

Hallways and apartments were filled with dense, choking smoke before the majority of the workers and their families could reach the street.

Millions for Air Ships

WASHINGTON, March 20.—While millions of unemployed are looking for work and food, President Coolidge yesterday recommended to congress that \$8,000,000 be provided for the construction of two dirigibles.

Those comrades who sent things with Comrade Joseph Z. to Russia should at once please see Eva Handler, 2507 Kruger Avenue, Bronx, Apt. 15F.

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WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

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Young Workers Dance.

The Young Workers League, Upper Bronx, will hold a Spring Dance this Saturday at 1347 Boston Road.

Unemployment Meet.

An unemployment mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the Upper Bronx section of the Young Workers League at 2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx, tonight at 8 p. m.

Section 1 Meeting.

An important membership meeting of Section 1 will be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. sharp at 60 St. Marks Place.

Party Functionaries Meet.

A meeting of all Party functionaries will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St. All other Party meetings which interfere are to be postponed.

TF IAC.

TF IAC meets today at 6 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

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Traction Meeting Friday.

The traction question will be discussed at a mass meeting Friday night at 744 Allerton Ave. called by Branch 6, Section 5. The speakers will be John L. Sherman and Juliet Stuart Poyntz.

Harlem Unemployed.

All unemployed Party members in Harlem should report at 143 E. 103rd St. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon every day.

Section 4 Meeting.

Section 4 will discuss the traction situation tomorrow at 8 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St. Unit A will decide on their new headquarters.

Dr. Lieber To Lecture.

Dr. Lieber will lecture on "False and True Preventions" on Friday, April 27th, at 8 p. m. at McKinley Square Garden, 15th St. and Boston Road, under the auspices of Subsection 3C, Workers (Communist) Party.

Branch 4, Section 7.

Branch 4, Section 7, will meet tonight at 8:30 o'clock at 1940 Benson Ave. A. Ojkin will conduct his lecture on "The Life and Work of Lenin."

Branch 1, SS 6C.

International Branch 1, Subsection 6C will meet Friday at 8 p. m. at 1639 Pitkin Ave.

Section 4 still holds the lead in the membership drive in the district, having reached a total of over 35 new members since the beginning of the drive. The success of the section is due mainly to the special work being done among the Finns, the Spaniards and the Negroes. With the opening up of a Negro center, the section expects to forge ahead even more rapidly among the Negro workers.

Unit 1, Subsection 2A reports having obtained 12 new members through the school and 2 YWL members.

The Jewish Section of the Workers Party has called a special membership meeting for tonight at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St., to take up among other important matters, the Party membership drive.

The Finnish members of Harlem report having secured five new members in the last month, as a result of mass meetings called to discuss Nicaragua and for the Ruthenberg Memorial drive.

The Nightworkers' unit has been particularly active in the drive, securing six new members in January and nine in February.

Brownsville reports securing 14 applications from new members.

Section 1 reports 14 new members taken into the Party as a result of their open forum, at 60 St. Marks. The movement among the unemployed has also brought in a number of new members.

Winter Speaks in Bronx.
Charles Winter will speak on "Youth and the Press" at the Lower Bronx Lyceum, 715 E. 13th St., under the auspices of the Young Workers (Communist) League of Lower Bronx this Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

Bronx Y. W. C. L. Social.
The Young Workers (Communist) League of Lower Bronx will have a social and dance on Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p. m. at 715 E. 13th St. A play will also be presented.

Brownsville Concert and Dance.
The Brownsville Subsection of the Party will hold a concert and entertainment Saturday, March 31, at 1639 Pitkin Ave.

Bath Beach Affairs.
The Bath Beach unit of the Young Workers League will hold an entertainment and dance this Saturday at 1373 43rd St., Brooklyn, to welcome the graduates from the Pioneers.

Nearing Lecture.
Scott Nearing, who has just returned from China and the Soviet Union, will lecture Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., under the auspices of Section 2 and 3. The subject will be "Europe Today."

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Tries to Deport West Virginia Worker

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 20.—Adam Kapugi, one of the outstanding figures in the local mine district, is being framed-up by district officials of the Lewis machine with the assistance of the government immigration officers.

Papugi was taken before the Commissioner of immigration in Morgantown and questioned on his citizenship and other matters. The case follows his arrest for distributing an anti-injunction leaflet recently. He was held at that time on a fine for the next session of the court of common pleas. When he was fined in the justice court the International Labor Defense immediately went on his bail for an appeal to the higher court which is the county court of common pleas.

Papugi is one of the best fighters for the union in that part of W. Va. So much so is this true that the coal companies want to get rid of him. The machine officials are also against him and they have cut off his relief notwithstanding the fact that he has a large family dependent on him for support.

Fireman Hurt by Blast in Apartment House

Suffering from painful burns on his body and face and other injuries John Hunt, a Negro fireman, is in the City Hospital. His injuries were caused by the explosion of the boiler of a water heater in the apartment house at 42 W. 71st St. When he removed the coals, drained the boiler and poured in cold water under orders from Arthur Hotchberger, the superintendent of the building, the cold water turned into steam, ripping open the boiler and hurling both men across the room. The superintendent suffered a broken leg and burns.

"Obscenity" Trial Starts Over Bodenheim Book

The taking of testimony in the trial which is to decide whether Maxwell Bodenheim's novel "Replenishing Jessica" is officially "obscene" started yesterday in Judge Nott's part of General Sessions.

Bodenheim, Horace G. Liveright and Thomas R. Smith are under indictment for publishing the book and the publishing firm of Boni and Liveright is also a defendant in the action.

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War Veteran Starves



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NEARING, FREEMAN IN PHILADELPHIA

Economist to Lecture on U. S. S. R., China

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Joseph Freeman of the editorial board of the New Masses, will lecture on "Three Russian Novels" at the Philadelphia Workers' Forum, Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St. Sunday at 8 p. m.

The following Sunday, Michael Gold, director, New Playwrights Theatre, will lecture on "Modern Trends in the American Literature and Drama." Others who will address the forum include Bertram D. Wolfe, director, New York Workers' School and Robert W. Dunn of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Nearing to Talk.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Scott Nearing, recently returned from China and the Soviet Union will lecture on "The Soviet Union, China and the War Danger," Thursday, March 29, at 8 p. m. at the Labor Institute, 810 Locust St., under the auspices of the workers (Communist) Party.

Bootleg Milk Trial Gets Under Way Here

After a delay of almost two years Harry M. Danziger is facing a jury in the Queens County Court on an indictment charging him with being head of a bootleg milk trust in New York City, and with paying Thomas J. Clougher, former secretary to the Health Commissioner, \$1,440 as a bribe for admitting bootleg milk into the city. Clougher is now serving a sentence in Sing Sing prison. Among the first witnesses examined was Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, who was Health Commissioner at the time of the Danziger indictment April, 1926. Clougher was his secretary.

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Women's Council Concert.

Councils 1, 2, and 8 of the United Council of Workingclass Housewives will hold a concert and ball at Bronx Lyceum, 3652 Third Ave., near 163rd St., on April 14. The proceeds will go to the Miners' Relief Committee.

Local T. U. E. L. Dance.

A dance of the local T. U. E. L. will take place Saturday, March 31, at 8 p. m. at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Admission will be 50 cents. Tickets may be obtained at 101 E. 14th St.

Harlem I. L. D. Meets.

The Harlem branch of the International Labor Defense will meet this evening at 143 E. 103rd St. Members are urged to settle for the lowest tickets then. Other business of importance will be before the meeting and a full membership attendance is requested.

IRREGULAR USE OF ALCOHOL.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 20.—Presentation of evidence was started today by Federal District Attorney Richard H. Templeton before the grand jury in connection with the alleged irregularities in the distribution of alcohol by the Illinois alcohol company here.

FIRE THREATENS PRISON INMATES

Sing Sing Prisoners See Blaze From Cells

OSSINING, N. Y., Mar. 20.—Fire of mysterious origin destroyed three buildings within the walls of Sing Sing prison here today and at one o'clock this afternoon was still burning with dangerous threat to other buildings.

The tin factory, the photograph studio and the small cook shop were in ruins.

Pressure Fails.

Water pressure failed soon after the fire broke out at 11:15 today. For half an hour members of the prison fire-fighting force battled the flames. When the roof of the tin factory crashed down in a fountain of embers which showered other adjacent buildings it was apparent the prison force was helpless against the spreading fire.

Some 100 prisoners who were at work in the tin factory at the time the blaze was discovered, were led to the prison yard.

Prisoners from other work shops were marshalled in the yard and taken back to the cell blocks.

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"Security of Government"

Whether the poison which ended the life of Warren G. Harding on August 2, 1923, was ptomaine, accidentally taken, or whether Harding committed suicide when he landed in San Francisco after his wild trip to Alaska and received a personal report of the chances of exposure of the \$3,080,000 bribery fund with which he was elected president of the United States, is comparatively unimportant. Whether the liberty bonds he left behind bear the same serial numbers as the oil-graft bonds which passed into the hands of the members of his cabinet, does not affect the essential nature of the Coolidge graft-cabinet. Such facts can only be clues to the details of the bribery of the Harding and Coolidge administrations. That the presidency of the United States was purchased for Coolidge and his predecessor by their masters, has been established.

It has also been established that Coolidge is deeper in the oil graft than any other living man. Coolidge not only is president by virtue of the corrupt deal, but he was among the four, who, included Hoover, Hays, Weeks and one other, who solicited the corruption fund which came from Sinclair.

The really important matter is the question raised by several senators whether this is an abnormal condition, in this time and this country. Walsh, Borah, Reed, Robinson and other pure "angels" of the oil probe are working overtime to make the masses believe that the purchase of the United States government by individual multimillionaires is unlikely to happen again. Yes, American capitalism of the Grant administration was small and feeble beside the American imperialism of today. The outright ownership of the government power by a small group of the biggest finance-capitalists and industrialists (of course Sinclair is only one of those by whom Coolidge was bought—Mellon, Morgan and Rockefeller were merely more careful)—is a typical and basic condition of this period in this country more than any other.

The imperialist stage of capitalism is one in which highly centralized capital, instead of diffused and scattered groups of capitalists, directly hold the government machinery.

The senate investigation is not putting an end to this condition, but is doing exactly the opposite: it is eliminating the smaller industrialist, the smaller oil concern, and is concentrating the ownership of the United States government in the hands of bigger men, the Rockefellers, the Mellons, the Morgans, etc.

The senators claim to be worrying lest the "security of government" is threatened by the direct purchase and ownership of presidents by private capitalists. This is laughable. Security of government for whom? Wasn't the government of Harding fairly secure for the big finance-capitalists who owned it? And isn't the Coolidge government being made more secure for these biggest finance-capitalists by the Sinclair incident, which leads to the elimination of the small Sinclair and the exaltation of the big Rockefeller?

The United States government is a class government. That the class which owns the government is the class of the Morgans, the Rockefellers, the Mellons and Ryans, with the little Sinclairs and Dohenys trailing precariously along and being made to pay highly or exorbitantly for the share they obtain in the ownership, is not open to dispute.

The security of capitalist government consists precisely in that direct ownership of the state apparatus, including the presidents, cabinet members, senators, etc., which the senators pretend to be horrified by.

The only insecurity for the governing class in this situation today lies in the disillusionment of the working class and the exploited farmers who learn a little of the real character of the capitalist state when the shaking off of the small oil men occurs.

The consolidation of the ownership of government by big finance-capitalists is the other important result.

The security of the capitalist class government can be shaken only by the working class in alliance with the poorer farmers. When the government of the working class and farmers is established in this country, the security of that government can be obtained only through establishing the dictatorship of the working class in alliance with the farmers, a dictatorship strong enough to crush the whole class of Sinclairs, Rockefellers, Morgans and Mellons, and their paid servants, the Hardings, Coolidges, Woodrow Wilsons, Al Smiths, Walshes, Reeds, Nyes, etc.—a dictatorship which will place all of the means of production and exchange into the hands of those who produce wealth.

Low Wages for Candy Workers

(By Federated Press.)

Candy means sticky profits for the boss, \$13.75 a week to the girl worker and dirt for the consumer.

The Consumers' League of New York has concluded a six months' survey of 25 candy factories and has found that candy is made of sugar, case and dirt inseparable ingredients. In much of the metropolis' sweets, the League found girls getting \$13.75 a week while working, but also found that unemployment is so high that an average of \$11.75 is nearer the true figure of real income.

While work is skimmed in the long dull periods, many factories are over-penurious during the rush season before Christmas. As a result the 40-hour law falls by the wayside and 54, 65 and 70 hours constitute a week's work.

The law requiring medical examination before employment is a dead letter.

THE SLIMY TRAIL



The senators who are very gingerly handling the oil graft scandal declare that the investigation is leading to the implication of an "outstanding figure."

By Fred Ellis

Young Workers Rap Militarism

The following letter reproduced in part, has been received from Herbert Zam, Executive Secretary of the Young Workers (Communist) League:

"Editor DAILY WORKER:—

"In the report of the election demands of the Young Workers League published in the DAILY WORKER of March 14, there is an error which we would like you to correct.

"Under the sub-head, "Vacation with Pay," there is a sentence which gives the impression that the Young Workers League is of the opinion that young workers who attend the Citizen's Military Training Camps receive four weeks vacation with pay. The Young Workers League is the most consistent fighter against the Citizens Training Camps, and is at present carrying on a campaign against them, as we have done ever since they were established. The slogan of a free vacation, by which the camps tried to inveigle the young workers into them, is a fake slogan and the only purpose of the camps is to breed militarism and to prepare for capitalist wars.

"In the same paragraph the impression is created that the League favors the present system of vocational training. This is not correct. The League is against the present method of vocational training, and has continually exposed it as being only a blind with which to create illusions that young workers are enabled to obtain some industrial training."

"We favor the institution of work schools modelled after the work schools of the Soviet Union. These schools to be attached to factories, and productive work to be carried on within them. Young workers to receive full pay while attending them."

Pacific Labor Meet to Fight War Danger

In some countries, i. e., China, Korea, Java, Formosa and Japan, the organization of the workers presents a stupendous task on account of the inhuman suppressive methods used by the governments and their hirelings. International action is required to win the most elementary legal rights for the workers, not to speak of social legislation and other achievements long established in the countries of higher industrial development.

The struggle for markets and spheres of influence amongst imperialist powers operating in countries bordering the Pacific Ocean has become keener than ever. Declining British imperialism is making redoubled efforts to maintain its foremost position; Japan is strenuously attempting to undermine this position, not without success. The United States of America is endeavoring to extend its trade in the Pacific in order to stabilize its industries at the boom level enjoyed during the last few years; and France and Italy are quietly consolidating and extending their gains.



Tom Mann, leader of the British minority movement, who helped in the formation of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

Of extreme importance is the coordination of strike movements—particularly in the transport industry—and the organization of mutual support, also the struggle for the universal eight-hour day.

reference held at Hankow in May, 1927. That conference was not fully representative because of the tyrannous action of governments who prevented delegates from attending; it therefore decided that a congress of Pacific workers must be called within two years.

Trade Unions in Lead.

The efforts of workers in colonial and semi-colonial lands to better their conditions has shown them the necessity of overcoming the foreign imperialist forces which are allied with and support the native exploiters and reaction. With the rise of the labor movement the struggle for national liberation has become a part of the struggle for improvement of the workers' living standards. The trade unions have thus become the leaders in the rising national revolutionary

Working Women in England in 1927

By A. E. SCOTT.

The general strike and the miners' strike of 1926 were the cause of a great awakening of the English working women to political activity. In these great working class struggles the women fought as bravely and as stubbornly as their men comrades. In 1927 this has not been forgotten and although the workers of England suffered a great defeat, they are not broken and throughout 1927 we see the fighting spirit of the workers in spite of the betrayal by their leaders.

Terrible Conditions.

The conditions of the workers, particularly in the coal mines is terrible. We find such cases as the following: A boy of 16 years of age, who has his mother to keep, after a full week's work, received only four shillings and nine pence at the end of the week; a woman pit-head worker earned after a full week's work 14 shillings. After her rent, social insurance, etc., had been deducted she took home four pence. Every means possible is taken to keep the wages as low as possible. Agreements are broken, pits are closed, so that we have one district in Scotland which is practically depopulated. The pits have been closed and the workers and their families have been forced to go to other districts seeking for work.

Demand U. S. S. R. Delegates.

Another significant feature of this conference was the question of a delegation to the conference from Russia. At the previous conference a resolution had been passed demanding that a delegation should be invited from Russia. At the opening of the conference, delegates immediately asked whether there were any greetings from Russia. The answer given was, that there were greetings, but that they were in Russian and Esperanto, that therefore they could not be read. The question came at once—had delegates been invited. The answer was no, the Labor Party belonged to the Second International and therefore no one from the Third International could be invited, also it was impossible for the Labor Party to invite any one from the Russian Communist Party. From all over the hall came cries of "Why Not?"

The Red Army Fights Reaction

THE Red Army triumphed over the foes of the working class in spite of the numerical superiority of the latter, in spite of tremendous material difficulties in the situation of the Soviet Republic which was then severed from the rest of the world by the imperialist blockade.

Foul Conditions.

Besides the dangers of war being precipitated there are many other matters of importance to the working class that should be given due consideration at such a congress. The conditions of labor in some of the Pacific countries are unbelievably bad—wages are ridiculously low, working hours are intolerably long, child-labor is prevalent, housing and sanitary conditions are terribly bad. Such conditions constitute a menace to the standards attained by workers in countries where working class organization is more advanced. Therefore these downtrodden workers must be assisted to improve their position.

Attack Unemployed.

The government and the capitalist class are not satisfied with beating down the wages of the employed workers, but they also attack the unemployed. A government commission was set up, with two labor representatives on it, to report on unemployment and to make proposals to deal with it. This is known as the "Blanesburgh Report" (so named after the chairman of the commission). This report which was signed by both the labor members is an open attack on the unemployed workers, putting many difficulties in the way of getting unemployment pay and reducing

Fight Anti-Labor Bill.

This is also shown in the part that women have taken in the fight against the trade union bill. This bill, which was made a law last year, restricts the rights of workers to strike, makes a general strike illegal and puts great difficulties in the way of paying the affiliation fees to the Labor Party.

Textile Struggle Rages.

At the present moment there is a struggle going on in the woolen textile industry, where the majority of the workers are women. Wage cuts and longer hours are demanded, and the trade union leaders, though forced by the spirit of the workers to make a show of fighting, are working to defeat the workers by their attempts to split the ranks. In 1928, the fight will still go on, and the working women politically awakened through their daily struggles and the struggles of the working class as a whole will turn more and more to the Communist Party and the Communist International as the leaders of the proletarian revolution.

There was a time in 1919 when only a few gubernias around Moscow remained, out of the whole of the vast territory of Soviet Russia.

General Yudenitch was within 8-9 kilometers of Petrograd. The hordes of General Denikin were approaching Tula, the centre of the war industries located within a few hours' journey from Moscow. Admiral Kolchak, armed to his teeth by the foreign imperialists, was advancing from the east. The Polish troops were threatening from the west.

Nevertheless, at the most trying moments, the Red Army constantly gathered fresh forces, and the counter-revolutionary generals were soon brought into the position where their only thought was of making good their escape aboard foreign warships.

The Red Army won the victory by its class-consciousness, by the clear view it had of the aims of the struggle. The workers and peasants who constitute the soldiers in the Red Army realized that they had before them the relentless class enemy, whatever the pseudo-democratic disguises under which he paraded with the support of the Mensheviks and the "social-revolutionists."