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ASK DEATH IN TRIAL OF BONITA, MOLESKI, MENDOLA!

SHOOTING, FRAUD, VIOLENCE, MARK CHICAGO VOTING

Men, Women, Kidnaped and Slugged

CHICAGO, April 10.—The polls had been opened but a few minutes when the roar of machine guns sounded on the west side. Like an echo, from another part of the city came the bark of sawed-off shotguns as hoodlums and gangsters took this method of obtaining votes for their candidate.

Election workers were beaten, one man was shot, a dozen kidnaped ballot boxes were stolen and destroyed, bloodshed and warfare marked Chicago's wildest primary election.

Women Beaten.

Women were beaten and hurled from polling places. Men were handed ballots, pens were jabbed into their hands, and with the muzzle of a revolver boring into their backs, were instructed how to vote.

The entire personnel of a precinct polling place, including women clerks and judges, were summarily snatched from their tasks by armed gangsters and were kidnaped as other hoodlums rifled the ballot boxes.

Gangsters Direct Voting.

A gang of men in an automobile appeared before a precinct in the 42nd ward. The men sat in the car with machine guns trained on the line of

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BARBERS STRIKE IN WHITE PLAINS

Almost All Brooklyn Shops Settled

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 10.—Following the successful strike action taken by Brooklyn Local 913, Journeymen Barbers' Union, the White Plains local of the barbers' union declared a strike here yesterday. After negotiating for two weeks, the boss barbers refused to concede the workers' demand for a wage increase of \$10 a week.

The strike declared in White Plains affects about 100 workers in 21 shops.

Settlement Forecast.

At a meeting of the Brooklyn barbers held yesterday in the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, the prediction was made by the strike leaders that the strike would be almost completely settled by the end of the week.

Samuel Levy, president of the union, declared that of the 1,000 boss barbers formerly belonging to the employers' association no more than 300 remain with whom individual agreements have not been signed.

Refuse to Recognize Association.

In declaring the strike the union announced it would refuse to deal with the Master Barbers' Association, demanding that employers desiring settlement with the union make separate applications for contracts. An immediate rush of applications followed this announcement, due to the fact that the strike was called just prior to the holiday period. Several employers declared that they asked for agreements despite threats of "trouble" from their organization.

Two Boosted Up.

The Brooklyn workers have tied up the Brooklyn and Queens barber shops with a strike in order to force the return of a \$5 wage reduction made by the members of the employers' association several months ago.

The shops not settling with the union are being consistently picketed, according to an announcement made at the strike headquarters.

Tammany Hall Hopes to Take Over Queens

Special Assistant Attorney General Emory Buckner yesterday began issuing subpoenas for the 75 witnesses he expects to summon before the extraordinary grand jury which will sift the \$29,500,000 Queens Borough sewer scandal, particularly the conduct in office of Maurice Connolly, resigned president of Queens.

The jury to be convened Monday will commence the hearing of evidence May 7. With the Connolly machine discredited, the Tammany Hall democratic machine of Gov. Al. Smith and Mayor James J. Walker are planning to capture control of the borough offices.

Oppositionists Fight Party in German Poll

BERLIN, April 10.—Formation of a so-called "Lenin Bund" and a decision to nominate candidates for the next elections to the Reichstag are the latest manoeuvres of the Maslow-Fischer renegades in a holy crusade against the Comintern and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Delegates of the new "Lenin Bund," which is practically the organizational face of the Trotsky Opposition, met here during the Easter holidays and decided to present a list of candidates for the elections to both the Reichstag and the Prussian Diet. Werner Scholem is one of the leaders of the renegade group.

D. A. R. AIDS FIGHT ON DAILY WORKER

Dissension Reveals Labor-Baiting

A factional fight has developed within the ranks of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a patriotic organization, as a result of the revelation that the leaders of the society have been guided in their policies by the vicious anti-radical propaganda disseminated by Fred Marvin, director of the Key Men of America, an organization of super-patriots.

Helen Tufts Baillie, a prominent member of the D. A. R., has written a pamphlet in which she charges that the society has been making use of a blacklist supplied by Marvin containing the names of individuals and organizations accused of "Communism, Bolshevism, Sovietism, socialism, liberalism and pacifism."

"Interlocking Directorate."

The pamphlet also reveals that the president general of the D. A. R. is a member of the advisory council of the Key Men of America.

The Key Men of America, together with the Military Order of the World War, has taken the leading part in the attacks upon THE DAILY WORKER during the past year.

The revelation that the Daughters of the American Revolution is also behind the general anti-Communist, anti-labor campaign and is connected by "interlocking directorate" with the Key Men of America only serves to emphasize how insidious and widespread are the attempts to beat the working class into submission.

The attack against THE DAILY WORKER

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TO REVEAL FACTS OF SOZZI MURDER

Plans for the mass protest meeting against the assassination of Gastone Sozzi, Italian Communist, at Tammany Hall, 145 E. 14th St., next Sunday, are being completed.

Sozzi was killed by order of Mussolini at the Perouse prison near Rome on the night of February 7, this year. His death was kept secret by the fascist press. Two guards who witnessed the torture of the 23-year-old revolutionist carried the news out of Italy to France, where Henri Barbusse made a major issue of the murder. Mass meetings were held in Paris, Basle and Brussels during the week of March 20.

The meeting here is being arranged under the auspices of the Anti-fascist Alliance of North America, 51 E. 10th St. Speakers will include Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER; Moissaye Olgin, editor of "The Hammer"; Max Shachtman, of The Labor Defender; Norman Thomas; Hugo Gellert, and William W. Weinstein. Norman Hapgood will act as chairman.

Representatives of Spanish, Polish, German and Belgian anti-fascist organizations will be present to protest against the fascist white terror in their native countries.

STUDENTS DONATE TO "DAILY"

Members of the Workers School Students' Council who participated in a hike to Jamaica Woods last Sunday contributed \$5 to THE DAILY WORKER defense fund.

Textile Strike Starts as Workers Fight Wage Slashes

WALKOUT BEGINS; 33,000 WORKERS MAY BE INVOLVED

Fight Spreads at New Bedford Mills

BULLETIN.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 10.—One hundred and forty workers in the New Bedford silk mills walked out after an announcement of a wage cut of 25 per cent effective on Monday next. The strike was not preceded by a vote or meeting. The men said that the company had violated an agreement by cutting the wage. The 30,000 cotton mill workers will vote on Thursday evening as to whether they will strike on Monday as a result of the 10 per cent cut in wages announced yesterday.

WALKER BLAMED FOR FARE STEAL

Mrs. Ruth Pratt Makes Attack

"The handling of the transit problem by Mayor Walker is marked by carelessness, indifference, bungling and inefficiency." This was the charge made by Mrs. Ruth Pratt, republican and only woman member on the board of aldermen, at a meeting of that body held yesterday.

"If the citizens of the city are compelled to pay a 7-cent fare, the mayor will bear the chief responsibility," Mrs. Pratt charged in what is regarded as the opening gun in a republican attack on the Tammany Hall administration. It is expected that the democrats will reply with evidence that the republicans in control of the state government are no less smirched with the transit smudge. In fact it was under the administration of the republican governor, Nathan D. Morley, that the law providing for the transit unification scheme was passed.

Mrs. Pratt proceeded to ridicule the mayor's statement that he would rather cut off his right arm than concede to a 7-cent fare. It won't be necessary, Mrs. Pratt stated. "All he will have to do will be to stand back with arms folded and allow the natural consequences to flow from the comedy of errors played so well by Mr. Untermeyer, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Craig."

Untermeyer is the special counsel for the Transit Commission. Lewis is the regular counsel for the commission; Craig might be called the irregular counsel for the city. While serving as the legal representative of the city in the fight against the railroads, Craig is at the same time a representative of several surface lines. Untermeyer and Lewis have fought—but only over the methods of postponing the seven cent fare steal until after election.

Slackman Opens China Lecture Tour Tonight

Max Shachtman, editor of the "Labor Defender," will open a national illustrated tour on the present struggle of the Chinese people for liberation, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense tonight at Bohemian Hall, 347 E. 72nd St.

The charge on which Vladeck was originally held was "possessing a weapon without a license."

Vladeck, Manager of Forward, Freed After Girl Employee Is Shot

B. Charney Vladeck, business manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, was yesterday freed in Essex Market Court after he had been arrested following the shooting of Fannie Silverman, a clerical worker employed in his office.

According to Vladeck, he had been cleaning his desk in the Forward office preparatory to a trip when he found the revolver. In handling it, he explained in court, the weapon went off and a bullet struck Miss Silverman, who was later taken to Gouverneur Hospital.

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OILY STORY TOLD IN SINCLAIR TRIAL

Navy Officers Transferred for Opposing Teapot Dome Graft

WASHINGTON, April 10.—A tale of graft and corruption reaching to the top of the government was unfolded today in criminal branch No. 2 of the District Supreme Court as the criminal conspiracy trial of Harry F. Sinclair got under way.

Owen J. Roberts, the government's special oil prosecutor, addressing the newly sworn jury, outlined the transaction whereby Sinclair obtained a

Cappelini Machine Would Railroad These Miners to Electric Chair



Left to right are Sam Bonita, Steve Mendola with his young wife, and Adam Moleski. The Lewis-Cappelini machine is attempting to railroad these three innocent miners to the electric chair in an effort to break the growing strength of the progressives in the United Mine Workers in the Anthracite. These victims of a vicious frame-up are now on trial for "murder" at the Wilkes-Barre court house.

ARREST 5 THUGS IN TAXI STRIKE

Several Jersey Cities Hit by Walkout

NEWARK, N. J., April 10.—Five New York gunmen who assaulted a Yellow Taxi Cab Co. worker this morning were arrested today and held without bail. Two strikers were also taken into custody as the strike of the 500 drivers of the Yellow Taxi Cab Co. and its subsidiary, the Brown and White Co., entered its second week.

The assaulted worker is Patsy J. Caseri, who was pounced upon by the five company thugs when he was picketing a Yellow Taxi garage in East Orange. They threatened to shoot him unless he stopped picketing.

Reports Attack.

Casieri finally managed to escape and reported the attack on him to police headquarters. A detail of police was sent out to look for the thugs, who were later discovered in a Yellow taxi cab containing, among

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CAP UNION HEADS OUST MILITANT

Salzburg Exposed Acts of President

For sending out a communication to all the locals of the International Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, in which he denounced the president, Maz Zaritsky, and his right wing followers on the general executive board for the assistance they were giving the employers by advocating the union's adoption of the piece work system, while the Chicago capmakers are in the midst of a bitter four-months' strike, J. B. Salzburg, recently removed from leadership of the strike, was suspended yesterday from membership in the general executive board.

Statement Published.

The DAILY WORKER succeeded in obtaining a copy of the declaration sent out by Salzburg and reprinted the most essential parts of it in a recent issue. This, among other reasons, was used by the right

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Hints at Dishonesty.

"They knew exactly what decision the Transit Commission was going to give to the Interborough demand for an increased fare," Mrs. Pratt charged. "They knew, or should have known, what the next step of the Interborough would be—right into the federal court. Did they act promptly and diligently. They let the two or more weeks elapse, and then, two hours after they were served with the nicely printed papers of the Interborough bringing the question of the increased fare into the federal court they rushed with

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POLITICIAN GETS KNAPP JURY CALL

College Heads Also Are Summoned

ALBANY, N. Y., April 10.—Colonel Lafayette R. Gleason, secretary of the Republican State Committee, and director of the 1925 census, was one of 23 witnesses called before the special grand jury today by the state in an effort to secure additional indictments against Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp.

Six indictments were returned last week charging her with juggling the \$1,200,000 census fund. Mrs. Knapp is now at liberty in \$6,000 bail.

John A. Fletcher, treasurer of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., was a surprise witness before the grand jury today. Miss Clara Blanche Knapp, step-daughter of Mrs. Knapp, who was charged with receiving \$5,000 for census work she never performed, is the dean of the home economics department at Middlebury College.

During the Moreland investigation last fall it was alleged that Mrs. Knapp had endorsed checks made payable to her step-daughter and had used these checks to pay a bill at a Syracuse department store. Mrs. Knapp was dean of the home economics department at Syracuse University when these disclosures were made.

Mack Stern, republican leader of Schenectady, and deputy secretary of state under Mrs. Knapp, was scheduled to be one of the chief witnesses at today's session. Stern was ousted recently from the secretary of state's office.

MINERS' TRIO AT BENEFIT SUNDAY

At the "Miners' Varieties" at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., Sunday at 2 p. m., "The Miners Trio" will take a prominent part in the relief program.

This trio is composed of miners who have been touring the strike area giving entertainments for the relief of their striking comrades. The trio sings miners' songs and does miners' clog dances.

In addition Roy Helmar, formerly of the Havana Symphony Orchestra, will give several piano numbers. Helmar is billed as "the boy pianist." The Workers' Drama League will present "Aftermath," a one act play of Negro life. The entire performance is under the auspices of the Penn.-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, New York.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Ill and despondent, Mrs. Tillie Krishen, 57, leaped into the East River at 104th St. in a suicide attempt that failed because her skirts, spreading on the water, prevented her from sinking until she was rescued by a watchman.

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Machine Witnesses Aid Frame-up

The jury! A business manager, a superintendent, a justice of the peace, a wholesaler, a brother of the sheriff of the county who described himself as a laborer, a clerk, two laborers, a store keeper, a blacksmith and an insurance agent hold in their hands the power which will either return these innocent miners to the ranks of the working class or send them on the road traveled by Sacco and Vanzetti and other martyrs of the class war.

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Three technical witnesses were the first called. They described the room in which the body of Frank Agati, Cappelini gunman and contractor, was found dead; they were merely there to present the introductory evidence to set the case going, so to speak.

Cappelini Machine, Vicious.

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ARREST 25 FRUIT STORE PICKETS

Twenty-five striking fruit store clerks were arrested yesterday while picketing in front of the fruit and vegetable markets on Bathgate Ave., Arlington Ave. and Fox St., Bronx. Twenty of them were discharged when they were brought up for trial later in the Eighth District Court before Magistrate McKinley. Five were released after the Fruit, Grocery and Dairy Clerks' Union had deposited \$100 bail each for their release. They are to come up at a later date before Magistrate Smith in the Sixth Magistrate's Court, 161st St., Bronx.

On the second day of the general strike called by the union for organization purposes, 75 more workers in the trade joined the union men when the stores in which they were working were visited by a committee of union men.

The union officers also announced that they have signed agreements with several more firms.

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Hunter Students Dance for Relief of Miners

The Miners' Relief of Hunter College, which is affiliated with the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief, will hold a dance Friday evening at 7 E. 15th St. The proceeds will be contributed to the Pennsylvania and Ohio striking miners. Young workers and students are invited to attend.

The Youth Committee has just sent another \$200 to the coal fields, which brings the total sent by this committee for miners' relief to \$1,500.

PITTSTON MINERS FACE TESTIMONY OF LEWIS FORCES

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ALL PARTY UNITS ORGANIZING FOR \$30,000 CAMPAIGN

Unit Leads Way With Donation

The first unit to lead the way in contributing to the drive for \$30,000 to purchase and finance the new Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square is 1D 2F, Workers (Communist) Party.

Meeting at its headquarters, 60 St. Marks Place, Monday night, a total of \$80 was collected. Florence Geller, organizer of the unit, delivered the money triumphantly to the office of District 2, Workers Party, 108 E. 14th Street, yesterday. She said that despite the fact that only about 15 were present at the meeting, some of whom are unemployed, the members contributed with great enthusiasm, feeling that they were giving to something that would be their own for many years to come.

Tasks Defined. Other units have already begun work collecting among the membership and among friends and sympathizers. At a joint meeting of subsections 2A and 2B at 101 W. 27th St. Monday night, Bert Miller, organization secretary of District 2 and a member of the board of directors of the Workers Center, discussed the significance of the new Center and outlined the tasks of all Party members in the present drive. The membership of these two subsections is drawn chiefly from the needle trades and Miller pointed out that the proximity of the new building to the needle trades district would make it the real center of revolutionary activity in those trades.

Fund Needed at Once. The securing of the \$30,000 for the new building has become the chief Party task for District 2, according to Party officers. The entire Party membership has been mobilized in this drive, as the money must be raised within less than three weeks. Lists and receipt books are being furnished to all units. Every section, subsection and unit is electing a special committee to take active charge of the drive. Contributions are to be sought not only among Party members, but among sympathizers and friends, particularly in shops and workers' organizations, such as unions and clubs.

The drive for \$30,000 to provide a home for the revolutionary movement of this city and vicinity is gathering momentum daily.

28 MINERS WANT FREE 'DAILY' SUBS

Workers Must Answer Strikers' Plea

Twenty-eight striking Pennsylvania miners have signed a letter to The DAILY WORKER, asking that free subscriptions to the paper be sent to them so that they may have an ever-present, formidable weapon in their fight against the coal operators and the Lewis machine.

The DAILY WORKER would gladly bear the burden of these free subscriptions alone, were it not for the fact that every cent is needed to keep the paper going and repel the attacks that are now being made on it. The DAILY WORKER is compelled to refer this request of 28 striking miners to the readers of The DAILY.

It is the readers who must respond to their fellow-workers in the miners' union. The 28 miners who have signed the letter to The DAILY are only a small fraction of the thousands who must have the paper in the great struggle which is being organized by the Save-the-Union Committee against the coal operators and the corrupt union bureaucracy. It is a struggle which will mean victory or defeat not merely for the miners, but for every American worker.

Strike a blow for the miners, strike a blow for your class! Cut out the attached coupon and mail it in at once with the proper sum.

Striking Miner's Free Subscription Daily Worker, 33 First St., New York City.

I am enclosing herewith \$..... for a free subscription to a striking miner.

\$6.00 12 months
3.50 6 months
2.00 3 months
1.50 2 months
1.00 1 month

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Rehearsal for War

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 10.—The battleship, consisting of 58 ships and 150 aircraft, has left here for San Francisco and Hawaii for 10 days practice maneuvers.

They Defend Fall



Left to right above, are Reginald Ragland and Judge Daniel T. Wright, attorneys for Mr. Fall, who is "confessing" in the Teapot Dome oil investigation. Together with the government's attorneys, these "gentlemen" have been taking Fall's deposition in El Paso, Texas.

OILY STORY IS TOLD AT TRIAL

Reveal That Officials Aided Graft

(Continued from Page One) The time Fall had them transferred from the Navy to the interior department.

Sent to the Woods. He, Capt. J. P. Shafroth and Rear Admiral John Halligan bitterly opposed Fall's leasing policy, and, according to the story current in the navy, Fall heard of it and asked former secretary of the Navy Denby to transfer them from Washington. Stuart went to the Pacific coast, Halligan to Turkish waters and Shafroth to European duty.

When President Coolidge took office, Stuart was recalled and made receiver of the Teapot Dome reserve; Halligan was made chief of the Bureau of Engineers, succeeding Admiral J. K. Robison, who sided with Fall, and Shafroth was given command of a vessel.

Miller Probable Witness. WASHINGTON, April 10.—The question of summoning Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, now under sentence for conspiring to defraud the government, as a witness in the senate oil inquiry is under consideration today by the Senate Public Lands Committee.

Miller will be questioned, when he does take the stand, about the Continental Trading Company's \$3,080,000 Liberty bond "slush fund" and the portion of it which Sinclair used to liquidate debts of the Republican National Committee in 1923. Reports have reached the senate that Miller handled some of these bonds for the Republican National Committee.

Rumors meanwhile have persisted here that if Miller ever became convinced that the republican party would not save him from going to jail, he would tell the senate committee the "inside story" of Sinclair's relations with the republican party. The action of the supreme court yesterday in denying Miller's appeal, practically closed the last loophole through which he could escape serving his sentence of 18 months in jail, along with a \$5,000 fine.

Anti-Imperialist League Gets \$2 Check Which the Red Cross Turned Down

The All-America Anti-Imperialist League was in receipt yesterday of a two-dollar check drawn by the American Red Cross, beautifully decorated with a red cross, the symbol of "mercy and aid," and made out to Elizabeth Gilman of 513 Park Ave., Baltimore. Miss Gilman had originally sent the money to the Red Cross stating that she wished to donate this sum to help buy hospital supplies for the revolutionary army in Nicaragua. The Red Cross returned the two dollars with a letter stating that it had absolutely nothing to do with aid for this army.

Mayor Walker Is Blamed For 7-Cent Fare Steal

(Continued from Page One) hastily typed papers to the state courts when it was too late.

But while these charges by Mrs. Pratt are true, she omits any mention of the fact that she is herself an advocate of an increased fare as are the leaders of the republican party equally with those in the party of Tammany Hall.

Decision on the 7-cent fare case is due within a week, according to the latest information. Stocks of the traction lines have gone up from 4 to 9 points during the past few days. Only a mass protest of the workers can now prevent the increased fare.

COURT TO ADJOURN IN MAY

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The U. S. supreme court may adjourn during the latter part of May, it was indicated today.

MINE LOCAL ENDORSES PENN-OHIO RELIEF

Chicago Worker Challenges Country in Sub Drive

TO SEND SECOND \$10 IF OTHERS ACCEPT OFFER

Daily Worker Agents to Meet

The generous plan by which one worker in the Chicago district proposes to increase the circulation of The DAILY WORKER in his territory has been forwarded to the office of the paper by S. Hammersmark, the DAILY WORKER agent in the Illinois section.

A ten dollar bill and an order for one thousand copies of the May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER was recently received from a worker named Holman. Accompanying this order was Holman's offer to pay for another thousand copies as soon as other workers, organizations or units smaller than a city, send in their orders for a thousand copies.

Holman has sent in ten dollars with a challenge to the workers of the entire country. When 100 other friends of The DAILY WORKER send in a ten dollar bill for ten thousand subscriptions to the paper, Holman will send another ten dollars for ten more subs for the striking miners.

Holman's offer must be met with an enthusiastic response from the American working class. Not only hundreds but thousands of two months subscriptions must be purchased by the American workers.

WORKERS HONOR EPSTEIN TONIGHT

'Freiheit' Editor To Leave on Trip

Three thousand Jewish workers will gather tonight at Cooper Union to say farewell to Shachno Epstein, associate editor of the Freiheit, Yiddish Communist daily. Epstein will leave shortly for an extended trip and will be away for about a year.

The event will also celebrate the appearance of Epstein's book on the Russian Revolution, "In the Land of Social Revolution." Leaders of the left wing movement and prominent Yiddish writers will discuss Epstein's role as one of the leaders of the Jewish working class for more than 20 years, during which he helped to found the Freiheit.

POLICE THREATEN WORKERS' FORUM

Collection Taken While Cops Protest

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Police threatened to arrest the committee of the Philadelphia Workers' Forum when a collection was taken up after Bertram D. Wolfe, director of the Workers School, New York, had finished his lecture on "When War Comes."

Plainclothes men and patrolmen stepped up to the platform and shouted, "This ain't allowed." They then attempted to confiscate the money collected. But the girls who had taken up the collection managed to evade the police. Threats of arrest were made but not carried out.

The large crowd hooted the police, who then walked out of the hall. The meeting continued, Wolfe answering numerous questions in connection with his lecture.

Robert W. Dunn, of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak next Sunday on "The Menace of Company Unionism, Welfare Schemes and Labor Spies."

7 BURNED BY KLAN, WITNESS SAYS

Member of Labor-Hating Organization Accuses Own Officials

PITTSBURGH, April 10.—Clarence W. Ludlow, former member of Klan lodge No. 56 of Dallas, Tex., and acquaintance of Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans, testified in the Klan injunction suits here today that he witnessed "the burning alive of seven or eight men by Ku Klux Klansmen in Texas."

PITTSBURGH, April 10.—The Ku Klux Klan bombed its own meeting hall in Dayton, O., "to strengthen feeling within the organization," and burned a church in West Dayton, Capt. J. R. Ramsey, of Dayton, a surprise witness at the Klan trial charged in federal court today.

Beaten Up by Yellow Taxi Company Gangsters in Newark Strike



W. P. Williams, striking Yellow Taxi Cab Co. driver of Newark, N. J., was assaulted by company gangsters when he stopped near the scab garage. Eight stitches were taken in his head. The company thugs are using many schemes in an attempt to terrorize the workers, including breaking up parades of strikers and attacking isolated workers. More than 500 drivers are on strike in Newark, East Orange, Glen Ridge and Irvington and other towns in the vicinity. (Photo by Newark Ledger.)

ARREST 5 THUGS IN TAXI STRIKE

Several Jersey Cities Hit by Walkout

(Continued from Page One) other things, a loaded revolver and a blackjack.

The 5 gangsters gave their names as Samuel Rothenberg, E. Parkus, Arthur Ganschnetz, Charles Ruglio and Bruce Carl, all of New York.

When Thomas A. McConell, assistant secretary of the Yellow Taxi Cab Co., was informed of the arrest of the thugs, he offered to bail them out, but was informed that the charges against the men were too serious.

The two strikers who were arrested are Charles McKnight and William H. Williams. They were taken into custody on charges brought by Abraham Cohen, a strikebreaker of Newark.

Nearly All Cabs Tied Up. The striking taxi cab drivers have tied up nearly all the taxis in this city, East Orange, Glen Ridge, Irvington and neighboring towns.

A mass meeting of striking taxi drivers will be held tonight at 8 p. m. at strike headquarters, 4 Fleming Ave., this city. Harry Dailey is president of the strikers' temporary organization and Milton E. Crawley is organizer. They have made application to the Teamsters' Union for a charter.

Cloak Joint Board Will Hold Meet Tomorrow

A meeting of all the active members of the left wing Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union will be held tomorrow at 7 p. m. in Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave.

Important plans concerning the coming convention of the International union, scheduled to begin in Boston on May 7, will be taken up, it is announced.

Plans for a mass participation in the coming elections for delegates to the convention in May, are well underway, according to a representative of the Joint Board. This is being done, he explained, despite the fact that the Joint Board as well as the majority of the cloak and dress makers are convinced that the reactionary machine in control of the International union will undoubtedly not allow the delegates from the left wing union to be seated.

The elections for delegates nominated at the recent local meetings of Locals 2, 9, 22 and 35 are to be held on April 17 at the office of the Joint Board, 16 W. 21st St., and at the headquarters of the other locals expelled from the International.

"WHITE LIST" PROMISED FOR CANDY FACTORIES

Fourteen dollars a week is promised as the minimum wage in the better New York City candy factories, as the result of the Consumers' League exposé of sweated labor and dirty diseased candy. The Confectioners' Association, stung by widespread publicity about their unsanitary factories and their exploitation of young girls, is said to have agreed to recommend to members the adoption of a "white list."

The "white list" was first used 20 years ago when the league revealed to the public that department stores were working their girls 10 and 11 hours a day for \$5 to \$6 a week.

Outrageous overtime hours in the pre-Christmas rush season when girls are driven to the point of exhaustion for 11 and 12 hours a day would be abolished in "white list" factories. They would comply with the state law allowing 78 hours of overtime beyond the 8-hour day.

Medical Examinations. All workers would have to be medically examined before going on the job and submit to physical examination annually thereafter in compliance with dead letter city ordinances.

Other rules would include: 1. Clean well lighted factories with clean and sufficient toilets and washrooms, in convenient proximity to the workroom. 2. Paper or individual towels, soap and hot water at all times. 3. Use of aprons over all outer clothing; suppression of "finger licking"; frequent washing of hands. 4. Maintenance of a temperature of at least 64 degrees in all departments.

The candy workers, however, are unorganized and the promise of the employers in the face of the present exposure is purely a diplomatic maneuver, according to trade unionists in other industries. The candy workers it is pointed out, lack organization even to hold the meager concessions that have been promised.

Conduct 50 Scientific Expeditions in U.S.S.R.

MOSCOW (By Mail).—Fifty scientific expeditions will be carried thru in the U. S. S. R. in the spring and summer of 1928.

Most of them will be to the north, in particular, to the Barentz and Kara Seas, where the work will be done jointly with the German expedition. The expedition of the Hydrological Institute and the Geographic Society will investigate the interior basins of the north from the point of view of their fauna.

25 FRUIT STORE PICKETS JAILED

Majority Released After Hearing

(Continued from Page One) grocery clerks, the United Hebrew Trades officialdom is already taking direct steps to aid the employers to break the strike. They are now making an attempt to organize the fruit store owners into a bosses' association.

Information has reached the strike leadership that the Hebrew Trades officials are already advising the store owners to take out injunctions to stop the organization drive of the union. This is an attempt to impede the progress made by the grocery clerks' union, because the latter organization succeeded in completely defeating a dual organization created by the right wing. Mason and Forman, a firm forced to a settlement several days ago by a strike called before the general stoppage, has already broken their agreement and discharged its union workers. The lockout was immediately answered by a strike.

Ask Housewives' Aid. The leadership of the strike sent out a public announcement from their headquarters at 3690 Third Ave., Bronx, appealing to all working class families not to patronize the fruit and vegetable stores in the Bronx unless they display a sign in their windows declaring that a settlement has been reached with the union.

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BONITA, MOLESKI, MENDOLA, TRIAL

(Continued from Page One) ing this incident he heard the muffled report of a gun. Then he fled from the room, he said.

An equal anxiety to deliver damaging testimony to the three miners was evident in the testimony of the next witness, Anthony Figlock, national organizer for the Lewis machine. Under cross examination Figlock was forced to admit that his new evidence contradicted that given by him in the preliminary hearing.

John Gallagher, the next witness, a traveling auditor for the International, contradicted the testimony of both Lippi and Figlock. "Three shots were fired before Lippi left the room," he said. Figlock according to Gallagher, had remained in the proximity of Agati at least four minutes while he was phoning. This testimony may turn out to be important as a clue to the disappearance of Agati's gun.

Friends of Agati, present at the trial, feel that the testimony given yesterday has greatly injured the case of the prosecution. The case of the three miners has been strengthened by the testimony of yesterday's witnesses.

The Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, however, issued a warning today against overconfidence. The trials and convictions of militant workers, the committee points out, have no necessary relation to the innocence of the defendants or the lack of evidence against them.

WARNS OWNERS, UNION OFFICIALS, KEEP HANDS OFF

Ohio Rank and File for Progressives

SPRINGFIELD, April 10.—Endorsement of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee and a warning to all enemies of the mine workers to keep hands off the miners' relief committee was made this week by local Union 5560 of the United Mine Workers of America.

Pointing out that more than 40 locals in Ohio, representing thousands of miners are now receiving help from the committee, the resolution demands support for the committee and suggests that the officials of the union take a cut in their large salaries during the period of great need among the rank and file.

The resolution follows:

Unwarranted Attacks. Whereas, the U. S. Senate Committee has condemned the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee and has spoken of it as a "slimy trial"; and,

Whereas, officers of the United Mine Workers of America have not hesitated to attack the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee and have "warned" the striking miners against it; and,

Whereas, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee has provided more than 40 locals in Ohio, representing thousands of miners, with relief; and,

Whereas, during this time the officers of the United Mine Workers have received their regular salaries, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars—which money should have been used for miners' relief, therefore be it,

Condemns Attacks. Resolved, that Local Union 5560, of the United Mine Workers of America, subdistrict 5 of District No. 6 condemn the attacks of the U. S. Senate Committee and of the officers of the United Mine Workers of America and again calls upon the rank and file to cut off the salaries of the officers so that more money may be had for relief, and be it further

Resolved, that we hereby serve notice on the coal operators, the U. S. Senate Committee and the union officials to keep hands off the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, since we will not tolerate their attacks and interference without protesting.

Joe Husvar, President
J. M. Barto, Recording Secretary.

CAP UNION HEADS OUST MILITANT

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Violated Orders. This was in violation of the convention decisions which expressly bound him to fight the piece work system and protect the 40 hour week with all the forces at his command, the statement charges.

According to the account in the "Forward," even some of the members on the general executive board who like to pose as "progressives" by opposing the piece demands of Zaritsky and the employers, voted for the suspension of Salzburg.

Aided Bosses. Another fact brought out which clearly demonstrates the frankness with which Zaritsky tried to help the bosses in Chicago get piece work, is the fact that the latter came to the Chicago local executive board and advised them to accede to the bosses' demand. Their refusal led to a lock-out by the manufacturers. The head of the bosses' association is a former union official and a close friend of Zaritsky's. He was probably informed that he has the support of the union president in getting piece work installed.

Wholesale Arrests in Venezuela as Uprising Against Gomez Is Crushed

PALACE GUARDS JOIN FIGHT ON FASCIST REGIME

Many Killed in Street Fighting

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 10.—Numerous arrests have followed the second attempt within the last two months to overthrow the Gomez dictatorship.

The revolt took place early Saturday morning when the garrison of the Miraflores Palace, home of the dictator Gomez, wounded Colonel Anibal Garcia, sub-commandant of the garrison, and started for the San Carlos barracks in the northern section of the city to seize arms and munitions. The rebellious troops were joined by students from the university and a number of workers. A number of the mutineers were killed when troops in the barracks opened fire.

Saturday's uprising followed a clash between students and the police in February. Students and workers demonstrated against the government policy of handing out rich oil concessions to British and American investors and against the American invasion of Nicaragua.

Gomez has been extremely friendly to the United States. American oil companies have invested heavily in Venezuela, which has already surpassed Mexico in the production of oil.

Ambassador's Son Charged With Fraud

UCYRUS, O., April 10.—William G. Sharp of Elyria, son of the late William Sharp, former United States ambassador to France, is scheduled to appear in court here tomorrow on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is charged, along with two other men, with selling \$1,000 worth of fraudulent stock.

Blast Kills Two

HANOVER, N. J., April 10.—Two workers were killed and three injured when a stick of dynamite placed in a stove by mistake exploded on a farm on Hanover Neck Rd. near here.

The dead are Martin Jajuga and Zegal Benedict. The injured are Frank Cacon, Steven Gurnitz and Sepon Jajuga.

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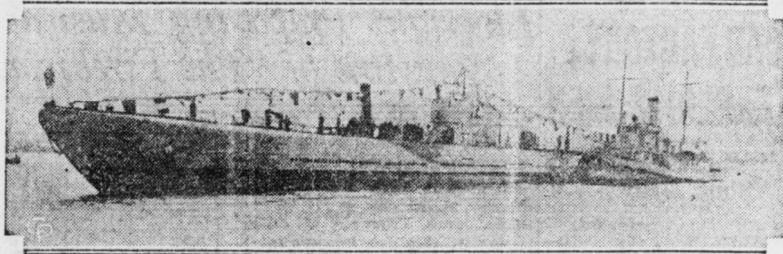


Photo above shows the V-4, largest American submarine commissioned at the submarine base at Portsmouth, N. H., where she was built. The V-4 is the first mine-laying submarine constructed for the U. S. Navy and is part of new preparations which Wall Street's government is making for the coming imperialist war.

D. A. R. SUPPORTS ANTI-LABOR DRIVE

Funds Needed to Repel Attacks on "Daily"

(Continued from Page One)
WORKER is not yet over. Marvin and his allies in the National Civil Federation, of which Matthew Will, notorious labor misleader, is acting president, are being well paid for their services to the capitalist class. They have succeeded in sending David Gordon, the 18-year-old author of the poem "America" to the reformatory for three years, and in imposing a fine of \$500 on THE DAILY WORKER at a time when they know that the paper has hardly sufficient funds to bring out the daily issues.

Federal Indictment Pending. But these jingo agents of the master class are not yet content. A federal indictment is still pending, which may result in the jailing of William P. Dunne, J. Louis Engdahl, Alex Bittelman and Bert Miller, besides imposing additional heavy fines on THE DAILY WORKER. A former labor spy, Adolph Lessig, has also come to the aid of these vicious enemies of the working class, and has instituted a \$50,000 libel suit against THE DAILY WORKER.

Funds are needed to fight these legal battles. Funds are needed to repel the assaults of those who are trying to crush the militant organ of the American workers as part of the general campaign to grind down the working class. Workers, come to the aid of your Daily! Rush funds at once to THE DAILY WORKER, 33 First St., New York City.

WALL STREET POWER IN HAITI INCREASED

A romantic picture of conditions in Haiti under the dictatorship of American officials is drawn in the annual report for 1927 of General John H. Russell, American high commissioner to that republic. The report declares that the prosperity and happiness of the Haitian people has materially increased, and the financial policy inaugurated by President Borno in 1922 has resulted in establishing their finances on a sound basis. Budgetary expenses have been met, the report declares, the rapid retirement of the public debt has been continued.



Louis Borno, Wall St. tool

Law and order reigns in Haiti, according to the report. The relations between the United States marines and the natives are cordial. While martial law "is of necessity" maintained, its operation is practically nil, the report says, being a "purely moral force." Due to the efficiency of the gendarmerie (controlled by Americans) there has been a decrease in crime. Haiti's prosperity is attested by the fact that it imported over 2,000 automobiles during the year.

Trade Decreases. This happy picture is destroyed by the report itself, which shows that 1927 imports and exports both decreased compared with the previous year. Imports exceeded exports. Over 75 percent of all Haitian imports come from the United States, while only 7.8 percent of all exports are sold to the United States. About 47.5 percent of the exports go to France. The imports for the fiscal year 1926-27 were about \$15,751,320, a decrease of 16.4 percent compared with the previous year; exports were \$15,299,000, a decrease of 24.4 percent, compared with the previous year. Government receipts for the fiscal year were \$7,772,300, about 14 percent less than the previous year, but more than double the amount the "government" (i. e. the American financial "advisers") collected during the first year of American occupation (1916-17). General Russell points out that in 1907-08 government receipts were about \$2,000,000, but since the occupation never less than \$6,200,000 a year—a good result from the American point of view, since a large part of these receipts go to pay off loans floated by American bankers.

Disarm Workers. The report records the expiration of the monopoly of cable messages by the French Cable Company, and the new contract with the All-America Cables. Another section describes the excellent results of the gendarmerie's target practice, and the fact that only 734 revolver licenses have been issued in a republic of 2,000,000 people. This disarmament of the Haitians is justified on the ground that the "gendarmerie and police rurale" (controlled and officered by Americans) "affords ample protection."

Strengthen Dictatorships. The strengthening of America's imperialist control of Haiti, through the puppet government of President Borno, is shown by several political changes recorded in the report. Recently the Haitian government, which is completely dominated by Washington, passed thirteen amendments to the constitution which strengthens American dictatorship. These amendments give the president of Haiti, who for all practical purposes is an appointee of the United States, great control over the judicial system, and gives constitutional sanction to the press censorship which has prevailed in fact since the American occupation.

Haiti is nominally independent. Actually it is dominated by the American high commissioner, the American minister, the American customs supervisor, the American financial "adviser," and the American marines, which have been there for twelve years. President Borno was elected in 1922 by a council which he had himself appointed. Borno was Washington's choice for president. He is still in office.

Since 1917, when the Haitian legislature was dispersed by the American marines for trying to adopt a constitution, no new legislature has been elected. Haiti is theoretically governed under another constitution issued in 1917 by a "plebiscite" supervised by the American troops. This institution provides for a legislature.

NEGROES PROTEST AMERICAN LAND STEAL IN HAITI

Borah Addressed by U. S. Association

An open letter to Sen. Borah as chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations asking an investigation of the state department program for the "spoliation" of the black republic of Haiti was made public yesterday by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Ave.

Mr. Johnson's letter cites the Cadastral bill, said to be sponsored by the state department, which would require the Haitian peasants, who have held their lands for generation without document, to show title in order that the lands might be purchased by Americans. Mr. Johnson charges that a change in the Haitian constitution, passed despite the refusal of the Haitian assembly to enact it, which provided for foreign ownership of land in Haiti, was a preliminary to the proposed bill. Also he charges that Haitian judges formerly holding life tenure were made subject to removal by the Haitian president, "a creature of the American occupation," with a view to depriving them of independence in adjudicating land titles.

The proposed measure, says Mr. Johnson's letter, "is little less than organized robbery with the power of the United States navy and the Marines to back it against a helpless small people."

TAXI DRIVERS GO ON STRIKE IN N. J.

NEWARK, N. J., April 10.—Striking taxicab drivers of the Yellow Cab Co. and its subsidiary, the Brown and White Co., were attacked by strikebreakers last night while parading on Sussex Ave. The strikebreakers and gangsters of the company hurled paving stones, bricks and bottles at the strikers.

Workers' Kitchen Plans \$10 Banquet for Relief

The Workers' International Relief will hold a banquet at its kitchen at 27 E. 4th St., at 7.30 p. m., Wednesday, April 18. For \$10 a bowl of soup, a hunk of rye bread and a cup of coffee will be served. Prominent speakers will address the assembly. The proceeds will be used for the relief of the jobless workers who visit the relief kitchen daily.

Rent Laws Attacked

The United Real Estate Owners' Association, meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, adopted a resolution proposed by Stewart Browne, president of the association, to institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the rent laws passed in the last session of the state legislature.

EDWARD BOLAND DIES. Edward Boland, former associate of Eamon de Valera in the Irish republican movement and participant in the 1916 insurrection, was to be buried this morning here from funeral parlors at 408 W. 52d St.

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500 Chinese Miners Killed

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Water from the faultily-constructed dam trapped the miners in the gallery of a mine. The men had no means of escaping.

JAPANESE GUN FIRE KILLS 40 CHINA WORKERS

Boycott Spreads Throughout Fukien Province

FOOCHOW, China, April 10.—The anti-Japanese boycott which has already been launched has been intensified as the result of the killing of forty Chinese workers by Japanese destroyers.

The shooting occurred, when more than a thousand poor Chinese workers and peasants swarmed aboard a sinking Japanese steamer, wrecked on the rocky shores of Haining Island in an effort to carry off part of the coal. The workers and peasants had received permission from the crew of the vessel to carry the coal ashore.

The Japanese destroyers which appeared on the scene, without issuing any warning, raked the steamer with light shell and machine gun fire. Forty were killed and a large number wounded. Relatives of the dead workers have lodged claims for indemnities with the local Japanese authorities.

The boycott against Japanese goods has proved extremely effective and has brought Japanese trade in Fukien province almost to a standstill.

Sacco-Vanzetti Museum

MOSCOW, April 10.—A Sacco-Vanzetti museum will be established here which will contain original documents involved in the case.

NEW U.S.S.R. COALING STATION

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The administration of the Murmansk Railway has elaborated a scheme of equipping on the Kildin Island, in the Arctic Ocean, a coal base for supplying ocean steamers bound for Soviet ports.

March was the biggest month in history for Soviet Russian purchases of American industrial machinery through Amtorg, official trade agency here. Credit for as much as two years was arranged on three quarters of the \$2,284,000 of equipment bought here. Total purchases were \$4,400,000 last month.

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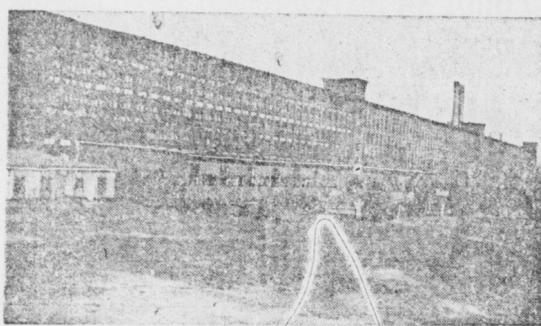
Mill Committees Formed in 3 Lawrence Textile Mills, Correspondent Says

\$18 IS AVERAGE WAGE; SPEED-UP, DOUBLING REIGN

No Lunch Time; Men Eat at Machines

(By a Worker Correspondent)
LAWRENCE, Mass., (By Mail).—The American Woolen Company, of which Andrew G. Pierce is president, has 56 worsted and woolen mills in eight states, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York and Kentucky. The three largest of these mills are in Lawrence. They are the Wood Mill, Ayer Mill and Washington Mill.

Where Textile Workers Have Formed Committees



The Wood Mill, at Lawrence, Mass., above, is the largest worsted mill in the world. Here the workers earn \$18 if they work a full week. At present they are lucky to work two days in seven. Mill committees have been formed in this and other textile mills thruout New England to fight against the intolerable conditions of speed-up, doubling-up and lay-off.

AIM PENNSYLVANIA LAW AT HUNGRY MEN

(By a Worker Correspondent)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—Here is something that might be interesting to the workers of Pennsylvania. The district attorneys of this state met this last week and discussed the crime situation.

At their meeting they unanimously agreed that the only way to check crime would be to enact a law similar to the New York Baumes law. Although they do not mean to copy the Baumes law word for word, they want the Pennsylvania law to rest on the same basis. The Baumes law automatically convicts a man to life imprisonment if arrested for a fourth offense.

The attorney's decision was lauded in the Philadelphia papers as a very bright idea. But to us, crime seems to be the result of certain causes and in order to check crime these causes must be removed. Crime will exist as long as poverty, hunger and want exist. People have been shot, hanged, electrocuted for the last few thousand years, yet crime seems to be increasing exactly in the proportion that misery and poverty increases.

I wonder if these clever attorneys stopped to think that if the living conditions of the poor and exploited were better, crime might decrease. But this is a problem which can only be solved by a government of the workers. Under the capitalist system they enact Baumes laws. In other words, you're safe if you can get hold of a million dollars but if you have nothing to eat and you steal four loaves of bread, one at a time, it means that you go to jail for the rest of your life. —F. H.

Five Safety-Pin Workers Earn \$1.25 Together

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Conditions Vile; Food Is Slum Daily

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DUNELLEN, N. J., (By Mail).—My address and name you will, of course, omit, but my co-workers await the publication of this letter with interest and, if you advise me of the date of publication, my friends, thru me, will remit for 100 copies. Then the lukewarm few will see that, even the International Association of Machinists are dead in this locality, the thinking few in this shop are going further in an attempt to remedy their conditions.

I represent the so-called radicals in the Hoe and Co. shop at Dunellen. We, a scab shop, assemble the printing presses that are handled by the elite union men of the Printers' Union. Little do they know or perhaps care how our downtrodden 470 workers sweat and toil to build the machines they draw their princely wages to operate.

The chief slave driver here is Graf, the works manager. Known as the clean-up man of Hoe's, his job is to cut wages and make two men do the work that three men staggered under before.

Fifty wage slaves of the white collar class, production clerks, time-keepers, etc., all married men, exist on \$25 a week.

Threats of moving the plant keep the machinists cowed, and stool-pigeons from the Metal Trades' Association weed out the so-called malcontents.

The Hoe Co. has a \$2,000,000 order for presses for the Chicago Daily News, yet even union men in Chicago without fuss or worry assemble scab presses for union men to operate.

Let us wake these chaps up. It's their sweat and toil that make the millions for the Hoe Co.

We slaves, who patronize the restaurant remember army days, slum, slum, every day. But it is eat here or starve, for we are fifteen minutes from the nearest lunch wagon. Eat slum or go hungry is the Hoe motto.

—RUDY BENITO.

Liveright Preparing Musical Version of "The Firebrand"

HORACE LIVERIGHT has signed Arthur Hurley to stage the book of his forthcoming production of "The Dagger and the Rose," which will be the title of the musical version of Edwin Justus Mayer's "The Firebrand," the play seen here two seasons back with the younger Schildkraut. Hurley staged the play when it was produced at the Morosco Theatre, where it ran an entire season. He also staged "The Desert Song" and other plays.

Liveright's other production, "Dracula," by the way, now current at the Fulton Theatre, just celebrated its 200th performance. Bernard Jukes, who plays the role of the lunatic in the play, simultaneously celebrates his 1,000th performance. Jukes originated the role of Benfield for the London production. Liveright brought the English actor over for the Broadway production after Jukes had played his role 800 times in England.

The newspaper comedy by Charles MacArthur and Ben Hecht which Jed Harris is to present, will be known as "The Front Page." Lee Tracy creator of the hooper-role in "Broadway," and Osgood Perkins who did such good work in "Spread Eagle," will have prominent roles in the piece which will open at the Apollo Theatre, Atlantic City next month. "The Front Page" will be staged by George S. Kaufman.

Additions to the cast of "Playing at Love," the Sil-Vara play now in rehearsal at the Guild include Janet Beecher, Cathleen Nesbit and Claude Rains. Richard Bennett heads the cast. Robert Milton is directing the play which will open next week at the Republic Theatre.

Jane Cowl will not appear in London this summer in Robert Emmet Sherwood's "The Road to Rome," but will be seen here early next season in a new play by Mr. Sherwood which is, as yet, without a title. She has definitely decided not to appear again in London until the spring of 1929 when she will be seen there in a group of plays which may include "Romeo and Juliet."

COOLER SPONSORS OF CONSCRIPTION KILL HOUSE VOTE

Too Much Flag-Waving Held Unwise Now



Star of "Our Betters," Somerset Maugham's comedy now playing at the Henry Miller Theatre.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (FP).—An attempt by Rep. Royal Johnson of South Dakota, on April 5, to stampede the membership of the house into ordering his general conscription bill brought immediately to the head of the calendar was defeated for political reasons by members of the house military affairs committee. Johnson filed a motion for immediate action, which would become effective if 218 members would sign it. The bill, pending to safeguard the country against profiteering in war time, is so worded that all factories could be militarized, while all manufacturers could be permitted to profiteer.

Hanford McNider, former national commander of the American Legion, banker and associate of the cement trust, was credited by Johnson with originating this bill. Johnson quoted his own war record and the testimony of past experience of the government to prove the obvious fact that business men have robbed the government in all its wars. He did not allude in any way to the fact that labor bodies have steadily fought his scheme because its real purpose is to prevent wage increases in time of war.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (FP).—That the Capper-Johnson universal draft bill is a fraud which neither conscripts capital nor takes the profit cut of war, is the statement of Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, who declares the bill one of the most dangerous ever submitted to congress.

Screen Notes

The Paramount film version of Anne Nichols' "Abie's Irish Rose," is scheduled to open at the 44th Street Theatre Thursday evening, April 19.

The Harry Langdon comedy, "The Chaser," which is at the Cameo Theatre will end its run this Friday night, in order to make way for Paul Pejos' "The Last Moment," which will succeed the comedy, opening there on Saturday. This will be the first Broadway showing of the latter film.

Phyllis Haver, the Roxie Hart of the screen version "Chicago," which is showing at the Broadway Theatre this week, has been borrowed by D. W. Griffith from Cecil B. DeMille to play the part of a "gold digger" in "The Battle of the Sexes."

R. R. CLERKS FACE NEW WAGE CUTS

Million a Year Loss Is B. & M. Aim

BOSTON, (FP) April 10.—Railroad workers may have a taste of Coolidge mediation if the Boston & Maine persists in its efforts to cut wages of union railway clerks by 3 to 10 cents an hour. Although the road has netted profits of \$20,000,000 since 1924, it is seeking to shear a million a year from its clerks.

When the dispute is presented to the Parker-Watson mediation board, the union may agree to arbitrate the wage decrease, with an almost certain cut in sight. But if the clerks refuse to submit the probability of having a slash inflicted on their paychecks, President Coolidge will have the power to appoint a fact-finding commission, whose report might also lead to a slash.

The union would be restrained from striking to preserve its standards until 30 days after the fact-finders' report, affording the road ample opportunity to marshal strikebreakers.

Alleged "Loan Shark" Turns Up; Seven More Indictments Issued

Julius Knepper, of the Julius Knepper Finance Company, formerly of 468 E. 163rd St., one of the first of the alleged "loan sharks" indicted, has finally given himself up after 10 days of hiding. Knepper was in the Federal Building March 29, just a few minutes before the grand jury handed down an indictment against him. He left so suddenly that he did not even notify his wife. Knepper said that he had suffered from "stage fright" but that he had now regained his "natural composure."

Knepper was indicted for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with his attempts to evade the anti-usury laws. He was freed on \$5,000 bail.

Seven more warrants, covering four individuals, were issued late Monday by Chief Magistrate McAldoo, sitting in the state usury inquiry. Eleven companies and individuals were also summoned by him to appear at today's hearing, as well as two notary public, said to be women, accused in connection with loan company papers. The first of the trials will be held Monday.

Passaic Mills Close

Electricians Organize

PASSAIC, N. J., April 10.—More than 1,000 textile workers are out of employment through the closing of the Gera mills here and the New Jersey worsted mills in Garfield.

CARBONDALE, Pa. (FP)—Electricians have applied for a union charter. Contractors are reported willing to sign an agreement.

COXEY GETS HEARING.
WASHINGTON, April 10 (FP).—"Gen." Jacob S. Coxey, who led the army of unemployed to Washington 34 years ago, has been granted a hearing before the house committee on banking and currency on his bill for unemployment relief.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—By a standing vote of 124 to 80, the house killed the Newton bill to permit American industries to form buying combinations to fight foreign government monopolies in raw materials, particularly rubber.

MOSAIC LAYERS WIN CONTRACT
CHICAGO, April 10.—The mosaic and terrazzo layers of Chicago, Local 41, Bricklayers', Masons' and Plasterers' International Union, will get \$1.50 an hour until May 31, 1930, as a result of a newly signed contract. Base machine men will get \$1.15 and helpers \$1.07 1/2.

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Left Wing Candidate Polls Big Vote in Amalgamated Food Workers' Union

BURKHART, LORE MAN, MAINTAINS HOLD ON LOCALS

Gertig, a Progressive, Nearly Beats Machine

Election returns for national officers of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union were made complete yesterday when the results of the Bakers' Local 3 balloting became known. The results show that in spite of the fact that the August Burkhardt machine had complete control of the election machinery the left wing candidate forced them to give him credit for 530 votes to the 723 which the present administration counted itself into office.

Carl Gertig, progressive candidate for secretary-treasurer of the organization, in opposition to August Burkhardt, the machine candidate, received a majority of the votes cast in the three locals which held elections during the past week. They are Locals 1, 164, and the Hotel Workers' Local 3, which is the stronghold of the right wingers, was the one which gave Burkhardt his majority.

Results Satisfactory. In spite of the fact that the left wingers did not succeed in gaining control of the union they are jubilant over the results. The reason for this is that the returns show that the membership has realized the true character of the union administration, which at one time called itself left wing. The reactionary policies of the union officialdom are disillusioning the membership, the progressives say.

The administration, which is controlled by Ludwig Lore, editor of the German daily Volk Zeitung, expelled several years ago from the Workers (Communist) Party, is pursuing policies no less reactionary than the right wing in control of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Recently in an article in the Volkzeitung Burkhardt attacked the Communists in connection with the situation in the needle trades unions. Furthermore, in the struggle between the Bakers' Local of the Amalgamated and the Bakers' International Union, the Burkhardt machine resorted to the usual tactics of the reactionary union bureaucrats by taking out an injunction against the International local.

Oppose Amalgamation. These are the policies which the progressive forces in the union are organizing the workers to fight against. The Lore followers in the Amalgamated have even gone to the extent of openly declaring themselves as opposed to amalgamation, in an article published in the Volkzeitung. In this article another vicious attack is made on the left wing and Communists for the amalgamation campaign they are carrying on in the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union and in the International union.

Rank and File Worker. The large vote registered for the left wing candidate in the elections was surprising, progressives say. The candidate is an ordinary rank and file worker and the campaign carried on was not intensive due to the prohibition of the use of the union organ, "The Free Voice," by the Burkhardt machine. This was done to stop presentation of left wing views to the membership.

FEW LAWS GUARD WOMEN WORKERS

Report Reveals Low Wage Scales

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press). The backwardness of the United States in protecting its women workers against capitalist exploitation is revealed in a report of the woman's bureau of the U. S. department of labor on state laws affecting women workers. The report shows that only nine states have established a minimum wage for women, that only about a quarter of the states regulate home work and only 10 require a maximum 8 hour day for women. The only states which have set a minimum wage for women are California, Colorado, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin. The first seven in the list have established boards or commissions while the last two have set the minimum by law.

\$12 Is Minimum Wage. The highest minimum is \$16 a week for experienced women in all industries in California. Inexperienced women have a minimum of \$12 if over 18 years and of \$10 if under 18 years of age in practically all California occupations except manufacture, in which the minimum for inexperienced women is \$9 a week. At the other extreme Utah fixes the minimum for experienced women at only \$1.25 a day or \$7.50 for a full week's work. The minimum for inexperienced women in Utah is 90 cents a day for adults and 75 cents a day for minors.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Nearing To Lecture in Yonkers.

Scott Nearing will lecture on "What Is Happening Today in China and Soviet Russia," at the Workers Cooperative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, on Friday, April 20, at 8 p. m. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Workers International Relief, and the proceeds will go for miners' relief.

Bronx Miners' Relief Meet Pat Off.

The Bronx Branch of the Miners' Relief Committee will hold its executive meeting today at 8 p. m.

League for Mutual Aid.

The League for Mutual Aid will hold a Spring Revel, this Friday, April 13, at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St.

Dunn Course Tonight.

The final session in the course in Present Tactics of Employers, given by Robert W. Dunn will be held tonight at 8:30 p. m. at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St.

Plumbers' Helpers Mass Meet.

A mass meeting of the Plumbers' Helpers' Union will be held tomorrow at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball.

The United Council of Workingclass Housewives, Councils 1, 2 and 3, will hold a concert and ball this Friday, at 362 1/2 Third Ave., near 103rd St. The proceeds will be donated to miners' relief.

Dr. Liber To Lecture.

Dr. E. Liber will lecture on "Religion and Health" at the Ingersoll Forum, Guild Hall, Steinway Building, 113 W. 57th St., this Sunday at 8 p. m.

Dance For Miners Saturday.

The Lower Bronx Branch of the Workers International Relief will hold a dance Saturday night at 715 E. 138th St. to raise funds for the relief of the striking miners.

China Lecture by Shachtman.

"Bleeding China," an illustrated lecture by Max Shachtman, editor of the Czechoslovak Workers' Home, 247 East 72nd St., tonight at 8 p. m. The lecture will be illustrated with the latest pictures from China shown for the first time and is to be held under the auspices of the Harlem and Czechoslovak branches of the International Labor Defense.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball.

On April 14th, Councils 1, 2 and 3, of the United Council of Workingclass Women of the Bronx, will give a concert and ball at 2296 Third Ave. for the benefit of the striking miners. An interesting and varied program will be presented. All Bronx workers should demonstrate their solidarity with the striking miners by their attendance.

Kaplan to Lecture.

A lecture on "The Youth and the Press" will be given by Nat Kaplan Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the headquarters of the Friends of Solidarity, 184 S. 8th St., Williamsburg.

To Hike Sunday.

The Friends of Solidarity will conduct a hike Sunday at 8 a. m. from their headquarters, 184 S. 8th St., Williamsburg.

Juliet Poyntz Lecture.

Juliet Poyntz will lecture on "World Labor Problems Today" at the forum of the Unity Arbetar Cooperative, 1800 7th Ave., Friday, April 13th, at 8:30.

Downtown I. L. D.

A meeting of the Downtown Branch I. L. D. will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

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TEXTILE WORKERS FIGHT WAGE CUT IN NEW ENGLAND

Strike Starts; Likely to Involve 33,000

(Continued from Page One) participating in the wage reduction, the largest are owned by the Good-year, Fiske, and Firestone rubber tire interests. Senator William Butler, chairman of Republican national committee, controls the most important cotton manufacturing plants in Taunton where a similar reduction is to take place.

The Progressive Mill Committees in their statements and leaflets declare that every effort will be made to spread a general strike in New Bedford and Taunton, till it encompasses all of the 100,000 textile operatives in New England whose wages have been cut by 10 per cent in the last few months.

New Attack Feared.

While inquiries made in the other textile centers as to whether mills in those centers will also follow with wage cut action brought denials from several mill owners, the belief persisting is that acceptance by the workers of this reduction will be immediately followed by a new general attack on the workers' standards.

President Thomas F. McMahon, of the United Textile Workers of America, now in Providence, R. I., when asked to express his opinion on the New Bedford situation declared that since the New Bedford unions are not affiliated with the United Textile Workers, he has nothing to say. "But we are watching the situation closely," he remarked.

Operators' Excuse.

A statement by mill operators in a newspaper to the press said that they are compelled to make the reduction due to similar action taken by other mills. This was nailed as a lie when it was shown by the union officials that these are the first mills producing their quality of fine cotton goods to reduce wages. Mills producing similar material have not as yet made the reduction. Furthermore it was learned that an attack on the already miserable conditions of the workers was made several months ago, when the Fall River plants were cutting wages. At that time the New Bedford mill owners achieved a reduction in wages by forcing an increase in the output of each worker.

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RELATE ORIGIN OF MAY 1 IN UNITED STATES

Why was it the First of May that was chosen by the American workers as the day on which to initiate new great changes for the working class, the day which has become a day of demonstration for the proletariat of every country?

The First of May has for ages been associated with festivals celebrating the reawakening of the earth. What should be more fitting than that the working class should proletarianize this old traditional festival and make this day of reawakening a day for gathering new strength for their battles?

Comparatively few American workers know that the First of May, although in America it is celebrated probably less militantly than in any other capitalistically developed country, originated in America.

The carpenters of San Francisco during 1882 and early in 1883 had become restless under the long hours they were forced to work. They were very well organized compared to the rest of the workers of California and decided on a test of strength. On Feb. 9, 1883, the union passed a resolution which they hoped would mark May First as the beginning of a new era—the restriction of the working day. After May First they would work no longer than nine hours.

A mass meeting was called for March 30. The new move was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm. The plan was launched. The employers did not accept this ultimatum without resistance and clashes took place.

This small beginning developed into a world-wide movement.

Everywhere on May First the workers demonstrate—no longer for economic gains alone but for class-conscious political aims and for the international solidarity of the working class. The American workers will take up again this year the tradition which the pioneers of the American labor movement established for the whole world. The American workers will not be behind the rest of the world in celebrating their own proletarian festival.

This year Madison Square Garden will be the scene of New York's May Day demonstration. American workers will there show their solidarity with the working class of the world.

YOUTH LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE

Birthday to Be Marked by Mass Meeting

The noteworthy affairs will mark the progress of the anniversary-recruiting drive initiated this week by the New York district of the Young Workers (Communist) League of America on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the founding of the Communist youth movement in this country.

These affairs will mark the development of the League from the Young People's Socialist League days, from the tiny sectarian illegal Young Communist League into the relatively strong organization of today, numbering hundreds of members in this city and exercising great influence in dozens of clubs, unions, and other institutions and organizations where the youth are found. The achievements of the League in the last year will be the keynote of these affairs.

The first of these two anniversary affairs will be a spring youth dance Saturday evening, April 21, at the New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Young workers and students from all over the city and from New Jersey will be there. A novel program is planned.

Then will come an anniversary mass meeting, time and place to be announced later.

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Meeting For \$20,000 Drive.

All units, sections and subsections are to call special membership meetings this week to take up plans for raising \$20,000 for the new Workers Center in Union Square.

May Day Tickets.

Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now ready at the district office for distribution, and can also be obtained thru section organizers. Comrades who can dispose of tickets are urged to get them at once.

Spring Dance.

A "Red Spring" entertainment and dance will be given by Branch 4, Section 5, this Saturday, April 14, at 2075 Clinton Ave.

Section 2 Organizers Meet.

A meeting of all subsection and unit organizers of Section 2 will be held tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All organizers must be present.

The International Branch, Unit II.

Section 1D will meet today at 7:30 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

Literature Agents Meet Thursday.

William W. Weinstein will talk at the district conference of literature agents and members of the literature squad tomorrow at 8 p. m. at 103 E. 14th St.

SS 3E FE.

Harry Freeman will lead a discussion on "Nicaragua" at an educational meeting of SS 3E FE today at 6 p. m. at 301 W. 27th St.

Unit 3E 3F.

Unit 3E 3F will meet tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Mass Meeting on Tracton.

Louis A. Baum will talk on the tracton question at 149th St. and Third Ave., tomorrow night.

Subsection 3E F3.

Subsection 3E F3 will meet today at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Course for New Members.

A course for new Party members is given at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St. on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Every new member of the Party should attend this course.

Cooperative Section.

Branch 6, Section 5, will hold a special business meeting next Wednesday, April 11, at the auditorium of the Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park E. Sam Nessin, new organizer, will report.

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(Continued from Page One) voters, waiting to cast their ballots and directed them to vote for State's Attorney Crowe.

One polling place reported a policeman at the point of a gun forcing citizens to vote as he dictated. Two hoodlums entered a west side polling place, wrecked ballot boxes and hurled the election judge and his workers from the room.

Judges Mark Ballots.

Election judges in the 24th ward were charged with marking ballots and stuffing boxes.

The "burning" question that the voters are deciding today is whether or not control of Illinois republicanism and \$2,000,000 in official spoils is to be given into the hands of United States Senator Charles S. Deneen or to be retained by Governor Len Small and Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago.

open forum on Sunday, April 15th, at 8 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place. The subject for discussion will be "American Youth and the Press." Dancing will follow.

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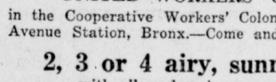
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THE ENEMY



The miners must eat while they fight. Their fight is the fight of the whole working class. Contributions should be sent to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

By Fred Ellis

Weavers Toil 16-Hour Shift

PASSAIC, N. J., April 10 (FP).—"Good strong weavers step out of line. We need you."

Gera woolen mill's employment clerks looked over the few stronger men who advanced to the counter. "Can you work hard for 16 hours a day?" they were asked. Broke and jobless for weeks and even months, they assented.

Gera, German-owned and ruthless foe of the Textile Workers' Union, had a rush order and needed weavers who could stand the gaff in 16-hour relays. When the rush order was filled, the 16-hour workers were laid off, to join the 40 per cent of Passaic woolen mill workers who are permanently jobless.

Politician's Son Freed After Injuring Worker

James M. Cox, Jr., son of former Governor M. Cox, of Ohio, has been freed of all charges arising out of his running over Peter Lorenzo, a laborer on Fifth Avenue, March 31.

In Yorkville Magistrates Court the charge of simple assault was dismissed though the arresting officer admitted that he had to fire several shots before Cox would stop his car. When he appeared in Traffic Court, the charge of leaving the scene of an accident was dismissed.

Workers, Show Your Solidarity!

The trial of Sam Bonita, Adam Moleski and Steve Mendola in Wilkes-Barre is a spectacle for the eyes of the working class of the United States and the world.

Everybody knows that these three mine workers are innocent. Everybody knows that they are being tried only and solely because they are militant members of the United Mine Workers' Union and have been active in trying to prevent the corruption, betrayal and destruction of their Union, and to stop the vicious contract system which so terribly oppresses the miners of the Anthracite. Anyone in the mine fields would laugh at the suggestion that Bonita, Mendola and Moleski would now be on trial if they were on the side of John L. Lewis and the operators. They are on trial "for murder" only because they are against John L. Lewis and his friends, the coal barons. If they had been for Lewis and for the coal operators, they would never have been arrested.

The court and the whole machinery of the law are acting as an agency of the coal operators for the removal of three enemies of the coal operators, so as to terrorize the miners into submission to the operators and to their agents, Lewis and Cappelini. Through this court the operators strike at the enemies of John L. Lewis.

Why?

The coal operators fight the enemies of Lewis because they know that the best way to crush the United Mine Workers is by keeping Lewis in power in the Union.

The miners must have no illusions about the nature or the actions of the court. No justice for Bonita, Moleski and Mendola will come from the court; any justice they may get will come from outside of the court—from the masses of the mine workers.

The mine workers must have no illusions that the evidence in the trial has anything substantial to do with the verdict. The evidence of the coal companies' stool-pigeons is thrown into the case to delude the workers, to make it appear that the question is some fine point of law and "guilt" or innocence.

Guilt or innocence have nothing to do with the effort of the coal operators and their friend Lewis to electrocute these mine workers. They are of course innocent according to every standard, even the standard of the legal forms. But that will have no effect upon the outcome of the case.

What the court deals in is not "Justice," but capitalist class justice. According to the standards of capitalist courts, justice is realized only when the enemies of the capitalists are imprisoned or electrocuted. Capitalist class justice is whatever serves the capitalists.

Knowing that there is no real justice to be gotten out of the court, the mine workers everywhere must understand that the only chance that Bonita, Moleski and Mendola have for life and liberty will come from the working class' support from outside of the court. This is a fight, not of miners alone, but of the entire working class.

Every local of the United Mine Workers' Union should immediately line up in solidarity with Bonita, Moleski and Mendola. And not only Mine Workers, but all other labor bodies. Resolutions should be passed, liberal contributions should be voted, and both should be sent to the Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, Room 513, Coal Exchange Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A Monument to Slavery

Industrialization marches through Georgia along the trail that Sherman's army blazed in 1864. This has something to do with the unveiling of a huge monument to the pro-slavery general, Robert E. Lee, carved in rock on the side of Stone Mountain.

The southern petty-bourgeois is scrambling into the new enterprises being opened up with the aid of northern capital.

The trump card for attracting investments is the cheap labor with no trade unions to interfere with profits. Southern newspapers team with advertisements calling northern investors to cheap labor, good factory sites, the chance to build "company towns" without incorporation and therefore to be ruled directly from the mill offices. The labor of ruined farmers and their wives and children, forced into seeking work in the new factory system at wages sickening to contemplate from the working class point of view, constitute the pride of the upper class of the South. Wages on which it is necessary for every member of a family to enter the mills, down to the smallest children, lure the half-starved men and women of the rural districts who have never known of the existence of trade unions.

This is the new burst of slavery of the South. Fired with new enthusiasm, the ruling class resurrects its old traditions in the monument to the outstanding historical figure of reaction in the war in which "for the first time in history, Slavery was inscribed upon the banner of revolt." The stone image of the military lord of blood and steel and human slavery—old General Lee, one of the vilest figures in all history—was unveiled by dapper Jimmie Walker, mayor of Wall Street from which the investments come!

The revitalization of the labor movement which is to come through the present struggles against the yellow trade union bureaucracy, must be made to start a wave of trade unionization of the slaves of the South who are being proletarianized by the industrial development.

The statue on the side of Stone Mountain will yet frown its helpless rage upon a new march through Georgia—the march of the labor movement, trade union and political, which will liberate these slaves, black and white. Old General Lee will suffer another, and final defeat.

Convention of Mexican Communist Party

The Communist Party of Mexico is now holding its convention. The Workers (Communist) Party of America has sent greetings pledging solidarity in the common struggle against American imperialism. The greetings of the American Party to the Mexican Party are printed below.

Dear Comrades:
 In repeating herein the fraternal greetings to your convention as conveyed to you in our telegram, we wish to express our sincere regret at not being able to have a representative of our Party at your sessions. Our regret is greater because we have just seen a copy of your agenda, which includes the colonial and semi-colonial question, and the question of the Communists and anti-imperialism. These are questions which involve the necessity of exceptionally close cooperation between your Party and ours.

American imperialism is rushing toward a crisis. While the U. S. department of state is pretending to negotiate with the European powers for a treaty "to outlaw war," the U. S. government representative at Geneva, Mr. Hugh Gibson, took a leading part in opposing the proposals of the Soviet representative, Comrade Litvinov, for disarmament. Meantime, the U. S. congress has just appropriated \$325,000,000 for additional naval armament. It is plain that the U. S. government is girding itself for intensified imperialist aggressions and is preparing for a great imperialist war.

Latin America Is Imperialist Base.
 Latin America is the primary foreign base of American imperialism as the Sixth Pan American Conference at Havana demonstrated once more. Every stage in U. S. world policy is of direct concern to the Latin American masses as well as to the workers of the United States.

In the United States, the widely advertised "prosperity" has already proved itself a hollow capitalist myth. Wall Street gamblers are treating us to the spectacle of the maddest orgy of stock speculation in history, while on the other hand long lines of hungry workers form in the streets, "breadlines" as they are called here, made up of unemployed workers who are thrown upon public charity for their daily bread. Estimates of the

number of unemployed workers run over 4,000,000. With customary cynicism, the capitalists are taking advantage of the unemployment situation to redouble their attacks upon the workers' organizations. In Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Colorado, 150,000 striking miners are fighting for the very existence of the trade union movement of this country.

Although the situation requires conscious and militant pursuance of the class struggle on the part of the workers, the official trade union leaders simply repeat the capitalist phrases calling for "class peace"—which means submission to the capitalists. The socialist party talks also in terms of class peace. Only the Communists appear ready to lead the workers to the defense of their class interests.

Our Party has made important progress in the period since your last convention. The miners' campaign, which is one of the principal campaigns of our Party at the present time, has attracted widespread support. We are helping to spread the strike, to widen its objectives and to break the John L. Lewis machine, which refuses to carry on more than a sham struggle against the mine operators.

The Struggle Against American Imperialism

In all the campaigns of the Party, we have stressed the importance of mobilizing all possible forces, within and without the country, for the combined struggle against American imperialism. At the present time our anti-imperialist activity is concentrated particularly upon working to defeat Wall Street's war against Nicaragua. As a result of our efforts a campaign unique in U. S. history is being conducted, aiming to bring about a defeat of a U. S. military expedition. In the course of our campaign we have appealed directly to the marines embarking for Nicaragua, calling upon them to desert to the Nicaraguan liberation forces under General Sandino. Besides, the work in its own name, our Party has actively supported the campaigns of the United States section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. At the present time, as you know, the U. S. section of the League is cooperating with the Hands-Off-Nicaragua Committee in Mexico City in a campaign to raise funds for bandages and medical supplies for the Nicaraguan liberation army. The slogan for this campaign is: "Enlist With Sandino!" It is characteristic of the socialist party's betrayal all along the line that it has failed to take any clear-cut stand for the defeat of the imperialist armies in Nicaragua.

American imperialism in Mexico.
 American imperialism has not ceased its machinations against Mexico. Taking advantage of the counter-revolutionary movement of General Arnulfo Gomez and Francisco Serrano, American imperialism brot all manner of pressure to bear upon Mexico to accomplish the aims for which Wall Street and Washington had been striving for many years. The appointment of Dwight W. Morrow of the House of Morgan to be U. S. ambassador in Mexico was the symbol of the ever-active Wall Street drive against Mexico.

It would be futile for us to ignore the fact that these efforts of American imperialism have had a certain measure of success in Mexico. In the extraordinary relations between President Calles and Ambassador Morrow, in the effusive welcome to the imperialist puppet Lindbergh, in the pitiful sham fight of the Mexican delegation at the Havana conference, one sees the signs of political capitulation to Wall Street, the economic counterpart of which is the recently revised oil legislation abandoning basic principles of the conservation of Mexican resources. One by one the things fought for in the revolution of 1910-20 are being abandoned.

G. O. P. Gives Farmers 'Talk'

WASHINGTON, April 10 (FP).—Need of immediate enactment of a federal farm relief law was emphasized by both reactionary and progressive republicans in the senate debate on the McNary bill. Gooding of Idaho denounced the conspiracy of the banking interests and the Federal Reserve Board which deflated the farmers in 1920.

However, Gooding's long established prejudice against organized labor led him continually to complain against the wage increases secured by railroad labor up to 1921, and against the high wage level which he imagined that most of the workers in industry have maintained.

It is expected that a McNary-Haugen bill will pass the senate and House and will then be vetoed by President Coolidge. The administration forces are already suggesting an early adjournment of Congress, in order to minimize public protest against the veto.

After winning many of his demands on behalf of the U. S. oil magnates, Ambassador Morrow announces that he is now pressing for "thorough revision of the agrarian legislation." And President Calles selects such a time, when the whole question of division of the land is under attack, to institute a new move for disarming the Mexican peasants! Obregon expresses no dissent from this policy.

It seems to us that Calles and Obregon now represent forces working for consolidation of an unequivocally bourgeois regime in Mexico at the expense of the workers and peasants. It seems equally clear that the bourgeois bloc that they represent is seeking to establish a modus vivendi with Wall Street and cannot be depended upon consistently to resist the aggressive aims of American imperialism.

Only Communists Can Lead Struggle.
 Nor do the leaders of the Confederation of Labor (CROM) offer any contrary line of policy. The line of cleavage is between the bourgeois bloc on the one side and the class-conscious workers and peasants, led by the Communists, on the other. In Mexico, as in the United States, the Communist Party is the only party which can be depended upon to lead the fight against capitalism and imperialism.

The collapse of the bourgeoisie as a revolutionary factor in Mexico does not mean the end of the struggle. The Mexican masses cannot submit to American imperialism, nor will they allow themselves to be victimized in the interests of petty Mexican capitalists subservient to imperialism. The struggle has entered a new stage, in which the Communist Party of Mexico will have still greater opportunities than before to serve the interests of the masses.

That your Party will be equal to the great tasks confronting it we have no doubt. The steady progress of the Party during the recent period, its growing influence among the masses and its clear-headed resistance to the "Obregonista" confusionism and the support of open reaction by some labor-peasant leaders, already indicate this.

Growth of the Mexican Party.
 We congratulate you upon the organizational advance made by your Party since the last convention, upon the intensification of your activity in all fields, and upon the mounting circulation of your official organ, "El Machete." We congratulate you especially for your mobilization of all available forces against American imperialism, for your quick realization of the importance of organizing on a continental scale to defeat the present U. S. imperialist war against Nicaragua. Nicaragua is the rallying center for the anti-imperialist forces throughout America at the present time. We must focus the attention of all Latin America upon it and mobilize all possible forces in support of the Nicaraguan soldiers resisting the U. S. invasion.

The Sixth Pan American Conference at Havana, whose inaugural session coincided with the sending of 1,000 additional U. S. marines to Nicaragua, revealed the conscious determination of American imperialism to subjugate all Latin America, but at the same time tremendously hastened the tempo of the movement in Latin America for unity against imperialism. That the Latin American bourgeoisie cannot be relied upon to give vigorous leadership to this movement was also adequately demonstrated. It remains for the Communists, the party of the oppressed masses, to build the movement into a powerful organized force, capable of dealing real blows against the imperialist enemy.

Common Struggle Against Wall Street.
 The organization of all forces against American imperialism is the common task of the Communists in all countries of the western world. Following the line laid down by the Communist International, your Party and ours must take up this task in the spirit of the closest cooperation. We pledge ourselves to do our utmost in our common struggle.

With Communist greetings,
WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY
 Executive Secretary.

Cultural-Educational Work in U. S. S. R Trade Unions

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is taken from Robert W. Dunn's new book, "Soviet Trade Unions" to be published this week by the Vanguard Press, New York.)

THE vast cultural and educational work being done by the unions impresses all visitors to Soviet Russia. Let us examine some of the institutions through which the Russian worker takes part in educational and recreational activities. There is, first, the club. Practically every factory of any size has a club, or a group of factories may have a joint club, or it may be under the supervision of the trades council or the separate union, or be attached to the local Palace of Labor. In these clubs the workers spend their spare hours in reading, study, and recreation. Here they learn how to enjoy themselves in a collective, social way. The average club has an assembly room where some sort of meeting is usually in progress, classrooms for the various types of lectures and circles, a buffet or dining room, a billiard and game

room, a rest room, sometimes a gymnasium and a children's room, a library and reading room, occasionally a consultation room with a doctor and a nurse, a theatre and movie room which may be separate from the large meeting hall. Most clubs are, of course, equipped with radios, and practically all have a "Lenin corner."

The administrative board of the club is composed of a group of workers elected by the membership of the club which is voluntary and open to any member of the union or unions involved. The board consists of a secretary, one member in charge of cultural-educational work, a treasurer and in the larger clubs, special persons in charge of theatricals, study circles, and so on.

Visit one of these clubs any night in the week and you will find all the rooms in use. Perhaps Geltzer, the great ballet dancer, will be entertaining an audience in the theatre, or the local branch of the "Blue Blouses" may be presenting a play of their own. Classes will be crowded in the

smaller rooms. The recreation rooms will also be in full swing with all the various indoor games the Russians have devised in recent years. The radio loud speaker will be contributing its share to the entertainment.

In the summer months the program is no less complete. The workers then go to their summer clubs, gardens or stadiums. In front of a park in Kiev, behind what was formerly the villa of a wealthy merchant, I read the notice on the gate, "Come in to your cultural center, Comrades. Make use of the reading room." It was the summer garden of the chemical workers' union of the district. Still more beautiful gardens have been established in Kiev by the metal workers, the educational workers and other unions. In Moscow some ninety of these places are open every night during summer months, the best of them being under the control of the metal, textile and communal workers' unions. They serve hundreds of thousands of workers with open air lectures, concerts, movies, cooperative

buffets and libraries.

One of the best of these great recreation centers is the summer stadium of the Soviet and commercial employees' union. It serves the members of sixteen clubs of this organization. The stadium is used thru-out the day by the wives and children of the members, and after work, in the late afternoon and evening, by everybody. Some twenty-five thousand workers use it at least once a week. In addition to a well-sodded football and soccer field and a running track, we noticed within this one park the following: one free movie, and one where you pay a few kopeks, a shaded reading room with books, the current magazines and special "wall newspapers" for young readers, a long swimming pool under the trees, a game room for children, a chess room, a pavilion for artistic games, a choir, two orchestras, an open air cafe, places for bowling, boxing, croquet, basket ball, volley ball, tennis, wrestling and other games. It was Saturday night and some of the young workers were just march-

ing out of the gates of the stadium to the country to spend the Sunday in villages near the city. Here were the members of one union apparently having the time of their lives doing things that only the sons and daughters of the merchants and the nobility dared dream of before the revolution. And specially noticeable was a spirit of orderliness and discipline combined with real spontaneity and a quiet friendly fellowship between the workers of both sexes. Not the slightest indication of rudeness or "hooliganism," as the Russians call it. This was typical of all the many clubs we visited.

"The 'Blue Blouses' are members of the workers' home-talent dramatic movement. That they are capable trained dramatists may be judged by the fact that artists from the Grand Opera and other theatres in Moscow and other cities coach and supervise their activities. The New York Times correspondent in Moscow writes, Nov. 5, 1927: 'The dramatic movement in workers' and other clubs is one of the most successful experiments of the Soviet regime.'"

(To be continued)