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TRACTION BARONS BEHIND AL SMITH SLUSH FUND

DONOR OF \$70,000 ADMITS HE OWNS THIRD AVE. LINE

City-Wide Protest on Huge Fare Steal

Governor Al Smith was yesterday linked directly to the fare steal now being put over on the city when evidence brought out at the investigation of contributors to his campaign disclosed that a number of Smith's financial backers were directly or indirectly interested in traction companies.

Following unadmitted charges made yesterday that considerable of Mayor Walker's reported \$287,000 income last year was earned on I. R. T. stock, the full picture of Tammany complicity in the fare steal and the still greater subway deal now being planned is rapidly coming to light.

Force Admissions. William F. Kenny, multi-millionaire traction magnate and contractor who has made a "gift" to the Smith campaign fund of \$70,000, was forced after some questioning by members of the Senate Investigating Committee to admit that he is the owner of thousands of shares of Third Ave. Railroad stocks.

William H. Todd, wealthy ship-builder, and another large contributor to the governor's fund by which the big financial interests hope to purchase his nomination and thereafter perhaps his election to the presidency, testified that he and Governor Smith with an eye to additional campaign funds had sought a conference with John J. Raskob of the General Motors Company on the latter's return from Europe recently.

Todd sought to minimize the significance of the incident by denying that an extended conference had taken place. "It was only a greeting," he said.

"The governor and I went down the bay on my yacht to greet Raskob on his return from Europe," Todd admitted after some questioning, "but we didn't go aboard the steamer."

Raskob is vice president and the chairman of the finance committee of the General Motors Company, a Morgan concern; he is also vice president and member of the finance committee of the Dupont Company, recently consolidated with the Morgan interests. The Morgan banking interests control the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and its related companies.

The governor's open connection with the big bankers of the Morgan group, long charged, have now been disclosed by his own immediate friends. Todd admitted that Raskob had indicated he would contribute to the governor's campaign fund but refused to admit that any more recent conference had taken place or that such a contribution had been secured from the Morgan firm.

Kenny, who is the owner of thousands of shares of Third Ave. Railroad stocks.

LABOR AROUSED AT KUN'S ARREST

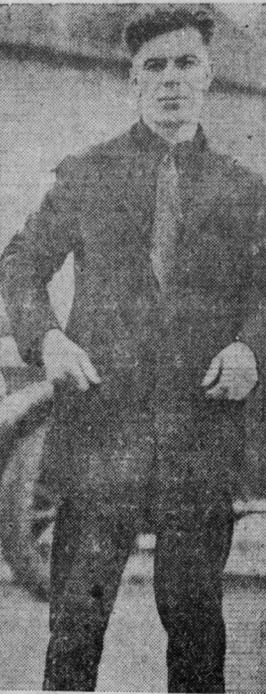
Release to Be Demanded at Union Square

Union Square will be the scene of a monster demonstration Saturday at 1 p. m. of thousands of workers who will gather to demand the immediate release of Bela Kun, leader of the Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, now held prisoner in Austria.

The mass meeting is part of a world-wide movement that has been launched in an effort to save Kun from the certain death that awaits him if he is turned over to the fascist government of Hungary. Thousands of leaflets are being distributed throughout New York City calling upon the workers to demonstrate against the Hungarian terror and to prevent the murder of Bela Kun.

Speakers will address the demonstration in rotation from three platforms, erected so as to reach every section of the crowd. Among those who will speak are Jay Lovestone, James P. Cannon, William W. Weinstein, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Carlo Tresca, Richard Moore, John L. Sherman, Nicola Napoli, Louis Koves, Robert W. Dunn, Hugo Gellert, Emery Balint, Antonio Wechsler, Gustav Mayer, S. Biederman, Mallech Epstein, J. O. Bentall, Martin Aborn, D. Benjamin, Bert Miller, Paschal Cosgrove and M. A. Taft.

New Bedford Militant



Joseph M. Cabral, above, is one of the outstanding figures in the strike of the 30,000 textile workers that is tying up the New Bedford mills. Cabral's stirring speeches in Portuguese have helped to keep up the strong spirit of the strikers, many of whom are of that nationality. The picture is by courtesy of the New Bedford Evening Standard.

MILL STRIKERS TO GREET WEISBORD

Thousands To Hold Huge Mass Meet

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 16.—Elaborate preparations marked by tremendous enthusiasm, are almost completed here, for the welcoming to New Bedford of Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike of 1926. Weisbord will address a mass meeting of strikers tomorrow, arranged for him by the Textile Mill Committees.

The sentiment expressed by the strikers gathered at the North and South End strike halls of the Textile Mill Committees, makes it apparent that this will be the largest mass meeting yet held since the 30,000 textile workers began the struggle against the ten per cent wage cut. The meeting will be held on some of the largest lots obtainable here.

Weisbord is scheduled to arrive here today, but it was not learned whether his stay will be extended for any period after the mass meetings.

In addition to the 58 fine cotton goods manufacturing mills closed down by the strike, there were two silk mills which also attempted to cut wages. Yesterday the Old Colony Silk Mills capitulated to the strikers and announced that the wage cut order had been rescinded. The settlement was reached after a conference.

Will Present Drama For Miners' Relief

"The Village Youth," a four-act play in Yiddish, will be given by the Dorohitcher Dramatic Group at the Ukrainian Theatre, on 6th St., between Second and Third Avenues, next Saturday evening. The proceeds of the performance will be donated to the relief of the striking miners.

The Dorohitcher Dramatic Group, recently affiliated with the National Miners' Relief Committee, has added many talented actors to its cast for this performance. The play is under the direction of A. Sandroff.

Workers Bookshop Now Open at "Red Center"

The Workers Bookshop has opened temporary quarters on the second floor of the New Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. Books, pamphlets and current magazines are again available, it is announced, and orders received for "Inprecor" and other Communist publications.

SPEAKERS AT BIG CLOAK MEETS RAP SIGMAN AMNESTY

Fake Scheme Exposed by Hyman, Borochowich

With an enthusiasm seldom equalled in the history of needle trades workers mass gatherings, 4,500 cloak and dressmakers here, crowded to capacity Cooper Union and Webster Hall yesterday and unanimously decided to fight the union-destroying cliques of Sigman and Schlesinger until they have regained union conditions in the shops and rebuilt the union shattered by the reactionary International union officialdom.

The meetings were called by the National Conference of the progressive delegates locked out of the convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in order to bring to the New York membership a report of the continued intentions of the bureaucrats to fight against unionism in the industry.

Pass Resolution. The speakers were Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint Board, Joseph Borochowich, Sasha Zimmerman, Rose Wortis, J. Levine, manager of the Chicago Joint Board, and A. Lutsky, progressive delegate from the Los Angeles local. Harry Berlin, of Local 10, was chairman.

The speakers at the other meeting in Webster Hall were: Ida Rothstein, from Chicago, I. Goretzky, I. Weissberg and Saul Shelly, chairman of the Committee of 50.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "We, the cloakmakers and dressmakers, assembled at mass meetings in Cooper Union and Webster Hall, declare that we, the workers, who have devoted years of our lives to the building of our union so that it may serve as an instrument in defense of our interests, will never submit to the domination of the cliques who jointly with the bosses have converted our organization into a company union and desire to reduce the workers of our trade to submissive slaves of the bosses.

Repudiate "Convention." "We repudiate the fake Boston convention and their fake manifesto, intended to perpetuate the discredited cliques in power. We brand it as a new scheme to trick the members out of their fundamental right to a democratic administration of the affairs of their union and to keep them under the iron heel of the cliques' domination.

"We give our fullest endorsement to the National Organization Committee, which is aiming to unite all the constructive elements in our union in an effort to mobilize the mass of the workers throughout the entire country in order to rebuild our union and re-establish our union conditions.

"We call on the National Organization Committee to begin immediate preparations for an organization drive to unionize the thousands of workers who had been forced into open shops as a result of the war brought upon us, and to mobilize the workers in the union shops to re-establish union conditions."

The so-called amnesty decision, passed at the convention of the union wreckers still in session in Boston, announced that Communists would be permitted to reenter the union, but would never have the right to run for office. This fake resolution fools nobody, an announcement from Joint Board office states: "It is clearly understood by the masses of cloak and dressmakers to be a declaration that the war against them will be continued." The militant delegates

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Speed Plans for Nominating Convention

Centralia Prisoners Appeal to U. S. Labor

DRIVE TO OPEN BARS OF WALLS IS BEGINNING

Facts of Arrest, Trial Made Known

SEATTLE, May 16.—The Centralia I. W. W. prisoners at Walla Walla, Wash., through International Labor Defense have addressed a letter "to all labor and friends of labor everywhere" calling upon the working masses to organize a mass protest movement to effect their release and their return to the ranks of the labor movement. Every labor organization is asked to go on record for the following resolution passed unanimously at its last meeting by the Seattle Central Labor Council:

Labor Council Acts. "Be it resolved by the Central Labor Council of Seattle and vicinity assembled in regular meeting that we join in an application to Roland H. Hartley, governor of the state of Washington, for an unconditional pardon in behalf of Eugene Barnett, Bert Bland, O. C. Bland, James McInerney, John Lamb, Britt Smith, Loren Roberts and Ray Becker, and that the secretary is hereby instructed to sign such an application on behalf of the council and to notify all affiliated unions of the adoption of this resolution with the request that they concur therein."

After Eight Years. After eight long years the attention of the workers is thus again riveted upon the Centralia prisoners confined in the State Prison at Walla Walla. As a result of the recent visit of James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, to the Centralia prisoners and an agreement between the Centralia publicity committee and the I. L. D., there is a revival of activity in behalf of these long-neglected workingclass fighters.

The prisoners are serving sentences of not less than 25 nor more than 40 years.

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'AMERICA' AUTHOR GETS BIG WELCOME

Police Interfere With Reception

Despite attempts on the part of police to hamper the reception, hundreds of New York workers at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, last night accorded an enthusiastic welcome to David Gordon, 19-year-old member of the Young Workers (Communist) League, who was released on Tuesday after serving one month of a three-year sentence in the New York Reformatory for writing the poem, "America" in THE DAILY WORKER.

An obvious attempt to interfere with the welcome was made with the aid of the police, when fire engines were called to the Center on a false alarm, and police prevented the workers from entering the building for some time.

Gordon was severely ill as a result of his imprisonment.

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Herd Women Furriers Into Patrol Wagon



Twenty-eight women furriers have been sentenced to serve from 10 to 15 days each at Welfare Island for picketing during the 1927 strike. A like number of the men also received sentences. Many of these workers will lose the jobs they had found after months of unemployment and their families will be hard hit as a result of these sentences. The picture shows the police herding the women workers into the "Black Maria."

WORKER-PEASANT ARMIES PUSH ON

Japanese Imperialists Rush More Troops

LONDON, May 16.—Chiang Kai Shek, commander-in-chief of the Kuomintang armies, has yielded to Japan's demands regarding the Tsinan-fu "incident," according to a Central News dispatch from Hong Kong this afternoon.

TOKIO, May 16.—With the Kuomintang troops, commanded by Chiang Kai-shek, pushing their way toward Tientsin, the Japanese Cabinet decided at a special meeting to dispatch additional troops to China. In the expectation that fighting will take place near the Manchurian border the Cabinet made tentative plans to divert part of the third division from Nagoya, now on its way to Shantung, toward the Manchurian border.

(Special Cable to Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 16.—Gains for Communist-led worker-peasant troops throughout southern China are described in reports received here.

The towns of Ninyuan and San-yuan in southern Hunan have been captured, while worker-peasant troops have taken the town of Lanyuan, 75 kilometers west of Nanking. All political prisoners were released and all police disarmed.

On May 13th, worker-peasant troops attacked the town of Tchutchan in Hunan.

Strike in Canton.

VANCOUVER, May 16.—Virtually every Japanese mill and factory in Canton has been closed down as a result of the strike.

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DISTRICTS MAKE READY TO SEND OFF DELEGATES

Illinois Elects State Candidates

Plans are rapidly being matured for the opening of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party at Mecca Temple, 133 W. 55th St., where one of the most historic gatherings in the history of the American labor movement will convene on May 25. No single gathering in the past has ever brought together on one platform so many representatives of so many varied elements of the American workers.

Scott Nearing, prominent Communist, will be a leading speaker at this great political demonstration of the Communist Party, while Tom Rush-ton will speak for the auto workers, Senator Charles E. Taylor for the farmers, Lovett Fort Whitman for the oppressed Negroes, and others will represent the miners, the textile workers, etc. In addition, many of the outstanding Party leaders will speak, including Wm. Z. Foster, Ben Gitlow and Jay Lovestone who will act as chairman.

It is planned to have the convention, which will be continued at Central Opera House after Saturday morning, elect all committees before the end of the first session. The second session will be given over to the opening addresses of the delegates to be followed by a report of the Program Committee.

This will be followed by the debate on the platform and its final adoption. It is believed that the convention will be able to proceed to nominations before the end of the second day.

BOSTON, Mass., May 16.—The Massachusetts State Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held at one o'clock, May 20, at 93 Staniford St., Boston. All Party units must send two delegates to the convention.

In making the announcement of the State Nominating Convention, the district office of the Workers (Communist) Party pointed out that thousands of textile workers are on strike in New England while the strike movement threatens to envelope the whole state in the near future. Thousands in both the shoe and the textile industries.

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MINE EXPLOSION IS FIERY CYCLONE

"Some One's Got It," Miners Say When Thud Tells of Blast

By ED FALKOWSKI (Federated Press).

TAMAQUA, Pa., May 16.—Miners at work in their breasts heard a sudden thud that seemed to jar the entire mine. Loose coal broke off from the roof, falling to the ground. Timbers groaned. Miners instinctively sought shelter under a secure roof of timber, waiting.

"Someone's got it," they whispered. In the gangway it was different. A miniature cyclone rolled up the dark stretches, carrying sprags, stones, carbide cans in its train. Wise mules straddled their legs and

pulled in their ears. Drivers hid behind cars. For the moment, every living thing thought only of dear life. And everyone thought the same thought: "Someone's got it."

SOMEONE did. Three were caught in the gas explosion at Lansford colliery. They were burnt almost to the bone. Oliver Rottet, Joseph Ghenetts and Jacob Ogustakik are in the hospital at the point of death. Two others, less seriously burnt, are at their homes.

A gas explosion is over in a few hot seconds. A slight spark out of

a safety lamp, or a sudden release of a gas pocket, may cause the explosion. A hot purple-red glare, a dull thud, a burning sensation, a shriek, the smell of roasted human flesh are followed by a crew of rescue men who enter the smoking breast to collect the human leftovers.

THROUGH every hole and heading and manway and gangway and slope and tunnel, the same sinister news travels from whisper to whisper: "Someone's got it."

After it's all over, there's the vague wonder: "Who'll be next?"

Unable to endure any longer the demoralized condition of the out of town locals of the International Fur Workers Union, due to the war carried on against the New York membership by the national officials, the membership of the Boston Local 30, unanimously passed a resolution proposing measures to rebuild the union to its former strength. The resolution, which follows, was sent to the press and to the General Executive Board of the union:

"Whereas, the number of open shops is growing bigger and bigger not only in our locality, but in every other locality of the fur manufacturing and fur dressing and dyeing industry, and

"Whereas, the spreading of these open shops is breaking down the power of our local unions, cutting our wages to the bone and generally bringing in worse conditions in the union shops, and the international is weakened and made helpless by the internal fights that have been carried on in the New York locals and in other locals for the past year, and

"Whereas, because of these internal fights between the International and the locals, the International is spending all the money and energy instead of using them for organization purposes and for strengthening the locals, and

"Whereas, the bosses are taking advantage of the fight in the union and are breaking down the wages and the union conditions.

TALK ON AT MEET OF AMALGAMATED

Adolph Held Boasts of Bank's "Progress"

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CINCINNATI, O., May 16.—The convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union completed its second day with the organization of numerous committees for handling of the convention's business. Previous to this the delegates listened to addresses by the heads of the various locals throughout the country, and to the speeches of Adolph Held, director of the Amalgamated Bank, and two college professors.

Held's message consisted of a recitation of the strides made by the Amalgamated Bank in the banking field. He lengthily detailed several innovations inaugurated by the Amalgamated Bank, which, he declared, "compelled many banking houses in this country to follow our lead."

In High Society. After announcing that "while the greatest riot of speculation that ever swept this country was going on, our bank kept its feet solidly on the ground," Held ended with the proud declaration that the officials of the Amalgamated Bank had been invited to address the next national session of the American Bankers' Association.

Despite the boast of Sidney Hillman in his report yesterday that there was no left wing in the A. C. W.,

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Union Leader Endorses the Activities of National Miners' Relief Committee

"RED CENTER" ART SHOW IS POPULAR WITH WORKERS

Exhibition to Continue Until June 2

Art for the workers is the aim of the art exhibition that is now being conducted at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. This exhibition, which has evoked the highest praise from many professional art critics, is attracting a larger number of workers daily. It contains some of the finest paintings and sculpture that can be seen anywhere in the city. Many of the artists have international reputations and some of the pictures are said to be worth thousands of dollars.

Among the left wing artists represented are Hugo Gellert, Adolf Wolff, Lydia Gibson and M. Pass, staff cartoonist of the Freiheit. Gellert and Wolff are both members of the Art Workers' Cooperative Studio, under whose direction the exhibition is being held.

Paintings of Sacco, Vanzetti. Among the most interesting pictures in the exhibition is a series of symbolic paintings on workingclass themes by M. Fleiss. One of these shows the faces of Sacco and Vanzetti torn from the tree of life by the capitalist class. Another is a symbolic picture of coal miners slaving in a mine.

Lydia Gibson is represented by a vivid picture entitled "Women and Children Ridden Down by Mounted Police at a Picnic for the Aid of the Striking Miners, Western Pennsylvania, Autumn of 1927."

Among the sculpture on view, in addition to several futuristic pieces by Adolf Wolff, there is also an unusually successful head of Carlo Trecca, editor of Il Martello, by Mina Harkavy, American artist.

The exhibition also contains examples of the work of Toshi Shimizu and Kunishi, the two great Japanese artists, Kandinsky, Garbe, Thomas Benton, the American-expressionist, Burluk, Efroyim, Alexander Brook, N. Weisman, Dorothea Dreier and Max Weber, considered by many the outstanding American artist.

The exhibition, which is on the sixth floor of the Workers Center, is open daily from 4 to 9 p. m. and from 1 to 9 p. m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is 25 cents. All those bringing a dollar's worth of Workers Center "Bricks" will be admitted free.

The exhibition will continue until Saturday, June 2, the day when the concert and dance will be held at the Center, at which prominent working class leaders will speak and the red, revolutionary banner, now on view at the Center, will be awarded to the unit collecting the most money in the drive for \$30,000 to establish the Workers Center. The award will be made by William W. Weinstein, district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party and secretary of the board of directors of the Center. Tickets for the affair are 75 cents and can be secured at 26-28 Union Square.

In the time that remains until the concert Workers Party units are urged to devote all their energies to collecting campaign pledges and raising their quotas.

Camp Trombinick Aids

The entire proceeds from Camp Trombinick at Glenham, N. Y., during the week of May 26 to June 4 will be devoted to the building fund of the Workers Center, it was announced last night by Max Marcus, manager of the camp. Attractive programs are being arranged during the entire period. The New York office of the camp is at 41 Union Square, Room 714.

Boston Furriers Ask Meet to Rebuild Union

(Continued from Page One) the purpose of putting an end to the fight in the union, which is breaking our locals, and for the purpose of bringing about a united International to make possible energetic organization work in every locality, which is the only thing that can safeguard the wages, conditions and local unions of all fur workers, dressers and dyers, and

"Be it further resolved, that this resolution should be sent to the newspapers, to the International Sub-Committee and to every local union, and ask the locals, in their own interest, to adopt the same resolution and send it to the International Sub-Committee."

Dance and Vaudeville In Detroit Saturday

DETROIT, May 16.—A dance and vaudeville show will be given Saturday, at 8 p. m. at Martins' Hall, 4959 Martin St., under the joint auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party, Section 3, and the Young Workers (Communist) League, Branch 1. The program will include a play written by Walter Trumbull, which will expose the militaristic purposes of the Citizens' Military Training Camps.

NEW JERSEY LAUNCHES "DAILY WORKER" SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

An intensive DAILY WORKER subscription drive was launched at an enthusiastic meeting of the New Jersey subdistrict of the Workers (Communist) Party last night at the Newark Labor Lyceum, 93 Mercer St., Newark.

Two National Training School stu-

dents, George Saul and Kellogg, addressed the meeting and made an appeal for an active campaign to secure new subscriptions to THE DAILY WORKER in New Jersey. A committee of four was immediately elected to take charge of this work. They are Irving Freiman, J. Gaal, sub-

district organizer; Constantine and Alfred Steines, Newark DAILY WORKER agent. It was decided that the committee visit every workingclass organization in the city.

Following this meeting, the Newark Council of the United Council of Workingclass Women held a meeting

in the same hall and discussed plans for the subscription drive. In addressing the meeting, Gaal stressed the importance of foreign-language workers subscribing to THE DAILY WORKER for the sake of their children, who would otherwise read the capitalist press.

Twelve new subscriptions were secured at the meetings to start the drive in New Jersey. Other New Jersey cities will also be visited by the two National Training School students, Saul and Kellogg, and all Workers Party members will be mobilized in the drive.

HEARING REPORTS MANY THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN AIDED

Body Has Saved Union He Declares

(Special to The Daily Worker) STAMFORD, Conn., May 16.—Endorsement of the National Miners' Relief Committee's efforts in behalf of striking miners and repudiation of the attacks made on the committee by the officials of the A. F. of L. Bureaucracy was made by William G. Hearing, president of the General Labor Union of Stamford and a member of the recent rank and file trade union committee to the Soviet Union.

Made Investigation. Hearing has just returned from a trip of investigation of conditions in the Pennsylvania mine districts in behalf of the Stamford Central Labor Union. His conclusions are given in the following statement:

"As a result of my visit to Pittsburgh to investigate the relief situation in behalf of the Central Labor Union, I found that all the accusations and attacks upon the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee by certain labor officials of this state are false and unfounded. The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is the only organization that feeds tens of thousands of striking union miners. If not for this committee the strike would have been lost and the union destroyed months ago."

The officials especially referred to in the statement by Hearing are believed to be Eagan, Secretary of the Connecticut State Federation and Murphy of the New Haven Trades Council who have been circulating slander and lies against the miners' rank and file relief committee at the behest of John L. Lewis and William Green.

Divide with Strikebreaker. Eagan brought into the state a certain worthy by the name of "Butch" James of Illinois who has been driven out of the mining camps in Pennsylvania for being a notorious strikebreaker, an agent of the coal operators. Eagan and James spent some time collecting money supposedly for relief of the miners. For this work James is reported to have taken a rake-off of \$16 per day. It is believed doubtful whether any money whatever was turned over by James and Eagan to the miners.

MILL WORKERS TO HEAR WEISBORD

(Continued from Page One) ference with the officials of the Textile Council. The first break in the ranks of the bosses had an excellent effect on the spirit of all the strikers, despite its being one of the silk mills. The union membership working in this mill, however, are demanding that the agreement reached with the bosses be made public and voted on by the workers. It is believed that the rescinding of the wage cut was not unconditional.

Ann Washington Craton, organizer for the Workers' International Relief, announced that a complete staff of canvassers for relief funds is already functioning in Boston. They are conducting house to house collections there, in spite of an announcement made by the Boston Central Labor Union that the W. I. R. collectors should not be supported. It was shown, and has been generally admitted since the beginning of the strike that the W. I. R. is the only working class source of strikers' aid. The other relief committee, composed of city politicians and local charities several times closed doors saying that it had no more funds. Members of the Mill Committees are organizing squads to work among the fishing fleets here which bring in thousands of pounds of fish over the week

FRAME-UPS IN U. S. TO BE DESCRIBED

Back from a country-wide lecture tour during which he visited Tom Mooney, Warren K. Billings and many other class war prisoners, James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, will tell workers of New York tomorrow evening the significance of the American frame-up system and discuss the history of many famous cases. The lecture, under the auspices of the New York section of the International Labor Defense, will be given at 8 p. m. at Irving Plaza, E. 15th St. and Irving Place.

Among the frame-ups that Cannon will discuss are those of the Haymarket martyrs, of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, of Mooney and Billings and Sacco and Vanzetti. A feature of the lecture will be the presentation of a free three-months' subscription to the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense.

100% Fundamentalist Wins Battle For God



Charles Lee Smith, head of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, may be compelled to spend three years in jail and pay a fine of \$3,000 because of too persistent efforts to convert the fundamentalist preacher, Dr. John Roach Straton. Straton brought suit against Smith, who was found guilty of having annoyed god's shepherd. Photo above shows Dr. Straton, center, his wife and son on their way to testify.

Dry Men Earn Pin Money on Booze Trade

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 16.—A large number of so-called prohibition agents drawing salaries from the federal government are extremely peeved today because of interference in a sprightly liquor traffic which they had developed during their off-hours.

At least a dozen officials, all big shots in the Buffalo enforcement office, will probably get the gate "for the good of the service" as a result.

It seems that they have been discovered diverting alcohol from the plant of the Illinois Alcohol Company here. Included among the luminaries involved are Judge Roscoe C. Harper, of New York, former prohibition administrator of this district; Michael H. Stapleton, New York, former chief of the Buffalo dry office, and several others. They are charged with being the leaders of an organization including 38 men now under indictment.

While other prohibition enforcement agents were busy with various duties, the accused dry officials slipped away with 108 carloads of alcohol from the distillery. Bribes totalling half a million dollars were paid to lubricate the transaction, it is charged.

SHOE WORKERS TO HOLD FORUM

Brooklyn Meeting Will Discuss Union Matters

An open-forum for shoe and slipper workers, the first meeting of which is to be held in Brooklyn, is being organized by the Associated Shoe and Slipper Workers Union. Meetings will be held throughout New York to discuss conditions in the trade, problems of organization and general trade union matters. Prominent speakers of the labor movement as well as leaders of the union will lead the forums.

The meeting at Brooklyn which will be the first of a series is called for Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Youth Center, 122 Osborne St. All organized and unorganized workers of the trade are urged to come to the forum. Discussions will be informal and free to all. Workers will be given an opportunity to discuss the pressing problems, conditions, organization, wages, hours and other issues in the trade.

Workers Greet Gordon at New Labor Center

(Continued from page one) of his experiences at the reformatory, and was able to say but a few words in response to the ovation he received. He told of his experiences at the reformatory, describing the miserable conditions which the young prisoners are forced to endure. On his last night Gordon related, his blanket was taken away from him while he was asleep.

Among the speakers who welcomed Gordon were Bertram D. Wolfe, national agitprop director of the Workers (Communist) Party; William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, Workers Party; Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER. Alexander Bittelmann, Herbert Zam and Philip Frankfeld, of the Young Workers League, and Michael Gold, editor of the New Masses.

WEISBORD TO TALK AT WOMEN'S MEET

Federation Conference Here on Saturday

A program which will take up every phase of the struggle of the workingclass women in the United States has been announced for the working women's conference to be held at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., next Saturday, May 19 at 2 p. m., under the auspices of the New York Committee for a Working Women's Federation. The conference to which all members of all working women's organizations, unions, housewives and parents' organizations have been invited, has been called for the purpose of forming a federation of all workingclass women's organizations in New York City.

Among the speakers will be Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike, who will discuss the New Bedford textile strike, in which thousands of women workers are taking part; Rose Wortis, of the Dressmakers' Union, who will tell of the struggles of the millinery workers; Gladys Schechter and Sylvia Blecher of the Millinery Union; Jessica Smith, author of "The Working Women in Soviet Russia"; and Juliet Stuart Poyntz, chairman of the Committee for a Working Women's Federation. A working women's program will be proposed by Ray Ragozin and Harriet Silverman.

The life and death struggle of the miners and the heroic part of the mine women will be set forth in a report by Fannie Rudd, of the National Miners' Relief Committee.

MINERS' RELIEF BECOMES URGENT

(Special to The Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, May 16.—Responses to the appeals by the National Miners' Relief Committee for assistance to the striking miners, their wives and families have multiplied during the past week. But side by side with the spreading and intensification of relief activity, the wants of the striking coal diggers grow more numerous and more urgent daily. From the Kiski Valley where thousands of non-union miners are on strike, comes a plea to the office of the committee for one hundred tents. These tents, sixteen feet square, will house a family of seven or eight. Each tent, delivered from the factory, costs \$45. One hundred tents, consequently, would cost \$4,500.

SOLIDARITY FOR CLOWNS AND JUGGLERS

New Federation Builds Branches in Detroit and Points West

CONTRIBUTED improvement of the economic conditions of the organized clowns, acrobats, and other circus and vaudeville actors who belong to the Federated Novelty Acts, was described yesterday by Jack Wilbur, organizer of that association, now six months old.

"Our organization," stated Wilbur, "represents the ranks and file novelty artists." One of the principal objects of the organization is the elimination of the booking agents. Altho legally the agents are not entitled to more than five per cent of the earnings of any act, in most cases they keep the major portion for themselves, Wilbur said.

The F. N. A., have arranged a booking office of its own which deals directly with the theatre and circuit managers, five per cent of the earnings going to the association for organization activity.

WILBUR told of several incidents of the activity of the booking agents. "One act," said Wilbur "was engaged for \$150 a week by an agent, who in turn sold it to a circuit for \$400 a week. The difference between the \$150 and the \$400 went into the pockets of the agent. In addition, the act was compelled to pay the usual commission to the agent out of its \$150. "ONE agent made a profit of \$5,000,000 during the last six years from novelty acts alone. This shows the extent of the profits that are

DISTRICTS PLAN CONVENTIONS TO VOTE DELEGATES

Workers Party to Have Strong State Lists

(Continued from page one) tries are unemployed and the army of the jobless is daily recruiting its ranks from the workers of mills and factories which are shutting down. Only the action of the working class under the lead of the Workers (Communist) Party can force the bosses to change these conditions.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16.—An enthusiastic gathering of 65 regular and 15 fraternal delegates, with hundreds of spectators, filled North West Hall last Sunday afternoon when the State Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of Illinois convened. Max Bedacht, organizer of District 5, called the convention to order and outlined the issues of the campaign.

A delegation of 10 was elected to represent the state organization at the National Nominating Convention on the 25th of May. A state committee was also elected with instructions to place the required 20 electors on the ballot and to work out a state platform on the basis of the national platform that will be adopted in New York on the 25th.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—The State Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party in Pennsylvania will be held in the city of Philadelphia May 24th, at 8 p. m., in the Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St.

All units of the Party in Pennsylvania are instructed to elect regular delegates to this convention on the basis of one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.

WHEELING, W. Va., May 16.—The state convention of the Workers Party of West Virginia will be held at the Arion Hall, 2000 Main St., Wheeling, Saturday, May 19 at 2 p. m. The convention will nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States and will elect a state committee to be in charge of the coming election campaign. Delegates to the National Nominating Convention to be held in New York on May 25-27 will also be elected.

Michigan Nominations

DETROIT, Mich., May 16.—The state convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of Michigan which will nominate a full slate of candidates and elect delegates to the National Convention, will be held in Flint, Michigan, May 19th. The convention will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall in the very heart of the city and will be called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Labor Defense Branch Formed in Reading, Pa.

READING, Pa., May 16.—A Berks county branch of the International Labor Defense was organized at a meeting held at Labor Lyceum Hall. Jacob J. Dolla, of Hamburg, former class-war prisoner and leader of the iron and steel workers of Lebanon, Pa., was elected county organizer. Pearl G. John and Fred Vigman were named county secretary and assistant county secretary, respectively. It is expected that the organization just formed will be the parent body to a number of branches, especially foreign language branches, to be formed throught the county.

Taxi Driver's Wife, Children Face Starvation



Destitute, and facing the problem of supplying food to her two small children, Sylvia, 4 and Lena, 2, Mrs. Fannie Morelli has appealed to the Parole Commission for the release of her husband, Charles, sentenced to jail for crashing a pedestrian with his cab.

APPEAL MADE IN CENTRALIA CASE

Campaign Begun for I. W. W. Prisoners

(Continued from page one) years for conviction of murder in the second degree. They were arrested Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day, after they had defended their hall from the murderous assault of American Legionnaires.

After a mockery of a trial, during which every form of intimidation, prejudice and threat was invoked on witnesses and jurors by the lumber barons and their police agencies, these I. W. W. boys were convicted and have been continuously in custody since then.

The charge against them was that they had "deliberately and with premeditated malice killed one Warren O. Grimm," an American legionnaire. In ruling upon the defendants' motion for a change of venue from Grays Harbor county, on the ground of local prejudice, Judge Wilson said: "This case cannot and must not be tried in this county."

Notwithstanding this, he arbitrarily denied the motion for a change of venue. The attorney for the Centralia prisoners was George Vanderveer who is also participating in the campaign now initiated for their release. Among the main forces driving for the release of these framed-up workers, formerly active in organizing the lumber workers, are Elmer Smith, I. W. W. attorney, Carl Brannin, of the Federated Press, John Kennedy of the Seattle Labor College, and the International Labor Defense.

Seven Jurors Ask Release

It is declared reliably that seven members of the jury have personally called upon Gov. Hartley and stated that the defendants had not had a fair trial, and asked that the Centralia men be pardoned. W. H. Abel who conducted the prosecution, made a similar request in writing.

These workers have wives and families who are suffering actual physical privations on account of their imprisonment. It is plain to thinking workers that these men were convicted and are held in prison for their opinions and labor affiliations, and not for the crime charged against them.

Chicago Atheists Meet

CHICAGO, May 16.—The Russian branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism held a special meeting for 150 students of the Chicago University. The Russian Workers' Singing Society, the Russian Mandolin Orchestra and the Young Pioneers participated.

"Honest" John to Go Abroad As "Observer"

(Special to The Daily Worker) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 16.—"Honest" John H. Walker, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, red baiter and beneficiary of the Insular Traction interests, has been appointed by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor as its representative at the International Labor Conference which opens at Geneva May 30.

The American Federation of Labor, which has been moving nearer a union with the reformist trade union movement of Europe without definitely joining it, has designated Walker to be an "observer" at the conference, in this respect aping the jargon of the U. S. State Department which likewise sends its "observers" to European conferences.

Announcement of the selection was made by Leifur Magnussen, American representative of the International Labor Office, who is sailing for Europe Saturday.

TALK ON AT MEET OF AMALGAMATED

(Continued from Page One) resolutions were handed in to the resolutions committee calling for a labor party, reinstatement of the expelled left wingers, recognition of the Soviet Union, condemning fascism, and calling for an immediate campaign to obtain the 40-hour week. Nearly all the other resolutions called for organization work in various centers with the exception of a few condemning the piece-work system. It is believed here that these resolutions will be opposed by some of the administration forces.

Call Hillman's Bluff

In answer to the speech of President Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which is holding its biennial convention now in Cincinnati, in which he declared that great strides have been made in the organization of many open-shop centers, and that the union has won many organizational victories, statements made by union employers in a trade journal deny that this is so.

Their statements particularly disagree with Hillman's declaration that the New York market is completely under union control and that the union won a victory in the million-dollar strike against the big firm of S. Finkelstein and Co. They point out that the Finkelstein Co. moved out of town with their open-shop where they now produce clothing unmolested by further organizational attempts from the union officialdom.

Disagreeing with the first statement, the manufacturers, who have union agreements, declare that a large number of New York firms are sending daily truckloads of cut material to open shops outside city limits. There the garments are produced much cheaper with a much cheaper labor cost, the employers complain, adding that the union heads know of these conditions.

TO EXTEND AIR LINES

The transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., the proposed new combination and rail system between the Atlantic and Pacific, will be extended eventually to include most of the principal cities of the United States.

"Give Everybody a Chance to Read Me!" —The Daily Worker.

Argentinian Policemen Murder Dock Pickets as Strike Spreads in Rosario

DEMAND GENERAL ARGENTINE PORT STRIKE AT ONCE

More Police Killings Enrage Masses

BUENOS AYRES, May 16.—The killing yesterday by the police of several more dock strikers who were picketing the wharves at Rosario, Puerto, San Martin and elsewhere has brought an insistent demand from the mass of the workers that the general strike which officials announced they would call in twenty-four hours be put instantly into effect.

The growing mass sentiment for a general strike thruout the Argentine ports has brought an outcry from the owners, and the authorities are massing police reserves and troops.

Attempts by the owners and the government to bring strikebreakers into the paralyzed zone have been practically total failures as a result of the solidarity of all the unions with the Rosario strikers. The few men brought in have been unable to work.

The discharge and loading of cargoes here is at a complete standstill with many vessels idle in the harbor. Rosario is the second largest port in Argentina.

Tension in the situation is heightened by the growing unemployment which is especially severe as the cold weather increases here.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS GROWING

Less Work in State Since 1921

By LELAND OLDS, (Federated Press).

Factory employment in Illinois in April fell to a lower level than it has reached in any month of any year since the state started to gather statistics in August 1921. A regular reader of the monthly reports of the state department of labor over the last five years begins to wonder how long this steady decline can go on without producing some sort of drastic reaction. For Illinois wage earners the Coolidge regime has seriously damaged the good old myth of republican prosperity.

Factory employment in Illinois fell 1.3% from March to April to a level 6.5% below April 1927, 10.1% below April 1926 and 19.2% below April 1923. That means 120,000 fewer jobs than in April 1920, 120,000 workers turned off by the factories to hunt some other chance to earn a meagre living for themselves and their families.

Continued Decline. Where they can have found work is a puzzle. The department shows that in the last five years employment has declined in trade, has declined in coal mining, has declined in building and contracting. The public utilities, alone of all the industries in the state have gained in this period and they could not have provided jobs for all the workers laid off by the other employers.

Including all these industries in the comparison, industrial employment in Illinois fell 3.5% between March and April to a level 4.3% below April 1927, 11.8% below April 1926 and 15.1% below 1923. In a paragraph that inadvertently reflects the uncertainty of employment under the capitalist system the department indicates that the situation is likely to grow worse rather than better in the next few months. It says:

Is Usual Event.

"The experience of the manufacturing industries during the majority of the last five years indicates that a falling off in factory employment during April, May, June and July is a usual event. August ordinarily witnesses increased activity which continues through October and sometimes into November. December and January are usually dull months. This dullness has, in each of the last seven years, been broken in February when marks the sharpest and most decided seasonal upturn during the year."

In spite of all the palaver about curing unemployment that has gone on since the futile Harding conference in 1921 capitalism has done nothing toward stabilizing employment. If each year continues to show a lower general level than the preceding the trend will appear to the workers to be in the direction of stabilizing unemployment.

Drop Was General.

In Illinois the drop in employment from a year ago was nearly general. Decreased employment was registered in 46 of the 55 manufacturing industries and in 51 out of the grand total of 67 industries covered by the report.

The number of employed in building construction declined. With the exception of glass the numbers employed in all industries producing building materials declined. The numbers employed in all industries manufacturing household goods and fur-

Donetz Trial Will Start This Friday

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 16.—Seventy-six foreign and seventy Soviet journalists have been granted permission to witness the trial of persons accused of participating in the Donetz conspiracy it was announced today. The trial will open on Friday. Special seats have been reserved for members of the diplomatic corps.

CUTS WAGES THEN JACKS UP RENTS

Company Union Agrees to Both

SOUTH MANCHESTER, Conn., May 16. (FP).—The recent pay cut of 10 per cent at the Cheney Silk Mills has been followed by a rise in rents of company-owned houses. Cheney Bros., one of the largest silk manufacturing corporations in the United States, employs more than 4,000 workers. The company owns the town; one of the brothers is a director of the town water supply, another of the town electric light company, and the entire community is built around the mills and the beautiful estates of the owning family. Even the scenery is company-owned.

Company-owned houses are provided for 450 families. Single men and single women live in company boarding houses. The petty foremen have their own cars, and swear by the company. Nothing is said about the low-paid majority.

"We are all one big family here," asserts the personnel manager with pride. The company has beaten the union to it. It has provided baseball grounds, basket ball field, silver cups as trophies for the winning teams, and above all the company union, called "employee representation" by the industrial relations department.

Company Union Here.

A Council of 25 representatives from the various departments is carefully supervised by the company. "Oh yes, we supervise the elections," said the young industrial relations man. "An election committee meets beforehand, and the employees may vote for one of the three names highest on the list."

"We had no trouble at all when we put through the wage cut. We talked the matter over with the council of employees and they agreed with us that a cut was necessary."

Increased Output.

Just before the cut went into effect, an article appeared in the Monthly Labor Review describing the increase in output per worker in the Cheney Silk Mills. The number of wage earners in relation to each \$1,000 of product had decreased by 46 per cent from 1914 to 1926, the number of salaried employees had decreased 5 per cent, and power consumed per hour had increased 1 per cent. Or, in terms of 1914 dollars value of individual production had increased by 86 per cent.

A silk worker who produced \$1,000 in silk goods for his masters, the Cheney brothers, in 1914 was producing \$1,860 for those same masters in 1926.

Cleveland Youth Will Discuss Election Issues

CLEVELAND, May 16.—To prepare the members of Cleveland for the election campaign and to acquaint them with the youth demands and the importance of rallying the young workers behind these demands, the Young Workers League membership meeting to be held Friday, at 7:30 p. m., at the League headquarters, 2046 E. 4th St., will discuss in detail the role of the League in the campaign. New methods of League work and the further intensification of the campaign for the Young Workers Training School will also be on the order of business.

nishings declined. The numbers employed in making boots and shoes and in fact all kinds of clothing, with the exception of women's hats, declined.

Machine Work.

Industries producing all kinds of machinery, electrical apparatus, tools, locomotives, railroad and rapid transit cars show fewer employes than a year ago. In this group auto and agricultural implement makers show temporary gains. Employment declined in all branches of the food beverage and tobacco group with the exception of miscellaneous groceries and dairy products. The major chemical industries report decreased employes with a year ago. And, perhaps the most unexpected of all, printing, both job and newspaper, has cut employment sharply since 1927.

Such a situation running through all industries show the workers falling steadily farther and farther behind in the ability to purchase with a capitalist wage what they can produce working capitalist hours.

SAVE BELA KUN, INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN DEMAND

USSR Scientists Urge World-wide Protest

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 16.—The Congress of Scientists of the Soviet Union has issued an appeal to scientists thruout the world to protest against the threatened extradition of Bela Kun. The congress of physicians of the Soviet Union has also passed a resolution protesting against the threats of Bela Kun's extradition. Factory meetings to demand the release of the Hungarian Communist leader are still being held thruout the Soviet Union. International Seamen's Clubs which held protest meetings expressed the conviction that the workers of Austria would prevent the extradition of Bela. The meetings were attended by British, German, French, Norwegian and Swedish seamen.

KANSAS YOUTH TO AID MINERS

23 Organizations Open Relief Drive

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—The Kansas City Young People's Miners' Relief Conference was held at the Linwood Christian Church.

There were 23 organizations represented, among which were: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Industrial Departments of the Young Women's Christian Associations of both Kansas cities, Office Workers' Union International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Journeymen's Tailors' Union, United Mine Workers' Union, Railway Clerks, Young Workers (Communist) League, Friendship Baptist Church and many others.

The conference heard a report on the situation in the mine fields by R. Shohan and the report on the condition in the Kansas mine fields by Fred Stahem of the United Mine Workers. Asheley Totten of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters promised the full support of his organization to the conference.

An executive committee of 15 was elected. The conference decided to convene every six weeks and to immediately begin work for a tag day, a house-to-house collection and to hold a picnic.

The headquarters were selected at the Musicians' Union Hall. The committee is showing the picture "Passaic" under the auspices of the Car Porters' Brotherhood and the committee.

TWO PROVIDENCE STRIKERS HELD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 16.—John L. Brown and Charles L. McCool, two workers of the Darlington Textile Co., now out on strike against the company's reduction of wages and lengthening of hours, were arrested here yesterday and held in contempt of court for having violated a court order prohibiting picketing of the company's plant and for approaching men who were working as scabs.

The two workers were ordered to pay the costs of proceedings.

During the testimony, all that was brought out against them was the fact that they had peacefully visited two men who were scabbing at the Darlington Co. in order to induce them to quit scabbing. This was in violation of an injunction that the company had procured on April 24. The company in an attempt to make the injunction permanent, will soon procure a new hearing in court.

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Four Communist Leaders Murdered by Lithuanian Terrorists



From left to right are Karl Pojella, Joseph Greifenberg, Kasis Kedris and Rafael Tscherny, four Lithuanian Communist leaders who were murdered by the Lithuanian white terrorists. Hundreds of workers have been jailed and tortured by the Waidenaras regime in Lithuania.

BRITISH TEXTILE LOCKOUT LOOMING

Workers Demand Strike to Fight Wage Cut

MANCHESTER, May 16.—Manufacturers at Blackburn are making preparations to lock out their workers in order to enforce the proposed wage reduction, it was authoritatively stated after a meeting of the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association.

Numerous meetings have been held by textile workers to demand a general strike against the proposed wage cut and lengthening of hours. The conservative trade union leaders are believed to be opposed to a strike.

Ben Turner is leader of the textile workers' unions.

ACCUSE SCHOOL HEAD IN CHICAGO

McAndrew Faked Evidence, Teachers Charge

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16.—The union high school teachers of Chicago, Locals 2 and 3 of the American Federation of Teachers, have decided that it is time to explode the glory bunk surrounding the enforced departure of Supt. Wm. McAndrew from the school system. In a statement, "Why McAndrew Failed," plain charges are leveled against him by the union. He is described as an educational crook "arming false evidence to bolster up his pretensions of great achievements under his rule."

"He manufactured proofs of his allegations," the teachers state. "He gave tests to large unselected groups without warning or preparation; then much later he gave the same or similar tests to small selected groups and repeated those tests until the desired results were attained. Publishing the results of these two entirely incomparable tests he claimed that the difference between them indicated the dreadful condition in which he found instruction when he came and the splendid achievement of his administration."

Other crooked statistical dodges were made by this educator, who, the teachers charge, was "carefully building up a barrage of false information," and not giving this publicity. "Loyalty begets loyalty. If Mr. McAndrew had been true to the teachers above all, true to the ideals of education and the real welfare of the pupils, he would have secured teacher-cooperation and support. The vast majority of teachers think the humiliation of McAndrew was merited."

Panic as Brazilian State Bank Closes

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 16.—Financial panic has followed the closing of the Credit Bank of the state of Sao Pao, according to a report from the capital, Sao Pao.

Long lines of depositors, many of them Brazilian workers, besieged the doors of the bank at an early hour yesterday, the report adds. The reason for the suspension is not given.

TRUST FIGHTING FERTILIZER BILL

Dukes, DuPonts Cause Farm Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, (FP) May 16.—Daily blasts from the office of Charles J. Brand, lobby director for the National Fertilizer Association have reminded press correspondents as well as members of the House and senate, for the past month, that the Norris-Morin Muscle Shoals bill, as reported to the House, would destroy a great private graft. Brand did not use the word "graft," of course. He spoke of a great privately owned industry, the making and sale of fertilizer for the American farmers. He begged, in the name of sacred private enterprise, that congress halt before it committed economic treason.

Unfortunately for Brand and his fertilizer department of the power combine—for the Duke, DuPont and other power trust units are tied into the fertilizer trust—Congress now seems hell-bent on passing the Muscle Shoals measure. Southern members discover that the fertilizer manufacturers have been charging them robber prices for many long years past, while the farmers have sunk lower into bankruptcy and despair. They have made up their minds—such as those minds are—that if the federal government can produce fertilizers at Muscle Shoals, by any process, cheaper than the trust is selling them, then the Southern farmers are all for it.

Slurs Declared 'Inexact'

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 16.—"Inexact" is the word the Panaman minister here employs to characterize rumors that members of his government had referred to the new Colombian minister in Panama City, Dr. Luis Felipe Angelo, as persona non grata. The rumors have aroused considerable resentment in government circles here.

Bottle Worker Killed

Vincent Robejck, a bottler in the soda water plant headed by Henry Bruckner, borough president of the Bronx, was killed while at work on a bottling machine in the factory, at 406 E. 161st St. The electrical current of the machinery passed thru the workers body and electrocuted him.

JAPANESE RUSH MORE TROOPS TO NORTHERN CHINA

Worker-Peasant Armies Nearing Peking

(Continued from Page One) result of a strike and boycott to protest against Japanese intervention in Shantung, according to reports received here by the Canada Morning News, left wing Chinese newspaper.

Workers and students who demonstrated on "Humiliation Day" (May 9th) against Japan were attacked by soldiers and police, according to the Canada Morning News. Twenty persons were reported to have been wounded.

According to a report received by the News from Hankow both Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Tso-lin were denounced at a mass meeting attended by more than 50,000 workers.

POWER CONCERNS FORM HUGE TRUST

New York Corporations Under One Head

Unification of almost all of the New York gas and electric power corporations under one head has been agreed upon by the local companies. The Brooklyn Edison Co. will be taken over by the Consolidated Gas Company of New York, which will thus gain practical control of the entire field in New York City, Westchester, and Long Island, with the exception of the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. and the Long Lighting Co. Acquisition of the other two companies will be affected in the near future, it is believed.

Amnesty of Sigman Is Branded a Fake

(Continued from page one) locked out of the Boston convention will fight the reactionary national officialdom till the union has been completely rebuilt, they state.

The latest report from the Sigman make convention show that the Schlesinger faction's struggle for control of the International has not ended despite continued attempts to patch up differences between the two union wrecking gangs. They still refuse to accept renomination for the several vice-presidencies in their control.

Resolutions of thanks were also passed to the three capitalist sheets, The New York Times, The World, and the Jewish Forward, for the aid rendered them in the struggle against the rank and file of the union.

What I Saw in China

by TOM MANN

For the past three years the Chinese masses have been struggling for freedom from the clutches of Imperialism. Everyone nowadays is either talking or writing China. Tom Mann, "grand old man" of the British labor movement, contributes his observations after a stay of six months in China with the International Workers Delegation.

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ALL RIGHT TO STARVE NEW BEDFORD CHILDREN, BUT IT'S ALL WRONG WHEN THEY PICKET

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (By mail).—There has been a lot of talk among the "respectable" people (read mill owners and their hangers-on) about the way the strikers have sent their children onto the picket line. A lot of people have been calling it cruel, a shame, etc. But they don't say it's cruel or a shame when the mill owners give the children's fathers \$17 a week to bring up a whole family of children on.

I'm sending you two clippings from a New Bedford paper about this discussion which has even gotten into the papers. Notice who wrote the first letter, a regular servant of the bosses from the United States navy. It's sickening to read such "gush" from a grown man.

—JOHN MACDONALD.

I still feel it a duty to the children to call the attention of the red blooded American of today to the folly of placing children in the picket lines.

God bless the children for it is they who bring sunshine and joy to every home.

It is shameful to think that a city as prosperous and self supporting as New Bedford should allow such to take place.

Come on, you lovers of the children, you fathers who take pride in your homes, your city and the bringing up of your children—stop such foolishness and fight your own battles. Leave the children out of it. Don't be a wolf in sheep's clothing. Be the men you represent and stand up for the children instead of putting them on the streets to stand up for you.

Signalman First Class, United States Navy.
 LLEWELLYN M. MASON
 U. S. S-1, New London, Conn.

Defends Child Pickets.
 To the Editor of The Standard:
 I am greatly surprised to see the New Bedford children have so many friends at present. Friends from everywhere—from The Standard—the leader of the girl scouts, Mayor Ashley and also the leaders of the Textile council. And it's all about the "cruelty" of getting out the children one hour earlier in the morning on the picket line.

Well, we appreciate that. I for one will agree with you, that more sleep for the small children will do them a lot of good. But why get so excited because of the loss of one hour sleep, and not for the loss of other good things for the children which are probably important, if not more so than one hour's sleep?

Why not get excited because the same children do not have enough to eat, not enough clothes, nor shoes, not enough fresh air, not living in a good airy tenement, not having enough edu-

cation? Every one of the above mentioned is as important to the child as sleep, not only now but all the time.

What's wrong with children picketing? Don't they have to know why their parents are striking?

Every business man gives his children a business education, so that when the children grow up they will know how to do business and make their fortune. That's logical. But we all agree that we must have workers, laborers. And here we workers come and say that we want to bring up our children to be good workers, good union men, to understand their part in this world and to demand a better standard of living than we have today. But we haven't any schools or colleges for workers' children to learn that. The strike and the picket line—that's the school where the worker's child gets his education but with a little less comfort than the children of the rich getting their education.

—A. JENKS.

Demonstration for Kenosha Hosiery Strikers, Described by Correspondent

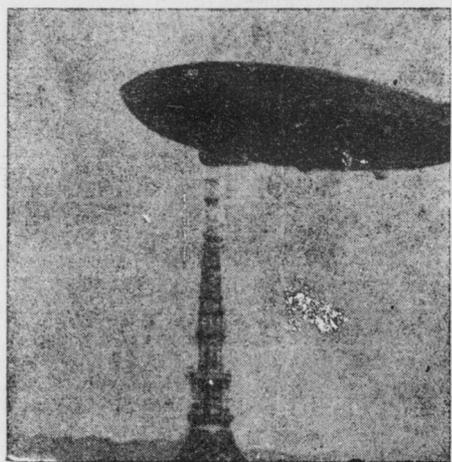
WORKERS MARCH THRU CITY FOR ALLEN A MEN

Socialists Talk but Do Nothing

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 KENOSHA, Wis., (By Mail).—On Saturday, May 12th, there was held in Kenosha the largest demonstration of organized labor and sympathizers ever held in many years. The demonstration was held under the auspices of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Assembly.

Workers Demonstrate.
 The huge parade of over 5000 workers started at 3:15 in the afternoon from the headquarters of the Allen-A strikers at 3215 60th St. Every local of organized labor in Kenosha and neighboring cities made up the mile long column of marching workers. Their were huge banners carried by the painters, milk drivers, sheet metal workers, plasterers, iron molders and other trade union organizations.

Fascist Imperialism Heads North



The Italia, giant dirigible in which General Umberto Nobile, darling of the Italian fascists, is carrying the black flag over the polar ice is shown in the picture.

FOREMAN GRAFTS WOULD GIVE LIFE \$5 PER FROM MEN TO SAVE UNION

Bricklayers Forced to Give "Present"

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 In former years building construction has been lively at this time of year. This year it is not.

The bosses and foremen are taking full advantage of this situation. As a result many building trades workers are working below the scale.

A fifteen story apartment house is now being erected on the corner of Prospect Park West and Montgomery Place, Brooklyn. The bricklayer foreman takes five dollars a week from every laborer who has to give it in order to get the job. Some bricklayers pay much more.

The money is given on the Q. T. and therefore it is impossible to catch anybody with the goods. The same thing is being done on many other jobs also.

It is about time that an end was put to this method of getting and keeping a job.

—ENDORE.

Agent of Trusts

WASHINGTON, May 16 (FP).—Sen. Tydings of Maryland, democrat who has voted with the power trust on every test since he entered the chamber last December, has printed in the Congressional Record two articles attacking the Norris-Morin bill for government operation of the Muscle Shoals plant as "revolutionary and socialistic."

FASCISTS LEAVE ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 16.—The Bremen fliers, following a triumphant two-day visit in St. Louis, prepared to hop off today for Detroit, the next official stopping place on their tour of American and Canadian cities.

that in his own city, Milwaukee, the injunction against the Kenosha strikers was issued, and according to latest reports police are arresting the locked out workers of the Adler Co. who are picketing the clothing firm of David Adler & Sons. He labeled the open shop as "un-American," though it is a well known fact that the open shop is entrenched more firmly in the U. S. than in many other countries. Only 3,000,000 workers are organized in the A. F. of L. compared to the over 10,000,000 workers organized in the Soviet trade unions where the workers hold power. Though he glorified the law on the books of the state of Wisconsin which prohibits the importation of out of town gunmen and strike-breakers without due "registration," he failed entirely to explain how the law has prevented the open shop Allen-A Co. from importing its large number of thugs and gunmen. After Mayor Hoan had finished his little talk that was really intended to boost the "watered" stock of the socialist party, the meeting was adjourned.

All in all, the open-air demonstration was a powerful one of Kenosha labor. It was a demonstration of solidarity with the strikers and their cause. Though the demonstration was marred by turning it into a political campaign for the socialist party, it was an inspiration to every worker in Kenosha.

LABOR PARTY TO RUN MILITANTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Brophy, Ben Thomas, Kutz on Ticket

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 PHILA., Pa., (By Mail).—The Philadelphia Trade Union Committee for a Labor Party organized a mass meeting at Machinists' Temple, 13th and Spring Garden Streets on May 8 to celebrate the Centennial of the Pennsylvania Labor Party. The leading state candidates of the Labor Party for the elections will be John Brophy, candidate for Auditor General, Ben Thomas candidate for State Treasurer, and Charles Kutz, candidate for United States Senator.

In John Brophy, the leader of the militant rank and file miners in their struggle against the coal barons and the reactionary, corrupt, operator-controlled Lewis machine, we have a candidate who has real significance for every worker. It means that after a hundred years of the development of the Pennsylvania Labor Party, in which the Party has been dominated by the reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L. and been used as a tool of the old capitalist political parties, the politicians of the Republican and Democratic Parties, the Labor Party now will put up candidates who are real trade unionists, who run on no other ticket but the Labor ticket, and who, like Brophy and Thomas, have a fine record of struggle for the rank and file against the bosses and the labor bureaucracy.

Only those trade unionists who fight the reactionaries in the Labor movement can come out as representatives of the Labor Party at this particular time. Consistently the Pennsylvania Labor Party in the past has supported politicians who were running at the same time on the Republican and Democratic Parties, as in the case of William B. Wilson, candidate for U. S. Senator on the Democratic and the Labor Party Ticket in the last senatorial elections. In the primaries of 1928, the State Labor Party had the brass to support Mr. Waters, a candidate of the Republican Party, for the office of auditor general on the Labor Party, against John Brophy. This is a beautiful example of selling the Labor Party to the capitalists!

It is interesting to note that James Maurer, the candidate for vice-president in 1928 on the Socialist Party ticket, for many years the president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and an influential figure in the Pennsylvania Labor Party, allowed the above sell-out to go on without any struggle to make the Pennsylvania Labor Party what it should be, an instrument of the workers to fight against injunctions, for unemployment insurance, against the state troopers, the "cossacks," for relief and support of the miners in their struggle, and not an instrument of the republican party for corraling the labor vote.

—B. H.

Life of Chopin Subject of New Operetta by Hajos

AN intimate operetta based on incidents in the life of Chopin goes into rehearsal today under the direction of Messrs. Shubert. The operetta, tentatively known as "Chopin's Romance," has been adapted by Harry B. Smith from the European work of Sigurd Johansen. The score, as one might be led to believe, is not made up of the music of Chopin, but is an original one by the Hungarian, Karl Hajos, composer of "Natja." Various compositions of Chopin, however, are utilized in the score.

Odette Myrtil has been engaged for the role of George Sand, and George Baker, recently heard in "The Beggar's Opera," will play the role of Chopin. In addition to these two characters, other historical figures appear in the play, among them Meyerbeer, which role has been entrusted to Max Figman. Heinrich Heine will be interpreted by Ernest Lawford, and Dubussone, George Sand's publisher, will be played by Lumsden Hare. Liszt appears in the play, but the part has not yet been cast. Other important players are Marion Marchand, Leo Henning, Allen Rogers, Louise Beaudet, Hugh Chivers, Martha Mason.

"Chopin's Romance" opens in Atlantic City on June 11th, but it may not be seen here until the fall.

Another production of "Chopin" was recently announced by Charles L. Wagner, but no further news has been received since.

Gale Sondergaard, who has played leading roles with the Jessie Bonstelle Company in Detroit for the past two seasons, has been engaged for the Theatre Guild Acting Company for next season.

At the end of its thirty-fifth week, "Dracula" will end its engagement at the Fulton Theatre on Saturday and move to California. The Horace Liveright production is to open in Los Angeles within three weeks and after a run there it will return East in September. The play will tour east of Denver in the fall.

George Arliss will close his present tour in "The Merchant of Venice" in the Plymouth Theatre, Boston, on Saturday night. In October he will begin a long tour to the Pacific Coast in this Shakespearean play.

John Galsworthy's "Escape" has proven so successful on its brief spring tour that Winthrop Ames is now considering sending it on the road again next fall, with a well known star in the leading role. "Escape" ends its present season in Washington Saturday.

COMMUTERS FIGHT FARE RAISE
 Briefs were filed yesterday by Corporation Counsel Eesser of Mount Vernon and Vanauken of New Rochelle with the Public Service Commission and a ruling is expected soon in the fight which is being waged by Westchester County commuters against the 40 per cent increase in fares imposed by the New Haven Railroad.

GET LEWIS WOMEN TO ATTACK MINE STRIKERS' WIVES

Fail to Stir Up Fight They Wanted

(By a Woman Worker Correspondent)
 RURAL RIDGE, Pa., (By Mail).—I am sending an item to your paper in regards to what happened here at Rural Ridge on May 7.

The progressive group is very strong here and the Lewis machine tries in every possible way to break up the organization. Some of the Lewis henchmen want to go back to work and so they are trying in every way possible to break up the union.

While the majority of the progressive miners were away from home, the Lewis bunch called on the women to break up the Ladies' Auxiliary because our ladies are too favorable to the Save-the-Union Committee.

Mrs. Sneed and Polly Yates, who are at the head of the Ladies' Auxiliary of District 5, under the direction of Fagan and Helfry, came into Rural Ridge with a truck load of state troopers.

A crowd of the women who belong to the Lewis bunch stood on the state highway and called us all hunkies and Reds and wanted to know where our Red flag was, and they shouted "Hurray! Hurray for Uncle Sam!" and the good old red, white and blue! and good old U. S. A. and John L. Lewis!

But they could not get us to say anything. Then a man named Bill Brozek walked up and kicked a progressive miner so that the bunch from the Lewis machine could start for the state troopers to get busy and beat us up.

Mrs. Sneed and Polly Yates shook their fists in Mrs. Conti's face and told her she was expelled from the Auxiliary.

Please sign this a miner's wife, progressive and strong for the Save-the-Union.

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Of the 1,500 workers in this industry in New York City and vicinity, 85 per cent have answered the strike call of the Dental Laboratory Workers' Union, issued at mass meetings in the Labor Temple, Second Avenue and E. 14th St., yesterday and Tuesday, according to union officials.

The workers demand a 44-hour week, time-and-a-half for overtime work, the adoption of a definite minimum wage scale, and recognition of the union. George E. Powers, of the Iron Workers' Union, P. Pascal Cosgrove, and John De Santo, of the New York Council of the Unemployed, addressed the mass meetings.

Many laboratories are being picketed.

The conditions in the trade, the workers charge, are intolerable. All mechanics must have at least three years experience before being qualified in the industry. Before a worker can be considered a full-fledged mechanic, he must have spent from 8 to 10 years in the trade. During this unusually long apprenticeship, the dental mechanic must live on a wage insufficient to pay for necessities. Some workers in the trade receive as little as \$18 a week. Even after a worker has become a full-fledged mechanic, he is often forced to work for a starvation wage, doing overtime work for as many as 15 hours a week and being paid nothing at all for it. This excessive overtime is one of the most powerful factors in the unemployment situation in the trade.

There are 1,500 dental mechanics in New York City at the present time who work for the most part in unsanitary, poorly-ventilated shops.

There will be another meeting at the Labor Temple today at 10 a. m. to spread the strike and discuss tactics.

TEACHERS WIN IN FIGHT ON ALTMAN

Public Quiz Ordered on Medical Abuse

The Teachers' Union has scored a victory in its fight against the third degree methods of Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Emil Altman when the board of education voted to concede the union's demand for a public hearing. This is to be held in two weeks by the board's law committee. The union refused to lend itself to star chamber proceedings which would have given officials the chance to blacklist teachers and commit other acts of reprisal and has demanded the removal of Dr. William J. O'Shea, superintendent of schools, from the committee that is to examine the charges, on the grounds that he is biased.

One teacher examined by three physicians, who certified she was suffering from extreme nervousness, stated that Dr. Altman had accused her of bluffing and tried to intimidate her into accepting one of three choices, either to retire, stating she was physically and mentally unfit, to take a year's leave of absence without pay, or consent to stand trial on charges for neglect of duty.

The Teachers' Union in exposing the treatment of sick teachers by Dr. Altman is fighting in the interests of all teachers in the system.

Question of Precedent Raised in Atheist Trial

Charles Lee Smith, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, will appeal his case when he appears next Monday in the Court of Special Sessions to receive sentence for sending propaganda literature and letters to Dr. John Roach Straton, fundamentalist preacher.

Justice James McInerney, Ellsworth Healy and Daniel Drenzo have ruled this a misdemeanor under Sections 561 of the Penal Code which applies to the sending of threatening communications. In the prosecution John S. Sumner, executive secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, aided the preacher. The law now applied to sending atheistic literature has heretofore been confined to mailing malicious, or threatening communications, according to Vincent Mannino, attorney for Smith, and the decision of the three justices, the attorney claims, means that anybody who insisted on sending unpopular literature to a correspondent be imprisoned.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Entertainment for Miners' Relief.
The Uthman Saengerchor is giving a 'Solidarity Entertainment and Dance' for the benefit of the striking miners on Saturday, May 19, at 8 p. m. at the New York Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St.

Downtown I. L. D.
The annual entertainment and dance of the Downtown International Labor Defense Branch will be held on Saturday evening, May 19, at 8 p. m. at the Ukrainian Theatre, 217 E. 84th St. The organization recently joined the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief.

To Aid Miners.
The Drohichner Dramatic Group will present a play and dance for miners' relief Saturday, May 19, at 8 p. m. at the Ukrainian Theatre, 217 E. 84th St. The organization recently joined the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief.

Miners' Relief Dance.
An entertainment and dance for miners' relief will be given on May 26, at 8 p. m., at Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, under the auspices of the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief, 799 Broadway.

Icor Concert.
Friends of Jewish colonization in the Soviet Union will attend the Icor concert at Carnegie Hall Saturday night, May 19.

Miners' Relief Ball.
A vetcherinka and ball for miners' relief will be given by the Yugoslav Workers' Educational and Dramatic Club on Saturday evening, May 19, at the Czechoslovak Workers' House, 347 E. 72nd St. Music will be by the Tamburitz Orchestra.

Final Nearing Lectures.
Scott Nearing will give the final lectures in his two courses at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St., Saturday, May 19, at 2 p. m. "Modern Imperialism" will be given at 2 p. m. and "The Development of the American Empire" at 4 p. m.

I. L. D. Hike.
Members of Sacco-Vanzetti branch of the I. L. D. and their friends and families will meet at 1472 Boston Road, Sunday, May 20, at 9 a. m., to hike to Hunter's Island.

Workers' School Hike.
The Workers' School hike will be held next Sunday, May 20th, to Thirty Deer Ridge, Yonkers. All students of the school are expected to attend. Students will meet at the Workers' School at 8 a. m. and Van Cortland Park, 9 a. m.

To Aid Miners.
The United Council of Workingclass Women of the United Workers Cooperative will hold a midnight show, June 2, at 11:30 p. m., at Burke's Theatre, White Plains Ave. and Burke Ave., the Bronx. The proceeds will go for miners' relief.

Labor Sports Meet.
A national track and field meet will be held Sunday, May 27, at 10 a. m. at College Point, under the auspices of the Finnish Sports Club, "Vesa," 15 W. 126th St., which has invited all sports clubs connected with the Labor Sports Union to participate. All entries must be made before May 24.

Plumbers' Helpers Hike.
The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will hike to Thirty Deer Ridge on Sunday, May 20. The meeting point will be at 136 E. 24th St., at 8:30 a. m.

Friends of Nature Hike.
The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hike Sunday, May 20, to Buttermilk Falls. The hikers will meet at Dyckman Street ferry at 8 a. m. Karl Lore will lead the hike. Fares will amount to twenty cents.

Lecture on U. S. S. R. Working Women.
M. Holtman, who has recently returned from the Soviet Union, will lecture on "The Working Woman in Russia and America" at a meeting of Bronx Women's Council 4, tomorrow, at 8:30 p. m., at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx. Everybody is welcome.

Downtown I. L. D. Dance.
The annual entertainment and dance of the Downtown Branch of the International Labor Defense will be held Saturday, May 19 at 8 p. m. at 35 E. 2nd St., Second Ave. The proceeds will go to aid the political prisoners in the United States.

SUGGEST BILL TO AID UNEMPLOYED

N.Y. Council Holds Meet in Union Square

The draft of a national unemployment insurance bill that will be proposed to congress for adoption is now being drawn up by the New York Council of Unemployed, it was announced yesterday afternoon by John Di Santo, secretary of the Council, at a mass meeting in Union Square. The Council will meet at 101 E. 14th St., at 8 o'clock tonight, to consider the draft.

In addition to Di Santo, other speakers at yesterday's mass meeting were: Sylvan A. Pollack of the Daily Worker and M. E. Taft, manager, Local 41, International Ladies Garment Workers Union. George Meiste presided. More than a score of jobless workers signed application blanks for membership in the Council.

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TRACTION BARONS BACK GOV. SMITH

Admit Contributions to Slush Fund

(Continued from page one)

sands of shares of Third Ave. Railway stock, admitted that besides the \$70,000 he has already contributed, he would be willing to give as much more as will be needed to elect Smith.

"I gave that money and I will give more," he testified, "limited only by my ability to play." All this he insisted was out of "love and affection for Governor Smith."

Herbert H. Lehman, a banker, who has already contributed \$12,000 to the Smith fund, likewise admitted that he would contribute much more. "I expect to give a lot more," he said, "after Smith is nominated. Lehman is a director in a number of banks, trust companies and motor corporations under the control of the Morgan interests."

The senate committee, whose obvious purpose is to make respectable these methods of purchasing the presidency by Smith and Hoover, both of whom are equally acceptable to the big banking interests, smiled amiably at the almost passionate "friendship" disclosed by the bankers and traction magnates in Al Smith. They appeared only a bit taken back that the contributions had been made in cash: "Do you New Yorkers carry around \$5,000 in your pockets?" one of them asked with what appeared to be something more than impersonal interest.

Call Mass Protests.
Mass meetings organized by the Workers (Communist) Party to fight against the fare steal and the proposed unification plan by which the Morgan interests are seeking to put over a billion dollar deal are rallying the workers throughout the city. Reports from a half dozen meetings held last night indicate the greatest interest in the question.

Open air meetings will continue throughout the week as follows:

Thursday, May 17, 8 p. m., corner of 138th St. and St. Annes Ave. Speakers: L. Baum, C. Padmore, M. Kagan. Friday, May 18, 8 p. m., corner 6th Ave. and 110th St. Speakers: C. Bixby, M. Hartlieb, A. Moreau. Corner 7th Ave. and 138th St.; E. Stanley, J. Padgug, O. Huiswood, S. Levy. Bristol and Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn; P. Cosgrove, Ch. Raiss, Jul. Cohen, E. Zenbert.

CHARGE FRAUD IN JERSEY PRIMARY

TRENTON, N. J., May 16.—Charges of fraud in the republican and democratic parties are flying thruout the state following the results of the republican primary.

Judge Robert Carey, who was reported as defeated by Morgan F. Larson in the race for governor by at least 35,000 votes, charged that Mayor Hague in Jersey City ordered 30,000 democrats to cast ballots in the republican primary to assure his defeat.

Sixty Missing in Storm

BELGRADE, May 16.—Sixty fishermen were missing today following a violent storm which swept the Dalmatian coast. Scores of fishing craft were lost in the storm and several houses were destroyed at Ragusa, Italy.

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Many Noted Writers at Red Poets Night May 24

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Poets of many nationalities will take part in the second annual international Red Poets' Night, which will be held Thursday evening, May 24, at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St. The event, which is unique of its kind, will be featured by the reading of revolutionary poetry in various languages.

Many well known poets will be among those who will read from their own work. Some of these are Michael Gold, Joseph Freeman, James Rorty, Genevieve Taggard, Robert Wolff, Henry Reich, Jr., A. B. Magil, Adolf Wolff, Edwin Rolfe, Abraham Raisin, H. Levick, Aron Kurtz and Lajos Egri. M. J. Olgin will be chairman.

Tickets for Red Poets' Night are 50 cents, all the proceeds going to THE DAILY WORKER and the Workers Center.

PLAN WORKERS' CHILDREN CAMP

To Hold Conference on May 23

Workers' children of New York will again have a camp conducted exclusively for them, it was announced yesterday by the Workers International Relief, which will be in charge of the camp. A conference of workingclass organizations to plan the camp will be held on May 23, at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. All workingclass organizations and parents asked to send delegates.

One of the purposes of the new venture, it is announced is to enable workers' children to avoid attending Boy and Girl Scout camps and organizations maintained by "charitable" societies.

The W. I. R. appeals to all New York workers to aid it in establishing the new camp.

Dry Agents Indicted

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 16.—A former prohibition administrator, his former assistant and a former chief of the Buffalo enforcement staff were indicted in the district court yesterday on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

SIX YEAR OLD BOY DROWNS.

Raymond Roberts, six, of Stapleton, S. I., was drowned when he tripped and fell in the river near Pier 13, Water Street.

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WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

Section 1 Agitprop Directors.

A meeting of all Agitprop directors of Section 1 will be held today at 1 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

To Elect Delegates to Convention.
The election of delegates to the national nominating convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will take place tomorrow, 8 p. m., at 108 E. 14th St., at a meeting of all Party functionaries. All unit functionaries must attend the meeting.

Leaflets Are Ready.
Leaflets and throwaways advertising the mass meeting that will open the national nominating convention of the Party are now obtainable at the district office. All units should call at once for their quota. No charge will be made.

Section 1 Ind. Organizers.
All Section 1 industrial organizers will meet today at 60 St. Marks Place.

Section 1 Meeting.
Industrial organizers of Section 1 will meet at 6:30 o'clock tonight at 60 St. Marks Place.

GF 2B Meet.
The regular meeting of GF 2B, formerly GF 2D, will be held today at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. A prominent speaker will address the meeting on "The 1928 Election."

Workers Party Picnic.
The Workers Party Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 24th, at Pleasant Bay Park.

Aid Swedish Strikers

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, May 16.—The miners of the Soviet Union have sent 15,000 more rubles to aid the striking miners of Sweden.

Workers Defrauded

How workers have suffered an accident, are defrauded by lawyers was brought out in the ambulance chasing investigation before Justice Wersvogel and Judge C. C. Babcock, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, here yesterday. The law firm of Oppenheim and Helfant, 885 Brook Ave., the Bronx, and Samuel Seligson, 261 Broadway, were under fire. The witnesses accused the lawyers of soliciting their cases on all kinds of promises and charging them fat fees.

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TECHNICAL MEN TO RENEW FIGHT

\$600,000 Promised for Increases Held Back

The Union of Technical Men has renewed its fight for the immediate distribution of the \$600,000 increase granted it by the city October, 1927.

Meeting at the Labor Temple, the union passed a motion to ask Mayor Walker for an immediate interview in case the Board of Estimates takes no action toward distribution at its meeting today. A motion was passed to hold a mass demonstration on or before June 1 in case no action is taken before that date.

A petition, to which the union purposes to get 400,000 signatures of the 4,000 technical men involved, was circulated among the members. It calls attention to the fact that the \$600,000 increase was only half the sum suggested by the mayor himself as merited by the technical men, to the great hardship worked on the men by the eight months' delay since the increase was granted. It urges the mayor to end this unwarranted delay, to meet with these men and to see that the increases are distributed at once. It asks a flat percentage (25 per cent) increase for all of the men.

Endorsement of the technical men's action toward immediate distribution of their increase by the Board of Transportation Engineers' was announced.

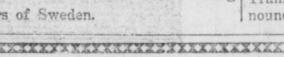
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Jersey Mosquito Justice

Editorial comment on the action of the higher New Jersey court in reversing the lower court which four years ago convicted four Patterson silk workers and Roger Baldwin, head of the American civil liberties union, in connection with the silk strike in Paterson, is significant:

"But the final opinion re-establishes it (the constitution) as the supreme law of the land."—N. Y. World.

"It also shows that even radical socialists can go into an American court assured that any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted."—N. Y. Times.

This editorial comment exhibits the reason why the court indulged in the inexpensive luxury of releasing five men from small jail sentences and fines imposed solely for trying to hold a meeting during a strike. The reason is that by this gesture of "leniency" some of the working class can be further duped into believing what the Times says—that workers (and more especially a member of the liberal intelligentsia) involved in police suppression in the course of the class struggle "can go into an American court assured that any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted." The reason for "leniency" of Jersey justice is of course amplified by the following facts:

1. This is an election year.
2. It is a period of increasing union-smashing, wage cutting, suppression and police violence against the working class.
3. Within a few months there has been open murder by state troops of six striking coal miners in Colorado allegedly for stepping across a property line, but really for picketing.
4. A reign of terror is now in process in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and other coal fields, with clubbings, wholesale arrests and complete abolition of civil rights, injunctions entirely nullifying so-called constitutional guarantees so far as workers are concerned.
5. The pauperization and expropriation of smaller farmers is proceeding at a rapid rate, causing wide-spread discontent.
6. The march of United States imperialism is just beginning in earnest with the bloody war against Nicaragua and the invasion of China on a large scale.
7. At this particular time one of the alternative candidates of Wall Street for the presidency is necessarily put forward (as Woodrow Wilson was at an earlier time) as a candidate representing liberalism, constitutional rights and the "common people."
8. The open shop movement, now engaged in a nation-wide effort to sterilize and eliminate trade-unionism, can absolutely rely upon all of the present candidates of capitalist parties.

Under these circumstances in this election year, which is also the year of the supreme crisis for the organized labor movement, every harpy of the capitalist press and pulpit is striving to prove to the masses that although strikers' heads are broken, although men, women and children are jailed, evicted and assaulted without even the forms of law,—nevertheless "the constitution" protects them from all of these things, and "any flagrant injustice which has been done them will be righted."

That is why, on the day when 58 fur workers are sent to jail in New York for picketing and four workers are jailed for picketing a scab mine in Ohio, the New York World and New York Times pick out, not these incidents of the living struggle now in process, but a four-year-old case in New Jersey, to editorialize about. Crush the strike today! Stifle all speech and club the picket line of today at all costs! Smash the Union in the struggle which is going on now!—but it is safe and profitable to editorialize on liberty in a four-year-old case in which a middle-class advocate of "free speech" is liberated.

The working class must learn and is learning not to trust these miserable hypocrites of "liberal" journalism who strain at a mosquito and swallow an elephant, in support of capitalist class rule. The courts of law which murdered Sacco and Vanzetti, the courts which liberate Harry Sinclair and hold Mooney and Billings to a life-time of torture, the courts and the constitution which are now being used to repress with blood and iron the miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio, cannot be vindicated with this petty gesture of "Jersey justice" and the philistine boasts for which the gesture is made.

Advertising in the Daily Worker

By S. FISHER.
How can the militant and class-conscious workers help build the DAILY WORKER? Every comrade and sympathizer should always bear in mind that when they patronize a restaurant, or buy clothing, shoes, furniture, etc., they should ask the proprietor to place an advertisement in the DAILY WORKER. The needle trade workers in the garment center should demand advertisements from the restaurants and cafeterias they patronize.
The militant workers know that The DAILY WORKER is the only daily newspaper that fights for the inter-

ests of the working class. The DAILY WORKER, therefore, has a right to demand that you help get advertisements for the paper.
The DAILY WORKER must reach the striking miners, the textile strikers, and the steel towns where the workers have no organization. The DAILY WORKER is the only hope for these workers. It helps to organize the unorganized, and fights for a progressive and militant policy in the unions.
Comrades and sympathizers, let us do our duty and help build The DAILY WORKER in circulation and advertisements.

FASCISMO



By Fred Ellis

Underweight-- No Jobs Open For Negroes

By SCOTT NEARING.

Joe weighs 118 pounds. He is black. When I talked to him he had been standing in an employment office for a week waiting for work. Before that he worked for one day as an errand boy in place of another lad who was sick. But the sick boy came back the next day and Joe returned to the employment office.

"Not much demand for Negroes these days," explained the manager of the office. "There is a feeling around town that no Negro has a right to a job while a white man is out of work."

"Besides, Negroes are only hired to do certain kinds of work."

"Take Joe here as a sample. He weighs under 120 pounds. When we get inquiries from factories and office buildings for Negroes they always specify, around 160 or 170 pounds. The Negroes do the heavy labor and they need heavy men. A light fellow like Joe is no use on such a job. It doesn't even pay us to send him out of the office."

"Some day we'll pick up a job for Joe," the manager went on hopefully. "Messenger or errand boy or something like that. It won't pay him much. Jobs like that pay little enough to white men and always less to Negroes. But it's the best he can expect to do. Joe's handicapped. He's underweight."

Thousands Jailed in New Fascist Terror

By NICOLA NAPOLI
The Sozzi murder is a definite sign of the situation of Italian fascism. It indicates that the Mussolini government after six years' rule, can not stand on its feet but through terror and crimes, and that it is still compelled to murder and strangle militant workers in jail.

It indicates that the opposition to fascism is still very strong and that, above all, it is gradually assuming definite forms, as in the recent textile strikes of Gallarate and Pordenone—under the leadership of the most active and revolutionary oppositional force in Italy: The Communist Party.

6,000 in Danger.
The lives of 6000 political prisoners, who are in jail and in the various deportation islands, are in danger. They are continuously under threat of sharing the fate of Matteotti, Gobetti, Piccinini, Sozzi, Riva, Ruggeri and other fascist victims brutally tortured and murdered. It is impossible to count them all!

From a list recently compiled by the International Red Aid we note that from February 1927 to the beginning of April 1928, the special fascist tribunal has distributed more than 17 centuries of jail sentences to hundreds of workers.

1,300 Year Sentences.
For the Empoli "incident" where the workers responded with energy to a fascist provocation—97 comrades were sentenced to 1300 years of jail! In November 1927, a young worker and his sweetheart were condemned to 36 years of imprisonment for having leaflets in their possession. In

April of this year comrades Vignocchi, Spinelli and Parodi were sentenced to 52 years for having taken part in an illegal meeting. A few days before three Communists, Chini, Grilli and Morellato were sentenced to seven years each for "inciting people to revolt."

How Fascism Works.
These few instances, taken from tens of others, eloquently prove how fascist courts work and without what anger and insane brutality they condemn those who show the least opposition to the Mussolini regime. Even those who speak of Mussolini must be careful lest they do not go to jail as Ricci Timoteo, a worker, who was sentenced to four years and one month for "lack of respect in mentioning the Duce."

Simply enough, Mussolini tries to violently suppress the rising voices of opposition. And he also tries to divert the attention of the public with choreographical proclamations, with "fascist tours" as the one recently organized in Milan where 10,000 workers were forced to go to Rome to listen to a speech of Mussolini under threat of being fired from their factories and with a typical system of provocations.

Any one who is acquainted with the fascist and their methods knows of their elaborate artistry as "agent provocateurs." We recall, a proposal, the case of the agent Quaglia in connection with the Zaniboni "plot"; the scandal of Ricciotti Garibaldi in France (where the fascist police had instructed their agent to organize pseudo plots) and the murder of the fascist agent Savorelli in Paris used in order to compel the French government to extradict all anti-fascisti

to Italy where they would have been well taken care of.

A New "Plot."
Now, we have the "Milan plot," a new pretext for terrorism. Hundreds of workers have been arrested. We have been informed by cable that the trial will take place on May 28 or even earlier. No witnesses will be allowed for the defendants. Numerous death sentences have been prom-

Fascist Terror Victim



Gastone Sozzi, Italian left wing labor leader, murdered by fascist police in Milan under Mussolini's orders.

ised. For the occasion, the headquarters of the special fascist tribunal have been transferred to Milan.

One of the arrested for the Milan bomb was comrade Carlo Riva. After a week of his arrest, the papers reported that "Carlo Riva had committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell" in the prison of Genoa. As with Sozzi's body, the fascisti also refused an autopsy for Riva.

Murdered By Fascists.
No, Sozzi and Riva did not commit suicide! They, as Communists who still had faith in the proletariat, would have never eliminated themselves from the fight. They were killed by the fascisti after being tortured.

Yet these are not isolated cases. The fate of numerous comrades is still unknown to us and to their families. Among these are the student Martellanz, the former secretary of the Chamber of Labor of Treviso, Ghidetti, the school teacher Betti, the workers Monfrini and Tepasso and Azzario who was arrested in Panama in 1927 by order of the fascist government and was to be extradicted to Italy.

Demand Their Release.
Public opinion demands that the fate of these workers be known!

Public opinion demands that the fascist atrocities be stopped!

Public opinion demands that the 6000 political prisoners among whom are hundreds of women and children (12 women have already given birth to their infants in dark, pestilential cells, deprived of every medical assistance) be released at once!

And not only public opinion: It is our conscience as workers, as

brothers, as comrades that makes these imperative demands.

We also demand that the Milan trial be conducted in the open, that ample opportunity be given to the defendants to prove their innocence. We demand that a committee of liberals be permitted to investigate the conditions of the political prisoners on the spot.

We can not allow the further slaughtering of workers!

The American proletariat must join the international protest against the new wave of fascist terror.

Labor Defense Active.

The International Labor Defense has taken up the cry of the innumerable victims of fascism and has instructed all its supporters to promote protest demonstrations and to energetically and actively participate in this new anti-fascist campaign. As part of the campaign, the International Labor Defense has issued special stamps with pictures of Matteotti and Sozzi. These stamps must be largely used and circulated.

In a special appeal to the American workers, written for the June issue of the Labor Defender, Henri Barbusse concludes:

"Only one thing can make them (the fascisti) reply, one thing alone can force them to halt and to retreat. And that thing is the great avenging voice of the outraged public opinion of mankind."

Let the voices of the world proletariat ring in the ears of Mussolini and his henchmen and let them encourage our comrades who in spite of the fascist terror—are still in the front, fighting for the liberation of the Italian workers and peasants.

The Yellow Forward, Rev. Thomas, and James Maurer

By PAUL NOVICK.
(Continued).

The editorial deals with the miners' conference which was held at Pittsburgh at the beginning of this month, and like a good disciple of Matthew Woll it raises the cry of "Communism" and "Moscow." Let us quote a few paragraphs.

"The Communist Party of America—the Forward begins—has suddenly become busy again. After the Communist agents had for a few years been active solely among the Jewish workers and have for that period succeeded in destroying and ruining a few of the most beautiful and progressive Jewish unions, they now decided to get busy in the 'gentile' unions. In Moscow they finally realized that solely with the Jewish workers of New York and Chicago it is impossible to create a Communist revolution in America; that for a revolution in America they must have not only the Jewish tailors, but also the non-Jewish workers of the big industries of the country, and Moscow therefore has ordered the American Communists to start organizing the real American workers for the Communist revolution" (Our emphasis).

"Progressive" Lewis.
Here the editorial goes on to explain how progressive the miners' union is, and that "among the officers and active workers of the miners' union there are very many progressive trade unionists." The editorial would have readers believe that these progressive elements are with the Lewis machine. And Lewis

himself, although he belongs to the Republican Party, the Forward says, is not such a bad fellow:

"In pure trade union questions Lewis is not any more conservative than other American trade union leaders. In any case, Lewis is an energetic man and the majority of the members of the union seem to have confidence in him, since at all conventions of the union and at all referendums Lewis has been elected with an enormous majority."
It is hardly necessary to point out the hypocrisy of these lines. The "energy" and the "majorities" of the Lewis machine are well known. Let us get back to "Moscow."

The editorial of the Forward concludes as follows:

Attacks Soviet Union.
"There is no doubt that the Communists have suddenly become active in the miners' districts, because there it is easier for them to incite the workers, and meanwhile it will be possible to keep up the bluff before Moscow that the Communists are active in the struggle of the miners. And there is also no doubt that among the 'progressive miners,' that have suddenly become the standard bearers of Communism in America, there are a good number of Pinkerton detectives, that are paid by the mine companies for their revolutionary work."
This contemptible propaganda against "Moscow," which is "ordering" its "agents" in America to stir up "revolution" among the miners, can very well be compared with any kind of propaganda against the Soviet Union, emanating either from the Civic Federation, Key Men of America, or the D. A. R. And this kind

of propaganda is unanimously acknowledged as "good socialist work" by a convention which so hypocritically demanded that "Moscow" be recognized? Mr. Kellogg needs only point out to the editorial of the Forward of April 8, 1928.

And this is how the good socialist paper and the mouthpiece of Mr. Thomas regards the struggle of the miners to free themselves from the corrupt and murderous Lewis machine that has been the undoing of their once powerful union and the source of their misery and suffering. This struggle, according to the slanders of the yellow socialist sheet, is paid by the companies and is led by Pinkerton detectives.

Could the agents of the Mellons themselves have concocted anything more devilish against the movement that threatens to break their deadly grip on the miners and their families?

Some Facts.

Mr. Norman Thomas is a contributing editor to the liberal magazine, The Nation. In the issue of that magazine of April 25 there appeared an article on the Pittsburgh "Save-the-Union" Conference. In that article we read that the delegation of over 1100 men represented "a majority of the coal miners, organized and unorganized, in North America." There we also read that John L. Lewis has been so "energetic" that he has drawn for the past six months \$11,093 from the union treasury in salaries and expenses, at a time when the miners are getting one dollar per week from the union—"when they get it," as the writer of the Nation adds. He also tells us that the Save-the-Union Committee is headed by

such men as John Brophy, "Tony" Minerich, John W. Watt, Pat Toohey, and Powers Haggood, whose aim it is to oust the Lewis leadership "as a prelude to more extended union activity." Does the contributing editor of the Nation agree with this article, or does he think that the activities of the Save the Union Committee were ordered from Moscow and that those miners who are Communists are "Pinkerton detectives"? Has he any grounds for such serious accusations? Does he, as well as Maurer, believe that the Forward was right in its statement of April 2 that "A Jewish Businessman, a Barber and Jewish Communists Are Delegates to the Conference of 'Progressive Miners'?" If so, how could they represent a majority of the coal miners?

Forward, Agent of Lewis.

Does not this touch an issue most vital to the labor movement? Did not the Forward act here as an agent of the Lewis machine and as an agent-provocator both against the Soviet government and against those progressive miners who believe in Communism?

But the "decent" socialists do not mind all this. They gave the Forward a carte blanche. The S. P. convention indorsed that contemptible paper unanimously.

We could go back another week and quote the editorial of the Forward of Sunday, April 1, on "The Truth About the Red Militarism" (this type of editorial seems to be the regular Sunday sermon of the good socialist paper). That editorial, just as the editorial on the miners' situation, surpasses what the New York Times could have said on that subject. But, as we said at the start, it is super-

fluous to touch upon the stand of the Forward towards the Soviet Government. There is no limit to what the Forward can stoop to here. The paper for instance maintains a special agent in Berlin who supplies it with cables about "Moscow" which the Chicago Tribune, for example, would always welcome. The Forward also maintains a special force here to gather all news items regarding the crimes appearing in the Soviet press. A collection of such news is presented to the reader every Saturday, as a depiction of life in the Soviet Union (imagine how American life would look if any European paper would give its readers nothing but the crime news of any American big city).

Hypocritical Action.

If the socialist party were either socialist or a party, it would have denounced the Forward long ago. This would have been the duty of a real party towards a yellow, reactionary and Soviet-baiting paper which is identifying itself, and is being identified, with the socialist cause. But instead of denouncing the Forward the socialist convention passed a resolution commending it for its "good socialist activity," accepting it as its organ, and Mr. Thomas, its standard bearer, uses it as his mouthpiece. Here the socialists stand exposed. By adopting that resolution they openly declared that the Forward expresses their opinions and their policies. By adopting that resolution they have identified themselves with that paper and have therefore branded themselves as Soviet-baiters, as supporters of John L. Lewis and all that is reactionary in the American labor movement.