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2,500 OIL WORKERS WALK OUT IN BAYONNE, N. J.

STRIKE IS A MASS PROTEST AGAINST SPEED-UP SYSTEM

Movement May Spread to Standard Oil

(Special to The Daily Worker) BAYONNE, N. J., May 17.—Over 2,500 unorganized workers in the refineries of the Tidewater Oil Co., at Constance Hook, Bayonne, have gone out on a spontaneous strike in protest against the inhuman speed-up and slave conditions imposed on the oil workers by the Tidewater firm. Prior to the strike, the workers were all members of a company controlled union. The strike is expected to spread to the Standard Oil plants, employing over 5,000 men.

The strike was called at 4.30 p. m. on Wednesday, when 55 still men in Crude Still No. 1 walked out. The strike was directly precipitated by the action of the Tidewater firm in discharging John Rooney, a veteran pumpman, without a hearing before the Workers Council, composed of twelve men representing the workers and twelve representing the Tidewater. Over 500 workers joined the strike on the midnight shift. Twelve hundred workers who came to work yesterday morning refused to report when they were met at the gates by a strike committee and informed of the strike decision. The only men at work yesterday were 200 salaried employees.

Complaints that the Works Council was nothing but a blind for the company's action in repeatedly doubling the speed-up have been made by the workers frequently. Among the contributing causes to the strike were the action of the Tidewater in demoting old employees, nearly eligible for a pension, to jobs for which greatly reduced wages were paid, thus enabling the company to cut the pension and also the institution of a terrific speed-up by laying off many thousands of workers, forcing each of the remaining workers to do the work of two or more; and the maintenance of a stool-pigeon system.

STATES ELECTING THEIR DELEGATES

Anthracite to Choose Representatives

ATLANTA, Ga., May 17.—For the first time in the history of the Workers (Communist) Party a Communist state convention will be held in Georgia. On Monday delegates from all over the state will gather in Atlanta to nominate a state ticket and to elect delegates to the National Nominating Convention of the Party in New York City May 25. The delegates will receive the instructions of the state party on nominations for president and vice-president of the United States.

This is the first time the Workers Party has gone so far below the Mason and Dixon line in an organized campaign. A feature of the state convention will be the presence of a delegation of Negro miners from Alabama. The delegation came here to stimulate miners' relief, in which the Party has been active in Georgia and Alabama.

China, Nicaragua. The National Nominating Convention, which will open with a mass meeting at Mecca Temple on May 25, will outline a program of working-class struggle against American imperialism in China and against Wall Street's war in Nicaragua, the national office of the Workers (Communist) Party announced yesterday. The big auditorium will be turned into a place of demonstration in support of the toiling masses of China and Nicaragua in the struggle for freedom.

Anthracite Elects Delegates. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 17.—Workers (Communist) Party units in the anthracite sub-district will send delegates to a nominating conference at 206 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre Tuesday, May 27th at 7 p. m. The purpose of the conference will be to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held at Philadelphia on Thursday, May 24th and to the National Convention in New York City on May 25th.

Centralia Victim



Eugene Barnett, shown in the picture, is one of the victims of American oligarchy at Centralia. He is in Walla Walla, Wash., jail, serving a sentence of from 20 to 40 years. Barnett was not in the Wobly hall at the time of the attack but was seized in his home. A rifle, planted outside the town, was used as evidence to convict him. The story is on page 2.

Judge Is Kind to Would-be Killers of Fur Leader

"This is an American court! You fellows who don't believe in God can't make speeches in my court!" With this and similar remarks Judge Mulqueen in the Court of General Sessions yesterday began his continuous attempt to intimidate the witnesses testifying against the two hired thugs, on trial for murderously assaulting Aaron Gross, left wing leader of the furriers' strike of 1927.

Judge Aids Right Wing. After repeated interruptions of Gross, and the other three witnesses while they were giving their testimony as eye-witnesses of the brutal attack, Mulqueen made it clear to the attorney of the gangsters that he would be receptive to a motion to dismiss. He granted the motion when Samuel Markewitz, lawyer for the right wing fake fur union, quickly took advantage of the judge's friendly assistance.

The continued interjections made by the judge were so full of hatred against labor and especially the left wing, that the district attorney was moved to protest against his discriminatory tactics.

All of this was in vain, however. After the four witnesses against Meyer Freedman and Abe Cohen, the two thugs, had been rapidly disposed of by the judge who conducted a

CITY OFFICIALS

GRAFT \$200,000,000

Spandal Spreads to All Boroughs

Padded payrolls, showing fictitious names and addresses on a scale hitherto unsuspected, graft and corruption extending into every borough of the city and reaching totals which will exceed \$200,000,000 were yesterday disclosed in connection with the investigations of the Street Cleaning Department.

Payroll padding graft rings in the Manhattan division of the Street Cleaning Department on a vastly larger scale than those disclosed in the Bronx will shortly be exposed, it was learned yesterday. Full responsibility for the huge looting enterprises by the politicians of Tammany Hall was put up to Commissioner of the Street Cleaning Department, Alfred A. Taylor, who is believed to be the man "higher-up," now referred to as "the directing genius" of the graft ring.

Attacks upon Commissioner Taylor came from a number of sources but the most direct charge emanated strangely, it might seem, from Controller Berry himself, who declared: "The head of the department should

Kuomintang War Lords Push Their Way to Peking Call to Action Is Issued By National Cloak Committee

FIGHT FOR UNION CONDITIONS NOW TAKES NEW FORM

Militant Leaders Issue Statement

The following statement was issued yesterday by the National Organization Committee of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to rebuild the union:

"Brothers and Sisters! "Cloakmakers, Dressmakers and all other members of the I. L. G. W. U.!" "The time has come when we must begin to rebuild our shattered union, and with united ranks we must go forth to struggle against the exploitation of the bosses. The time has come to reestablish union control in the shops and to improve our living conditions.

"The self-crowned leaders of the International are opposed to a united Union that will serve the interests of the workers. They want a 'company union' where the bosses will be the sole dictators of the shops. These bureaucrats have called together an assembly of their own henchmen in Boston which they term a convention.

"We, the representatives of the rank and file have from the very first placed little hope in Sigman's convention. Nevertheless, we came to Boston because we desired to unite the Union, to propose plans for construction work, and raise our organization out of the morass into which it was sunk by the Sigman regime to the great misfortune of the thousands and thousands of workers.

"But the International cliques have remained true to themselves to the very end. The Sigman, Dubinsky, Ninfo and Schlesinger cliques, who constituted the so-called convention, have surrounded themselves with a cordon of several hundred policemen who not only kept vigil over the union bureaucrats but also served as their credential committee. Just as the police one year ago surrounded the Boston prison when Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered, so did the police surround the meeting hall where sat the International cliques with their henchmen; and just as one year ago they drove away every worker whose heart bled for the fate of the innocent martyrs, so every representative of the workers who came to speak in the name of the vast masses was driven from the hall.

"The so-called convention has once more demonstrated that the workers cannot expect anything from the clique of union bureaucrats. The so-called convention did not take a single earnest step to unite the workers and improve their lives. All their time was spent in a mad scramble for power and jobs between the various groups. In their attacks on each other they were compelled to admit that the Union was ruined, that the conditions

WORKING WOMEN TO MEET TOMORROW

Weisbord to Urge Union of Forces for Industrial Struggle

ALBERT WEISBORD, whose experiences in the Passaic strike are once more being repeated in the struggle of 23,000 striking textile workers in New Bedford, will be the main speaker at the conference Saturday at 2 p. m. at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

The meeting, called to organize the New York Working Women's Federation, will give special emphasis to issues in the textile center and to the intense struggle in the mine fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio, where thousands of workingclass women have been a backbone of support to the miners, braving police brutalities, tear gas bombs, jail terms, hunger and cold, to save the miners from destruction by the coal operators and union reactionaries.

The Textile Committee of New Bedford, fighting for the demands of 27,000 unorganized workers, 40% of whom are women and girls, throws into the foreground further proof of

It Drives Bosses Frantic; Strikers' Children Singing in Street



Children of the New Bedford textile strikers have taken an active part in the struggle of their parents against the bosses. Marching thru the streets in strike demonstrations, the children, under the direction of the Textile Mill Committees and the Workers' International Relief, have done much to keep up the firm spirit of their parents. This picture which shows a group of them singing, is by courtesy of the New Bedford Evening Standard.

WORKERS TO FILL SQUARE FOR KUN

Workers Party Urges Mass Attendance

Tomorrow at 1 p. m. in Union Square thousands of New York workers will join with their fellow workers throughout the world in demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Bela Kun, Hungarian Communist leader, who is now held prisoner by the Austrian government.

The arrest of Bela Kun and his threatened extradition into the bloody hands of the Horthy-Bethlen regime of Hungary, where certain death awaits him, has aroused tremendous resentment among workers in every part of the globe. Protest meetings in various countries have thus far succeeded in preventing the Austrian government from turning over the leader of the Hungarian workers to the Hungarian fascists.

The meeting will be the largest of its kind since the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations in Union Square last year. The New York section of the International Labor Defense, under whose auspices it is being held, has distributed thousands of leaflets and appealed thru numerous other channels to the workers of New York to join in the movement to prevent the murder of Bela Kun by attending the mass demonstration in Union Square.

The release of Bela Kun will be demanded by many prominent leaders of the working class, who will speak in rotation from three platforms. The speakers will include Jay Lovestone, James P. Cannon, William W. Wein-

WORKING WOMEN TO MEET TOMORROW

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ALBERT WEISBORD.

Amalgamated Officials Issue Tin Whistles

(Special to The Daily Worker) CINCINNATI, O., May 17.—A more complete picture of the transformation of a former militant trade union into a close resemblance to an ordinary company union would be difficult to obtain than the convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, now in session here.

A resolution calling for the abolition of the vicious piece work system from all the markets, another calling for the establishment of the speed up system by the establishment of a maximum standard of production, and a third asking that steps be taken to obtain guarantees of 38 weeks' work a year went down to defeat without the voice of a single delegate raised in defense of them. The first was defeated outright. The others were killed by reference to the local Joint Boards.

Manager Chairman of the Rochester Joint Board, chairman of the resolutions committee, reported that the committee recommended these progressive measures be defeated by the convention.

After Sidney Hillman, president of the A. C. W., had declared that the workers cannot demand something the employers cannot give, he asked: "Can you demand checks of one who has no money in the bank?" The convention then voted down the resolutions. The only remedy for all our ills, Hillman said, is the various insurance schemes proposed.

The action taken on these vital

EIGHT DENTAL STRIKERS HELD

100% Out Tomorrow, Is Union Expectation

Eight pickets of the striking Dental Laboratory Workers' Union were arrested in Brooklyn yesterday, the second day of the general strike of more than 1,000 dental mechanics.

These workers were arrested while picketing the dental laboratories of Bernard Krasnoff, 1045 St. John's Place, and the Berger Laboratory, 1111 St. John's Place, both in Brooklyn. They were charged with disorderly conduct and attempted breaking in, and were paroled to appear in the Gates Ave. Court at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The strikers arrested are: R. Sternggseld, M. Poag, A. Schneider, W. Boeppicher, H. Flynn, H. Brodie, H. Wagner, and K. Daub.

The workers demand a 44-hour week, time and a half for overtime, and the setting of a definite minimum wage scale. Picketing of the laboratories still open is being extended by the strikers.

According to a statement issued at the headquarters of the Dental Laboratory Workers' Union yesterday, more laboratories have closed and joined the strike. By tomorrow it is expected that a 100 per cent clean sweep of all the shops in the city will have been achieved.

CANNON TALKS ON FRAME-UP TONIGHT

Expect Big Attendance at Irving Plaza

The intense days of the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration will be described by James P. Cannon, secretary of the International Labor Defense, at a lecture on this case and other frame-ups at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., at 8 p. m. tonight. The lecture, arranged by the New York Section of the I. L. D., 799 Broadway, will review the entire history of the American frame-up system, beginning with the Haymarket martyrs and including the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone, Mooney-Billings and Sacco-Vanzetti cases and the trial of Greco and DiLillo. In each instance he will point to the background of the class struggle that gave rise to the frame-ups and point out their significance to the American workers.

Juliet Stuart Poyntz will preside. In addition to the lecture, a three months' subscription to the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense, will be given free with each ticket of admission.

WORKER-PEASANT ARMY TAKES CITY IN CANTON DRIVE

Japanese Imperialists Rush Troops

SHANGHAI, May 17.—The vanguard of the Shansi troops, cooperating with General Chiang Kai-shek, is reported to have reached the town of Chang Sin-tin, seven miles southwest of Peking. According to the official news agency of the Nanking regime, the Shansi troops took the city of Paotingfu, eighty miles south of Peking, Monday and Chochow, fifty miles further north, several days later.

TOKYO May 17.—Preparations to "protect its interests" in Manchuria as well as to increase the Japanese military forces at Peking and Tientsin were made by the Japanese Government today.

A squadron of airplanes has been ordered to proceed from Japan to Tientsin, while a brigade of infantry which had been sent from Dairen to Shantung on May 4th was ordered to return to Manchuria.

The Japanese Government has made it clear that it will not permit the Kuomintang armies, under generals Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang to enter Manchuria.

LONDON, May 17.—The advance guard of the Kuomintang army was reported only seven miles southwest of Peking and ready to enter the suburbs, according to a despatch received here from Peking tonight.

EVIDENCE PILES UP ON AL SMITH

Contributors Connected With Traction

While backers of the Al Smith boom yesterday congratulating themselves on the favorable impression which they believe was created by the testimony of contributors to his campaign slush fund before the senate committee at Washington, Wednesday, evidence continued to pile up of the responsibility by the Tammany Hall candidate for the fare steal now being worked out by the traction interests. Another contender for favor from the "public" has in the meantime stepped forward.

Seeking to capitalize for his own political purposes some of the campaign propaganda broadcasted for Smith by the senate committee which has so well prepared the ground for the purchase of the presidency by either Smith or Hoover, Representative LaGuardia, yesterday sent a letter to Al Smith offering to "cooperate" with the Morgan candidate in fighting the federal courts which have granted the increase.

La Guardia a "Socialist." La Guardia is a former socialist, now a republican who without any change of aim or method, may again, it is believed, join with his "comrades" in the socialist party. Other reports state he is seeking the nomination for mayor on the republican ticket.

On his part, Mayor Walker indicated his determination to go through with his purpose of blocking any and all methods by which the fare steal may yet be prevented. To any offer by the National Surety Company to furnish a \$5,000,000 bond which the city may post as security against an immediate fare increase, the mayor replied that the offer was unacceptable inasmuch as he has been advised that it is "illegal." No one has yet definitely explained why this in face of the fact that the city is now permitting the traction interests to borrow millions of dollars under conditions which virtually amount to borrowing on city credit, a plain violation of the city charter.

# Centralia Class War Prisoners Appeal for Unity in Fight for Their Release

## WANT ALL LABOR GROUPS TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN

### Demand Cessation of All Controversies

The Centralia prisoners, serving sentences of 25 to 40 years on a frame-up murder charge at the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington, have addressed, through International Labor Defense, an appeal to the labor movement everywhere to organize a mass protest movement to effect their release from prison. The statement reads in part as follows:

"For some time we have been pleading with our friends and fellow workers for a united campaign for our release. We want a movement as broad, or even broader, than the labor movement—in short, we want the support of every man, woman and child who loves justice, or hates injustice; and whether they be laborer or banker, saint or sinner, we not only welcome their support, but beg for it. We feel that we have a right to do so, for we are entirely innocent of any crime and are only here because of our efforts to better the lot of the working class.

#### Fought For Workers.

"It seems now that our pleadings for a united campaign for our release are about to bear fruit and we want to beg all factions of the labor movement to forget their factional differences and pull together for our release. Our case is not factional. We are here for the whole working class. We are being persecuted solely because we are workers. We were singled out for special persecution because the lumber trust—the industrial masters of this state—saw in us the embodiment of the workers' ideals, and sought to make an example of us that would chill the hearts of the workers and instill in their minds a fear that would make it forever impossible to organize them for the betterment of their conditions.

#### Want United Front.

"We want the support and co-operation of all elements in a united movement for our release. We not only welcome and appreciate the help and support of the I. L. D. but we have begged for it; just as we have begged for, and welcome and appreciate the support of all other elements of the working class who devote themselves to our cause.

"We want all to understand that we who have given the best years of our lives for the workers' cause, have a right to ask unity of effort and a cessation of all controversies, and that all Labor show solidarity in a glorious and triumphant campaign for our release.

(Signed) Eugene Barnett, No. 9414, James McInerney, No. 9410, O. C. Bland, No. 9409; Bert Bland, No. 9411, John Lamb, No. 9412, Loren Roberts, No. 9100.

## MILLINERS FORCE FIRMS TO YIELD

### Local 43 Gains in Fight on Zaritsky

Another one of the millinery manufacturers who lent assistance to the attempt of the right wing in the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Union to destroy Women's Local 43, because of its progressive policies, learned that militant picketing demonstrations are a very powerful argument against lockouts, when the Biaritz Hat Co., 29 W. 36th St., was forced to take back to work the girls it had locked out for refusing to obey the bosses' order to abandon their own organization and register in the right wing Local 24.

The attempted dissolution of the local was made by the clique controlled general executive board under the slogan of a fake amalgamation scheme.

While the struggle against the union wreckers is going on in full force on the picket lines, the militant union leadership has by no means neglected to carry on a similar fight within the frame-work of the union.

#### Blockers To Hear Local 42 Case.

A committee from Local 43, after presenting their case in a visit to the executive board of Blockers' Local 42, succeeded in gaining the permission of that local to appeal to a blockers' membership meeting for backing in their fight against the Zaritsky clique. The Local 42 board did this despite express instructions to the contrary telegraphed by Zaritsky.

The Local 42 executive board decided to allow the appeal to its membership, and at the same time told Zaritsky that he could also come to the meeting and defend his viewpoint. The committee from the women's local gladly accepted this opportunity to face Zaritsky. The committee to appear before the meeting is composed of Gladys Schechter, leader of the local, Frieda Fraidis, organizer, Ida Kreichmal and Gussie Rosen, executive board members.

## Fire Trap Tenement



The picture shows the fire-trap at 1632 Madison Ave., where two women were burned to death when fire blazed thru the building. The cross marks the top-floor room where the flames trapped the women.

## EVIDENCE PILES UP ON AL SMITH

### All Donors Associated With Traction

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lation of Section 8 Article 10 of the New York State constitution.

#### Further Exposures.

Further disclosures yesterday as to the character of the contributors to the Smith campaign slush fund and as to their reasons for making "gifts" of such sums as \$70,000 revealed that in practically every instance these donors are connected with the Morgan interests which are seeking to put over the so-called "unification" plan on the city.

In addition to William F. Kenny who admitted that he owns thousands of shares of Third Avenue traction stock, it was disclosed that Herbert Lehman, a banker who contributed \$12,000 is likewise connected with the traction interests. On the stand Lehman testified that he was not an owner of traction stock. This is not a deliberate act of perjury it is at least next to it. The firm of bankers of which Lehman is a partner at 16 Williams St. and his brother Robert, a member of the firm is the owner of such stocks. Robert Lehman is a director of the New York Railways Corporation which owns considerable of the New York surface lines. He is also a director of the Yellow Truck and Coach Manufacturing Company of Chicago which is a Morgan controlled firm.

James J. Riordan, another of the large contributors to the Smith slush fund, formerly director of the U. S. Trucking Corporation, a Morgan controlled \$12,000,000 concern in which Al Smith for a time held the position as chairman of the board of directors, is now a director of the County Trust company. Other directors of this bank, likewise controlled by the Morgan interests, are Vincent Astor large owner of Interborough stock and John J. Raskob, a director of the General Motors and the Dupont firm, both Morgan controlled. When Raskob returned from Europe recently, Al Smith found it necessary to meet him at the pier for reasons not yet definitely revealed. Another director of this Morgan bank is the same Herbert Lehman who testified that he had no interests in the traction issue. Lehman was also the manager of the 1926 Smith campaign, a fact which connects Smith directly with the Morgan interests.

Van Namee, now manager of the Smith campaign and who according to his own admissions received the money in cash from the other contributors is chairman of the up state public service commission. The law forbids public service commissioners from having such connections with utilities or directors of utilities. In 1916 four public service commissioners were removed for similar activities. Al Smith knows this, of course, because he was in the Albany assembly at the time. He is now playing the game of the traction interests entirely in the open, confident that the plans are well laid. Thus far he has said nothing against the plan to put over an increased fare and a huge unification deal.

## STATE DELEGATES PREPARE FOR BIG CONVENTION HERE

### Negro Leader Endorses Communist Program

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tional Nominating Convention which takes place in New York on May 25.

#### Negro Leader Greets Meet.

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—John H. Owens, leading Negro Communist among the poor farmers in California, has sent in his endorsement of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party which will open in New York, Macca Temple, May 25. Comrade Owen himself is a cotton picker and has done valuable work in organizing the cotton pickers and poor cotton farmers in that section of the country.

#### Virginia Convention Success.

NORFOLK, Va., May 17.—The Virginia State Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party met here Sunday, May 13 at Workmen's Circle Hall to place electors on the ballot for the coming presidential elections and to perfect arrangements for a vigorous campaign.

## URGE ATTENDANCE AT BELA KUN MEET

### District 2 Issues Statement

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stone, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Carl Tresca, Richard Moore, Bert Miller Martin Abern, D. Benjamin, Nicola Napoli, John L. Sherman, Louis Koves, Robert W. Dunn, Hugo Gellert, Emery Balint, Antonio Wechsler, Gustav Mayer, S. Biederman, Malch Epstein, P. Pascal Grosogro, M. A. Taft and Harold Brown.

#### Calling upon all class conscious

New York workers to make the Bela Kun protest meeting a mighty mass demonstration, the Executive Committee of District 2, of the Workers (Communist) Party yesterday issued the following statement:

"The bloody hand of the hangmen of Horthy has reached out in an effort to snuff out the life of our comrade, Bela Kun. The Horthy government, in collusion with the bourgeois Seipel government of Austria, is seeking to murder Bela Kun in order to strike a blow at the rising workers' and peasants' movement of Hungary. "Bela Kun signifies to the bourgeoisie the spirit of the Soviet Union of Hungary, of unflinching and dogged struggle for the overthrow of the rule of the bourgeoisie. Bela Kun signifies to fascist Hungary everything that means its doom. To the working class he expresses the spirit of the struggle for the establishment of the labor movement of Hungary as a Soviet country.

"In demanding the release of Bela Kun, we fight against the fascism of Hungary, of Italy, of Poland, the terror in Germany and England and in the United States. In demanding the freedom of Bela Kun, we are struggling against the spirit of imperialist reaction which throws workers into jail, denies them the right to strike, issues injunctions against them, establishes a reign of terror such as is now going on in the struggle of the miners and which is an everyday occurrence in the attempts of the working class to maintain their unions, to organize the unorganized, and to establish better working conditions.

"Workers of New York: Come out on Saturday, in masses, to Union Square to demand immediate and unconditional release of your fellow worker, Bela Kun!

"Let the masses of New York demand an end to the reign of terror against the militant champions of the interests of the working class!

"Let us demand the right of free speech and assemblage and the end to rule by injunctions and police terror!

"All as one! Make Union Square ring out with the demand for the immediate unconditional release of Bela Kun!"

## THE FAT BOYS LOVE "AL"—NATURALLY

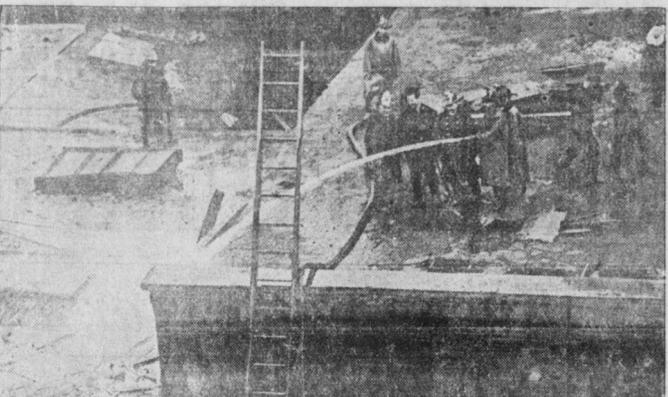
### Four Millionaires Sob in Senate as Tale of Passion is Bared

THE fat boys love Al and they make no bones about it. Al has a sweet disposition. He's always treated them right.

Yesterday four of the fat boys, worth in aggregate more than \$100,000,000, gave the Senate Fund Committee touching descriptions of their affection for Al.

"I love him," said William H. Todd, millionaire shipbuilder, suppressing a sob, "and I'd give all I

## Workers Imperilled At Jersey Pottery Fire



A three alarm fire at the two-story pottery of the J. H. Gautier and Co., at Essex and Greene St., Jersey City endangered the lives of a number of workers. The picture shows the building, an old fire trap. Great clouds of smoke poured from the windows smothering the men and making the work of the firemen extremely difficult.

## CLOAK COMMITTEE ISSUES ACTION CALL

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of the workers are intolerable and that they themselves have brought the workers to the edge of the abyss which threatens to engulf them.

"The responsible union representatives, chosen by the rank and file, realized that the hour for action has struck. A conference was called of all elements who want to unite the ranks of the workers and rebuild the union. The conference met with immediate response. Even these elements, who hitherto had believed in the possibility of a settlement with the Sigman machine, were finally convinced that the only way to build the union is to unite all the active and constructive forces, and they were drawn into the work.

"On Wednesday, May 9, 1928, the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of their union. A wave of enthusiasm gripped the conference, as well as the mass of the membership who have followed its proceedings. A resolute decision, as firm and unyielding as steel, rose in the hearts of all. We can and will rebuild our union. We can and will curb the domination of the bosses in the shops. We can and will improve our daily lives and cease to be slaves. We can make sacrifices. We are accustomed to sacrifice. But the union will live and flourish!

#### Begin At Bottom.

"In the name of this conference, we call to you, brothers and sisters! The time has come when we alone, all of us, shall take up the struggle. We must begin from the very foundation, from the shops. In every shop the workers must organize themselves immediately and choose shop representatives, shop chairmen and shop committees. Get to work at once! Arrange shop meetings—elect shop chairmen—and wherever you have no shop representatives or where the clique has forced its supporters on you, act like organized warriors. Establish everywhere the motto: "One for all and all for one."

The shop chairmen of every city will be united in a shop chairman's council, which will serve as our direct contact with the workers in the shops. The shop chairmen's councils elected and controlled by the workers themselves must be the foundation on which our organization will rest. In every city we will organize a special organization committee that will take in the largest possible number of active rank and filers. The organization committees will work hand in hand with the National Organization Committee. The object of the organization committee will be to immediately get to work in organizing the open cloak and dress shops, and to establish union conditions everywhere.

"Workers! Brothers and sisters! Take up the work. Enough disintegration—enough helplessness—enough freedom for the exploiters. We must rebuild our union everywhere, in the large as well as the small centers, in the large as well as the small shops. Thru our organized power we can accomplish amazing results. Single-handed we are helpless.

"We must re-establish the 40-hour week which we have won thru our sacrifices in the strike of 1926. The Sigman pogrom has made it impossible for us to enjoy the fruits of our victory, and so long as either Sigman, Schlesinger or any other representative of the clique will be in power, they will sabotage our struggle for the 40-hour week. Only we, the workers alone, thru our organized power can regain this victory. We must re-establish the minimum scale of wages which the bosses together with the

Sigman clique have reduced to naught. We must take up a militant struggle against the contracting and sweat-shop systems which have spread like an epidemic during the pogrom period. We must fight against the speed-up system and the standard of production that reduces us to mere automatons. We must re-establish week work in our entire industry. We must re-establish the unemployment insurance fund on a basis where the funds will be under the control of the workers themselves. "The industry must once more be placed under union control. We must see to it that every cloak and dressmaker should earn a decent livelihood in the industry." Sigman, like the steel king, Mr. Schwab, the Abe Cahns and the Lewises, declares that there are too many workers.

#### Urge Industrial Union.

Sigman says that we must get rid of a large number of cloakmakers. We say that the unemployment of the cloak and dressmakers comes primarily from the fact that the workers are compelled to slave 70 and 80 hours per week under a hurry-up system.

"We must unite with all unions in the needle trades in order to build a mighty industrial union that will stand up against the united power of the bosses and lead the workers from victory to victory. We must go hand in hand with the heroic striking workers and all others that are fighting in an open struggle against the exploitation of the capitalists and their servants—these agents of the capitalists who break our strikes and bring misery and starvation to the workers and their families who are fighting in the class war against capitalism. We must remember that the struggle on the economic field is not enough; that the workers must have their own labor party to defend their interests on the political field.

#### Victory Certain.

"It is years and years since the strenuous struggle of the militant, constructive elements in our union against the traitors and agents of the bosses has been on. It is 19 months that the pogrom carried on by the Sigman regime with the help of the police, spies, provocators, courts, prisons and guerillas, has been on. The pogrom, however, has not obscured the class consciousness of the rank and file. The terror has been weaker, more insignificant, more pitiable than ever before. The workers are not with them. It has lost the last vestige of respect from every decent union man. Such pillars of the machine as Ninfo, Breslau and Dubinsky have openly confessed the bankruptcy of the clique. They have admitted on the floor of the convention that they have broken the union and wiped out union conditions.

#### Fake Manifesto.

"They hoped, however, thru a fake manifesto to make their last desperate effort to fool and mislead the workers. This plan of the International cliques to cajole the expelled members into their ranks is the best demonstration that the cliques have till now failed to get the adherence of the workers and that they are forced to devise new methods. Their fake manifestos, however, will fail them just as they have failed with their reign of terrorism which they employed in order to drive the workers into their 'company union.' "Together, with united ranks we will go forward to the building of a better union, to union control, improved conditions, to more freedom and a better life.

"Brothers and sisters! Registered

## UNION OFFICIALS ISSUE WHISTLES

### Delegates At Cincinnati Muzzled

(Continued from page one)

problems is characteristic of the entire convention. No delegate dares to speak on vital questions. Up to the present not a single delegate has taken the floor.

The delegates are surrounded by so-called guests who are managers and other paid officials from every locality. The "guests" speak and rule the convention while the delegates look on. Apathy and fear predominate, the delegates fearing to take the floor.

#### To Create Spirit.

The convention drags without any enthusiasm. Attempts artificially to create spirit thru distribution of tin whistles, gavel, bells and automobile horns do not help greatly, altho the delegates dutifully follow instructions and create noise.

Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary of the union, reporting for the general executive board, made his usual type of talk. He claimed credit for establishing one joint board in New York and said that the workers are delighted with the administration of the union, there being no factionalism. The union, he continued, has successfully combated its inside and outside enemies and has successfully signed agreements in Chicago and Rochester. As to the 40 hour week, Schlossberg said that it could wait, there being no hurry.

A telegram from the Montreal officialdom read at the convention admits the terrorism policy practised there is ruining the organization.

The feature of yesterday's session was the real estate business of the union. Hillman, Schlossberg and Abraham Kasin, manager of the Amalgamated Cooperatives, thanked the Jewish Daily Forward, who, he said, invested \$350,000 in the Amalgamated houses.

Most of yesterday afternoon's session was taken up by the arrival of the workers from the Nash shop who were marshalled into a demonstration. Everything was prearranged, including music, flowers and artificial enthusiasm. Speeches were made by several shop chairmen. Sam Levin, boss of the Chicago Joint Board, spoke of "tolerance" and "unselfishness."

## MILL STRIKERS HEAR WEISBORD

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 17.—Many thousands of textile strikers are expected today to attend one of the biggest mass meetings held since the beginning of the walk-out of 30,000 mill operatives against the 10 per cent wage slash attempted by 58 New Bedford fine cotton goods manufacturing mills here.

Several large lots have been hired by the Textile Mill Committees to accommodate the turnout of strikers who will come to hear the leader of the Passaic textile strike of 1926, Albert Weisbord. The meetings will be held this afternoon about 2 o'clock. From the original day of the walk-out that caused the immediate silencing of 70,000 looms, strikers have

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and non-registered! The National Organization Committees calls on you! Take up the work! The fate of the union and your future lies in your own hands! "Forward to unity! "Forward to new victories! "Long live the National Organization Committee! "Long live a powerful, united union, controlled by the rank and file! "Long live the united struggle of the workers! "National Organization Committee of the I. L. G. W. U. For The Re-establishment of Our Union. "L. HYMAN, Chairman; R. WORTIS, Secretary; W. BERLIN, Vice Chairman; J. BORUCHOWITZ, Vice Chairman."

## WORKERS CENTER BEING PREPARED FOR OCCUPANCY

### Restaurant to Move in New Building Soon

Work has been started to make the ground floor of the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, ready for occupancy. Within a few weeks the Proletcos Cooperative Restaurant, which is now at 30 Union Square, will move into its new home on this floor, where it will have two and a half times as much space as in its present quarters. The front part of the ground floor will also be occupied by the Workers Bookshop, which is temporarily located on the second floor.

Painters are now painting the ceiling and walls on this floor and soon work will be begun on the great symbolic frieze that will stretch around the walls of the new restaurant. This frieze, which has been designed by Hugo Gellert, will symbolize the food process from its origin until it is ready to be served.

All plans at the Workers Center are now directed towards the great concert and dance which will be held Saturday evening, June 2. At this time William W. Weinstein, district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party and secretary of the board of directors of the Workers Center, will present a red, revolutionary banner to the unit that makes the highest totals in the drive for \$30,000 to establish the Center.

#### To End Campaign.

The time remaining until the concert will serve as the wind-up of the drive. Many units have not yet raised their quotas and it will be necessary for them to work hard in order to do so by June 2. All pledges should be collected immediately and the sale of Worker Center "bricks" should continue with greater energy than ever before.

## SIGMAN LAYS NEW \$1,000,000 TAX

### Fake Convention Wants Workers' 3 Days' Pay

BOSTON, Mass., May 17.—While thousands of the rank and file of the cloak and dressmakers in New York were demonstrating their determination to follow the leadership of the National Conference of the militant delegates in their renewed struggle to rebuild the union, the Sigman-controlled convention here was completing its convention sessions by voting taxes on the membership to the extent of 3 days' pay from each worker.

#### Vote Tax.

While the cloak and dressmakers in several large halls in New York, were enthusiastically adopting the resolution outlining the plans to regain union conditions in the shops, and were unanimously voting for a voluntary \$10 tax to carry out this program, not the membership, but Sigman's and Schlesinger's fake delegates were voting to tax the members a total of more than one million dollars with which to continue their destructive war against the last vestige of unionism in the national cloak trade nationally.

Another development at the so-called convention of the right wing was the hourly expectation of a patching up of the difference between the Sigman and Schlesinger-Breslau cliques.

Although this "agreement" is expected, the latest reports stated that it has not yet been concluded despite the recalling from New York of Morris Hillquit, boss of the socialist party. Hillquit had abandoned Boston after conferences conducted for several days had proved fruitless. Schlesinger still demanded more than a mere membership on the general executive board, as was the offer made him by the Sigman gang.

## Stories and Reviews in Sat. Feature Page

The first instalment of a short story of militant labor by Stirling Bowen, "Foreign Investments and Foreign Policy" by Robert W. Dunn, and a poem of the Pennsylvania mine struggle by A. B. Magil are the outstanding contributions to the Saturday feature page of THE DAILY WORKER.

There is also a sprightly review of "Machine-Gun Diplomacy" by Harry Freeman and a powerful drawing, "Law and Order in the Coal Fields," by John Sloan.

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# Dock Strike in Argentina Spreads; Two Port Cities Completely Tied Up

## SANTA FE JOINS ROSARIO STRIKE; TIE UP HARBORS

### Buenos Workers Demand Sympathy Strike

BUENOS AYRES, May 17.—The strike of the dock workers, which spread from Rosario where it has been in progress for several weeks, is tying up all marine transport in the harbor of Santa Fe, reports from that city state. Santa Fe is a large port to the north of Rosario. The men are reported to have walked out 100% in sympathy with the dock workers in Rosario.

The unions in Buenos Ayres are at present demanding a general strike to support the Rosario stevedores. In view of the strike vote is taken tonight, it is expected that virtually the entire shipping of the Argentine will be tied up within twenty-four hours.

ROSARIO, Argentina, May 17.—Frightened by the news that the dock workers in Santa Fe have joined them in a sympathetic strike, the picketers here were firm yesterday in spite of police interference.

The authorities are frankly alarmed by the proportions the walkout is assuming and the police have been given a free hand in an attempt to terrorize the strikers. While no new killings were reported, the funerals of the recent victims of police outrages against the dock pickets have been the occasion for intense feeling among the Rosario workers.

The government and the owners continue to ship in strikebreakers to the complete nature of the strike has prevented any effectual loading or unloading of the vessels tied up in the port.

## KANSAS POLICE ATTACK UNIONIST

### Attempt Made to Frame Kansas Organizer

KANSAS CITY, May 17 (FP).—National officers of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are aroused by the attack on Ashley L. Totten, Kansas City representative of the union, whose office was rifled by thugs believed to have been inspired by the Pullman Co.

Six men, masquerading as police officers, descended on Totten's office, threw files on the floor and ruined valuable organization records in a hunt for plates. Some of the thugs tried to plant dope in the office and then hustled Totten down the street while others remained to examine Brotherhood documents at leisure. The thugs scattered after the office had been looted. Totten rushed to the police station, where officials denied any connection with the outrage.

Totten is an assistant general organizer of the Brotherhood, stationed in the important Kansas City district for the past two and a half years. At national headquarters in New York, the attack was interpreted as another chapter in the Pullman Co.'s unscrupulous war to discredit the Brotherhood.

## DERIDE SPY IN ALSACE TRIAL

PARIS, May 17.—A complete unmasking of the French government's methods in their endeavor to trap the Alsatian autonomists on trial at Colmar was revealed in a neat turning of the tables on the prosecution yesterday.

Riehl, chief of the agents which the government has brought forward against the autonomists, has been compelled to admit not only that he characterized Premier Poincare as "the gravedigger of France" but that he wrote frequently in the most insulting way of France and leading Frenchmen.

"I was living among wolves," Riehl said when derided by the defense lawyer for "insulting his country," while the court roared with laughter.

The government is being forced to eliminate some of its army of witnesses in order to speed up the trial.

## Expect Verdict in Bishop Trial Today

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17.—The fate of Bishop Anton Bast, on trial here behind closed doors for misuse of mission funds of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Denmark, is expected hourly.

NO REST FOR CLERKS. The New York Stock Exchange will be closed on Saturday May 19 to allow offices to catch up with their clerical work.

## WAR IN SHANTUNG IS DIRECTED BY BANKERS

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press).

The commercial interests of a financial oligarchy are behind the invasion of China by Japanese troops just as the commercial interests of a similar oligarchy in the United States are behind the U. S. marines in Nicaragua. Japan has called attention to the similarity between the two invasions, but the similarity extends far beyond what the Japanese government would admit.

The tremendous concentration of economic power in Japan in the hands of 2 families of financiers impresses even the correspondents of conservative American dailies. Apparently they feel free to visualize a capitalist dictatorship in a remote nation though they are professionally blind to a similar development at home.

### Strong Oligarchy.

Since the first of the year this Japanese financial oligarchy has been the subject of extended comment by the Tokio correspondents of the Chicago Daily News and of the Wall Street Journal. Under the caption: Two Groups Rule All Life in Japan—Big Bankers Gain Money Faster Than They Can Count It, the News correspondent says:

"The gathering of a nation's wealth into the hands of a very few is going on more rapidly than anywhere else on earth, so far as this correspondent knows; and these few are resolving themselves into 2 groups. These groups are family units primarily; secondly they are great financial and industrial forces.

"These 2 colossi of finance are the Mitsui and Mitsubishi family groups. The power of their money reaches into all phases of Japanese life. They dominate."

### Gobble Victims.

Following the 1927 Japanese financial panic which reduced many banks and industrial combines to bankruptcy, these 2 powerful families proceeded to gobble up the victims. Now, according to the Wall Street Journal, with 3 other banks they control 51.7 per cent of the bank deposits of Japan. Together with the government, they and their subsidiaries control more than 50 per cent of the empire's foreign trade.

"On the surface," says the journal, "there may be bank failures, poor industrial companies and apparent instability. Underneath, accounting for the bulk of Japan's business, stand these big banks and the companies connected with the great family companies. These apparently are quite as solid as the empire itself."

That these financial oligarchs are in a way to become the actual government of the empire is recognized by the Daily News correspondent. He says:

### Control Cabinet.

"So overwhelming is the might of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi that foreign business men here are beginning to regard it as a sort of second government, which may perhaps in time become greater than that other government that clutters itself up with the tiresome impedimenta of centuries dead and gone. The financial hegemony of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi has no armies except armies of workers, and no great outward display, but it has power. They control cabinets now and then and by so doing control the government itself. Eventually perhaps the government of Japan will be an oligarchy with the Mitsui and Mitsubishi as the chief oligarchs, and we shall have here a new kind of government by financial shoguns, not so very different in principle from the old shogunate that was destroyed by the emperor about 1870."

Substitute for Mitsui and Mitsubishi the Morgan-Kuhn-Loeb-Rockefeller oligarchy in this country and for shoguns read feudal lords, and the analysis applies with equal exactness to the United States. Capitalism round the world is progressing toward financial feudalism.

### Need Markets.

The important fact about the Japanese invasion of China is that these Mitsui and Mitsubishi with their banks, factories, shipping lines, mines, etc. are in desperate need of the raw materials of Shantung and of the broad Chinese market. Japanese financial concentration and Japanese militarism go hand in hand.

## 2 WORKERS, THREE CHILDREN DROWN

### Barge Heavily Loaded With Stones, Sinks

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Two workers and their three children were drowned early today when the barge Calvert, being towed by a tug sank in Chesapeake Bay, five miles off Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Insley and their three children were asleep aboard the barge when a portion of the bottom fell out and the craft disappeared. They had no chance to escape.

The barge, loaded with stone, was being taken to Urbana, Va.

### Wall St. Aid Coming



Dr. C. C. Wu, former minister of foreign affairs in the Nanking regime, will arrive in New York from Cherbourg this week. He will consult the masters of the Kuomintang regime when he visits Washington.

## UNCOVER HUGE BOSTON GRAFT

### 15 City Officers Accused In Sensational Charges

BOSTON, May 17.—Sensational exposures of graft were made here today, in charges against at least 15 officers of this city made within prison walls where John F. Mullen, member of the rum and vice graft ring, is incarcerated.

Mullen, who brings these charges of official-swindling against the city officers, is one of the five against whom indictments were returned late yesterday afternoon on charges which included conspiracy to steal goods from John Sullivan, manager of the Ritz Hotel, obstructing justice, corruptly soliciting a police officer to accept a bribe, and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Now that his fellow-grafters in the city administration have been allowed to go scot-free, Mullen is bringing charges that, it is expected, will uncover official swindling in Boston, equal to the sewer graft in New York City.

## ILLINOIS SCHOOLS HIT BY STRIKES

### 600 Children Take Hand in Administration

CHICAGO, May 17.—Six hundred children were on strike in two Illinois schools today because authorities dismissed school officials. Three hundred students of the Hall Township High School near Peru went on strike in protest against the dismissal of their superintendent, J. W. Sullivan. The other 300 students are striking at Carbondale following the board of education's failure to reelect their principal and music instructor.

The students of the Peru school have arranged to start picketing today if their demand for the reinstatement of Sullivan is not met.

## WORKER-PEASANT ARMY TAKES CITY IN CANTON DRIVE

### Japan Rushes Troops to Tientsin

(Continued from Page One) The Kuomintang troops are reported to have taken the towns of Paotingfu and Chocho.

SHANGHAI, May 17.—In spite of the efforts of the police and soldiers to break up any demonstrations against Japan, protest meetings and boycotts are still in progress.

C. T. Wang, of the diplomatic committee of the Nationalist Government, declared today that the Kuomintang government would halt all "propaganda and hostilities against Japan" and that Kuomintang troops had been withdrawn from the areas in Shantung specified by the Japanese.

Reports from Canton state that fighting has taken place between the troops of Li Chai-sum and Che Ming chu, Kwangsi war lords in control of the city over the question of pay. The town of Shi-lung near Canton has been taken by worker-peasant troops, according to reports received here.

## TIE-UP LOOMING IN MEXICO CITY

### Bakers Strike May Lead To General Walkout

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—A general strike looms in Mexico City as the result of the walkout of bakers. Trade unions have pledged their support to the bakers who have closed down almost every large bakery in the city.

The differences between General Obregon and Luis Morones, head of CROM, the national labor federation, have been considerably widened.

## KLAN FLOGGER IS NOW PROSECUTOR

### Charge Still Pending Against Appointee

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 17.—Capt. Ira B. Thompson, exalted cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan for the Luverne realm, who was among those indicted by the Crenshaw County grand jury in its investigation of floggings, has been appointed prosecuting attorney of Crenshaw county by Gov. Bibb Graves.

Capt. Thompson, who was never placed on trial on the indictment, is now the prosecuting attorney in the county where the charge is still pending against him.

## Fire Menaces Workers in Canning Factory

### EASTPORT, Maine, May 17.—

Three hundred employees, most of these women, had narrow escapes yesterday when fire of unknown origin totally destroyed sardine factory No. 3 of the Seacoast Canning Company. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The Holmes Sardine Company, adjacent to the destroyed factory, was slightly damaged by the flames.

### Fight Marine Intervention in Nicaragua



Photo shows nationalist troops under General Sandino fighting American marines in northern Nicaragua. The Sandino forces are carrying on a heroic struggle against Wall Street control of Nicaragua.

## TERROR INTENSIFIED AS MINERS ORGANIZE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 17.—Although families are living on almost no food, and children are frowned upon by teachers because their insufficient clothing barely covers their little bodies, the past week's activities in the strike area is marked by an intensification of mass picketing. The efforts of the coal diggers to knit themselves into a solid labor organization is being met by bludgeoning, bullying and clubbing them in an attempt to end mass picketing, weaken their morale and force them back to work, on the part of the police. But to no avail.

The troopers are on guard every morning, pretty Elsie Ruppnic, daughter of the storekeeper at White Valley says. "They ride all around the hill and if you even come out of your house, they club you. They think it all belongs to them. That fat cop who beat Tony up rode on our porch with his horse. He was swinging his club some, I'll tell you!"

"And that isn't all," she continued, indignantly. "They insult the women, too. A lot of the women here say they won't stand it any longer. They'll have them arrested." But the strikers and their wives of White Valley have learned on what side the courts invariably side.

### Club Women Picketers.

"We don't want women and kids on the picket line!" is the decision of the heavily armed rulers of Westmoreland county who come to guard the mines and fight the pickets arrayed in solid cork "hot" helmets.

Mrs. Mary Capretti and seven other militant wives of strikers were attacked by a group of coal and iron police and state troopers before the Westmoreland Coal Co. mine at Yukon. "First one of them came. Mrs. Capretti tried to grab the club from him, and while they were fighting, the other yellow dogs jumped on us, and I'll tell you, they walloped us as hard as the men!" the pickets later related. "But if they think they can frighten us away, they got another guess coming. We're gonna win this strike!"

### Many Pickets Beaten.

In Vandergrift, ten more pickets were severely beaten when hundreds picketed the Mill mine of the Pine Run Coal Company. Clyde Scott, superintendent of the mine, who brought four state troopers in his automobile, engineered the job.

In the face of this intense terrorization, the coal diggers are forging ahead. The Westmoreland County Strike Committee, of which every striking miner, in that county is a member, held its second conference Sunday afternoon, May 13. Provisions for a thorough organizational campaign in every sub-division were outlined.

For the first time, the women's auxiliaries are coming into their own. The executive committee of 16 was enlarged to 17 so that one representative of the women's groups may participate in their bringing their men into the ranks of organized labor.

### Strikers' Children Organize.

The children weren't forgotten. A motion was unanimously passed to organize the children of Westmoreland county into junior strike groups. "Their stomachs are just as empty as ours, and they must understand

## CALL OUT TROOPS AS PERU HARBOR, R. R. MEN STRIKE

### Force Sailors to Scab Under Guns

CALLAO, Peru, May 17.—Troops have been called out and are patrolling all docks and railroads as a result of the strike of the dock workers of the port of Lima which has spread to all harbor and railroad employees.

Efforts are being made to rush strikebreakers to the scene of the strike where sailors under the guns of the patrolling military are being compelled to scab on the harbor strikers.

In spite of the efforts of the authorities a number of vessels lay idle with cargoes unloaded yesterday.

## RUMOR REVOLT IN CHILEAN FORCES

BUENOS AYRES, May 17.—Rumors of unrest throughout Chile received substantiation yesterday when the Chilean government officially insisted that a revolution had taken place in the country.

Reports received here earlier stated that an outbreak had occurred under the leadership of a number of military men.

The Ibanez government has succeeded in preventing any details of the outbreak from leaving the country.



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# Jail Mexican Cantaloupe Pickers in California Strike, Correspondent Says

## DEMAND 15 CENTS PER CRATE, ICE WATER IN FIELDS

### Bosses Must Yield or Fruit Crop Will Rot

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 LOS ANGELES, Calif., (By Mail).—Mexican cantaloupe pickers in the Imperial Valley, Calif., have gone on strike, it was learned today. Instead of the 12-cent-a-crate scale, the workers, recently organized, demand 15 cents a crate, ice water in the fields, and other concessions.

The Mexican Union of Laborers is the name of the new organization. Growers claim that Carlos Arisa, former Mexican Consul at Calexico, Cal., has been active in the formation of the union. Two lawyers are also mentioned in this connection. The authorities, as well as the growers, claim that these men charged the workers too much for the preparation of incorporation papers. Well, as far as the writer knows, the unionists themselves are not complaining about "exorbitant charges," etc. Only growers, shippers, supervisors, immigration officials, man-hunters and prosecutors are worrying about it, it seems. If the expenditure for the organization was heavy, however, that is one more reason why the men need the picking rate increased.

### Strikers Jailed

On May 9, the following asserted leaders were in jail: Jose Diaz, D. Lopez, E. Mondrano and Juan Barcelo. Thirty-six strikers previously jailed for disturbing the peace, circulating literature and distribution of strike posters, etc., have been released for lack of evidence, according to Sheriff Charles L. Gillett.

District Attorney Elmer Heald is "interested only in preserving order. Any foreigners found agitating workers or hindering work in the fields," he said, "will be put under arrest, and where possible will be deported." The immigration service will co-operate with the sheriff's office, reports stated. Twenty deputy sheriffs are patrolling the fields, and the county supervisors are ready to increase the police force. Importation of scabs is under consideration. The district attorney also declared, according to the San Diego Union, that the detention in the county jail of said four alleged agitators was "assurance of a little more trouble in the fields."

"Attempts to incite discontent" among the field workers is said to be one of the charges against those in jail.

### Not An I. W. W. Strike

The Los Angeles Times has blamed the "American I. W. W." for the strike. The wobbles are not "foreigners" any more.

The Mexican Union has issued a formal statement denying any affiliation with the I. W. W. or any of the latter's branches. The Brawley News (paper in the strike zone) does not mention the I. W. W. at all, and the local secretary of that organization knows nothing about such an affiliation either, he says.

According to Deputy Labor Commissioner Gould, Mexican strike leaders told him that the new labor union will affiliate with some "nationally known labor organization," but would not tell which one.

### Night Time For Strike

The cantaloupe season has just started. So the time to strike is now. Only from 10 to 15 cars are going out daily at present. The work must be done at the right time or the melon crop is ruined. The Mexicans feel, it seems, that they have been exploited long enough in American vegetable, fruit and cotton fields, etc. Rumors are in the air that the strike spirit is spreading into other industries in various parts of the state. Being below sea level Imperial Valley is a hot place, next to the Death Valley in that respect. For that reason it will probably be difficult to replace the Mexicans with "white" workers. Filipinos are numerous in this state (30,000 the estimate), but—with Pablo Manlapit in mind—they will not become scabs. So indications are that the strike may soon be settled—with victory for the workers.

Mr. Harry Chandler has something to worry about these days, for he has 800,000 acres of land in lower California, just below the international line. If the Mexicans stay organized increases in wages are in sight all along the line—in spite of Chandler's particular brand of "Industrial Freedom," observers declared.

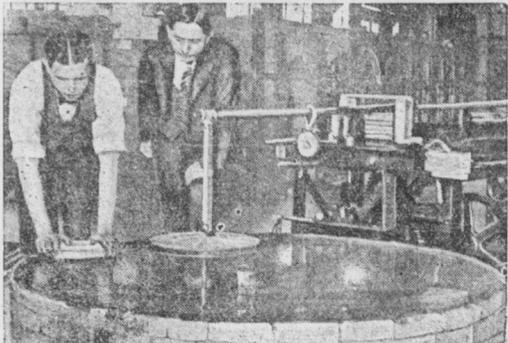
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## New Workers' Bookshop Opened in Providence

PROVIDENCE, May 17.—A Workers' Bookshop has been opened in this city at 1755 Westminster Ave. It will hold in stock all Workers' Paper Literature, THE DAILY WORKER, the Communist, and a large collection of pamphlets and general revolutionary literature in all languages, as well as the latest modern publications and books.

The bookshop will be open daily from 7 to 9 p. m.

## World's Largest Mirror Brings Moon Nearer



This 70-inch reflector, the largest mirror in the world, is now being completed at the Bureau of Standards. Photo shows A. H. Lindner, left, polishing the mirror under the supervision of A. N. Finn, right. When completed, the mirror will be placed in the telescope of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

## PHILADELPHIA SHOE WORKERS NEED UNION

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (By mail).—The unorganized shoe workers of Philadelphia must be organized to better their conditions. I have had the opportunity to listen and speak to a good number of these workers here in Philadelphia upon the necessity of organizing them into a union and here is what they have to say.

### No Day of Rest

One of the workers of the Laird Shober Shoe Factory, located at 22nd and Market Sts., described the conditions now prevailing in this particular industry. He confined himself primarily to the conditions now prevailing in the shop where he works. He said: "We are to work from 14 to 16 hours a day, which makes a week of 90 hours and more sometimes. Workers employed in this particular factory have no days to rest. They are compelled to work on Sunday also. We have intolerable conditions. We are getting a miserable pay for the work we are doing."

"The boss," continued this worker, "treats us like mules, or I may say worse. After all the mules are treated much better than the shoe workers of Laird and Shober Co. A mule does not work 16 hours a day as we workers are compelled to do in order to bring bread and butter to our wives and children at the end of the week."

He told me that the workers of that factory have tried to organize more than once before but have never succeeded, due to the policy adopted by some officials of the union.

He told me also that he thinks at the present time they can succeed in organizing the workers thru the organization of shop committees which he declares to be the most effective method of organizing the unorganized.

Another worker working in the factory, in participating in the discussion said, "that it was a very good idea what J. had just proposed and he promised to give his help, and the workers of the fifth floor would surely welcome this idea of organizing in order to better the rotten conditions now existing in the factory."

Another worker stepping in said, "Say, brother, listen to me. All we need is to organize ourselves 100% this way and we will be able to get all the demands we will put forth to our boss. What can the boss do," he continued, "if we go out on strike? Can he make the shoe himself? Of course not, he needs us to do the work for him. He cannot hire anyone from the street and tell them to make shoes. To make the shoes we are making you need to have skilled mechanics."

**Labor Saving Machines.**  
 The first worker interrupted him and said, "You know, if we do not organize you can be sure that the boss will begin to introduce new machinery in our factory where there will be no more need of skilled shoe workers. Against this danger we must organize and before it's too late."

These are the words expressed by the

workers of Laird & Shober Co. From their expression we can see only one thing, that is that they understand the necessity of having an organization that will defend their interest. The sentiment of organization does not prevail only among these three workers of this particular factory but among a good number of them, as for instance, among the cutters, the fitters, the straight hand workers and the team workers.

These workers have formed shop committees in this factory in order to carry on an agitation campaign among the workers employed in this factory. We expect that these workers will soon join the Shoe Workers' Protective Union and make out of this union a militant workers' union that will defend their interests.

In the past the workers of this factory have chosen committees when discontent prevailed among themselves and these committees have gone to the boss for certain demands. The boss sometimes granted their requests and at other times he didn't. But the boss did all he could in order to prevent his workers from joining the union, for he knows that once his workers get wise and join the union he will be forced to listen to the workers' demands.

At this time the workers of Laird & Shober Co. have learned a lesson. They understand the tricks of the boss pretty well. They know that bosses are organized in order to protect their interests. They know also that if the workers are to protect their interests they must organize.

On fellow workers of Laird & Shober Co! Join the Shoe Workers' Protective Union. Induce your fellow worker next to you to do the same. Only this way will the shoe workers better their conditions in Philadelphia.

—DOMENICK PLAIANI.

## Coal Company Instructs Banks to Refuse Checks

TOWER CITY, Pa., May 17.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company has sent out letters to all the banks in this valley, as well as thruout the entire territory included in the Reading Company operations, notifying them that the banks must refuse to cash the wage receipts of employees of that company. This will place the workers more in the power of the company, since all money will hereafter have to be procured directly from the company.

Are you a "DAILY WORKER" worker daily?

## SERB FASCISTS TRY TO SMASH WORKERS' MEET

### Capitalist Press Aids Attempt

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 DETROIT, Mich., (By Mail).—About two months ago here in Detroit there was organized a Central Balkan Committee, composed of representatives of South Slav, Serbian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Slovenian, Greek and Montenegro labor, fraternal, cultural and other organizations of the Balkan immigrants. This organization has for its purpose the realization of an international Balkan Federation in Europe, based on the principle of autonomy and the right of self-determination of all national minorities in the Balkans and on the principle of a Workers' and Peasants' government.

### Nationalists.

The Balkan Committee called its first meeting for April 28th, at the Serbian Hall on Frederick St. Two or three days before the scheduled meeting, the reactionary voices of some nationalist, semi-fascist Serbian elements, called the "Jugoslav Sokol," began to be heard. These nationalist fanatics, in order to stop the momentum and popularity with which the work of the Central Balkan Committee was progressing, issued a leaflet in the Serbian language which proved to be one of the most provocative nature yet heard of in the Balkan district of this city.

This raving leaflet addressed to the "Serbian People of Detroit" accuses the Central Balkan Committee of being "under Communist control" and appeals to the nationalism and patriotism of the Serbian people to defend their glorious national home from the Reds, who, to quote the exact words of the leaflet, "were trying to steal the hall away from the Serbs." The leaflet goes on to challenge the Balkan Committee to hold its meeting at the Serbian Hall that night, for which hall it has paid the rent of \$25 in advance. These hypocritical social patriots, not only of the Serbs but of the Croatsians as well in the same leaflet aimed to counteract the Balkan Committee by calling another meeting in the very same hall, the very same night a half hour before the Balkan Committee mass meeting was called. These chauvinists even tried to force the janitor to refund the money to the Balkan Committee and open the hall for them.

They also threatened the members and sympathizers of the Balkan Committee physically if they came to the hall "to interfere with their meeting."

Finally the meeting of the Balkan Committee was held. The chairman representing the committee called the meeting to order. There were about forty policemen in uniform in the hall with about a dozen or more of the detectives belonging to the so-called "crime and bomb squad." The fascists there did their best to break up the meeting. They, and especially their blackshirt ringleaders, Bulato-

vich and Peter Vlasich, hypocritically demanded that they should have their "constitutional right to elect their own chairman," as if they had called the meeting and as if they had paid for the rent of the hall. They continued to shout, to throw profane statements at the chairman, and did everything to disturb the procedure of the meeting. When the speakers stepped from the platform to speak, they were arrested. Finally the chairman adjourned the meeting and told the audience that the meeting would be continued in the Workers' Hall or, Ferry Avenue where a good-sized crowd attended.

**Kept Press Raves.**  
 The next morning the open-shop bosses' sheet, "Detroit Free Press," attempted to manipulate this incident as a "red scare." It is not true that those arrested have entered the country illegally, for they all had in their possession either their citizenship papers or their passports, which were absolutely bona fide. The papers of Detroit wrote that they would be deported. The story of the meeting was even broadcasted over the radio station WWJ. The arrested speakers were released after being held for three days. The International Labor Defense furnished the legal advisors.

—SERB.

## RAG PICKERS GET 50 CENTS A DAY; LIVE ON GARBAGE

### Junk Dealers Merciless Exploiters

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 CHICAGO, Ill., (By Mail).—There are several thousand "foot scavengers" in this great metropolis who earn an average of 50 cents apiece a day. Negroes and white men of all nationalities, and even a few women are engaged in this world-old business of junk.

Many carry sacks and tramp alleys all day. Each has a route. Others in the good graces of certain bosses are trusted with pushcarts, big-wheeled things, which are supposed to be filled with the gleanings of the city.

Many of these "scavengers" work in groups. They are generally considered the "lowest of the low." They have few if any friends. The police continually warn them away from certain respectable picking grounds. Some of them have been fired upon.

Each has his or her own boss, who owes allegiance to certain junk dealers in different districts. These dealers who get these unhappy folk are an unscrupulous lot, like bosses everywhere. It is easy for them to cheat their people. One west side junk dealer has frankly admitted the foul tactics he employs to wring pennies from the pickers.

"After all," he said, "they'll starve if I don't buy their paper, rags and iron." Again some dealers tax their pitiful toilers. I have seen an old man accused of stealing bottles and forced to yield a load to his boss, who, of course, made good use of it.

—J. L. J.

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## Talking Pictures Will Be Featured by Big Producers

FOUR of the biggest film producers will go extensively in the making of talking pictures, according to an announcement sent out by the Electrical Research Products, makers of "Movietone."

Contracts are now in force between the Paramount, Metro, United Artists, First National and the Western Electric subsidiary for the rights to use the patents for making of talking pictures. The producers will use the name of Movietone for the production in which sound is used.

Two other film makers, Warner Bros. and Fox Film Corporation are using sound pictures; the first under the name Vitaphone and the latter using the name of Movietone. Two other large organizations are planning to adopt the talking pictures Universal Pictures and the Keith-Albee-Orpheum people.

It is estimated that over one thousand theatres will be equipped before the end of 1928 to show talking pictures.

### GLADYS HEAD.



In "My Maryland," Sigmund Romberg's tuneful operetta at the Casino Theatre.

### "PORGY" TO REOPEN AT THE REPUBLIC MAY 28

The Theatre Guild's production of "Porgy" will return to the Republic Theatre for a summer engagement beginning, Monday, May 28. The play has been touring to successful business for the past six weeks, arranged by the Guild as a preliminary to its 1928-1919 season in certain cities. A special scale of prices will be in effect for the "Porgy" re-engagement.

## Actors' Equity to Meet in Hotel Astor Ballroom

When Actors' Equity meets, every member of the union from coast to coast has a right to be present and actors' union has rented the Hotel Astor ballroom for the annual meeting May 28 and expects to fill it to the corridors.

The annual meeting is the actors' own convention, acting on the constitution and defining policies for the coming year. As a representative number of theatre people are always within sight of Broadway's bright lights, the annual meeting is held to be even more democratic than a convention and far less expensive. In any event it would be difficult for each union group, representing the various plays shifting from city to city, to elect and send representatives to a regular convention.

### THREE NEW PLAYS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week will see three new plays on Broadway. "Skidding," a comedy by Aurania Rouvenol, opens at the Bijou on Monday night; "Get Me In the Movies," by Charlton Andrews and Philip Dunning at the Earl Carroll on the same night, and "Dorian Gray," a dramatization of Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray," also on Monday, is announced for the Biltmore. "The Grand Street Follies," previously announced for May 24, will open the following week, Monday, May 28, at the Booth.

## Wages Reduced From \$27 To \$24; Workers Strike

WORCESTER, Mass., May 17.—Following a refusal on the part of the Chelmsford Ginger Ale Co. to carry out an agreement covering wages and hours as these existed at the time the company took over the business of the Worcester Products Co. about a year ago, 12 members of the Bottlers' and Drivers' Union left the plant on Monday morning and declared a strike against the company.

While the agreement in question was verbal, it was generally understood that there would be no change, that the wage scale of \$27 a week would stand, and that time and one-half for all time worked over 8 hours would be paid for. The overtime agreement was disregarded from the start, but the union overlooked this. Now that the wage scale has been reduced from \$27 to \$24, the workers have struck.

A joint committee made up of delegates representing several labor organizations has been formed to take charge of the grievance. Their purpose will be to make known the attitude of the company toward organized labor.

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 Festival, Impressions, In Cartoons: Henry Askell.  
 Pictures & Views: Co-operative Organizations in Greater New York.  
 Classical and Novelty: Brooklyn Junior Co-operators.  
 Dancing: New York Young Progressives.  
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# Tammany Officials Here Graft \$200,000,000 in Street Cleaning Department

## SCANDAL SPREADS TO ALL BOROUGHES OF GREATER N. Y.

### Walker Seeks to Hide Corruption

(Continued from page one) shoulder full responsibility. I don't see how the head of any department is going to dodge that responsibility.

Controllor Berry, chief tool of the Morgan interests in Tammany Hall and personal friend of another Morgan servant, Governor Al Smith is to be carrying out the orders of the big bankers and their immediate mouthpiece Al Smith in a pre-election attempt to fumigate the most vile smelling spots on the messy Tammany Hall map.

Mayor Jimmie Walker connected with the "old guard" of Tammany Hall and fighting for their "honest graft" sought to protect his immediate henchmen. "I am not a thief myself," he declared yesterday, "Taylor is also an honest man, he rose from the ranks and is able."

"The men who certified the dummy payrolls, carrying the names of fictitious employes, should be sent to jail," declared Controllor Berry whose department has, however, refused to give up certain records in the possession of Deputy Priol who is conducting an investigation for the Comptroller. The reason given by Priol for refusing to give up the records was that to do so might hinder the comptroller's investigation.

While denying that there had been any friction between himself and Commissioner Higgins who is "investigating" the graft for the mayor, Deputy Comptroller Priol indicated that he feared to turn over the records to Higgins who has been seeking to squash the matter under the orders of Mayor Walker.

Further evidence that the inquiry by Higgins is merely a "white-washing" expedient came in the form of a letter written to Walker by the Citizens Union, attacking the secret hearings being conducted by the commissioner of accounts. The Citizens Union is a one-man organization controlled by Attorney Wallstein who is seeking to make political capital of the situation. "An investigation by your commissioner either open or secret," the letter charged, "must of necessity be inadequate, because this official is entirely lacking in authority to conduct criminal proceedings." It suggests that the investigation should be conducted by a number of judges, republican and democratic. It is noted, however, that the Tammany judges mentioned are all immediate followers of Al Smith, such as Justice Wasservogel.

Revelations of graft in Brooklyn disclosed that out of 5000 names on the payroll at least 3000 were fictitious. Investigations here would disclose graft running into millions, it is believed.

### Queens Sewer Graft Hearings Continue

Important witnesses were to testify yesterday when the Queens County grand jury met again to hear further evidence on the sewer graft.

Their testimony was to touch upon the political history of the borough under Maurice Connolly's regime as president, with special reference to the sewer situation. New angles are also expected to be brought out on the relations of John Phillips, alleged leader of the Queens sewer ring, with various contractors. Connolly recently resigned under charges.

### Women Join Union

An agreement has been signed between the Binders Women's Union, Local 43 and the Bookbinders' Trade Association which brings 2,500 workers into the union, according to Mary Murphy, president of the local. The union at present has a membership of 1,000.

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## 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 tomorrow 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 tomorrow at 35 E. Second Street, corner Second Avenue.

**To Aid Miners.** The Czechoslovak Dramatic Group will present a play and dance for miners' relief tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the Ukrainian Theatre, 217 E. Sixth 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 Saturday, 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 Justice organization in the Soviet Union will attend the Icor concert at Carnegie Hall tomorrow night.

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

**Final Nearing Lectures.** Scott Nearing will give the final lectures in his two courses at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St. tomorrow. "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, Yorkers. All students of the school are expected to attend. Students will meet at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St., Sunday, May 20, at 9 a. m., and Van Cortlandt Park, 9 a. m.

**To Aid Miners.** The United Council of Workingclass Women of the United Workers Co-operative 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 direction of the Finnish Sports Club, "Vesa," 15 W. 124th 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 27. 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 Dyre Avenue Street ferry at 8 a. m. Karl Lore will lead the hike. Fees will amount to twenty cents.

**Lecture on U. 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 8, today, 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 tomorrow at 8 p. m. at 35 E. 2nd St. at Second Ave. The proceeds will go to aid the political prisoners in the United States.

**Williamsburg Council Lecture.** Gertrude Owen will lecture on "Com-

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## Where Bill Kenny Will Not Contribute

It seems that George Van Namee was lying when he said the \$70,000 from Bill Kenny to Al Smith was partly a "loan." Smith was present when this lie was told to the willing ears of the senate committee, and Smith smiled approvingly, apparently hoping the lie would stick. But now it is admitted that the big hand-out of the Tammany contractor to the Tammany governor was an outright gift of a cool fortune.

The average working man does not in his whole lifetime of labor receive as much in wages as this bribe given to the governor of New York by a man interested in the matter of state expenditures influenced by the governor. Smith and his manager tried to conceal the information as to the amount of outright gift, but now the contractor admits that no part of it was a loan, but the entire sum was a "gift to Al." Another big prowl after the advantages of contact of business and politics says he gave Smith \$10,000 out of "love and affection for the governor."

What do the workers think about this?  
Why do they think Jim Riordan of the New York County Trust Company, and Bill Todd, who builds ferry boats for public money, gave \$5,000 to the governor of New York?

And what do they think to this man Smith, who sits by and smiles while his campaign manager lies under oath about it, and smiles again when the lie is "corrected" after it fails to go through?

In centuries gone by it was the custom for any rich man having a case before a public official, to give a "present" to the official—but to do it openly. The presents that are given by Sinclair to Albert B. Fall and others of the Harding-Coolidge crowd, and by Doheny (as attorney's fees) to McAdoo, and by Tammany contractors, bankers, etc., to the governor of New York and candidate for president,—are different from the earlier style of bribes only in this—that the effort is made to cover them up.

But the "love and affection for the governor" is otherwise no different from the "love and affection for the judge" which in cruder times inspired rich litigants.

The "love and affection" backed up by the gifts of fortunes, is a mutual love and affection. Smith, Hoover, Coolidge and all other candidates of the capitalist political parties are the outright servants, bought and paid for, of the capitalist class as a whole and of certain groups of capitalists in particular.

But in this election campaign of 1928 there will be a revolutionary Communist candidate for president. The general opinion is that William Z. Foster, a member of the working class, will be the red candidate for president and that Ben Gitlow, another worker, will be the Communist candidate for vice-president. It is safe to say that neither of these men in his entire lifetime ever saw (unless by accident) as much money as the Tammany contractor gives to this public official. The Workers Communist Party, which will have its ticket in the election, receives its entire support from the dimes and quarters of the kind of working people who slave their lives away in bondage to such labor-grinders as Bill Kenny and Jim Riordan.

What will the workers think of this line-up?  
On one side two or more sets of candidates for public office for whom capitalists and bankers have such "love and affection" as is written into \$70,000 checks (and \$3,080,000 oil-graft deals). On the other side a single set of candidates who cannot even rent a hall without asking the workers, who attend, to pay for the rent and other costs.

It is simply the century-old line-up of capital and labor.  
The Workers Communist Party in this election represents what the picket line represents in a smaller way, and the Smiths and Hoovers represent the thugs, the "mine-guards," the gunmen to whom also the same capitalists pay for services merely out of "love and affection." (The so-called socialist party can truthfully be said to represent merely the strike-breakers who would like to be the armed guards of the capitalist state.)

The national nominating convention of the Workers Communist Party which opens next week in New York, will be truly a great historical event for the working class of America. In it will be dramatized the contrast between the uncompromising revolutionary party of labor and the bought and paid-for political parties of the capitalist class. Some of the delegates are now on their way—in broken-down and overloaded Fords and on freight trains.

The Bill Kennys and Jim Riordans, and the bigger Rockefeller and Morgans know that here is the party of the enemy class—the party which participates in their sham elections only to bring the working class and working farmers to understand that not mere participation in framed-up elections, but the overthrow of the ruling class is their historical task.

## Scab Mine Made Safe by Judge

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 15.—The notorious injunction issued by Federal Judge Langham in favor of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation against striking coal miners at Rossiter, Pa., has resulted in successful operation of the mine in that town since scab labor. This fact was brought out during a preliminary hearing on the temporary injunction in the Indiana, Pa., federal court, Saturday, May 12 according to reports of the hearing received by the National Miners Relief Committee.

**Forbids Singing.**  
The injunction was issued by Judge Langham several months ago at the request of the mining company when groups of strikers gathered in the back yard of the Magyar church at Rossiter and sang hymns as strike-breakers passed to and from the mine. Most of the hymns dealt with the inevitability of victory for the side

which was in the right. Others of the songs called upon "sinners to join the cause of the lord." It is charged that the wording of many of these hymns were changed to make them more effective for strike use.

For this "crime" Judge Langham issued the injunction which the Senate sub-committee condemned as unconstitutional and a complete abrogation of civil liberties.

**Hypocrisy Speaks.**  
Judge Langham, to show the world that he had not acted in an unfair manner, donated a sum of money to the Rossiter strikers "with which to buy hymn books," following the issuance of the injunction. Meanwhile the strike and the accompanying starvation at Rossiter go on. The striking coal diggers don't want psalm books. They want beans, bacon, bread and coffee. Rush all contributions immediately to the National Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## CALL TO ORDER!



The mighty hand of the membership reaches in to take control of the United Mine Workers Union, which is being wrecked by the corrupt officials in conspiracy with the coal operators. The mine workers will rap the gavel for the emergency district conventions which are to rout out the foul crew of John L. Lewis, agents of the bosses.

By Fred Ellis

## Intimate of Wilson Aid To Lobbyist

WASHINGTON, (FP) May 17.—Joe Tumulty, who was secretary to President Wilson for eight years, bobbed up in the first batch of telegrams which the Federal Trade Commission subpoenaed from the Postal Telegraph Co., in its search of the wired correspondence of Josiah T. Newcomb, lobbyist in Washington for the Joint Committee of National Utility Associations. This mention of Tumulty came in two wires which Newcomb sent to B. J. Mullaney, director, of the Illinois Committee on Public Utility Information, on June 28 and June 29, 1927. Newcomb asked Mullaney to meet him in New York at the Belmont Hotel, and said that "Tumulty" had called him from New York and would see Newcomb there on the following Saturday.

Thorne Browne, former secretary, member and chairman of the Nebraska State Railroad Commission, which had authority over electric railroad securities and rates, was on the stand as director of the power trust information bureau at Lincoln, operating in Nebraska especially.

In his files was a circular issued by J. S. Sheridan, a former sports reporter, now secretary of the Missouri Committee on Public Utility Information, boasting of triumphs in Missouri. This circular set forth that 97 per cent of the high school pupils in that state were being taught their public utility economics from books furnished by the committee; that 88,453 pupils were thus being taught in the right line; that 7,167 columns of (propaganda) reading matter from its writers had been used in Missouri newspapers in the year ending Nov. 1, 1927.

# Who Are the Rats, Mr. James Maurer?

By HERBERT BENJAMIN.

For over thirteen months thousands of Pennsylvania miners have been waging one of the most heroic struggles in the annals of the American labor movement. Never has a struggle of workers in this country been fought under greater difficulties. Never were workers required to show greater courage and fortitude in the face of every form of suffering and persecution.

For six months their suffering was entirely ignored. No effort was made by the officialdom of their union or of the A. F. of L. to relieve their distress during this period. Nothing effective was done to prevent the operation of the mines with scabs.

When finally they started to organize their own relief campaign, their officials openly sabotaged the relief work. When the workers began to rally to the support of the striking miners and came forward with relief funds to help provide food and clothing for the miners and their families, the bureaucrats in the miners' union diverted these funds to their own pockets in the form of princely salaries and expense accounts, drawing from the union funds over \$300,000 in salaries for a six month period.

Driven to desperation, knowing that their heroic struggle would be defeated and that they would be forced into the worst kind of slavery unless they rid themselves of the paralyzing hold of the enemy in their own ranks—the Lewis-Fagan-Kennedy-Cappellini gang of traitors and agents of the coal operators—the miners turned to this task as part of the struggle to save their union from destruction.

**Few Represented.**  
There were not many representatives of the fighting miners in the 27th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor which closed last Saturday. The treasurers of the local unions had long ago been exhausted. But a few did manage to make the 300 mile trip to Philadelphia, which was probably chosen for this convention with a view to preventing representatives of the strikers from coming. Their leader was Isaac Munsey, whose father was a chattel slave and whose more than sixty years have been spent in slavery even worse than his father's.

suffered. For 37 years a member of the miners' union and before that of the Knights of Labor, he had nursed the union, he said, and was now fighting to save it. With these representatives of the miners, there came also a few trade unionist delegates of rank and file workers in other industries, under the leadership of such veterans of the struggles of the American workers as Pat Cosh, a steel worker who helped meet the attack of the Pinkertons in the historic Homestead strike of 1892, and John Otis, whose lone voice in the conference on the miners' strike called by Wm. Green, shook the complacency of the "fat-boys" and focused attention upon the real demands of the miners. They came, these delegates, to demand that the unions shall meet squarely the attacks of the ruling class of this country against the most basic interests of the workers.

**Constructive Program.**  
They came with a constructive and practical program for the organizing of the great masses of unorganized workers; for a fight against and mass violation of the strikebreaking injunctions; for relief of the millions of unemployed workers; for a systematic and consistent effort to develop the political power of labor through a labor party; for a struggle against company unions and the company-unionization of the trade unions through such treacherous schemes as the "Mitten Plan"; for a struggle against imperialism and the danger of imperialist war which now threatens the entire working class of the world; for advancing trade unionism among women, Negro and youth workers.

Against them was arrayed a mob of the choicest labor-fakers in the country, Kennedy, Fagan, Cappellini and a whole army of lesser bureaucrats, united with such cynical grafters, as Frank Feeney, who has been quoted by none other than Jim Maurer himself as saying, "Sure I'm a grafter—I'm for Frank Feeney." Men capable of and in many cases guilty of every crime from petty-larceny and graft to cold-blooded murder were there. In this array were to be found scores of men who a year hence will have been exposed as under-cover agents, detectives in the employ of the worst enemies of labor. Even as in previous years there were among them the Frank Farringtons and the Jim Cronins (the latter a pet of the

Feeney gang is now openly running a detective and scab supplying agency in Philadelphia).

**And Who Heads Lot?**  
Presiding over this convention was James H. Maurer, "socialist," "progressive" candidate of the socialist party for vice president, running mate of the Reverend Norman Thomas, representing the "peepul" of Reading, Pa., in the city council. Jim Maurer knows the "Pennsylvania gang" very well. Sixteen years ago he was elected president of the State Federation by workers in revolt against the Feeneys, Cappelinis, Kennedys and Fagans of that time. He was now retiring, he was turning the federation over to a new executive and in doing so he was to express his views, the views of the socialist party and of his "progressive" group. The opening of the convention found him strangely silent. On the second day of the convention, when the militants Munsey and Harvey were denied seats in the convention at the demand of the Fagan-Cappellini gang, he was strangely absent.

**Against Whom.**  
But, it was not against Frank Feeney, the cynical grafter, nor against Cappellini responsible for the assassination of Lillis, Campbell and Reilly that this attack was directed by the socialist and "progressive" Jim Maurer. No! That would have required honesty and courage! And who can expect to find an honest and courageous leader of what remains of the yellow socialist party? This vicious attack was directed by the leader and spokesman of the socialist party and the "progressives" against Pat Cosh, the valiant steel worker, whose name appears on the blacklist of every steel company in Pennsylvania and against the little group of

miners whose struggle to prevent the destruction of the once powerful miners' union must serve as an inspiration to the entire working class.

Jim Maurer was elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor sixteen years ago as the spokesman and representative of a militant working class that sought to make the federation an instrument for the advancement of the interests of the workers by taking it out of the hands of the corrupt and reactionary forces who were using it against the workers. He passed out of the convention a few days ago, a miserable failure and a cowardly renegade. His attack upon the small group of honest representatives of the workers came not as the result of a sudden and uncontrollable burst of temper. His attack was the result of a calculated systematic policy of betrayal and surrender to the worst and blackest elements who curse the labor movement.

Jim Maurer, as the spokesman of the socialist party and of the cowardly "progressives," delivered the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor into the hands of Cappellini, which means into the hands of Lewis and their capitalist masters. Together with his understudy John Phillips, whom he failed to elect as his successor, Maurer made a united front against the striking miners, against the only elements who are fighting to prevent the destruction of the trade union movement. Consciously and with deliberate purpose Maurer and his group in the convention defeated every progressive policy put forward by the left wing in an effort to placate the insatiable reaction of Bill Green, John L. Lewis, Matthew Woll and Co.

**Read the Record.**  
They allowed delegates against whom Fagan and Cappellini made objection to be expelled; they permitted the betrayers of the miners' strike to castigate the militant miners; they helped defeat a move against company unionism by voting down the resolution against the "Mitten Plan" although they previously had expressed themselves against this vicious method of destroying the unions; they helped discredit a resolution for relief of the unemployed, denouncing as impractical a proposal for unemployment insurance funds for which are to be derived by taxing the swollen profits of the employers;

they deliberately avoided taking issue on the militarization of the youth by allowing a resolution against the C. M. T. C. to be tabled; they buried a resolution demanding the release of Sam Bonita, victim of the Lewis-Cappellini murder and frame-up machine; and finally Jim Maurer, who pretends to be a progressive by virtue of his support of the Soviet Union, frankly admitted his cowardice by declaring that he could not press for adoption of a resolution demanding recognition of the First Workers' Republic and allowed this resolution too, to be buried.

**Communists Alone Dependable.**  
During this short period of the convention, Maurer and the socialists and "progressives" perpetrated every form of betrayal and exposed in all its filthy nakedness all the treachery and all the cowardice of which the socialists and fake progressives are capable. The net result of the convention is that the notorious Vore-Mellon machine will, in the words of one of its supporters, "be compelled to spend about \$50,000 to 'win' the support of the federation and its new president, the democratic John Casey."

But for the honest workers who attended this convention, for those delegates who cast 75 votes for John Otis, the candidate of the militants, and for many thousands of workers throughout the country who will have learned from this convention that only those leaders who are grouped around the Workers (Communist) Party and the Trade Union Educational League can be depended on militantly to wage the fight against all the forces of reaction; for these thousands of workers the convention will have served as a great purpose.

In the eyes of those workers who are battling the sinister forces that threaten the destruction of the trade unions and block the progress of the workers, the little handful of militant delegates who stood up in the convention and fought the Lewis-Cappellini-Kennedy-Fagan-Feeney gang and their thugs and gunmen, when it required real courage and determination, will not appear as rats. But Jim Maurer and the socialist party of which he is a member and the spineless pseudo progressives who are grouped around him and who dared not oppose, dared not fight—these, Mr. Maurer, are the rats.

# Wall St. Brings More Trouble to the Latin Americans

By SCOTT NEARING.  
President Simons of the New York Stock Exchange calls attention, in his annual report, to the rapid shift in United States foreign investments that has taken place during the last three years. Immediately after the war United States bankers poured the economic surplus into Europe. Today it is going to Latin America. Listings of governmental bond issues on the New York Stock Exchange show an increase from Australasia of 1 in 1925, none in 1926 and 3 in 1927. They totalled 10 in 1928. Asiatic government issues did not increase in 1925; increased by 1 in 1926 and by 1 in 1927. Five were

listed in the New York Exchange in 1928.  
North American government issues, exclusive of the United States, decreased by 1 in 1925 and have stood since that time at 17.  
European government issues increased by 5 in 1925, 9 in 1926 and 7 in 1927. Their total at the beginning of 1928 was 74.  
By comparison South and Central American government issues show a very rapid growth. They increased by 6 in 1925; by 9 in 1926, and by 21 in 1927. Their total on January 1, 1928, was 61.  
While European governments still lead in the total number of issues listed on the stock exchange, the rate of increase is plainly very much

greater than that for Europe. United States capital is building itself into the economic and political structure of Monroe Doctrined Latin America. This matter-of-fact announcement by the president of the New York Stock Exchange of the rapid growth of United States capital investments in Latin American government securities has had some curious accompaniments. Dr. Frederic C. Howe, speaking at a meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia seriously questioned whether it was "necessary" for United States surplus capital to venture abroad in search of investment opportunities. Charles Evans Hughes, former secretary of state, made another of his pompous

legalistic declarations in which he insisted that the United States war on Nicaragua was no war at all but merely a fulfillment of the treaty obligations which the United States had assumed toward that unfortunate state. Meanwhile United States capital is pouring into Latin America.  
**Colonial Subjugation.**  
American workers have little idea what is going on. They are busy with movies, with the new baseball season, and with the preliminaries of the presidential campaign between big bankers and business men on the one side and big bankers and business men on the other.  
American business interests do everything in their power to keep the workers in ignorance as to the devel-

opments and the implications of imperial power.  
Mr. Simmons goes as far as any of the economic leaders at the present time. He merely commits himself to the proposition that United States capital is rapidly penetrating Latin America.  
**With what result?**  
First, rival European capitalists are being forced out of the Latin-American market.  
Second, Latin American states are "voluntarily" entering into treaties according to which Washington decides their policies.  
The New York Stock Exchange facts are the economic foundation for imperial rivalries, colonial subjugation and inevitable war.