

# GASTONIA STRIKERS TO SPEAK TONIGHT AT MASS MEETING IN RELIEF AND DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

The four striking textile workers from Gastonia, N. C., who arrived in New York City last week, to bring the message of the Southern textile strike to the Eastern workers, will speak at a mass meeting to be held tonight at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., at 8 o'clock. They are Violet Jones, Iva Fulbright, Dewey Martin and Cecil Jones. After the mass meeting the four strikers will leave for a tour of New Jersey

and New England which is being arranged by the Workers International Relief.

"The spreading of the textile strike to the Pinkney Mills at South Gastonia," a statement issued by the W.I.R. last night points out, "increases the responsibility of the Workers International Relief. More workers must be given relief than in the past, which means that the support of the American working class must be increased tenfold. The workers

of Elizabethton, Tenn., have also again gone on strike, with the possibility of more joining the walkout as time passes. Wednesday's meeting will give the workers of New York City an opportunity to welcome the representatives of the striking workers and pledge them working class solidarity."

In addition to the strikers, other speakers at tonight's meeting will be Albert Weisbord, national secretary, National Textile Workers Union;

J. Louis Engdahl, acting editor, Daily Worker; Juliet Stuart Poyntz, national secretary, International Labor Defense; John J. Ballam, acting secretary, Trade Union Educational League and Harriet Silverman, secretary, Local New York Workers International Relief. The chairman will be Alfred Wagenknecht, national secretary of the W. I. R.

The meeting will be held under the joint auspices of the W. I. R., I. L. D.; N. T. W. U. and the T. U. E. L.

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# SOVIET UNION DEMANDS DISARMAMENT AT GENEVA

## The First Installment of "CEMENT" MAY DAY

HERE is the news you have all been waiting for! The first installment, ONE FULL PAGE, of "CEMENT," the famous Soviet novel by the brilliant author, Feodor Gladkov, will appear in the special Edition of the Daily Worker.

This means that the opening chapters of this wonderful story, depicting conditions in the Soviet Unions as they are, will be circulated in hundreds of thousands of copies; a powerful reply to the anti-Soviet, war provoking propaganda contained in the fiction serial, "The Red Napoleon," now appearing in the weekly magazine, "Liberty," issued by the powerful jingo interests back of the Chicago Daily Tribune and the New York Daily News.

Every reader of the Daily Worker should immediately get busy in two directions: (1) Get new readers (subscribers) of the Daily Worker, so they will be able to start reading "Cement" from the beginning, and (2) Get a bundle of the May Day Edition and distribute it. This means developing the possibility of getting numerous new and constant readers for the Daily Worker.

One of the Best Ever. The special May Day edition of the Daily Worker will be one of the best ever gotten out, if present plans and the material coming in are an indication.

We want more articles from workers engaged in mass struggle—contributions from worker correspondents in the basic industries and in strikes, soldier correspondents, Negro, women and youth workers, farmers, class war prisoners now in jail and recently released, etc., etc.

Workers active in the textile strikes in the South, in the shoe strike in the Greater Boston area, in mine strikes, in the New York cafeterias, grocery clerks and window cleaners' strikes, in the recent dress str., etc., are urged to write short articles, not exceeding a couple of hundred words, on the revolutionary mobilization on International May Day and their mass struggles, their unions, and so on.

Many Interesting Features. The May Day edition will also have a number of interesting features. These will include special cartoons by Fred Ellis, Jacob Burck and other well-known revolutionary artists, a history of May Day demonstrations in czarist Russia, speeches of Russian workers at the first illegal May Day meeting in Petersburg, an article of Lenin on May Day, others by Rosa Luxemburg, C. E. Ruthenberg, Sun Yat-sen, an editorial by John Reed on May Day, written in 1919, an article on May Day and the eight-hour movement in the U. S., and a number of other features, pictures, book reviews, etc. A May Day manifesto from the Central Committee, and special editorials will, of course, be included.

## Workers to See Duncan Troupe in Farewell Tomorrow Night

"This isn't dancing; this is a marvelous new art never known before!" This and similar comments have been made by thousands of workers who have seen the Isadora Duncan dancers in this country. Tomorrow night there will be many more such comments, for tomorrow these remarkable children of the Soviet Union will give the opening performance of their farewell at Manhattan Opera House, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

## Statement of N. Y. District of Communist Party on Killing of Negro Schoolboy Athlete

The New York District of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. protests against the killing of Harry Clarke, the Negro schoolboy, by his white schoolmate for winning a race in an athletic meet after having been warned not to win.

This act was a direct result of the vicious system of race and class oppression which rules in this country, which has resulted in the past year in the beating of several Negro workers in the subways of this city by U. S. soldiers, in police brutality against Negroes in Harlem, as well as in many lynchings in various parts of the country.

Racial prejudice has permeated the winds of the white workers of this country as well. But a few weeks ago, 19 Negro painters in Newark were refused admittance into existing unions.

The bosses and their government deliberately foster racial divisions and racial prejudice among the workers in order to divide their ranks, enabling the bosses to play one against the other. Their system of education and schools are used to create artificial racial barriers between children of the working class.

The capitalist system is responsible for the murder of Harry Clarke. It is responsible for all the lynchings, Jim-Crowism, peonage, and other forms of discrimination, which the Negro race and Negro workers are subjected to. It is responsible for the segregation of Negroes into certain sections of the city, resulting in addition to congestion, higher rents, and the worst abuses of landlordism. It is responsible for denying Negro workers equal opportunity for work, with equal pay for equal work.

The N. Y. District of the Communist Party calls upon all workers, black and white, to protest the killing of Harry Clarke by attending the mass protest meeting to be held under the auspices of the Y. C. L. and A. N. I. C. on Monday, April 22nd, at St. Luke Hall, 125 West 130th St. It calls upon all workers, black and white, to fight for full political, social and racial equality for the Negro race. It calls upon all workers to fight all forms of discrimination against Negro workers, for the right of Negro workers to join and belong to unions. It calls upon all workers to unite in militant working class organizations and to join and support the C. P. which fights for the abolition of the capitalist system with its exploitation of workers and with its oppression of colonial peoples and the Negro race.

## Minister's "Social Vision" Is the Vision of a Parasite

Father of St. Philips Wants Good Return On Investment From His Tenants

By SOL AUERBACH, VIII. (This is the eight of a series of articles exposing the conditions under which Negro workers are forced to live in Harlem. Yesterday, the Daily Worker described "Rats and Cats Row" a block of tenements on W. 135th Street, owned by the St. Philips Church. The present article acquaints you with one of the fathers of that church.)

AS you wait in the Parish House of St. Philip's Church for Father Shelton H. Bishop to arrive you notice that the walls are in good condition, well painted and clean. No cats are needed here to chase the rats.

Father Bishop, a brisk and well-preserved man who would pass for an efficient business man if it were not for his clerical collar, comes late and brushes in blubbing with excuses.

"Oh, it takes me so long to get over here. They keep me so busy until late at night..."

A Clever Minister. As you sit opposite the trim Father Bishop you think of carpeted floors, wide sunlit rooms, a butler, servants and a cook.

"Yes, conditions are bad in Harlem," begins Father Bishop, after listening intently to our introduction and the purpose of our visit. (We have not told him that we know that his church owns a block of tenements.) "Some of the landlords—others all of them—refuse to make repairs unless they get rent raises. Conditions are unsanitary, the people live in unventilated and disease-breeding rooms. Not all the houses are bad, however. There are some good houses and some bad ones."

"Where are some of the good ones located?" we ask, hoping that he will mention among the good ones the row of rat and vermin-breeding (Continued on Page Two)

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## TROOPS, POLICE RUSH TO PINCNEY MILL, GASTONIA

Bosses Trying Hard to Keep Rest of Rankin Mills at Work

5,000 Out in Tennessee

A. F. L. Fakers Admit Workers Leave Jobs

GASTONIA, N. C., April 16.—Troops are being withdrawn from the Manville-Jencks company Lora mill here and are rushed to South Gastonia to surround the Pincney mill. The reason seems to be fear on the part of the employers that if the Pincney strikers maintain their defiance, the workers in other mills of the concern that owns the Pincney plant, the Rankin Co., will enter the strike. There is one more Rankin mill in the town of Gastonia, and many scattered about the country.

The position of the mill guards is so distasteful to the enlisted men of the North Carolina National Guard that the practise of withdrawing militia from the strike zone and substituting hired gunmen deputized as deputy sheriffs is being rushed by the employers, the state and city government. Some of these gunmen have been imported by the Manville-Jencks Co. from its Rhode Island, New England areas.

Governor Gardner of North Carolina announced yesterday evening that he has instructed Adjutant General Metts to withdraw two more of the three remaining companies of the militia in Gastonia as soon as he can, which means as soon as there are thugs ready to take their

Strike in Elizabethton. ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., April 16.—Two thousand workers in the rayon mills here of the American Glassstiff and American Bemberg plants walked out yesterday and today. These strikers have been out and back twice already within the last few months, each time getting promises of better conditions, which the companies simply refuse to carry out after the men are back.

William F. Kelly, vice president of the United Textile Workers, who is pretending to represent the workers here, but is really following the policy of Edward F. McGrady, of the A. F. L., and has been fighting against the strike, telling the mill hands that they should be "reasonable" with their employers, etc., admitted today that the strike is "spontaneous in each mill and not ordered by my union."

It is the ultimate aim of this work ("Capital") to reveal the economic law of motion of modern society.—Marx.

## MOBILIZE FOR MAY DAY

THE following is a partial list of International May Day meetings arranged by the Communist Party and sympathetic organizations. The various districts are urged to send in immediately for listing the dates, cities, halls, and speakers of their May Day meetings.

- New York, May 1, Coliseum, E. 177th St. and Bronx River.
- Pittsburgh, May 1, 7:30 p. m., Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.
- New Bedford, May 1, Bristol Arena. Speaker, Pershing.
- Newark, May 1, 93 Mercer St.
- Union City, May 1, 418 21st St.
- Jersey City, May 1, 116 Mercer St.
- New Brunswick, May 1, 11 Plum St.
- Perth Amboy, May 1, Workers Home, 308 Elm St.
- Elizabeth, May 1.
- Yonkers, May 5, Cooperative Center, 252 Warburton Ave.
- Detroit, May 1, 7:30 p. m., Danceland Auditorium, Woodward, near Forest.
- Speakers: N. H. Tallentire, etc.
- Cleveland, May 1, 7:30 p. m., Public Hall (Ball Room).
- Boston, May 1, 8 p. m., address and speakers to be announced later.
- Providence, R. I., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Jas. P. Reid, L. Nardella.
- Gardner, Mass., May 5, 1 p. m.
- Pontiac, Mich., May 1, 7:30 p. m., Speaker, Alfred Goetz.
- Flint, Mich., May 1, 7:30 p. m., Speaker, A. Gerlach.
- Saginaw, Mich., May 1, 7:30 p. m., Speaker, Arnold Zeigler.
- Grand Rapids, Mich., May 1, 7:30 p. m., Speaker, John Schmeis.
- Muskegon, Mich., May 1, 7:30 p. m., Speaker, Philip Raymond.
- Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Robert Minor, H. Benjamin and Negro speaker.
- Baltimore Md., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Bill Murdoch, and YWCL speaker.
- Wilmington, Del., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Frank Moyer, L. Meldin.
- Trenton, N. J., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Bill Lawrence and YWCL.
- Chester, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, Ben Thomas and YWCL.
- Allentown, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m., Speakers, L. P. Lemley and YWCL.
- Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m.
- Seranton, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m.
- Minersville, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m.
- Easton & Bethlehem, Pa., May 1, 8 p. m.

## Rescue Miners Buried Alive For 48 Hours

WALLACE, Idaho, April 16.—After being entombed by a cave-in in the shaft of the old Frisco mine near here for nearly 48 hours Oscar Johnson and John Amanson, miners, were rescued today.

The rescue was effected by crews of hard rock miners from various mines of the Couer D'Alene district working in relays without stop since Sunday night.

Boss Wanted to Quit. The employers at this mine ordered rescue work stopped a day after the accident, on the expressed excuse that the men were dead and it was no use wasting money trying to dig them out.

Miner friends of the buried workers, however, insisted they heard faint cries and signals from below, and so aroused the mining community that more rescue crews were organized, and finally were successful.

Both Johnson and Amanson are weak and emaciated from their experience.

## FOOD WALK-OUT GOES TO 5TH AVE.

Postpone Hearing on Injunction

Strikes were declared yesterday against three cafeterias by the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers' Union as part of the union's policy of extending the strike for union conditions, at present localized in the garment section, to a complete tie-up of every restaurant in the city.

Judge Henry Sherman, of the N. Y. Supreme Court, yesterday adjourned till next Wednesday hearing of the arguments for restraining injunctions sought by the Willow Cafeterias, Inc., and the United Restaurant Owners' Association. In the meantime, Sherman ruled, strikers may continue picketing, but no strike may be declared against the Willow Cafeterias.

Accused of entering the Zenith Cafeteria and starting a riot in order to disorganize trade Leonard Rosen, 205 E. 14th St., was yesterday fined \$25. Ten dollar fines were imposed on Affin Alasch, 456 W. 23rd St., and Louis Eemos, 248 W. 23rd St.

Salvatore Laturio, 527 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, arrested on April 5 and charged by the union with being a gangster employed by restaurant owners, was released by Judge Rosenbluth on \$1,000 bail for trial at Special Sessions on a charge of simple assault.

## HOOVER MESSAGE HAS NO PLAN FOR FARMERS' RELIEF

Breaks All Promises Made During Vote Catching Tour

Sabotages Loan Plan

Wants More Patronage on Tariff Machine

WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Hoover today handed the special session of congress a message covering the two purposes for which the meeting was called in the most cynical and reactionary manner in which presidential campaign promises have been broken so far in history.

His promise made over and over again to the farmers while he was campaigning for the presidency, that their condition would be relieved, was simply disregarded in the message, as far as practical plans or suggestions are concerned. He didn't make any.

Denounces Fae. The equalization fee and the debenture plan for exporting grain, which have been considered by the house committee on farm legislation, though not included in the bill submitted by the committee, Hoover publicly denounces.

Hoover's message began with an admission that agriculture is in a bad way, and then attempted to blame this on "foreign competition." Hoover does admit, however, that certain administration appropriation bills must be considered, and suggests action on the National Origins bill on immigration.

See Farmer Anger. The farm bloc, which generally has supported the president, acted surprised today that his farm relief message to congress did not go further in the matter of at least making a pretense at relief.

The message, opposing the fee or tax system of handling farm surpluses, and strongly opposing general tariff revision, was heard by farm senators solemnly. After listening, with rather serious manner, some issued public comment indicating dissatisfaction.

Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Rep'n. Ia., who campaigned for Mr. Hoover, and Senator Capper, Rep'n, Kas., Hoover supporter and nominal head of the bloc voiced the first bloc sentiment.

Fight for Debentures. Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee pointed out the document did not mention the debenture plan which his committee is planning to tack on the Hoover bill unless it receives more discouragement from the department of agriculture than was contained in the president's message.

Senator Norris, Rep'n, Neb., who opposed Mr. Hoover: "I have not found anything new in it. We all agree that agriculture is in a very unfavorable position. He hasn't touched the question of surplus. He hasn't definitely outlined any remedy. We are in the same position (Continued on Page Two)

## WORKERS BATTLE WITH FASCISTS

(Wireless By "Imprecor") VIENNA, Austria, April 16.—Bloody collisions have taken place between the workers and fascists at Mittelfeld in Obersteiermark.

Six of the fascists were seriously wounded. The fighting lasted thruout the whole night and the police and soldiers have been called out.

## Ask Working Women to Aid Cafeteria Strike

Class conscious working women—especially women cafeteria workers and relatives and friends of the cafeteria strikers are asked to report for important strike work at 12 noon today at Room 404, 26-28 Union Square, or at the headquarters of the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers' Union, 133 W. 51st St.

## Prove Pains Had Reasons To Give Bribe

Evidence showing that Angelo Pains, the papal knight and sewer contractor, had a motive which would lead him to bribe Queens Borough President George U. Harvey was submitted yesterday, the second day of his trial for giving the later convicted Frank H. Berg and Albert Levin \$10,000 to carry to Harvey for "campaign expenses."

The prosecution contends that this was a bribe offer and Berg and Levin were convicted of carrying the bribe. Pains admits he gave them the money, but claims he did not intend to bribe the president.

Millions Involved. Eugene Tulley, clerk in the comptroller's office was placed on the stand and produced files covering twelve contracts awarded to Pains between November 10, 1924 and November 14, 1928, on which the city has paid \$8,956,455.37. Another contract awarded September 17, 1926, to Pains and later assigned to another contractor, was worth \$311,836.96.

Attorney Johnstone for the defense introduced an application signed George U. Harvey for admission into the Ku Klux Klan. Harvey, on the stand, denied it was his signature. After having him write his name and address, Johnstone shouted at him:

"Now, after writing this, do you swear under oath that you never made application for membership in the Ku Klux Klan?"

Assistant District Attorney Frosser was on his feet with an objection, which Judge Adel sustained.

## FINE PROGRAM FOR MAY 1 MEET

The huge mass celebration at the Coliseum, which over 20,000 workers are expected to attend, will have a splendid program. Among the features of the meeting will be the mass pageant and ballet, and the brass band of the Finnish Workers Club, consisting of 40 revolutionary proletarian musicians, will play various numbers, including the International.

Charles Burrows, well-known Negro singer, will sing Negro folk and work songs.

The Freiheit Singing Society has notified the program committee that a special program of songs is being prepared, to be announced later. James Phillips will lead the mass singing, and will sing two songs, the Pilgrim Song and Hats Off to the Stoker.

The Labor Sports Union, which gave a splendid performance at the last Lenin Memorial Meeting, will present a program of artistic formations and stunts appropriate to the occasion.

Prominent revolutionaries will speak on the issues before the American and international working class today and outline the great tasks confronting us during the coming year, so that when the next May Day comes, the proletariat will be able to celebrate important victories won over the capitalist class.

Leaflets are being printed to mobilize the masses for the huge distribution of a united front of militant class-conscious workers.

## OVERALL LOCKOUT MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., (By Mail)

—Thirty garment workers of the Bates Lang Overall Factory here were locked out when they refused to take a proposed wage cut.

## MILL STRIKERS ON TOUR

Gastonia Committee Helps the W. I. R.

The delegation of textile strikers from Gastonia, N. C., now in New York, one man who has worked years in the cotton mills, two women toilers and one child slave, are to tour the cities of the east and the middle west speaking for the Workers' International Relief, to raise money to save the starving strikers in North Carolina and for the coal miners, it is announced.

Dewey Martin, Iva Fulbright, Violet Jones and Carl Burger are

## LITVINOFF HAS DETAILED PLAN AGAINST WAR

Envoys at Preparatory Arms Conference Hear It in Silence

Lashes Militarist Plot

Says League's Method Leads to Blind Alley

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 16.—Speaking in English, Maxim Litvinoff, Acting Peoples Commissar for Foreign Affairs, today held the preparatory commission on disarmament of the nations spellbound as he outlined and pled for the Soviet partial disarmament plan. The total disarmament plan, which was brought by the Soviet delegates before last year's league sessions was rejected by the imperialists.

Litvinoff assailed naval limitation, pointing out that it in no way differs from previous futile attempts in this direction which had been made by the imperialist powers prior to the world war. He cited the proposed naval holiday which preceded the conflict between Great Britain and Germany.

Score Rejection of Proposal. In the absence of a sentiment for total disarmament, Litvinoff proposed the partial disarmament plan. "The acceptance of the Soviet proposal for a proportional reduction of all armed forces and categories of armaments would have removed those differences between the sea powers, which are at present blocking the work of the preparatory commission, and obviate the perhaps still more acute differences almost sure to arise in the problems of land and air forces," Litvinoff stated.

The speaker then emphasized the sharpened differences which are at present heightening the war danger between the United States and British imperialism, adding that it was constantly becoming more acute.

The speaker then lashed the league's method of technical investigation of the armament problem, calling it a "blind alley" and a "will-of-the-wisp."

Decide to "Discuss." Pointing out that the Kellogg pact contains no newer guarantees of security than the Locarno agreements, he showed that the Soviet government's sincere application

ven of this pact to the most troubled section of Europe had brought it to bear as a force in the struggle against the war danger in eight European countries. Yet, if the imperialists honestly wish peace, they must abandon their reluctance to reduce armaments, Litvinoff declared.

The league has decided "to discuss the Soviet plan on its merits" and later determine its "availability."

## Lenin May Day Article on Page 6 Tomorrow

Tomorrow on page 6, the Daily will publish a manifesto written by Lenin in prison in 1896 for May Day. It resulted in giving the first impetus to the strike of 40,000 textile workers of St. Petersburg.

Lenin issued the leaflet in the name of the League for the Struggle for the Emancipation of the Working Class, which developed into the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Look for this article tomorrow.

# CABINET ORDERS PREVENT INDIAN LEASES OF OIL

## Wilbur Cuts Chances for Tribes to Profit

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Continuing the administration policy of saving the Standard Oil Company from competition, Secretary of the Interior Wilbur today ordered no more oil leases on Indian lands. He specified particularly that no more leases may be granted in the Shoshone and Wind River reservations in Wyoming, or the Crow reservation in Montana, but included all other reservations except the Osage, which is covered by an act of congress specifying the leasing of 25,000 acres annually.

No More Royalties. The effect on the Indians will be to prevent them from drawing any new royalties. Their oil will be kept intact until the new Indian bill Secretary Wilbur has in mind is passed; whereupon the lands will be broken-up and assigned out to individuals, who will be left without tribal organization to face a hostile world full of oil swindlers.

# MILL STRIKERS TOUR COUNTRY

## Help W. I. R. Gather Funds for South

(Continued from Page One) Brunswick and Hoboken. National-wide Campaign. Thousands of letters appealing for funds are being mailed daily, while tag days and mass meetings are being arranged by W. I. R. locals throughout the country. The national office of the W. I. R. has sent out instructions to its branches throughout the country telling them to immediately organize W. I. R. relief committees. It calls upon them to secure the support of all local trade unions, Workmen Circles, workers' clubs and other fraternal organizations in their vicinity.

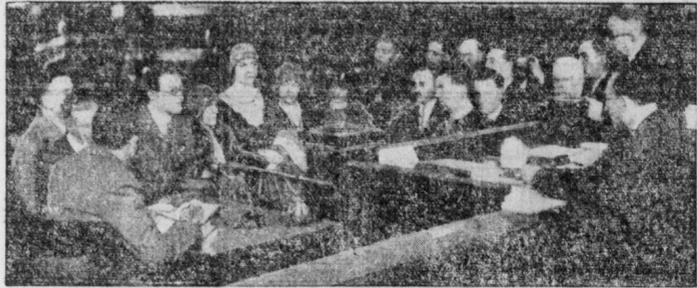
"Mobilize your forces at once," state the instructions, "for a tag day, a house to house collection, collections in front of factory gates, collections at all dances and other affairs held by workers' organizations."

A Man Who Knows. The national office of the W. I. R. yesterday made public the following letter received from R. Bruno Wilson, Berkeley, Cal.

"Enclosed please find check for \$5 for relief of miners and textile workers. I was child slave at eight in a Southern cotton mill in 1901 and have been hoping and praying (not to god) for just such a coming out of the slaves ever since. Stay by those noble workers in the mines and mills as I know they are made of good fighting metal if given a chance."

Contributions for the relief fund should be sent to the national office of the W. I. R., Room 604, 1 Union Sq., New York City.

# Reaction Tries Members of Birth Control Clinic



Doctors and nurses in the Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau were seized in a raid by Tammany police Monday on the "information" supplied by a woman stool-pigeon. Photo shows the arrested doctors being arraigned in Jefferson Market Court.

# Minister Finds a "Social Vision" for Exploitation

(Continued from Page One) tenements owned by his church. But Father Bishop is a clever man.

The Good Ones. "Well," he says after some thought, "75 St. Nicholas Place, 853 St. Nicholas Ave. . . 187 W. 135th Street—that is where I live and it is owned by the church."

"Oh, the church owns property? Does it own more?" "Yes, it owns the whole block on the north side of West 135th Street with the exception of the library and the Y. M. C. A."

"Of course these houses are in as good condition as yours," we throw in expectantly. "Oh no," says the clever Father Bishop. "They are pretty bad. They are kept in bad condition."

A "Social Vision." "How is that? One would think that property owned by the church would be somewhat better." We did not think so, but we said it only to draw the Father out more.

"Well, you see, I am not the rector of the church, my father is. And the vestry board actually runs the property. The trouble with the vestry board is that they are not accustomed to look at the problem with a social vision. They have to be educated up to it."

"What do you mean by a social vision, Father Bishop?" "A 5 Per Cent Investment. Well, looking at the problem from both sides. You will agree with me, won't you, that anybody is entitled to 5 per cent on their investments? We try to give all we can for the money we get."

We could not grasp the profundity of this "social vision" on the part of the minister of a church which tries to get all it can out of tenants living in its property, while refusing to spend a cent for repairs and renovations. About all the tenants get from their clerical landlord for their rent is good rat meat for their cats.

A Spiritual Return. But let the minister himself enlarge upon this "social vision." "What we make in profits out of the property we own we return to the people in some form or other. Besides our spiritual help we have a home for the aged, a camp for children and a playground for boys. If it were not for the apartments we would not be able to take care of the boys who come to play here, who also come from poor families. Nor could we distribute a few hundred Christmas baskets, as we did last Christmas."

"But do you not feel it to be contradictory for a church to own a tenement block where conditions are at their worse and from the pulpit of that church preach the creed of 'good will'?" "Why so? We are just like the owner of a factory who returns to its employees, in some form or another, all its profits."

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VISION OF A PARASITE. THAT is the "social vision" of a minister for a landlord church! His appearances are not so deceiving after all, for he is certainly a good business man.

To him the suffering of tenants living on a block in Harlem is a matter of dollars and cents. If the church can get 5 per cent on its investment—the vestry board sees to it that it gets more—then the tenants can go without renovations and have all the rats they want. If necessary, the tenants must take rent raises and be served with dispossession notices. The Bishops, father and son, will continue preaching from their pulpit, assured that their income is certain and that the vestry board feels safe.

But the ministers play a more double-faced role than that. Out of the profits they grind from their tenants living in the rat cages on 135th Street, they take a small fraction and make up Christmas baskets. Then they go to the homes of the workers, smiling in Christmas fashion, with Christmas basket in hand, and say, "Now, see how good we are."

Trick of Charity. It is certainly a charitable institution! They grant asylum to a few old women whom members of the church and other exploiters in Harlem have worked to death at a starvation wage and diseased in tenements. How kind they must be to allow some thirty boys to play in a room in their parish—under the supervision of the Boy Scouts—while thousands of other children, victims of church exploitation, make the best playgrounds they can out of dirty streets and cubby-holes, sleeping two or three in a bed in some unventilated room.

That is the "social vision" of the church. It is a business vision, which means that it looks upon the great mass of Negro workers as so much material from which to make money and at whose expense clergymen and other "respectable citizens" can live in ease and luxury.

Segregated Segregation. Not only do they believe in segregation for the Negroes—for it

means that they have reserved a whole group of workers to themselves over whom they hold the privileged position of parasites—but they also believe in splitting the Negro workers among themselves so that they can exploit them all the better.

It is in this church—St. Philips—that the ushers are instructed to reserve the first few rows for lighter-skinned Negroes!

This is social vision for the parasites—both Negro and white—for the exploiters and the robbers of Negro workers.

Tomorrow the Daily Worker investigator will take you to a "model apartment" which has been heralded as a solution for the housing conditions. Come along, and we shall see.

Tenants, write in to the Daily Worker, describing the conditions of your apartment and treatment at the hands of landlords.

# Steel Trust Sells New Stock; Dodges Tax; See \$1,500,000,000 in Sales

The United States Steel Corporation will sell additional stock to holders of record May 1 at \$140 per share in the ratio of one new share for each seven held, directors decided at their meeting here yesterday.

Directors simultaneously called the 50-year bond issue of the corporation for payment September 1. No action has yet been taken on calling the 10 to 60 year issue. The 60-year debt amounts to \$134,830,000.

The new common stock to be issued will amount to 1,016,605 shares. President Farrell told the stockholders' meeting the plants were operating at 96 per cent capacity and sales in 1929 would probably amount to \$1,500,000,000. In 1928 they were \$1,374,000,000.

This bond redemption program is the largest the corporation has ever undertaken, but is largely a paper transaction, as the inner ring controlling the steel trust, mainly the group around J. Pierpont Morgan, owns most of the bonds too.

The purchase of the bonds out of profits of the company is one way to avoid paying income tax and to avoid the appearance of granting big dividends.

BOY, 12, BURNED TO DEATH COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 16.—(U.P.)—James Harris, 12, died here, the third victim of a fire at the Harris home at Harrisburg, last night.

The lad's brother, Harold, 4, was burned to death and his mother, Mrs. Wanda Harris, 32, was so badly burned she died this morning.

# HOOVER MESSAGE CYNICAL BREACH OF ALL PROMISES

## Wants More Patronage on Tariff Machine

(Continued from Page One) we were before. The American people when they elected Hoover did it under the impression that he had a definite remedy to cure the evils of agriculture. Some of us dared to question it and were roundly abused.

"There is No Remedy." He then makes a sweeping statement that "there is no single plan or principle that can be generally applied" (for farm relief) but, "Some of the forces working to the detriment of agriculture can be greatly mitigated by improving our waterway transportation; some of them by readjustment of the tariff; some by better understanding and adjustment of production needs, and some by improvement in the methods of marketing."

"There should be no fee or tax imposed upon the farmer. No governmental agency should engage in the buying and selling and price-fixing of products, for such courses can lead only to bureaucracy and domination. Government funds should not be loaned or facilities duplicated where other services of credit and facilities are available at reasonable rates. No activities should be set in motion that will result in increasing the surplus production, as such will defeat any plans of relief."

Tariff Beard Plums. Hoover is very chary in his message about definite tariff changes, also, and in no manner suggests any reduction. His single definite contribution is only one in favor of more patronage for the president. He says:

"The Tariff Commission should be reorganized and placed upon a basis of higher salaries in order that we may at all times command men of the broadest attainments. Limits Session. And finally he smashes at those who hope to use the present special session for some other purpose than to make farm relief and technical tariff changes with the remark:

"It is my understanding that it is the purpose of the leaders of congress to confine the deliberations of the session mainly to the questions of farm relief and tariff. In this policy I concur."

There is in the whole message not one statement of a practical application of any of these sketchily suggested "remedies" except a few paragraphs in favor of higher tariff on agricultural products, which all economists agree would have the single effect of raising food prices for city workers, as the middleman who set the prices of farm products at the farms would not be thereby forced to pay the farmer any more.

Let Banks Handle Loan. Hoover's outline of the duties of the proposed Federal Farm Board are simply a paraphrase of the wording in the bill before the house. His attack on the equalization provisions of the old McNary-Haughen bill and his implied attack on even the \$500,000,000 revolving fund for loans to farm landlords and their "co-operatives" which is the single practical suggestion of the present bill, is stated as follows:

Senate Bill Tomorrow. WASHINGTON, April 16 (U.P.)—The senate agricultural committee will report a farm bill tomorrow, expecting to bring it up for consideration on the floor of the senate next Monday, Chairman McNary of the committee told the senate today after the reading of President Hoover's special message.

He did not indicate the nature of the bill. The committee held a two-hour executive session this forenoon and expected to reach a vote later.

The committee may tack the debt-rent plan on as an amendment to be used optionally by the proposed federal farm board.

What Prices Fall. CHICAGO, April 16 (U.P.)—President Hoover's farm relief message to congress today was interpreted pessimistically by grain traders here, May wheat dropping nearly five cents a bushel during the board of trade session.

Foreign markets were the first to weaken after the president's message had been made public but Chicago soon followed.

At the close today May wheat sold at \$1.18 1-8 compared with a price of \$1.23 at the close Monday. Corn and oats fell.

# FORM NEW STEEL TRUST TO FIGHT WORKERS' UNION

## To Be One of Biggest Corporations

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 16.—A \$30,000,000 syndicate, believed the first step of a plan to organize the country's third great steel corporation, was under development here today.

Organized to acquire steel stocks, the syndicate was reported to be part of a plan to strengthen the holdings of its sponsors preliminary to an attempt to merge the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. of Youngstown; the Inland Steel Co. of Chicago, and Republic Iron and Steel Company of Youngstown and Massillon, Ohio.

One of the main objects of the steel trust will be to combat the efforts of the workers in the mills to organize their union. Only recently the workers at the Massillon mill, of the Republic Iron and Steel Co., one of the firms involved in the merger, struck. Workers in one of the plants of the Central Alloy Steel Corporation, also involved in the trust, struck a short time ago.

The dominating figure in the move was said to be Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland investment broker and partner of Otis and Co. reports said. The new corporation would become one of the three greatest steel corporations, surpassed in size only by the United States Steel and Bethlehem Steel.

The ultimate consolidation may strive to include Central Alloy Steel Corporation, adding upwards of \$88,000,000 in assets and plants with a 1,400,000 ton annual capacity to the new combine.

The campaign exposing the housing conditions in Harlem now being carried on by the Daily Worker has awakened great interest among the Negro workers, who, as they are invited to do, are sending in letters on housing conditions to the Daily Worker. The following is a letter received from Lula Grant, a tenant in Harlem:

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He wants her to vacate so he can raise the rent. She cannot leave just now for she is without work and can only afford to pay for the present apartment.

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# District 4 Redoubles Drive for the "Daily;" All Sections Must Push Drive Over Top

THE entire Party membership of District 4, the important industrial district whose center is Buffalo, will respond to the call of the Daily Worker in its challenge to the jingo propaganda against the Soviet Union.

This is the message sent the Daily Worker by the militant workers and the Party membership in this district. "This call and challenge will be heeded with redoubled energy to double the subscribers of the Daily Worker in this district," the message reads.

"Every member of the Party, every other class conscious worker in District 4, is fully aware of the poisonous and malicious propaganda against the Soviet Union, the only working class government in the world, that is being conducted by the fascist magazine 'Liberty,' featuring the so-called 'Red Napoleon.'

"The membership in District 4 stands as one man behind the challenge of the Daily to the anti-Soviet propagandists.

"The District Executive Committee has apportioned the quota for each unit and section as follows:

"Buffalo, 80; Rochester, 60; Syracuse, 30; Utica, 15; Schenectady, 15; Troy, 15; Binghamton, 25; Jamestown, 15; Erie, Pa., 30; Niagara Falls, 15; Lackawanna, 10; Tonawanda, 10, and Spencer 15. All other individual members in isolated sections, 5 each."

Today, a general membership meeting in Cleveland will adopt ways and means of achieving the quota of 400 subscribers to the Daily Worker.

Class-conscious workers in all districts, redouble the campaign to bring your district over the top in the drive to double the number of subscribers to the Daily Worker.

# LETTERS FROM TENANTS

## Landlord Tries to Evict Jobless Worker

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# For the New Line of the C. I. and C. Y. I. in the Building of a Mass Communist Youth League and Its Unification

This is the fifth installment of statement introduced April 5th, by Comrades Williamson, Don, Frankfeld and Rijk, which was rejected by the National Executive Committee. The convention of the Young Workers (Communist) League will open on April 26.

Break Factional Ties With Party Groups. One of the prerequisites for successful struggle against the Right danger and the establishment of a new line and for the building of a mass CYI, is the abolition of factionalism and group life both in League and Party. The unification of the League can proceed at a faster tempo than in the Party, providing the League membership carry out the line of the CYI. The CYI in its Open Letter states:

"The direct cause of the renewed factional struggle in the Executive of the League is the revival of the struggle in the American Party. The American League made progress in regards to unity, and the successes in its work corresponded exactly with this period. But this unity was marred by the uncritical attitude of the Executive of the League to the Right errors of the Party. The NEC actually condoned and shared the Right errors of the Party by its tacit agreement with them."

The League leadership did not heed the warning of the CYI and thru its factional alignment with the Party leading group, intensified the factional situation in the League. The League must at all times, maintain a critical attitude towards the Party activities and take the initiative in fighting for the new line given to the Party by the Comintern and take the initiative against factionalism.

The CYI in its Open Letter to the Party correctly points the way for the elimination of factionalism in the League. It says, "The YWL must not be led by any of the factional groups in the Party. Its members must fight on the basis of the decisions of the Comintern and the CYI for the liquidation of factionalism and factional groupings both in the League and Party."

We recognize as a mistake, in conflict with the line of the CYI Letter, the absolutely uncritical attitude of the League Majority to the Party leadership and their complete factional unification with it. The NEC Minority, while basically following a critical attitude to both Party groups and their mistakes, in making its stand clear on political questions, did not at all times sufficiently differentiate itself factionally from the Party Minority.

In the present period, the CYI contention, that the League must not be led by any Party groups and must at all times assume a critical attitude towards Party mistakes and groupings, from whichever source they come, is more necessary than ever before, and must be carried out energetically and honestly by the League. The continued existence of factionalism in the League contains grave dangers for the development of the League. The League must do away with group life and practices. One of the crassest manifestations of fac-

tionism in the League is the placing of group loyalty above League or CYI and CI loyalty. A step in the direction of laying the basis for unifying the League, based on the CI and CYI lines and in breaking factional ties with the Party groupings, is the joint declaration of Comrades Williamson and Kaplan which we heartily endorse.

Substitute Self Criticism for Factionalism. Self criticism and normal life must substitute factionalism in the League. The entire League leadership and membership must be involved thru self criticism in correcting the present line of the League and in building up the League. Self-criticism, firm iron discipline and democratic centralism must become the basis for healthy normal development of healthy inner League.

Tasks in the Building of the League. The Convention, basing itself on the CYI line, must prepare the League for the following tasks: 1. Understanding and preparation of the League to successfully participate in and to give leadership in the present wave of struggles against rationalization and to mobilize the working youth against the growing war danger. All our activities must aim at freeing the working class youth from the influences of bourgeois and social reformism and to politicize the struggles of the working youth. 2. A complete overhauling and strengthening of the organizational and methods, especially with regard to local and district organizations, to improve the functioning of the League thru broader participation of the members and to fit it for the tremendous tasks and responsibilities in the coming period. Especial attention to building shop nuclei and daily directives to this end must come from district and national centers. 3. The planning and perspective in all our work—both thru intensified participation in the struggle of the young workers and thru improved character of the League work and organizational functioning of a decisive change in the present poor social composition of the League and its leadership. The League membership, thru deliberate efforts and guidance from the NEC of the District activities, must increase the number of industrial workers so that they constitute the overwhelming majority of the membership. The present situation, where a majority of the League membership are non-proletarians, must be overcome by energetic work in the economic struggles—actually in the shops and mines, of recruiting young industrial Americanized workers. In order to sink the roots of the League in the class struggle and give leadership to the struggle of the young workers, we must build up a young American proletarian leadership. (To Be Continued)

# MAY DAY BUTTONS

This year will carry the slogans: "Organize the Unorganized!" "Defend the Soviet Union!" "Fight Imperialist War"

AMPLE SUPPLIES OF THESE BUTTONS SHOULD BE ORDERED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE PARTY! PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!

PRICES: 10c each to individuals 7c each to Units on orders up to 100 buttons 6c each to Units on orders over 100 buttons COMMUNIST PARTY OF U. S. A.—NATIONAL OFFICE.

# WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

FIGHT for the Workers AGAINST the Bosses Fight for the Building of New Revolutionary Unions AGAINST Social Reformism For the Defense of the Soviet Union AGAINST Company Unionism For Workers and Farmers Government AGAINST Race Discrimination and Capitalism

# May Day Is A Day of Proletarian Struggle!

Have your name and the names of your shop-mates printed in the Red Honor Roll. See that your organization has a greeting printed in the Special Edition.

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# Report That Worker and Peasant Armies Control Almost Entire Kweichow Province

## FEDERALS PUSH REACTIONARIES IN NORTHWEST

### Big Mexican Textile Strike on Tomorrow

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—With the federal gunboat Progresso in Guaymas bay, its guns trained on the railroad junction of Empalme, and with federal armies closing in on Sonora from the west and south, the duration of the reactionary outbreak seemed precarious today.

General Almazan with 5,000 troops has received orders to follow the retreating forces of general Escobar, reactionary, thru the Pulpito Pass into Sonora. It is the opinion of general Calles that the Almazan forces should be able to "annihilate" the remaining reactionaries. It is also believed that quick action by Almazan will cut off the reactionaries' retreat into the United States.

The rapid retreat north of the reactionaries thru Sonora is expected to be halted by the guns of the Progresso at Guaymas.

Meanwhile a federal army is on the move near Naco and another advancing from Sinaloa.

Clerical Leaders Desert.

NACO, Ariz., April 16.—Leaders of the reactionary insurgents continue to desert their troops as the federal advance pushes them farther into Sonora. They are sneaking off by ones and twos. The reactionary leaders, Manzo and Rodriguez, now safely in the U. S., are urging general Yucupicio, Indian reactionary, to make terms with the federals. Yucupicio is said to be unwilling.

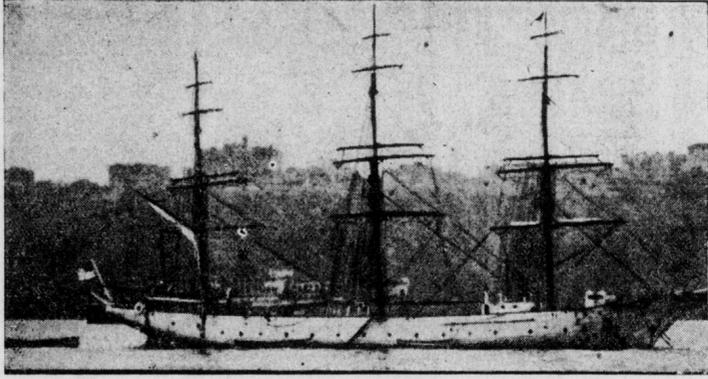
Textile Strike Tomorrow.

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—Eleven thousand textile workers in the Federal District and the states of Puebla, Tlaxcala, Guanajuato and Michoacan will walk out on strike tomorrow. The call has been issued by the National Federation of Textile Workers.

The strike is the result of the dismissal of a number of union workers by a Mexico City mill owner. The case came before the National Arbitration Council which upheld the owner. The workers then held mass meetings and decided to call the strike.

that has sprouted from the ruins of feudal society, has not done away with class antagonisms. It has but established new classes, new conditions of oppression, new forms of struggle in place of the old ones.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

## Old Slave Ships Give Way to Speed-up Efficiency Steamers



This reminder of the square-rigged schooner, owned by Ingles Uppercu, who uses it as a pleasure yacht, once sailed up the Hudson. Seamen slaved before the mast in the "old days." Today they slave in the stoke-holes, pantries and holds of the steamers.

## NO PLOT TO KILL INDIAN VICEROY

### British Start Wild Red Conspiracy Rumors

BOMBAY, India, April 16.—Attempts by the Anglo-Indian government to create a Red scare atmosphere continued today with rumors that Lord Irwin, the viceroy, and his wife, had been the objects of a plot against their lives.

The Exchange Telegraph Company is circulating a report that on Saturday, the train bearing the viceroy from Delhi to Dehra Dun was halted by a blazing bridge a short distance from Saharanpur and that eighteen sleepers were burned. It is stated that telegraph wires in the vicinity had been cut.

Reuter is much more conservative and admits that the bridge caught fire, apparently by accident, and that one sleeper on the bridge at the time was burned. The only point on which the dispatches agree is that the viceroy's train was delayed an hour.

The British government set the wildest rumors in circulation in order to justify the mass arrests and the trial of the left wing union and Workers and Peasants Party leaders which is to take place at Meerut towards the end of this month.

Talk of Communist plots is broadcast thru government agencies.

From each according to his capacity, to each according to his needs.—Marx.

## Dictatorship Denies Portuguese Royalist Plots Will Succeed

LISBON, Portugal, April 16.—An official denial of the report that the royalists are organizing a conspiracy to reestablish the monarchy in Portugal was issued by the government here today.

"The government is watchful of the republican regime," the government boasts in its statement, adding that "it will defend it with the certainty that the dictatorship will govern Portugal with the prosperity which all republicans desire."

Despite the official statement, it is commonly known that monarchist plots are rife in the country, the recent seizure of a shell factory and the arrest of a number of army officers being the latest evidence.

## Schacht Claims Reich Cannot Pay Reparation Terms Set by Allies

PARIS, France, April 16.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German delegate to the reparations conference today said Germany is unable to meet the terms given by the Allies.

The discussion on the payments was item by item and extremely technical. It introduced a session of bargaining which will probably continue for several days and will result in reducing the payments still further.

See Break Up.

BERLIN, Germany, April 16.—Official German circles today stated that they believe the reparations conference will break up without succeeding in its aims.

## POLICE INVENT RUMANIAN PLOT

### Manufacture New 'Red Conspiracy'

VIENNA, Austria, April 16.—The Rumanian government of Julius Maniu continued its persecution of workers and peasants with today's announcement by the police of the discovery of a "Communist plot" in Bessarabia.

Police assert that they raided the headquarters of the "conspirators" and found reports of "troop movements and stores of arms." This is in the best style of provocateur report.

A number of workers and peasants are said to have been jailed by the police. One of them is accused of being a "Soviet spy."

The government yesterday broke up a Communist meeting which was being held in Bucharest during the election. A number of workers were arrested.

Rioting between adherents of the Maniu government party and the liberal followers of Vintila Bratianu, former premier, occurred throughout the country during yesterday's balloting.

Many persons are reported to have been wounded in the course of these partisan clashes. Eight are known to have been injured in fights at the polls at Pleshoiu.

Demonstrate for the defense of the Soviet Union May First at Coliseum.

## JAIL COMMUNIST LEADERS IN PARIS "ANTI-RED RAID"

### Campaign Against the Party Is Growing

(Wireless By "Inprecorr")

PARIS, France, April 16.—The editor of L'Humanite, French Communist daily, and Bouthonnier, member of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party were arrested here today.

The police seized the Communist leaders on charges involving articles calling for fraternization of soldiers and striking miners. The articles appeared in L'Humanite last January.

The seizure of the Communists is part of the offensive which French capitalism thru its government has waged against the workers for months. It has been featured by such events as the arrest of the entire Communist Party convention of the Paris district, the police attacks on the national Party convention and the persecution of individual Party and Left wing union members.

Chiappe, the chief of the Paris police, notorious for his ferocious treatment of workers during the Sacco and Vanzetti demonstrations, is active in the present government campaign.

## LEFT WING WINS IN GERMAN VOTE

### Returns from Dresden, Mines, Prove Success

DRESDEN, Germany, (By Mail).—As a result of the recent elections on the Dresden street railway lines, the trade union Opposition (left wing) has won an overwhelming victory. The following figures tell the story: Opposition—1,880; Social democrats—914; Christian Socialists—423.

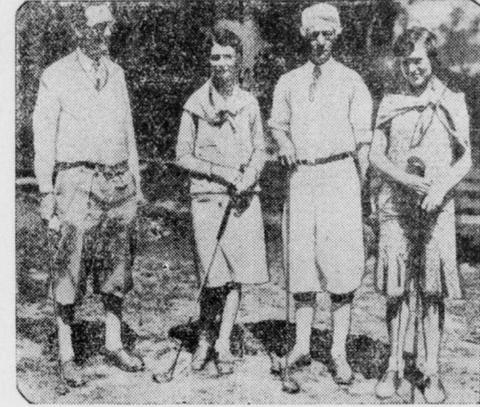
The Opposition have ten shop council seats, the reformists four and the Christian socialists two. These figures gain special significance in view of the unusually high talloting. Out of 3,825 voters, 3,237 participated in the balloting.

The reformists have been completely routed by this catastrophic defeat. The social democratic City Nominating Fraction and the Municipal and National Union mailed the street railway workers a leaflet, but it did not work. The street railway workers decided for the Opposition by an overwhelming majority at the polls.

Other Industries.

The Opposition won the greatest number of votes (686) in the big Anton Reiche works. In the Krause and Baumann paper factory the Opposition received 481 votes, the majority and controls the shop council. In the other big East Saxon factories, such as the Greiling and Jasmatski Cigarette Factory, the Siemens-Freithal glass factory, the Opposition won the majority in the shop councils.

## Labor-Hating Judge Takes a Vacation



This photo shows Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis with a group of society stars at Asheville, N. C. Judge Landis is notorious for his hatred of the working class. He finds a good income now, and a good reward for his services to the employers, as "Czar of Baseball," in addition to his salary as judge.

## Pan Pacific Secretariat Protests Indian Massacre

Declaring that every strike in India in the past year has been met by massacres caused by wanton firing of police upon workingclass meetings and demonstrations, the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat denounces the Anglo-Indian government, calls upon the Indian workers to affiliate with the working class of Great Britain to aid the struggles of the Indian workers and peasants.

The protest recalls the recent outrages in Bombay where police attacked crowds of unarmed workers marching in the street, killing six and wounding 50 seriously. British newspaper reports stated with frank brutality at the time that the workers were "moving along peacefully"

when the police attempted to wrest a Red Flag from one of them. Then the police "pounced upon the crowds, belaboring them with their clubs." Later the police "suddenly fired as a result of which three strikers were killed and several injured." A few minutes later the police "opened fire a second time as a result of which three more strikers were killed and several others injured."

After drawing attention to the anti-labor legislation which the British government is passing for India, the protest of the Secretariat says in conclusion:

"The Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, in the name of tens of millions of workers represented in its affiliated organizations emphatically protest against the bloody deeds of British imperialism and its reactionary native allies in India. It particularly calls upon the organized workers of England itself to take effective action towards aiding the colonial workers in their fight against British imperialism and the latter lacks in the British Labor Party—Ramsay MacDonald and company. The PPTU expresses its fullest sympathy with the Indian strikers and struggling workers and peasants. We further urge the organized Indian workers to join the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat and thus make a united front with other colonial and capitalist country workers for a decisive struggle against oppression and exploitation."

The retirement order for 36 generals on the general staff originally represented as an economy move, is now seen to be a move on the part of the Zivkovich group to clear away their political opponents. All the retired generals owed their appointments to the "Radical" party.

The retirement of the generals and the suppression of the Dom and daily confiscation of other papers is interpreted to mean that the dictatorship now feels itself sufficiently strong to begin a rule of open oppression in place of the less obtrusive methods it has been using to consolidate its power.

## GAIN IN FIGHT FOR MASTERY OF INTERIOR REGION

### Kiangsi and Fukien Districts Also Theirs

SHANGHAI, China, April 16.—Reports from the interior state that worker and peasant forces are in control in many parts of the province of Kweichow. The worker peasant armies are said to be especially strong in the southwest.

The control of Kweichow province by worker-peasant troops makes it the third province to be held by them. Large sections of Kiangsi and Fukien provinces, where there is a victorious worker-peasant army in the field, are also under their control.

The reactionary armies have never been able to destroy the Soviet set up in sections of Kwantung province and defended by worker-peasant armies.

Battles Rage.

CANTON, China, April 16.—Open fighting is raging in many sections of interior China, reports reaching here from cities in Hupeh state.

The U. S. gunboat Oahu has been struck by machine gun fire on the banks of Yangtze and other shipping in the river has also been raked by gun fire. Fighting between armies of the Nanking and Wuhan warlords is believed to be responsible for the firing.

Feng Takes Over Tsing-Tao

SHANGHAI, China, April 16.—A deputy of Feng Yu-hsiang today took over the government of Tsing-Tao from Chao Chi, Japanese supported member of the northern faction. Chao Chi left at once for Dairien.

Tension between Nanking and Feng Yu-hsiang continues over the occupation of Shantung. Feng is threatening to move in large forces while Nanking, still occupied with fighting the Uhan generals, is not in a position to do so.

Meanwhile Chang Tsung-chang is succeeding in the fighting with the forces of Liu Chen-ning, Nanking general, and is nearing Weh-hsien midway on the railroad between Tsing-tao and Tsinan-fu.

Imperialism is, at the same time the most prostitute and the ultimate form of the State power which nascent middle-class society had commenced to elaborate as a means of its own emancipation from feudalism, and which full-grown bourgeois society had finally transformed into a means for the enslavement of labor by capital.—Marx.

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Grigori Ivanovich Peskov (Grishka), a homeless waif, is sent to a home for juvenile delinquents in a Siberian town. His restless spirit finds the constraint here hard to endure and he begins to think of escape. Next to the Children's Home is a nunnery and the nuns are made to move to make room for 50 new children. On moving day a crowd gathers and there is a great hubbub, during which Grishka and five other children of the home manage to escape. Grishka wanders around begging for food and dodging the militia. He and his companions spend the nights in a cemetery. On one of the nights, after they had all eaten (their luck had been good that day), Shaggy Vaska, one of the group, tells them a story.

Polka, a fool, whimpered: "I'm scared!"

Grishka remonstrated with her: "Stop bawling, you fool? Vaska made it all up."

But Vaska asseverates: "God's truth, but me eyes if it ain't; it wuz printed in a paper. A 'igh chool or a calidge gal, I dunno which."

Petka is the chief; he is only a boy himself, no older than Grishka. He shouted: "Keep on bawling, you cow. The sexton will hear you and he'll show you something worse than Vaska's but he is strict. He is the chief here, yam. And you, jabber-jaw, shut your trap!"

Vaska grew angry. "There! 'Shut your trap! Did I go and print it in the papers? I'll paste you one in the eye, then yer gonna believe me."

And at that moment, in the forest, "Bang-bang!" The forest began at the very wall of the cemetery. A hush fell upon the children.

"Shooting," whispered Aniuotka. She spoke low, but there was no fear in her voice. It was not the first time they heard shots.

Grishka, with a knowing air, knitted his brows in the darkness. "There are the guys what's gonna be shot. The counter-revolutionists."

"And what for?" piped Polka. Petka replied: "What a fool! How many times 'ave I told you: it's them who is agin the Soviet rule."

Taciturn Antropka fidgeted: "I'm scared when they shoot people. It hurts."

AND in the forest again: "Bang, bang!" They were silent, listening intently. They were afraid of the dead, but they had no comprehension of death. And they were not terrified by the agony of those who were being shot. Only Antropka trembled. He had seen war in his native hamlet. His heart shrank into a tight lump. And swallowing his fears, he said in a low, wistful voice:

"They should have put 'em in prison."

Petka spat contemptuously. "And how 'bout a guy who's a rotten bum, who's killed a lot of people himself? What 'bout him?"

"Put 'm in prison."

"He'll run away and murder again."

"Well, put soldiers to watch 'em, then he won't run away. . . ."

"He'll kill the soldiers." "But if he ain't got no livorvert, he won't kill. . . ."

That's how he cuts Petka short. But Petka thought for a moment, and said:

"You're a fool, Antropka!" Grishka said nothing, but he thought:

"Do they shut their eyes when they're being shot?"

And suddenly he seemed to see it clearly before him; they do! His heart shuddered, like Antropka's.

The shots ceased. The children waited: will there be more? But none followed. Then came sleep; it closed their eyelids and deadened all thoughts. Only Antropka moaned faintly in his slumber.

IN the morning, when the sun began to grow warm, everything became living and joyful. The darkness disappeared and carried gloomy feelings away with it. Behind the cemetery wall the children played at "Gubcheka" and "executions." Petka acted as President of the Gubcheka. He pretended to hold a revolver in one hand and to work a machine-gun with the other. Polka and Aniuotka were to be shot to death. Antropka and Grishka were the executioners. Grishka commanded merrily:

"Shut your eyes! Shut your eyes!"

There was neither sacrilege, nor fear, nor anger in the children's ringing cries. In all simplicity they reproduced the life of adults. And the warm sun shone kindly down upon them, as if promising by its caresses that when they would invent a new game, they would forget this one.

It was a jolly day. The anniversary of the Paris Commune was being celebrated. At the children's dining room dinners were to be had without cards. The cemetery dwellers were among the first comers and they had their snack. And then they walked about in the streets with the other people, following red flags. They sang the "International." On the squares, high wooden platforms were draped in red. On the platforms stood Communists who waved their arms and shouted something about the Paris Commune. Grishka liked one of them best of all. Big, shaggy, full-throated! You could hear him way off! He runs to and fro on the platform, shakes his mane, and then suddenly bangs the railing with his fist.

"Hats off! I'm going to talk about the martyrs of the Commune!"

Such a mighty, juicy yell! Grishka fastened on the words, and began to yell them in the crowd:

"Hats off! I'm going to talk about the martyrs of the Commune!" He shouted these words into the ears of a peasant woman, and she gave him a resounding slap.

"The pup!—hollerin' without sense! He don't know what the Commune is, but he hollers just the same!"

GRISHKA rubbed the spot where he had caught it, and hastened merrily on. What'd ye mean, he don't know? He knows, all right. Commune is what the Communists have, and Paris. . . . Well, there is a city like that. Somewhere the other side of Moscow. He had heard about it at the Children's Home: "Paris is a great, big town; when you get there your head goes round." Yes, sir, Grishka knows. And again he yelled in boisterous frenzy:

"We have been naught—we shall be all!"

People stopped again. On a platform a peasant woman, or a lady, was holding forth in a shrill, piping voice. One could not make out what she was saying, but it was funny to watch her. She's wearing herself out. Grishka mimicked her in falsetto tones: "Te-tee-tee-tee!" and went on. Suddenly a drunkard popped out of the crowd.

He wore a clean coat and hat with two long ear-flaps tilted sideways; a red ribbon was stuck to his chest. He was lean, toothless, and cross-eyed. He waves his arms and shouts:

"Comrades, I beg you to overthrow capitalism."

His missus pulls him back by the coat, but he struggles toward the speaker's box:

"I beg you persistently to overthrow capitalism!"

Two mounted soldiers rushed toward him and grabbed him under the arms. The crowd roared:

"There, he's overthrown capitalism!"

"Where did he lay in all that booze?" a hoarse, bass voice questioned enviously.

A new joy for Grishka. He flew to the cemetery with the ringing cry:

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# Wages of Workers at Oregon Arsenal in Philadelphia Slashed, Says Correspondent

## 'ONLY A STARTER' WORKERS TOLD BY STRAW BOSS

More Wage Cuts Seen In Future

(By a Worker Correspondent) PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—\$11 to \$16 a week have been hacked off the wages of workers in some departments of the Oregon Arsenal (Quartermaster's Depot), a government sweatshop, employing thousands of women operatives in the manufacture of army uniforms.

Stool-Pigeons. The U. S. jingo department, in the interests of "efficiency," recently switched overloads at this bull-pen. On the day that he took up his "duties," Christie, the new superintendent, was met in his private office by a delegation of straw-bosses, foreladies and stool-pigeons who presented him with wreaths of hothouse flowers and kissed the seat of his pants "on behalf of our official family."

According to the slobberings of their spokesman, the floral offerings were tokens of the "affection" the workers felt for their new taskmaster, who was not unknown to them. The last phrase was true. Many seamstresses knew "sourball" Christie when he was a vicious straw-boss at the Schuykill Arsenal years ago. That is why the 25 workers in one particular department contributed a total of two cents to the hickspittle fund when the hat was passed around by the "committee of welcome."

So much for the "affection" blah. In the end the petty bosses themselves had to fork over the jack for the petty parsley.

Latest Slave Driving Methods. "Sourball," as he is "affectionately" called behind his back, is well schooled in all the latest and most brutal methods of slave-driving. After he left the Schuykill Arsenal he was a boss in the notorious Kirschbaum factory; then he completed his education in various New York sweat-shops. His reputation as a master blood-sucker reaching the ears of Washington jingoists, his appointment to the Oregon Depot followed as a matter of course.

Speed-Up Installed. Fifteen minutes after he had told the toady committee how much he appreciated the floral gifts and dismissed them, he began to show his appreciation in a concrete way. The speed-up was instituted; operatives were jerked off machines they had been running for years and placed on entirely different work; the amount of piece-work "allowed" to each seamstress was curtailed, notably in the service overcoat department, where workers who had been making \$4 and more a day can now barely eke out \$1 or at the most \$2. Many of these operatives are the widows of service men slaughtered in the last imperialist war and have children to support on such slave wages. Thus "Uncle Sam" takes care of his victims.

Beginning of Rationalization. But Christie himself admits that this is only a beginning to his rationalization of the arsenal. The other day when an elderly woman worker who had slaved under "sourball" before he bumped into him and remarked that she was "glad" to see him back, he replied sourly: "I haven't had a chance to get started yet." That was his way of saying she wouldn't have much cause to be "glad" very long.

Workers See Trick. The feeling among the workers is that the deliberate curtailment of piece-work, in the face of huge orders for uniforms, fatigue clothes, overcoats and pup-tents, badly needed for the impending war, is a trick to prepare the slaves for wage cuts all along the line. After starving the resistance out of them, Christie will once more "permit" his serfs to turn out all the work they can—at slashed piece rates.

—N. B.

Imperialism is at the same time the most prostitute and the ultimate form of the state power which nascent middle-class society had commenced to elaborate as a means of its own emancipation from feudalism, and which full-grown bourgeois society had finally transformed into a means for the enslavement of labor by capital.—Marx.

## Gold Miners Often Killed in Death Traps



On this page a gold miner in Ontario tells of the slavery occurred in the Ontario gold mines, in which company neglect has killed miners. Photo shows a rescue crew of miners in the Hollinger gold mine at Timmins, Ont., in the disaster early last year which killed 39 gold miners when fire broke out. The Canadian government whitewashed the mine owners.

## Soviet Workers Build Own Cultural-Educational Club

The post script of this letter, from a Soviet bicycle worker, speaks volumes, in its appeal for fellowship of the American workers. A moving description of the great loss felt by the workers at the factory in which this correspondent works, when news was brought of the death of Lenin, is here given.

Workers of America, write to your brothers in the Soviet Union. They are eager to hear from you, and reply to you.

To raise the cultural level of the workers, we shall begin this year to build a club at the plant, in which cultural-educational work will be carried on for the benefit of men and women workers and employees.

And now, dear comrades, allow me to tell how the Party work is going on here.

Until 1924 there was no party nucleus, only about 10 or 12 members of the Party worked here, but now the picture is quite different. The Party nucleus now numbers 153 members, of whom 97 are Party members and the rest are candidates; besides, there are 135 members of the Communist League of Youth. Workers who have had many years of industrial experience are joining the Party.

When giving reasons for joining they say that in order to carry out the great teachings of Lenin it is necessary to have the support of non-partisan workers, so they cannot stand aside and wish to take part in the building up of socialism in our country, together with the Communist Party and in its ranks to struggle against the difficulties.

This is the best proof of the workers' confidence in Lenin's Party, and it showed the Opposition that the worker recognizes only the road indicated by our leader—Lich.

The workers have always been and will be for Lenin's Party, reckoning that it is our task to struggle and conquer.

A few days ago was the fifth anniversary of the death of the beloved and greatest leader. Some of our workers knew him personally. Notwithstanding the fact that 5 years have already passed since that time, it is difficult even now to describe the feelings which the workers in our factory experienced when they learned about the death of Lenin.

Lenin died! . . . The words were uttered and repeated by one to another, and nobody wanted to believe that we have suffered such a great loss. At the factory meeting the man who reported was terribly excited when stating the unbelievable sad news. The workers were no less excited, because everybody felt that the death of Lenin was the sorrow of all workers.

On the following day all went to the mourning meeting near the Central executive Committee Building. There an even deeper sorrow was felt when listening the sad strains of the funeral march, the short speeches of the comrades, many wept. One thing was clear; there has never been another leader who was so closely bound with the masses. Many workers, hundreds of thousands of them, were willing to give their lives only the heart of Lenin might beat again, that he might live and guide us and lead us to further victories.

A little time passed after his death and the workers by the thousands joined the Party created by Lenin which is leading the working class along the road of Lenin.

With fraternal greetings, A. P. SHUPOL, Worker Correspondent.

P. S.—Dear American comrades, I am waiting impatiently for your answer. We will use it in our factory newspaper. It would be a fine thing to have a regular correspondence with you. Tell me what defects are in my article and I will try to correct them in the next, what questions interest you and about what subjects you would like to hear about. Am waiting for an answer from my American comrades.

With proletarian greetings, A. P. S.

In tomorrow's Daily a letter from a houseworker in the Soviet Union will be published. She will tell of the miserable slavery under the czar, in the homes of the wealthy, and contrast it with the great gains won by the houseworkers since the revolution.

When some men came to collect money from the workers in an open shop in New York City, for a College paper, the workers suggested that they give the money to the Daily Worker instead. One of the workers collected \$2 from the shopmate and this was sent to the Daily

## DISGUSTED WITH A. F. L., CARMEN FALL PREY TO CO.

Officials Sell-Out In New Orleans

(By a Worker Correspondent) NEW ORLEANS, (By Mail).—The New Orleans Carmen's Union is no different than the average A. F. of L. union; that is, they are always willing to cooperate with the bosses, using the old method of mediation and arbitration, etc. In the South, however, the employers are not even satisfied with such a form of unionism. The New Orleans Public Service Inc. has, therefore, come to the conclusion that if there is to be a union that they have to deal with they would rather have their own, officered by their own men, who would take their orders without question, instead of dealing with a union which is outside of their jurisdiction.

And no sooner did the corporation sign a contract with the union a few years ago, than they immediately set to work to organize the employees into their own organization, called the Progressive Benevolent and Social Club.

And to the surprise of the union's officials, the company found its task quite easy, for the employers argued that the old union has accomplished very little for them. And since the employers could promise them practically as much, if not more, than they could get through their own union,—most of the employees joined the company union in which, according to the logic of those employees, they could see no difference.

When the old-union officials noticed that the employees were slipping away from them, they raised a rumpus and threatened to call a strike. Immediately, as soon as the announcement of the strike appeared, the officers of the strike company union applied for an injunction and, of course, they secured it without any difficulties. The officials of the Carmen's Union made their usual A. F. of L. threats, but, as usual, resulted into nothing.

The union officials agreed to arbitrate in a limited form the question of the company's interference in the affairs of the union, that the results of such arbitration can be of very little practical value to the employees.

Awakening of Workers Begins. The opinion of the workers in this section of the country is that the old unions have outlived their usefulness. In the absence of a strong revolutionary labor movement in the South, it is natural for the backward employees to follow the advice of the corporation and join their organizations. It is surprising, however, to note that many workers are beginning to talk about the shortcomings of their organization. Voices of a real labor movement are not loud enough yet, but the material is being prepared by both the A. F. of L., as well as the corporations.

The above named incident is one of the many which is happening in the South at present.

—L.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE. SANTIAGO, Chile, April 16.—An earthquake of moderate intensity occurred at 8 o'clock last night in Coquimbo.

As far as I am concerned, I can't claim to have discovered the existence of classes in modern society or their struggle against one another. Middle-class historians long ago described the evolution of the class struggles, and political economists showed the economic physiology of the classes. I have added as a new contribution the following propositions: 1) that the existence of classes is bound up with certain phases of material production; 2) that the class struggle leads necessarily to the dictatorship of the proletariat; 3) that this dictatorship is but the transition to the abolition of all classes and to the creation of a society of free and equal.—Marx.

## YELLOW FUR MACHINE IN CHICAGO FLOPS

Fakers Disgust the Rank and File

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHICAGO, (By Mail).—The yellow machine in the Chicago Furriers Local 45 has collapsed.

For a long time Sec'y Milstein and his adjutant Mushin, terrorized the union membership by gangster methods and removals from jobs, sold them to the bosses at sweat shop conditions, farmed work from manufacturers to shops owned by themselves or by favorite contractors and shamelessly plundered the union treasury.

Thieves Fall Out. Recently they quarrelled over the "divvy"—and when thieves fall out the truth comes out. Milstein and Mushin began threatening one another with squealing and proceeded to do it. Even the foul "Forward" became alarmed at the exposure of the rottenness of the machine and it interceded to mediate peace between Milstein and Mushin and cover up the corruption before the fur workers who have long ago, as it is, cast this machine on the dung pile, where it belongs.

Milstein consented to new elections, but—

Suddenly he began insisting upon zealously enforcing the constitutional point, that only members in good standing may vote, knowing full well that since the bona fide fur workers shun his local, only his gangster-henchmen hold union books in good standing. Mushin, not situated so favorably, wouldn't let Milstein "put one over on him." He insisted that since it was "all right" to use the Chicago gang, "dumny" ballots and stuffed ballot boxes in the New York machine fight against the fur workers there some time ago there was no use being too "good" in Chicago—and the fur began to fly all over again.

Gen. Secretary Begun (of the Furriers Union), who came to town to help settle matters, found the scramble too hot for him to unscramble and appealed to his fellow juror, John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor for aid. Together they declared off the elections set for Tuesday, April 2nd and agreed that the Chicago Federation of Labor name a receiver for the local 45 until further notice.

The Chicago fur workers, however, are little concerned in the matter, other than being more thoroughly disgusted with the A. F. of L. union machine, if being more disgusted is possible.

They have long ago discarded the gangster-ridden fur union and are energetically building a real fur workers union, part of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union—a union that will defend the interests of the workers, organize the unorganized, maintain union conditions, help the unemployed and participate in the political struggles of the working class.

This campaign is being vigorously pushed and is assuming added life in the face of the corruption exposures of the fake union.

—CHICAGO FURRIER.

Bring the Workers of Your Shop to the Coliseum May First.

## WORKERS AID WORKERS GOLD MINERS MADE TO CLIMB 1400 FT. LADDER

Will Support Mill Strike in Gastonia

(By a Worker Correspondent) GASTONIA, S. C., (By Mail).—I want every worker to read this. You take the rich man, he don't want you to have anything but work, and he wants you to work in the mills for nothing. He don't want you to have anything, but man, he wants a new car, all right, every six months, and his big, fine home, and his 25 cent cigar and his servants and he gets up any time he wants and has his corn likker. But we, every morning we must get up at 4:30 and go to work, only being able to eat one egg and at dinner time eat some potatoes, and then back to work again.

Government for Rich. Let the poor man try to say anything, and the rich man has the government on his side and they will try to put us down like dogs. If you were to go to the big man in Gastonia for help he would say, "I'll see if I can help you," and that's the last you hear of it. Now, if you want help, come to the poor man, and he will help you.

Poor Give \$100—Rich Give 25c. I was collecting money the other day, and the poor people gave \$100, and the rich gave 25 cents. This is the good truth.

If the cotton mill hands go to do anything the big man is ready to do anything he can to keep them from it. It don't do any good to go to church.

Rich Never Help Workers. You never saw a rich man in your life in Gastonia that tried to help the mill hands. But what the rich man want you to do is work for nothing, tho you have a wife and four children to go to the table three times a day, you are going to the mill and working for \$12 a week

and the big man is glad he can make you do that. Now if Major L. B. Daily had to do that he would not take up for the rich men, and if Governor Gardner had to work for \$12 a week, and Sheriff E. F. Lindeberger and Mayor W. T. Rankin had to work for \$12 a week, then every one of these would strike.

Capitalists Have "Likker." You never heard of a rich man in Gastonia going to jail, and he has not more "likker" right in his house today. The rich man always has plenty, but we can't buy books for our children to go to school.

The poor man is the one who keeps Gastonia on its feet, and he has not got a friend in Gastonia. This is the good truth, and it is written by a mill hand of East Gastonia.

Over 15,000 Laid Off by Penn R. R. in a Year; But There Was Work

The report of the Pennsylvania Railroad reveals that 15,264 less workers were employed by the railroad in 1928 than the previous year, the longer and faster freight trains are claimed by the road. The total freight car mileage increased 8,607,600 miles, according to the report, which meant longer, heavier and fewer freight trains ran a shorter distance, but at an increased speed, with more cars to a train and more work for a train crew. Wages decreased \$23,000,000.

I am a citizen of the world, and I work wherever I happen to be.—Marx.

## Irish Guild Players to Present Two Plays Here Next Monday

The Irish Guild Players will present "The Rising of the Moon" by Lady Gregory as a curtain raiser to their production of the "Family Failing"—by William Boyle, opening at the American Laboratory Theatre on Monday, April 22.

Sean Dillon and Bernard Cahill have been cast in the leading roles. "Family Failing" is a full length play, but a reduction in the intermission periods has made a curtain raiser possible.

"The Whispering Gallery," E. E. Clive's mystery play at the 49th Street Theatre, is now in its last week on Broadway. Next week the play goes to the Lyric Theatre, Philadelphia.

"Bird in Hand," John Drinkwater's comedy will move to the Morosco Theater, Monday, April 22.

In bourgeois society, living labor is but a means to increase accumulated labor. In Communist society, accumulated labor is but a means to widen, to enrich, to promote the existence of the laborer.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

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# Two Thousand Additional Shoe Workers Plan to Walk Out on Strike in Boston

## ALL CRAFTS IN CHELSEA UNITE TO WIN DEMANDS

### Workers Cheer the Aid Given by "Daily"

BOSTON, Mass., April 16.—Two thousand shoe workers of all crafts, specially stitchers, lasters and cutters, meeting in Chelsea, a suburb of Boston, last night voted unanimously to join the strike which is now becoming general in the shoe industry throughout the greater Boston district.

The direct cause of the decision to strike at this time is the attempt of the employers in Chelsea to make cabs of the workers by having work sent to their shops from the truck shops in Boston and other points.

Warning Issued. A meeting last Saturday in Chelsea of workers from nine shops adopted a resolution that any such scheme to make them help break the Boston strikes would meet with resistance.

Last night's meeting was an enormously larger one, and voted that as much as the bosses seemed determined to get their dirty work done in Chelsea, the shops here will be closed down. The strikers are busy forming committees today, and will have the 15 out of the total of 16 shoe factories here closed today or tomorrow.

Boston Strikers Firm. The workers of 38 shops in Boston, out of 41 altogether, are still on strike, and will be greatly strengthened by the decision of the 2,000 Chelsea workers to come with them.

All of these strikes are being fought not only by the employers, but by the corrupt bureaucracy of the A.F.L. scab organization known as the Boot and Shoe Workers Union. The workers are leaving the old union and following the new one known as the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, which has won many strikes recently in New York.

The shoe workers meeting last night vigorously applauded when one of their officials read to the meeting the article on the strike of 6,000 Boston shoe workers in the Daily Worker issue of April 15.

Form Organization. A temporary general board of nine was elected today from among 17 representatives of the Lynn locals to draft a constitution for the new union and to conduct the general strike. They are empowered to make a settlement on the basis of one agreement for all workers in the shops.

National Convention. This board is instructed to make preparations for calling in the near future a national convention to form a permanent national organization of shoe workers.

The Demands. The workers now on strike in Boston and vicinity, including Chelsea, are demanding a closed union shop; higher wages; the eight-hour day instead of the present ten-hour day; and better shop conditions, which means especially abolition of fines, no payment for work thrown out, no speed-up or general arbitrariness and autocracy by the bosses. The workers intend to strike until they get a single agreement for all workers in each shop, without separation of forces, and no yellow-dog contracts.

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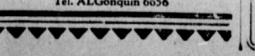


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## Fraternal Organizations HARLEM TENANTS TO SPREAD FIGHT

### MANHATTAN

**Night Workers Meet Today.** The Night Workers International Branch of Section 1 will hold a regular meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at 26 Union Square.

**International Branch 2.** Branch meets today, 7:30 p. m., 93 Avenue B.

**May Day Ballet Rehearsal.** Rehearsal for the Ballet for the May Day celebrations at the New York Coliseum will be held today and Friday, from 6:30 to 8 p. m., at the Workers Center, 28 Union Square, fourth floor.

**Youth Club Dance.** The first spring dance of the Harlem Progressive Youth Club will be held at 142 Madison Ave., near 102nd St., Saturday, 8:30 p. m.

**Downtown Workers Ball.** A May Flower Ball will be given by the Downtown Workers Club at 32 E. Second St., May 4.

**Harlem Youth Hike.** The second hike of the season will be given by the Harlem Progressive Youth Club Sunday, starting at 9 a. m. from 142 Madison Ave., near 102nd St.

**Yonkers Forum.** D. Benjamin, assistant director of the Workers School, will speak on the subject "The American Working Class Backward" at the Yonkers Open Forum, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, Sunday night.

**Jersey I. L. D. Meet.** A mass meeting to organize Hudson County into an active branch of the International Labor Defense will be held Sunday, 2 p. m., at the Ukrainian Hall, 140 Mercer St., Jersey City, N. J. Speakers in two languages.

### BRONX

**Branch 5, Section 5.** Activation of members will be continued at the meeting of the branch at 8:30 p. m. today, at 1330 Wilkins Ave.

**Nearing Secures.** Scott Nearing will lecture on "What is Happening in the Soviet Union" at Hunt's Point Palace, 163rd St. and So. Boulevard, 8 p. m. Friday, April 26.

**International Labor Defense Festival.** A concert and dance will be given by the Sacco-Vanzetti Branch of the I. L. D. at Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road, Saturday, 8:30 p. m. May 11. Musical numbers will feature the program.

### BROOKLYN

**Engdahl Talks on U. S. S. R.** J. Louis Engdahl, acting editor of the Daily Worker, will lecture on "Socialist Construction in the U. S. S. R." before the Boro Park Workers Club, 1373 43rd St., at 8:30 p. m. Friday.

A mass meeting in protest against preparations for imperialist war will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at the Brownsville Workers Center, 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn. Fred Eidenkapp, of the Shoe Workers' Union, Harold Williams, of the Negro Department of the Communist Party, Charles Zimmerman, of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union and Walter Trumbull will speak.

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**"Marching Guns,"** by the Workers Laboratory Theatre, will be produced.

**Postpone I. L. D. Lecture, Brownsville.** The lecture by Juliet Stuart Poyntz, national secretary, International Labor Defense, at the Brownsville Branch of the I. L. D. has been postponed till Wednesday, April 24. Comrades are urged instead to attend the protest meeting at Irving Plaza.

**Needle Union Benefit.** The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union will benefit from a concert and package party to be given by the Workers Culture Club of Brownsville at 154 Watkins St., Saturday night.

**Council 20 U.C.W.W.** Margaret Sanger will lecture on "Birth Control" before the Council Saturday night, at 313 Hinsdale St., Brooklyn.

**Sanger at Council 25, U.C.W.W.** Margaret Sanger will lecture on "Birth Control" before the council Friday night, at 205 Central Ave. Proceeds to the Daily Worker.

**Marmor Lectures.** C. Marmor will lecture on "Motives of Freedom and Reaction in the New Literature" before Council 17, U. C. W. W., at 227 Brighton Beach Ave., 8:30 p. m. Friday, April 26.

**Window Cleaner Union Pickets** The Window Cleaners Union Local 8 again is giving a hard fight to the Commercial House and Window Cleaning Co., which is one of the outstanding scab shops in the window cleaning trade in New York City.

The Union has forced many buildings and other large concerns to discontinue the scab services and to employ union window cleaners by placing pickets with signs on all large business concerns contracted by the Commercial Window Cleaning Co.

In the courts likewise, the union is gaining almost every case.

**Working Women Join.** Mrs. Moskowitz, representing the Council of Working Class Women of the Bronx, said that her organization would cooperate actively to their fullest power.

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**Harlem tenants,** at a meeting of the Harlem Tenants League at the Harlem Public Library, 135th St. and Lenox Ave., pledged their full support to the program of building house committees in the tenements and recruiting new members in the fight against the landlords.

After speeches by Richard Moore, president of the League and Sol Auerbach, of the staff of the Daily Worker, urging the tenants to organize house committees with the view of calling a city-wide conference of workingclass organizations on the housing crisis, individual tenants volunteered to be responsible for the organization of their houses.

**"Daily" Support Pledge.** Auerbach pledged the full support of the Daily Worker in the struggle against the robber-landlords of Harlem, against segregation and unsanitary housing conditions. He said that the Daily Worker would carry the housing campaign into other workingclass districts of New York City, with the view of stimulating the organization of house committees there as well as the organization of workers into tenants' leagues which would cooperate with the Harlem Tenants League in the calling of the conference.

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## CITY ENGINEERS PLEA REJECTED

### Board of Transport to Continue Low Pay

The union committee of the board of transportation employees met with Commissioners John H. Delaney and Daniel F. Ryan, of the board of transportation and was informed that the board would not adopt the \$3,120 minimum salary schedule now in effect in all other city engineering departments, and told that the action of the board of estimate and the civil service commission was illegal in passing such a measure.

So far as the board of transportation is concerned, regardless of what the other departments have done, and regardless of the legal status as it applies to those departments, the commissioners are prone to maintain the entire Grade "C" group in the old Grade III and pay them in accordance with the old limits of the grade, which means low pay.

**Means Illegal Reduction.** The Union of Technical Men's Committee pointed out to the commissioners, that, in effect, this meant a demotion of the entire engineering Grade "C" group to the rank of engineering assistant or junior draftsman. The commissioners, however, were adamant, and disregarding this obvious illegal demotion of the men, maintained that they will not make "wholesale" transfers from Grade 3 to Grade 4; and that they will not establish the \$3,120 minimum salary schedule as approved by the board of estimate, passed by the board of aldermen, signed by the mayor and adopted by every other city engineering department.

The committee of the employees has called a meeting, at which a representative from every office in the board of transportation will be present.

This committee will meet with the union officials April 18 at the office of the union, 15 Park Row at 6:00 p. m.

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## Communist Activities

### MANHATTAN

**Party Members, Notice!** Tickets for the May First demonstration at the Bronx Coliseum may be had at the District Office. Financial secretaries should secure their quota through the section machinery at once. The Illinois poster will be ready April 12. Leaflets for distribution in shops will be ready April 21. Sections and units should organize machinery accordingly.

Comrades are wanted for the pageant rehearsal every Sunday, 2 p. m., at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square. Further information from Di Santo at the District Office.

**Unit 6F, Section 1.** The T. U. E. L. Congress will be discussed at 93 Ave. B, 6:30 p. m. today.

**Workers Theatre Club Party.** A theatre party will be given by the Brownsville Workers Club at the Yiddish Art Theatre, 14th St. and Irving Place, at 8:30 p. m. today. Tickets may be obtained at 35 E. Second St. tonight.

**Unit 5F Educational Meet.** An educational meeting will be held by the unit at 6 p. m. tonight at 191 W. 23rd St.

**Volunteers For May Day Wanted.** The District Office urgently requests volunteers to help in preparations for the May Day Demonstration at the New York Coliseum. Comrades are asked to report at any time during the day.

**Unit 3F, 2A.** Unit 3F, 2A, meets tomorrow, 6 p. m., 101 W. 23rd St.

**Section 1 Membership Meet.** Plans for the T. U. E. L. Conference will be discussed at the membership meeting of Section 1 at 6 p. m. Friday, 53 Ave. B.

**May Day Pageant Rehearsal.** Workers participating in the May Day pageant rehearsal are instructed to report at 26 Union Square, 4th floor, 6 p. m. tomorrow.

**Harlem Unit Headquarters.** The Harlem Unit announces the next meeting will be held at new address, 342 E. 103rd St., tomorrow.

### BROOKLYN

**Anti-War Meet.** An anti-war meet under the auspices of the Party, W. C. L., and the All-America Anti-Imperialist League will be held at the Brownsville Workers Center, 154 Watkins St., 8 p. m. Friday.

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## President Hoover—"Efficiency Expert."

President Hoover, in his first message to the special session of congress just assembled, looms large in his outstanding role as the "efficiency engineer" of American imperialism.

In reply to the cries of the plundered poor farmers of the land, he offers a "federal farm board", and on the question of tariff revision he urges a reorganization of the "tariff commission," with higher salaries in order "that we may at all times command men of the broadest attainments."

There is, of course, not even the slightest promise, now that the election campaign is over, that the "federal farm board" will provide the least relief for the millions of poor farmers,—the mortgaged and tenant farmers and share croppers—agricultural workers, nor that any tariff revision will benefit the workers in industry. The president does not refer to the conditions in the Southern textile industry, where three more strikes started as his message was being issued, or in the North, the textile industry that enjoys the highest tariff protection, but where the workers actually suffer the worst conditions.

Hoover's message is purely a document seeking to strengthen big business through greater capitalist efficiency; discussing how to handle the great surpluses from the farms due to mechanization of agriculture, good climate conditions and other factors. These surpluses, of course, always fall into the hands of the food speculators, the banks and the great landlords, that dominate even such farmers' marketing organizations as exist.

Hoover addresses himself exclusively to the parasite class that feeds off the toiling American peasantry when he says:

"Some of the forces working to the detriment of agriculture can be greatly mitigated by improving our waterway transportation; some of them by readjustment of the tariff; some by better understanding and adjustment of production needs; and some by improvement in the methods of marketing."

Hoover's message, adhering closely as was expected to the black reaction of the Coolidge administration in its dealings with the farm population, came as a wet blanket to the members of the "farm bloc" who worked for Hoover's election last fall, some of these having been in the LaFollette camp four years earlier. Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, shed copious tears claiming the message failed to live up to expectations. Thus in the first week of the special session the old party members of congress begin to worry about the votes that elected them, fearing that these voters will discover they have good cause to desert them at the next election.

Hoover's message lays down the program of the "shell game" republican administration for an obedient congress to follow. There is not a single worker or farmer in this congress fighting for the oppressed in industry and on the land. The fight against these policies of the Hoover administration will be led by the Communist Party, that offered to the workers and farmers in the 1928 national election campaign the only class struggle program. The Communist Party in opening war against the special session of congress now meeting in Washington raises the call of "Class Against Class!" to the oppressed in the cities and along the countryside. The mobilization of the masses everywhere for International May Day demonstrations, May First, is an important part of this growing struggle.

## Birth Control Clinic Raided.

The exact motive back of the sudden and malignant police raid on the Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau is not yet clearly revealed. Reaction always likes to operate in the dark. Two women physicians and three nurses were arrested, huddled into a police wagon and rushed off to the dungeons of the West Twentieth Street Station. It is pointed out that even the letter of the law was adhered to at the Research Bureau in that only women diseased or in such precarious health as to prevent them safely from bearing children received attention.

It is easily understood, however, that the black forces fighting birth control for the masses, while winking at and abetting every form of contraception for the parasite few, are allied in spreading this new police net against an idea almost universally accepted elsewhere in the modern world.

There is the orthodox American Medical Association that fears bad business for the pill makers in every effort to prevent disease and breed a healthy race. There is the Catholic Church that fought the child labor amendment to the federal constitution, thus joining with the greatest exploiters in considering children nothing more than so much machine fodder for the factories, cannon fodder for the next war. The recent alliance between the fascist dictator, Mussolini, and the Roman Catholic Pope at Rome, was completely cemented with a nation-wide decree, carrying heavy penalties, against birth control.

The ignorance, the greed and the reaction characteristic of the orthodox medical quacks, orthodox religion and hungry profiteers are all typical of New York's Tammany Hall rule that sent its police against the West Side clinic that was doing pioneer work in a forbidden field.

What is needed, no doubt, in the land, is a broad campaign of open and defiant violation of all laws against birth control. Nearly all the women patients in the Birth Control Clinic when it was raided were reported as in their thirties and either carrying or leading children. They were heavily burdened with the struggle for existence. They felt they could not assume the tremendous responsibility of rearing large families.

Birth control is legalized in the Soviet Union. Special instruction is provided, free to all. This is one of the big contributing factors to the cutting down by nearly two-thirds of the death rate of children in Moscow, for instance. Of the 49,860 children born in 1928, only 6,400 died. In 1921, under czarism, 16,000 children under the age of one year died out of the 54,300 who were born during the year. Thus during the past year, the lives of 10,000 children were saved where they had previously been sacrificed. Incidentally the population of Moscow grew by 6.1 per cent, with births accounting for one per cent of the increase.

Capitalist "civilization" in the United States is still on the edge of barbarism insofar as children are concerned. Testimony to this fact is clearly given in the criminal raid against the Birth Control Clinic.

## FOOD WILL WIN THE STRIKE

By Fred Ellis



# Negro Masses and Communism

By GEORGE PADMORE.

The problem of the Negro in America is not an isolated one. Negroes all over the world are confronted with the same conditions, they merely differ in degrees according to the social and political conditions under which they live. In the United States we find twelve million Negroes living under the most brutal and reactionary capitalist system in the world.

In Africa, the West Indies and other colonial regions over a hundred and fifty million Negroes are kept in the most servile condition deprived of all forms of social, political and economic opportunities.

In this way, the capitalist imperialists through their "czar-like" colonial governors are able to extract millions of dollars annually from these slaves, who are transported to the home countries to maintain the palatial homes and the parasitic caste-system of the oppressors.

In view of this, Negroes in America must come to realize that their struggle is organically linked up with the struggle of their black brothers in far distant lands. And they together must develop an international spirit of solidarity and comradeship with the other oppressed peoples—Chinese, Indians, Latin-Americans, etc., as well as the workers in the countries of the imperialist class. Only in this way will the oppressed and exploited sections of the human race be able to win their freedom.

The question immediately arises, how and who can lead these people to victory in their fight against the exploiters and robbers? The only answer is to be found in the program of Marxism-Leninism under the leadership of the stalwart banner of the Communist International.

The one unfortunate thing is that the Negro masses know little about the Comintern and its sections, but in proportion as these workers learn of what the C. I. stands for, to that extent shall we prepare the masses for the final overthrow of wage slavery. It is therefore our revolutionary duty to carry the message of Communism to these oppressed millions.

This leads to another question. How best can this be done? The reply lies in our ability to propagandize and organize this great mass of potentially revolutionary black fighters. Our class enemies know this only too well and will therefore place every obstacle in our way, including the most vicious forms of terrorism in order to keep the masses away from the red banner of liberation.

**Role of Party.**  
In America, our Party has made a splendid beginning in carrying on work among the Negro industrial workers, but up to now little or nothing has been attempted among the agricultural laborers, who form the bulk of the black workers. During the presidential campaign our program, standing four-square in its demands for full social and political equality for Negroes, was not only advocated in the North, but openly proclaimed throughout the South. Party speakers addressed large and enthusiastic audiences of black and white workers in states below the Mason-Dixon line. This was a great achievement and shows the heroic and revolutionary spirit of our Party leadership.

This is merely the beginning. Soon the Southern bourgeois and lynchocrats will feel the power of proletarian awakening. Only the Communists can advocate a program of

## Capitalist Policy Is Exposed; Black and White Workers Must Unite

100 per cent equality and freedom between races, for Communism is the weapon of the working class and knows no color line. It is the bitter and relentless foe of racial, religious and national prejudices, which the ruling class use as forces to divide and weaken the ranks of the workers, thereby maintaining the present social order.

**Divide and Rule Policy.**  
Negroes as well as white workers must learn to realize this cunning device of "divide and rule" which the imperialists promote through their capitalist controlled agencies—the church, movies, press, schools and fascist organizations, (American Legion, K. K. K., etc.) In America this is one of the most effective ways of ruling the workers.

The labor movement stinks with race prejudice. The A. F. of L. and its lackeys—Green, Woll and John L. Lewis, and other bureaucrats are the most open opponents of white chauvinism to be found anywhere in the civilized world. By condoning such a state of affairs, organized labor in the Right wing unions keeps the Negro workers out of its ranks, thereby leaving him to the mercy of the bosses to be used as scabs or cheap labor reserve. With the organization of new industrial unions under the leadership of militant workers and agitation within the old craft unions for admission and equal rights for Negroes, a new day is ahead for the black proletariat.

This policy of "divide and rule" is not peculiar to the U. S. Wherever imperialism prevails the same methods of fostering prejudices are in operation. For instance: In India the Anglo-Indian government through its officials and missionaries encourage religious strife between the Hindus and Mohammedans and in this way prevent the unity of the workers and peasants. For as long as the Indian masses are divided the oppressors (British and native) will be able to subjugate and rule them.

Before the war most Negro workers were attached to the land in the southern states, but with war time acceleration of industry they migrated to the North and took their place within the ranks of the industrial proletariat. The segregated ghetto life into which they were forced lent itself favorably to the development of a black class of busi-

ness men. This petty bourgeois element lost no opportunity of exploiting the growing racial consciousness which swept over all oppressed minorities after the war. By appealing to the similarity of color between the rich Negroes and the poor ones, the business men were able to turn race consciousness into dollars and cents. Merchants, insurance brokers, bankers and real estate sharks grew up, as it were, overnight. They robbed the black workers as effectively as the white exploiters. What the latter failed to extract out of their labor power, the former seized out in high rents and exorbitant prices for commodities. The Negro masses cannot hope to solve their problems by turning to the petty bourgeoisie of their race for leadership.

The same applies to the intellectuals. From this group spring the chief political lackeys and "Uncle Toms" of the white American rulers. To them are assigned all the filthy tasks to keep the masses in a helpless condition. One of the best illustrations of this was during the last presidential campaign. The two old parties—republican and democrat—bought up all the so-called Negro leaders—editors, preachers, teachers. These traitors sold the helpless Negro workers out to the highest bidder. There was an open and brazen expression of depravity. The workers must wake up and take the leadership into their own hands, for only the working class can emancipate itself.

**Bankruptcy of Negro Bourgeoisie.**  
In the U. S. the colored bourgeoisie is a reactionary class and cannot lead the black masses in their struggle for freedom. For over three hundred years the Negro workers have been the "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for the white overlords, but today an additional burden has fallen on their backs. The colored bourgeoisie have joined hands with their white brothers to continue the unmerciful exploitation of the black masses. This upper strata of race parasites have become a well-crystallized class since the war.

**New Leadership Needed.**  
The creation of a working class Negro leadership is the most needed factor in the liberation movement today. After this is done, it will be necessary to look for allies to help them in their struggle against the capitalists—white and black. Where are these allies to be found? In America, among the class-conscious white workers together with the millions of over worked and mistreated Mexicans, Latin-American and Asiatic and other foreign born workers who like the Negroes toil to produce the wealth for the Wall Street bandits. When this day comes, which is not far off, the Rockefeller, Ford, Mellons, Du-Fonts, Hoovers and their kind will be driven from the thrones of the mighty in just the same way as the Russian capitalists were routed by the Russian workers and peasants in 1917.

**Revolutionary Inspiration.**  
The Revolution of 1917 was the first signal of the international working class. The Negroes and white workers must learn their lessons in revolutionary tactics from this victory, and look upon the Soviet Union ruled by the working class as the greatest hope and inspiration for them in struggle to attain. The Soviet Union is the fatherland of the international working class and the oppressed peoples of the world. They must rally to its defense against the plots and schemes of the international imperialists. This can best be done by joining the Communist Party of America, the leader in the defense of the first workers state.

**NEW U. S. LINERS.**  
SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 16 (U.P.)—New U. S. Lines passenger liners to be put in service with the Leviathan will be commissioned during the spring of 1932, the offices of the U. S. Lines announced today.

The liners will be between 40,000 and 50,000 tons, with a speed of from 26 to 28 knots.

The working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready made State machinery, and wield it for its own purpose. This new Communist (Paris Commune)... breaks the modern State power.—Marx.

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## "Hanging Is None Too Good for the I. W. W.'s"; General Organizer; DeLeon and O'Neill Rush to the Aid of the Police

Haywood, one of the greatest strike leaders and organizers of labor who ever lived, has told in his own words of his early life as a child slave, of great strikes under the banner of the Western Federation of Miners which he headed during its most militant period, of tremendous speaking tours through America and Europe, and of the struggle against misleaders of labor and wrong policies of the socialists and others. He has told of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone trial, of the founding of the I. W. W. and of the Lawrence, Mesaba Range, Akron and Paterson strikes. In the last installment he had just come back from a speaking tour in England and Ireland that took Jim Larkin out of prison, and had plunged into the Ford and Suhr defense. Now read on.

By WILLIAM D HAYWOOD. PART 88.

DURING the years 1912-1913 there were many free speech fights carried on by the I.W.W. I was never personally involved but recognized their tremendous importance, and the bravery and endurance of those who took part in the battles for free speech. Long hunger strikes were often a part of their tactics. They endured the brutal cruelties imposed by "Citizens' Committees" as well as the elected officers of city, county and state. An investigator appointed by the governor of California said that "it was hard for him to believe that he was not sojourning in Russia (of the Czar) conducting his investigation there instead of the alleged 'land of the free and home of the brave.'" The human vultures acting as editors of local papers were bitterly hostile. One said: "Hanging is none too good for the I.W.W.'s. They would be much better dead, for they are absolutely useless in the human economy; they are the waste material of creation and should be drained off in the sewer of oblivion, there to rot in cold obstruction like any other excrement."



In Denver, Mayor Creel said to an I.W.W. committee: "Go ahead, boys, speak as much as you like. There's just one favor I'm going to ask. I wish you wouldn't spout directly under army headquarters. They are not important but they're childish. They'll make lots of bother if you do." There was no free speech fight in Denver at that time.

The decentralizing question arose in the organization and caused much internal dissension. It finally wore itself out after serious damage had been done because of the lack of organizing work among those taking part in the discussion to the exclusion of everything else. The decentralizers demanded that the executive board be abolished, that the conventions be discontinued, etc., etc. This, like other things that have marred the growth of the I.W.W., while detrimental for the time, was of much educational value. The organization came together later much stronger than ever.

I was elected General Organizer, but my work for a time was limited on account of ill health.

LONG years of association with the metal miners caused many members of the Industrial Workers of the World who had belonged to the Western Federation of Miners to take a keen interest in everything that the metal miners, smelter men and mill men were doing. They had had a strike against the Utah Copper Co. in Bingham Canyon, Utah. This strike was against the old enemies of the W.F.M.—McNeil and Penrose of Colorado City. Nothing serious developed during this strike and no decided gains were made by the miners and smelter men.

An important strike occurred on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan involving all the copper miners of that district. By this time the Western Federation of Miners had died, with the blade of conservatism plunged deep into its heart. The name of the organization had been changed, and it was now called the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. They had become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The prestige of the W.F.M. was a thing of the past. Its revolutionary preamble had been changed for one emasculated of all revolutionary pretense, the last clause of which is: "To endeavor to negotiate time agreements with our employers and by all lawful means establish the principles embraced in the body of this constitution."

At the time about which I write, around 1915, thousands of members of the Industrial Workers of the World had been imprisoned in the class struggle. Some men and women had been killed and at least three were now on their way to serve sentences of life imprisonment in the penitentiaries. They were Cline, Ford and Suhr.

But in spite of this splendid working class record the supercilious DeLeon continued his slanders against the I.W.W. Nothing better than the "Bummery" or the "Overall Brigade" did he find in his lexicon to call the organization and its members.

During the Spokane free speech fight DeLeon said in a letter to Olive M. Johnson quoted in Daniel DeLeon: A Symposium:

"When you say you hope the Spokaneites may stop 'before they make another '86' (the Chicago Haymarket bomb tragedy), you touch upon a thing that has given me not a little worry. I have all along been apprehensive that some of those Knittingdolls would throw a bomb. . . . Hence it is that I have been hitting so hard. I have been trying to keep the S.L.P. skirts clean against such an eventuality. Indeed I take the flattering unctious to myself that the People has, at least, contributed towards rendering such an eventuality less likely. I notice with pleasure that some of the Spokane capitalist sheets are quoting the People on Spokane. So that they know there are socialists who spurn I-ap-a-bummism, and all that thereby hangs."

KEEPING step with DeLeon was the vituperative O'Neill, who spurted his venom through the columns of the Miners' Magazine, saying:

"Since the Western Federation of Miners repudiated by referendum vote the aggregation of characterless fanatics who make up the official coterie of the International Workless Wonders, the officials of the Western Federation of Miners have been assailed by every disreputable hoodlum press of America must hold up to the arclight these professional degenerates who create riots, and then, in the name of free speech, solicit revenue to free the prostituted parasites who yell 'scab' and 'fakiration' at every labor body whose members refuse to gulp down the lunacy of a 'bummery' that would disgrace the lower confines of Hades."

Again he said: "Industrial unionism will not come through soup-houses, spectacular free speech fights, sabotage or insults to the flags of nations."

EVEN the genial Eugene V. Debs took a hard slam at the fighting organization. He said: "It is vain to talk about the I.W.W. The Chicago faction, it now seems plain, stands for anarchy. So be it. Let all who oppose political action and favor sabotage and the program of anarchy join that faction."

DeLeon had lost what little knowledge he had of industrial unionism. O'Neill was explosive for no other reason than jealousy of the progress being made by the I.W.W. It was harder to understand the attitude of Gene Debs, as he had always been friendly and was afterwards friendly to the I.W.W. as an organization.

An economic crisis was about to take place which was only averted when war was declared. Unemployment was growing in every section of the country. In San Francisco hundreds of men were herded into vacant buildings where they slept in rows on the floor with no bedding but newspapers. From San Francisco and other cities they started a march to Sacramento to make an appeal for aid to the legislature. They were met by citizens who were armed with pick-handles, and they were drenched with the firehose and driven to the outskirts of the city. In New York City the unemployed were organized by the I.W.W. They installed a soup kitchen and went to the churches to sleep but were told by the priests and ministers that the churches were not domiciles. Many of them were arrested and served time in prison.

In the next chapter Haywood tells of the shooting of Joe Hill, the rebel poet, and of the outbreak of the world war. Get a copy of Bill Haywood's Book free with one subscription for one year to the Daily Worker. The sub can be a new one, or a renewal of an old one.