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## National Biscuit Runs Sweat Shop Young Workers

# S15 A WEEK

### Drive Begins

By BARNEY MASS

anyone revolt. Yet this is the ing, but a scant existence. condition of the youthful toilers in the National Biscuit Company. Heat and human sweat make biscuits.

In times of worst depression, when jobs are as scarce as hair on the head of a bald man, the National Biscuit Company is alpany multiplied to an unheard of exwave in need of labor. Not a tent. In 1922 its total earnings figways in need of labor. Not a day in the year passes, but what this company has signs in front of it building, "GIRLS WANT-ED." It is not surprising in the least, to hear of this continual demand for help, when once

ide of the plant.

Thousands of girls, boys and n are being driven ruthlessly, ler conditions not to be deibed in words, in this biscuit factory. With work not to be found the National Biscuit Comworking in the N. B. C., because the conditions are killing with no hope

ds to the employes to relive somee secured in such places. Even here, about it. he peace of mind is upset by the interrupting with their amiliar cold relentless shrieks, urg-

No Overtime Pay.

one hour per day overtime, yet no witness the sorrowful spectacle of see program. pay is coming to the young biscuit B. C., is able to take an interest in horses. (He is an executive of the National Horse Show Association.) To him, horses hold more interest than the girls and boys in his damnable hot factories. Not receiving money for working overtime, has enraged such outrages and barbaric treatment. Standing Room Only!

In the packing department, not a In the packing department, not a chair is to be found and for that mat-which contains comprehensive materi-date. Gumbel, who by his previous tire plant. No longer being able to stand and toil in the suffocating rooms, the girls shift from one foot to the other. This action is greeted with yells from the foremen and lad, (Continued on page 2.)

CONDITIONS ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IS PROFIT OF NATIONAL BISCUIT IN ONE YEAR; YOUNG GIRLS SLAVE FOR \$15 A WEEK PEACE PLAN BY

By BARNEY MASS

exploits on a national scale. It is able less state, whose future holds in store to monopolize the market of biscuits, only matured slavery and in most case thru its forty-one plants and two hun- es finds them become enemies to so dred selling agencies. Incorporated in ciety because the children of Mr 1898, in New Jersey, the company ac- Rockefeller, Morgan and other pluto-Chicago Biscuit Factory quired by purchase the New York Biscuit Co.. Hamilton Co., United States other exclusive colleges to be worthy Baking Co., American Biscuit and of the name they carry. It is the Manufacturing Co., National Cracker co., the Decatur Cracker Co. and several small companies controlled by lizards) of the rich to have a life full these constituent companies. Many of luxury and a heaven on earth, and Imagine your girl and boy, new plants are being erected and the the slaves get the other extreme. The slaving by red hot furnaces, business expanding considerably. crackers they make, are in many cases with this huge machinery it continues the only breakfast the girls and yelled at, cajoled into increasing ues to pile up more and more profits boys who work in the National Bistheir speed of work unto an im-and simultaneously crushing the lives of thousands of young girls and boys, The luxuries of 1 possible pace for any human to who toil by hot ovens making bistolerate! It is enough to make cuits to earn a living. It is not a liv

Millions in Profits.

On and on this monster of modern production goes, increasing its earnings and killing in its wake. We find the total earnings in the year of 1917 to be \$4,672,348 with net earnings on preferred stock amounting to 181/2 per

Within five years this gigantic comured \$11,024,980 and 45 per cent earnings on its preferred stock. In five years' time it practically tripled its

Interlocking Directorates.

The interlocking directorates of this

company is typical of all youth crushing machines. Sitting on this board ing the conditions prevailing of executioneers, are men like Francis L. Hine, also president of the First National Bank of New York, not to mention some sixteen other powerful financial organizations. After examining the directors and executives of the National Biscuit Co., we find that it comes under the indirect control of the banking interests and tracing the tentacles of the octupus, none other nany serves as the last resort. than Rockefeller and other conspicu-But many times the street and its ous financiers are to be discovered as corrors are chosen in preference to the body and brains of it.

Head of Other Slave Plants. Francis L. Hine, E. S. Moore and for improvement. It is nearly im- Paul Moore, directors of the National possible to find anyone working more Biscuit Co., are also directors of than several months in this slave Rockefeller's American Can Co. Only hop. New faces adorn the benches too well do the workers remember the Girls and boys, many under the age International Association of Machinf 14, who are forced to lie in giving ists against the notorious American neir age, receive a maximum salary Can Co., known for its bitterness f \$15.00 per week. Although they against its workers and ruthlessly re supposed to receive a one hour crushed that strike. Even in labor inch period, they never actually shortages, there is always a demand ave over forty-five minutes. The for help by the American Can Co. and company is at all times willing to actits subsidiaries. The plants thru-out cept the age as given by the appli- the country are sim ar and the mecants and never anxious to verify thods of production the same. It em-If the applicants state they are ploves predominately young people 16 years, a birth certificate is not re- and like the National Biscuit Com-The company being forced pany, accumulates its wealth thru grant two fifteen minute rest peri- youth labor. Cutting, shellacing, shaping and performing many other vhat their exhausted condition, gives operations on the can, is not a job to hem nothing but the wash rooms to be scoffed at, especially do the emrhich ther can so. Little rest is to ployes of the Can Co. feel this way

Why Child Labor Continues. It can readily be understood, why Taft ruled the child labor law unconng the girls to hurry and telling stitutional, after seeing such predahem, too much time has already been tory interests hiring the youth for its selfish gains. As long as industry un-No Overtime Pay.

der capitalism, will reap profits from planks, the young Communists presented by planks, the you

The National Biscuit Co. robs and sing the child of the worker in a help

The luxuries of life are reserved for their bosses and their children.

#### NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CAMPAIGNS PLANNED BY YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE

The following statement is officially issued to the members of the Young Workers' League and should be carefully noted and acted upon: To the members of the Young Workers' League. Comrades:

In the future the organization will be engaged in national campaigns based on the industries. The first in the series of the campaigns will be the national drive launched against the National Biscuit Company, beginning with the next issue. Many results will be obtained, among which are the increasing of the industrial character of our membership, aiding in the establishment of shop nuclei, increasing the influence of the Young Workers' League and making a fight for our economic demands. The membership should begin preparing for the coming drives and give its utmost support to the national committee in this

Fraternally yours,
BARNEY MASS, National Industrial Organizer. MARTIN ABERN, Executive Secretary. Young Workers' League of America.

# STUDENTS OPPOSE

(Special to "The Young Worker.") MINNEAPOLIS .-- The non-partisan mock political convention of 1500 stu dents of the University of Minnesota held here recently unanimously endorsed two progressive planks of an otherwise reactionary platform

1. A measure abolishing child labor of those under 12 years of age. 2. Abolition of compulsory military

training. Because the convention rules forbade discussion of the proposed

#### makers. For this unpaid labor, Mr. Pairbairn, the vice-president of the EXPOSURE OF FASCIST PLOTS BRINGS INDICTMENT TO GERMAN

Gumbel, who for years has been a man law are forbidden, seems to have thorn in the flesh of the reactionaries escaped the attention of the departthe toilers who are rebelling against by his fearless exposition of monarchist plots, has been indicted for trea- vided it ever comes off. son. The occasion is furnished by his al regarding illegal military organiza- work, "Four Years of Political Murtions. The "treason" is supposed to der," has already kicked up a lot of consist in the fact that he brings this dust. In this book he established the material to the attention of the ene- thesis that it was safer for reactionmies of Germany. The fact that his aries of the right to commit politi writings have to do merely with ille- cal murders than for radicals of the gal organizations which under the left.

HEIDELBERG, Germany. - E. J. | treaty of Versailles and under Germent of justice. The trial promises to become a most interesting one, pro

By many it is believed the indict ment is merely an attempt to intimi

### SHALL IT BE AGAIN?

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Almost ten million soldiers were wounded or disabled during the world war, according to statistics published by the International Labor Office. Arranged according to countries, the figures stand as follows:

Germany, 1,537,000; France, 1,500.000; Great Britain, 900,000; Italy, 800,000; Russia, 775.000; Poland, 300,-000; The United States, among other nations, is not reckoned.

## WAR CONTRACT LEADING POWERS

### Gets the Ha-Ha

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The YOUNG WORKER.")

Nations, which called upon all partment of justice.

countries to adopt its general

Lawyers Now G scheme for reduction of armaments not to exceed the annual nilitar**y** expenditures provided ent fiscal year.

Viscount Ishii, representative of Japan, said that it would give him no greater pleasure to the recommendations would imexpenditures were cut down to stantially correct. a minimum and Japan cannot outlay.' England and France Chime In.

line with the resolution. The French ment. delegate eloquently supported the theory that France was actually disarmspecific about the recommendation of Who'll Bell the Cat?

The discussion at the sessions of al on the part of the great powers to to France to fight, came back-some rmament before a general arrangenent could be reached. This is interpreted by many as expressing a hope that the news disarmament conference proposed by President Coolidge will be called shortly, in order that the nations may "disarm"—by continuing to build their land, sea and air strength according to a new ratio.

Sessions Have Slapstick. The comic relief of the sessions ame with the urgent request on the part of Dr. L. Martine de Souza Dantes. Brazilian ambassador to France and member of the council, who spoke not only for Brazil but also for practically every other South American country, when he appealed that countries which possess no arms factories should not be discriminated against in a convention for the control of international traffic in arms. States without factories should not be placed countries and subjected to embarrassng and non-equitable restrictions.

The sight of these imperialist colonies yelping for their share of murder instruments as the only light spot in the entire fake affair that goes under the name of the League of Nations. Its hypocritical pretences towards promoting peace when it knows that the system it supports continues to breed inevitable wars for which all the nations are preparing feverishly, are becoming more loathsome to the awakening workers every day.

### Brave Cops May Get Dose of Their Own

(By The Federated Press.) NEW YORK CITY.-Treat-em-ruff ops in New York City will get a dose of their own if Barney Feinberg, a newsboy, follows the advice of magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan and brings suit against patrolman Charles Hub nes and John McDermott. The policemen fell upon the newsie outside the Democratic convention at Madison Square Garden, and while one held him, the other beat him up. 'Wait till we get you to the station nouse, and we'll show you a beating that is a beating," said the cops—and

### League of Nations Idea DuPont Made Millions While Boys Died

WASHINGTON. — Frauds committed against the governany form of disarmament or plant at Nashville, Tennessee, cutting of military expenses was in the \$139,000,000 war conclearly demonstrated by the actracts, were uncovered in the

Lawyers Now Glibly Deny. department of justice which of the workers and poor farmfor in their budgets for the pres- turned it over to the attorneys ers. The conventions of the for DuPont in a secret confer- Conference for Progressive Poence. Anderson, head of the litical Action and of the Socialby Storck as having been at the the principle of the farmer-labor same time he stated clearly that the recommendations would immediately find a resting place in the waste basket. "All our has numerous witness who have already testified that he is sub-What Cannot Be Denied.

What is not denied by Anderson is bind herself to any agreement that millions of dollars were gotten cades. The betrayal of the not to increase her present away with anyhow. "The government lost hundreds of millions," he adessary the withdrawal of McDonald mitted, "but they weren't lost thru by the National F. L. P. The same peaceful thoughts were crookedness. It was thru inefficiency intimated by Lord Parmoor, represent- and carelessness in various departing Great Britain, who declared that ments. I know of one contractor England was desirous of armament regiven \$3,750,000 when he hadn't built capitalist parties and the LaFollette trolled educators' organization duction, but could not do anything in his plant at the time of the settle-

Who Gained by the War? shouting its loudest for more arma- class political action and calls upor millions and millions of dollars. The the country to support its candidate the council indicated a distinct refus- in the name of "democracy" and went dency. commit themselves to a reduction of of them, at least—without a cent in their pockets and with very little op- in America must be enlisted. It is portunity for getting anything but 'honor" out of the slaughter. The rich of the Young Workers' League to get plutocrats, who sat safely at home, into the campaign with all the activity seven years later threw the veterans forts must be made to get the me bonus, but in the form of a miserable audience of workers as possible. bonus which is the joke of the vets today.

#### U. S. Babies' Death Rate Beats England; Low Standards Cause

WASHINGTON. — Only 69 out of every 1000 babies born in England and Wales in 1923 died before reaching their first birtheay. This is the lowest infant mortality rate recorded in the history of the country. The t, the mercy of arms manufacturing London rate was only 60. In the United States, reports the U.S. Department of Labor, the provisional infant mortality rate for 1923 was 77, and Religious Education for New York City, 67.

The higher death rate in the United States is due directly to the fact that the workers of the country do not receive sufficient wages to keep their children from dying off at a higher rate than other countries.

### Went to San Domingo mitting one hour of "extra-curricular" activity per week. Parents of chil-

## League Stands For Communists

### LEAGUE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT MEN ON THE WORKERS PARTY TICKET

THE national executive committee of the Young Workers League of America has issued the following statement to its GENEVA, Switzerland.—The ment in which millions of dollars membership in support of the nomination of William Z. Foster absurdity of asking the leading were made by the T. Coleman and Benjamin Citlow for president and vice-president, respecnations of the world to begin DuPont Old Hickory powder tively, on the ticket of the Workers Party of America.

To All Members of the Young Workers League of America,

The Workers Party of America has nominated on its own tion taken by the foremost pow- senate investigation committee ticket William Z. Foster, chairman of the party, for president of ers in reply to a request from by a statement made by George the Council of the League of Storck, accountant of the de-

These nominations was made in view of the recent developments in the movement Storck stated that he laid a velopments in the movement confidential report before the for independent political action frauds board, and who is named ist Party were base betrayals of point blank. Storck, however, place the working class of this toiling masses but a reversion to the state development of de-

Confronted with this situation, the Workers Party has decided to make a movement which will at the same time be a fight for the principle of the Farmer-Labor Party for the masses of It should be noted that it was the the producers. The Workers Party ing, but that it also could do nothing millionaire clique, which is even now alone raises the banner of independent the Council of the League of Nations. ments, that profited from the war with the workers and exploited farmers of young workers who donned uniforms for the presidency and vice-presi-

In this campaign, the entire strength of the Communist movement the duty of every young Communis coined more and more profits and and energy at our command. All efa bone, not in the form of a paltry age of the Communists to as large an

Every branch of the Young Workers' League of America must imme diately elect committees to work with similar committees of the Workers Party in the coming election. Every member must get into the work and actively support the Communist candidates in every town and city On with the campaign for the Com-

nunist candidates! Rally to the standards of the Work-

ers Party ticket! With Communist greetings, National Executive Committee, Young Work-

ers' League of America MARTIN ABERN, Executive Secretary.

### May Get an Opening Wedge in Beer City

(By The Federated Press.) MILWAUKEE. — The entering

wedge for religious instruction in public schools on school time is seen in Why American Soldiers the recommendation of the Milwaukee school board committee for per-SANTO DOMINGO.—The president of Santo Domingo has just signed a their children. Music lessons and concession for thirty years in favor of dancing lessons are also to be permit-For Beating Newsie the American Cable Co., in Santo ted. The board ratification is still to be made.

### EXPOSURE AND FATIGUE RESULT IN PHYSICAL DEFECTS TO \$3 A WEEK **NEWSIES OF GLORIOUS U. S. PRESS**

WASHINGTON.—The Ohio Consumers' League recently studied more than 800 children found selling on the streets of Cleveland, 715 of whom, were newsboys. Over one-third of them were earning less than \$33. a week The children who did street trading were to be far behind other children in school and more than half of them had physical defects which, it was be- and more are beginning to lieved, might be rendered serious by continued exposure and fatigue.

# U. S. SCHOOLS

### "Interests" Accused by N. E. A. Secretary

By CHARLES WITTER

(Special to The "Young Worker.") WASHINGTON. - Even the conservative National Education Association seems to be seeing the light. At the recent trolled educators' organization, Mr. J. W. Crabtree, secretary, charged that the "big interests" were hindering the development of education in this land of the free and home of the slave.

"It is now surmised that some of the heartless interests which are opposing further development of education largely to the minimum, are making catspaws of some of those who offer objections from a religious point of view," moaned Mr. Crabtree. Trying Religion in Schools.

That this is the case is seen by the recent victory of the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Oregon where the hooded hoodlums put thru the proposition of making obligatory the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. In other parts of the country attempts are being made both by the Ku Klux Klan and the Catholic church to inject the teaching of religious buncombe into the minds of the already poisoned children of the working class. The attempt is clearly being made to get the minds of the workers away from thoughts of any betterment of conditions on this earth, but to keep their eyes on the non-existent future, when they will get "pie in the sky when they die."

Is Crabtree Getting Crabby? "The tax doggers are choking the life out of the schools in more than one community," stated Mr. Crabtree. "The big interests are working great injury to private schools in an attempt to prejudice them against the public schools.'

However, in spite of Mr. Crabtree's seemingly radical statements, no fear need be had by the plutocrats and reactionaries of this country. Nothing was done at the convention what would in any way hurt the development of American capitalist education along the lines it is being pushed by the masters of the schools. The goose step for the children of the working class will be continued. The National Education Association has already been exposed by Upton Sinclair in various publications of his, in which he shows that it is a capitalist ridden institution which does not even permit the teachers in the schools to express their thoughts on current or historical questions to their pupils. Capitalist Schools Rotten

The capitalist system of education in this country is thoroughly rotten, isee it as such.

### BAD CONDITIONS WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS ON THE JOB COME ALONG TO RIVERVIEW FOR AND \$15 A WEEK FOR GIRL LABOR

### Chicago Biscuit Factory indisputably correct. Drive Begins

(Continued from preceding page.)

supervisors, to stand straight and quit stalling. As the day drags, this demand becomes impossible to fulfiill and many break under the strain.
To be pointed out for her harsh treatment and unscrupulous attitude is the head forelady in the Kennedy Bis-about. When a girl enters she gets 19 cuit Works department, called "Lily." Being of a stool-pigeon nature, she endeavors to pry into the personal work is done wherever possible so as affairs of the girls. Such despicable characters are employed as supervisors. These flunkeys, in order to the machines are old and nearly unkeep their jobs, must keep production fit for service, causing them often to going at a top pace, thru their ruthless slave driving policies.

The cakes are of such heat when coming from the ovens, that it causes many times the blistering of hands of the girls who pack them. The cakes are transported on belts to the girls. In keeping up with this automatic feeding, the girls work at a breaking point. Slowing up for a minute to catch a breath, means the piling up of the cakes, and discharge is threatened. There are many foreladies, to see that the belts are aided in this efficiency, human-wrecking plant. During working hours none is permitted to leave the plant. In cases of the most serious emergencies, it is difficult to get permission to leave.

No Ventilation. Lack of ventilation in these terribly hot rooms induces undue perspiration, necessitating the wearing of aprons. The ones furnished by the company are old and dirty. After waiting in a long line for ten or more minutes, the cafeteria is reached. Inadequate supply of chairs, rusty knives and forks, inferior food, are Everything in this slave shop is conducted on a profit making basis. To go out for lunch is not possible as no nearby accomodations exist.

Try and Get a Raise Mr. Appleman, the manager, is known to hold contempt for the workers. This becomes obvious, when seeing the manner in which he handles them. A raise in salary is unheard of. When asking one girl this question, she replied, "Try and get it." You are always evaded and sidetracked. Promises are the only things given, and not one employee in a handred ever expects to receive an in crease in wages.

in the Nabisco Works, Bakery, Mixparitively the same with the exception of the Bakery, which is undoubtedly worse. In the Bakery where the various cakes are baked, it is hotter than elsewhere. The girls and women are unable to get a drink until re lieved by someone. At times it is hours, before anyone is at hand to replace them, so as they could go and get some water to quench their dry and feverish throats. The Marshmellow department has been abolished; between fifty and seventy-five girls

Youth Labor Toils. The machines are managed by men with pay. and boys. This work is too hard for 6. Abolition of piece work and the girls. Women and men labor speed up system.

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LUMBER'S TOWN Cloquet, Minn.

Cloquet, one of the few towns of Minnesota that are supported wholly by their industries is truly a slave hell. No unions exist here while the nine and ten hour day is considered

One of the factories, the Berst Forster Dixfield Co., manufacturers of tooth picks, clothes pins and physicians utensils is a good jump ahead of the rest as a slave driving sweat shop. It employes mostly girls and pretends to set an age limit of 18 years, but girls of 13 can get in if they merely forget their age. The girls toil 9 hours daily.

The wages are nothing to boast cents an hour, and after 3 months is in line with the provisions of the she gets 25 cents per hour. Pieceto get the girls to work themselves to the last ounce there is in them.

If the girls doing piecework should sometimes do less work than it would take to sum that day's wages to \$1.71 (which is the wages of those not paid on the piecework basis), the leficit is taken out of their next day's oay. Also they have a system of keeping visible a list of the names of girls doing piecework and the product on rate of each. Naturally each girl strives to head the list. They have the punchboard system of keeping the time, and several of the girls are forced to work as much as ten

minutes overtime. The superintendent or some other nigh bug preaches to them on why they should never converse with one another during work hours or take their eyes away from their work, but to speed up production as much as

possible. The Berst Forster Dixfield Co. is good example of the curse of capitalism. Indeed, it is hard to find words

by the ovens. Not being as speedy to perform the other phases of work, the wage-slaves are classified in ac some of the marks in this depart-ment. The prices are standard. Mr. Fairbairn, thru his knowledge of horses, is able to utilize it, helping him to drive the girls, boys, men and women in the most effective manner.

Hell on Earth. Nerve busting noise, sweating to death, being driven at an inhuman pace, abused, is the daily experience for eigth and one-half hours of these biscuit makers. Who can picture a worse hell than this? These young workers feel it and do not have to be told of another to come.

Fight For These Demands.

Unemployment comes and goes, bu does not effect the National Biscuit Company. "GIRLS WANTED" will continue to be the demand of this crowd of vultures of human prey ing departments, conditions are com-They are killing the child of the worker. To this the Young Workers League is making reply by asking and appealing to the youthful toilers to join them in the fight for the following demands.

1. Abolition of overtime. 2. A minimum wage in proportion to the living conditions and ranging

upwards. 3. A six hour day and five day

week.

4. Equal pay for equal work done by young and old workers, no discrimination in are over wages. crimination in age over wages. 5. A four weeks' vacation annually,

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of the conditions there. Fraternally yours,

SWEAT SHOP ORDNANCE PLANT Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Comrades:-On my machine there is a little tab, which reads: Property of U. S. Army Ord. Contract No......, Serial No.......... The plant in which this is, was producing gun carriages and shells during the war. At the end of the war the machinery that was installed by the government for this purpose was left in its place. It is still there ready to start at the shortest notice the production of implements of death and violence.

The company also has a practice of employing ex-army officers and mer as officers, foremen and clerks. This Defense Act passed by the govern ment at the close of the war. Mobil ization of Industry is what it is called. The scheme is to organize the management of industry in a military manner; commissioned and non-commissioned; captains, lieutenants and subordinates with common slaves as

the buck privates. This tab on my machine is but an expression of another reactionary tendency that infests the shop. The arge number of farmers and youths employed along with the low wages and the speed-up system are but symptoms of the open shop. weekly prayer meetings and the sales office in China also spell reaction. Fraternally yours,

> FROM A YOUNG MINER Dowell, Ill.

G. SANTA.

Dear Comrades:-After expelling me from school, re using me a liberal education as the constitution provides for all children. they are continuously trying to indicate and oppress us until it is im-

It would be a great day for the igorant rulers of this vicinity; if they

ed on this civilized earth would waste make about \$7 a day they assemble home from the factory at noon. He his time trying to lead the working 200 motors a day. And they must lost 4½ hours, and also his bonus. class into worse conditions than those get that many out if they have to That is what they call the efficiency we have here. Any body with com- work overtime to do it in, that is system for the boss. mon sense can see that conditions for when the boss has many orders. That the "muscle-sellers" could not be means work every minute of the day tion and that is the Detroit Screw

slaves here, was the answer of the slave. coal mines' boss. They refused to employ me so that I could help my They have the gang work system also

to live. Then, if something is not an hour. done, we are feeding our boys so that

It is when we open our eyes and realize our conditions that we see revolution to be inevitable!

I am yours for the revolution, H. Allard.

THE OPEN SHOP CITY.

Dear Comrades:

will deal with some of the places Motor Car Company.

slaves the masters like best because turn out 200 motors a day. he knows he can drive hell out of explain the gang work system.

could get rid of the comrades. They hire anybody there so long as he looks consider us a bunch of "bomb throw-like a good worker. They pay about hire anybody there so long as he looks work like hell.

muscles and put me in the shape of a down the other men are held up. So

father lift the heavy burden of sup- working the same way as the motor porting my mother and little babies line. They get pail from every moat home. Then-what do they expect tor that is turned out; in the mathe thousands they torture to be chine department a man doesn't have—angles? No! If we have sense ento know much either because there ough we will fight to give our mothers is one machine setter for every ten and the little tots a crumb of bread or fifteen machines. All the slave so that the body can be preserved in has to do is feed his machine. The they make more than 45 cents, they order to accumulate enough strength machinists average about 65 cents

Then we have yet the non-producthey can later be slaughtered and pile tion men, the inspectors, clerks, and where they will make only \$3.50. In up profits for the parasitical capital- truckers. They get what they call a bonus. The inspectors get from 45 does them a favor and takes 55 cents cents to 60 cents an hour and bonus. from the \$5 so that they can make The truckers get 45 cents and bonus and clerks 50 cents.

Here is the way this bonus works. They get paid twice a month regardless of what may happen to you whether you are sick or get hurt, you erally quit. But there days they stick of reduced rates on many of the famare not allowed more than 4 hours off Let us go over to the open shop in two weeks or your bonus is shot city and see the working conditions. to hell. They get one-half a cent on every motor that is turned out and have worked in, first: the Paige this amounts to about \$8 to \$12 in two weeks. Besides driving you, to The place where one slave drives work every day, it also makes the the other slave; they have what is men speed up. Just to show how called the gang work system. The much they speeded up last year in automobile industry is so highly de- the inspection department, they had veloped that they hire any man 70 men employed and turned out 150 whether he ever saw a factory in his motors a day. This year they have life before or not. And these are the 40 men in the same department and

The boss will come up to the truckpossible for one to look on silently them for a few months at least until ers and inspectors and say, "Come on and let them push us to the extreme. he finds out what's wrong. Now to boys, if you don't get this work out you won't make much of a bonus.' On the motor assembling line they So nine times out of ten the men will

consider us a bunch of "bomb throw- like a good worker. They pay about Now, outside of this factory the ers." I wonder if they think we are.\$270 a motor, that is, divided equally men get more day rate. Now for an

There is another place I might menworse, therefore, why fear a better while you are there and if you are they have the best road?

Works. There they have the best piece work system I have ever seep. Refusing me employment in the the men holler at you, besides the In the first place for a human being mines in order to wreck my weak foreman, because if one man lays to work there, you can walk all over the factory without finding a dry physical wreck as are many of the you see one slave drives the other spot; all the floors are full of oil. They have no oil guards on their machines to protect the workers. Some places you walk along, the oil will splash in your face.

> Here is the wonderful piece work system. The men get 45 cents and the girls get 35 cents, day rate. This factory is located on the Detroit River. Many Canadians work there get piece rates. One day they may make \$5, and the next day they shove them on some other kind of work order to make this rate the company their day rate. When pay day comes around they usually find out that they have been working for 45 cents an hour.

If times are not hard, they gen like glue.

The girls have it harder. They get 5 cents and piece work. Most generally they work on hand milling, tapping or threading machines, where they get a free shower bath. Some times I wonder that they don't change these girls for the free oil bath.

Now that I have dealt with some of the automobile industry plants, I will also take in one of the largest baker ies in Detroit, the Gordon Pagal, the scabbiest place I have ever seen. The factory has beat the attempts to organize it about three times.

The first rule in the bakery is this: ou must be in your working clothes before you are allowed to ring in; second, you must be in your factory clothes before you ring out; third, any mploye eating cakes will be dis charged; fourth, no bread allowed to be taken out of the factory; fifth, no relations shall work in this place at the same time. In this bakery 90 per cent of the foreigners of differ ent tongues and one slave can't talk to the next slave. All you hear all day is the boss, "Come on, boys, let's The reasons they won't hire relations is because they may organize themselves.

factories have laid off 25 per cent of their men and lots of factories are entirely down. Some of them are working 4 and 5 days a week, among them Ford's. I judge there are about 15,000 unemployed in Detroit. Fraternally yours, Louis Steigerwald.

Riverview! That El Dorado of twentieth century Chicago where even the most hopelessly rheumatic of us wend our way at least once a year to seek a few hours of merry childhood.

The Workers Party press picnic will be held at Riverview on Sunday, Aug. 10, with the annual round of dancing and entertainment, sports, games, refreshments, and a few good working class speakers.

The picnic will be international as only a press picnic can be: the proceeds will go to build up not only the Daily Worker, but also the Young Worker and the various language papers of the party.

As an added attraction, it is rumored on good authority that either Sam Hammersmark or Max Shachtman has offered to wrestle with Franklin R. Buckley (nee, Buzzie).

Beautiful yellow tickets, twenty in thes long, looking like railroad tickets to Yellowstone Park or Cicero, are already on hand at the office of the Young Workers League, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., and can be purchased for 35 cents each. The ticket not only admits one to the party picnic, but also gives one the benefit ous Riverview specialties, including the Big House, Chutes, Big Dipper and the much suspected but somehow still respectable Mill on the Floss. Between dances or games you can go out into the park and listen to the famous Riverview Brass band or break your neck riding the Bobs or amuse yourself in one of the most quiet pastimes.

Of course the entire Young Workers League will turn out and it is ex pected to raise its usual amount of healthy noise. Rumor is rife that a special boxing match will be put on between Barney "Kid" Mass, Illinois miners' champ and "Young" Sam Darcy, late of New York, a terror in his line and said to be an intellectual giant. Can you afford to miss it? We answer, of course not!

Will "Doctor of War" Be the New Degree of Capitalist College?

(By The Federated Press) BERKELEY, Cal.—The proud name of the University of California is vindicated. For the tenth successive time it has been designated as a "dis-The working conditions in Detroit tinguished college" for the efficiency are going downward fast. Most of the with which is has trained—guess what?-first class officers in the de partment of military science!

> Between the government which does evil and the people who accept i there is a certain shameful solidarity -Victor Hugo.

### For International Youth Day!

THE revolutionary day of demonstration for the working class youth of the entire world approaches quickly in this country.

On September 7 of this year, meetings will be held all over the land under the auspices of the Young Workers League, fraternally affiliated to the Young Communist International. On that day, the young workers of this country and the rest of the world, will gather to demonstrate their strength and protest against their capitalist oppressors, their bosses both in the factories, armies and schools.

All branches of the Young Workers League must immediately begin preparations for the successful carrying out of the demonstration. This year, the tenth annual International Youth Day, must be made the most magnificent demonstration of of the revolutionary youth that America has ever witnessed. As wide a circle of young workers and proletarian students must be drawn into these meetings as possible. No efforts must be spared to make these celebrations successful. The league branches should not only get the complete support of the local organizations of the

organizations of workers should also be approached. The leagues should also begin sending in their orders for the special issue of The Young Worker which will be printed for I. Y. D. Our aim is to get out an edition of at least 10,000 Prepare for the tenth International Day of Youth! Up with our slogans! Line up the youth this

Workers Party, but wherever possible sympathetic trades unions should be got to lend their aid. Youth

The six hour day and five day week for youth labor. The maintenance of the unemployed young workers at the expense of the capitalist government and the industries.

The struggle against the preparation for imperialist wars! The campaign for the communist candidates, Foster and Gitlow!

### Congressman Charges a peculiar circumstance the four captains passed over are Favoritism

(Special to "The Young Worker") WASHINGTON .- The young worker who joins the navy under the illusion that by being approval for the rank of rear admiral, efficient and meritorious he can become advanced in rank will be doomed to sad disappointment, according to a letter sent body of the great efficiency of these by Congressman Fred Britten to President Coolidge protesting good friend Britten has not yet spoken his piece. He goes on to say: trols the appointment in rank

rear admirals were recom- assigned to themselves (and their mended in the report of the Naval Selection Board and immediately approved by you," writes the notorious imperialist, Britten.

"With the exception of two viously passed, the six promoten captains on the list, and by

graduates of the War College, while the six captains selected for rear admirals have never been to the War College.

He Ran It To Ground. "Within forty-eight hours after his

This is enough to convince any-

"For the past five years it has been

friends) all of the military and social

"The Naval Academy, London and Paris Embassies, command of the fleets, special European assignments, Mediterranean cruises and top-side Washington appointments have been jealously parcelled out to those in the captains, who had been pre- butterfly set and to none others, and I might say that this condition is not tions are taken from the first too happily received by the officer aboard ship who is on the outside looking in."

What About the Gobs?

That Mr. Britten is not in the slight est manner concerned about the ordinary leatherneck or gob, can be seen by his next paragraph.

"If merit and capacity are not to be rewarded by promotion then Congress should repeal the "selection up" provisions of the law so that young offi one of the six lucky officers ran his cers may not longer be deceived by battleship, the West Virginia, the delusion that their personal advancement rests largely with them selves."

Not a word about the rank and file sailor who is bossed around by big and little whippersnappers whose only ambition in life is to lick the boots of their superiors in the hope of and which picks 'em out by quite evident to me that a select ring of Washington line officers have thorused only for fighting and swabbing "On last Saturday six new oughly dominated the navy and have the decks.

### One Million German Workers CHAINED TO THE ROCKS



600,000 Miners Locked Out 400,000 Workers on Strike 7,000 In German Prisons

> WIVES AND **CHILDREN** STARVING

The German workers are fighting for the preservation of their rights and the eight hour day.

Their fight is our fight.

If they lose, we lose. If they win, we win.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID,

Capitalists are quick to learn from each other.

Today it is Germany. Tomorrow it may be America.

HELPHAMMER AWAY THE CHAINS 5c A BLOW 5c

OUR AIM:

To give aid to all needy workers and class war victims without conditions, without political discrimination, whenever and wherever the existence of a working class is menaced by an economic or natural catastrophe, or by political oppression.

19 So. Lincoln St., Chicago, III. Please send me ........... 5c-stamp books (\$2.50 each) and I will get as many people as possible to take 5c hammer blows at the chains now enslaving German labor. Enclosed find \$..... as my contribution.

Committee for International Workers' Aid

## Intensifying the Drive!

All efforts of the members of the Young Workers League must be put into bringing the subscription drive of The Young Worker to a successful conclusion! Every single branch must see to it that it goes over the top at least 100%!

Listen to what one comrade writes in sending in his subscription: "It is undoubtedly the best, first and foremost in its expose of capitalism

and all the horrors that descend from that system. I am a slave of the mines and can see the evils at first hand. Speaking of your paper I could write a lot more that is commendable but this short note will suffice.' W. SKINNER.

Spokane, Wash.

Chicago, III.

This letter is but one of the many. The branches that already show signs that they are going to go 'way over the top are Los Angeles, Dillonvale, Chicago, Youngstown, and numerous others. New York is still to be heard from since they intend to send in the subs in a big lot.

There is only a short time left for the campaign. Get behind it with all energy in the last weeks. Put your branch at the head of the list of those who achieve their

THREE THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS IN THREE MONTHS

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## Murderous American Imperialism Exposed

### HAITIAN WOMEN BOMBED BY U.S. MARINE TROOPS

### ,000 Killed to Support American Imperialism

LYONS, France.—Misguided United States marines killed more than 3,000 peaceful Haitians, often by bombs dropped from airplanes upon villages where women and children perished. Dantes Bellegarde, former minister of public instruction, charged in winning a bitter fight to bring before the International Federation of League of Nations Societies the question of American military occupation of Haiti.

A preliminary fight on whether the subject should be introduced took place before the federation's political commission, with delegates from 30 nations present.

Delegates Fear Discussion. Many delegates feared discussion of Haiti's appeal might increase hostility from certain quarters towards the league, and they endeavored to quash he resolution offered by Belle-;arde, expressing the federa-

ion's sympathy with Haiti. Bellegarde won to the extent that he commission was held competent to iscuss the resolution, but the propositself was defeated.

Was Denied Education Funds. As minister of public instruction e said, he had been unable to obtain n order from the American financial agent in Haiti for education funds. risis had been precipitated. United tates marines were even conscript

ng peaceful citizens, forcing them uner pretext of a road tax to construct rategic roads to all parts of the is ds, killing over 3,000 of those who olted against forced labor.

Why "We" Invaded Haiti. American forces invaded Haiti July , 1915, following a revolution in the Community House. lled by a "mob." Previous to the evolution" the state department of · United States had been trying to vail upon Sam to sign away the vereignty of Haiti; the revolution oke out, led by patriots who saw at Sam was weakening; on July 30, was announced from Washington ates would remain on Haitian soil nding negotiations of an arrangewhereby the United States ald assume control over Haiti's

1e Committee of Public Safety dised and the government gunboat, cifique" seized.

ince then American troops have

Behind It All. ver is the greedy hand of Amerifinanciers who are using Ameritroops to acquire more profits for ir already well loaded purses.

e the immediate vested interest con-rned in Haiti, are connected with Comrade

are intimately linked with J. Pier-

pont Morgan and Co.
It is for the investments and profits of this gang of boodlers that American soldiers and marines are sent down to Haiti and dozens of other spots all over the globe to shoot down mony of American financial imperialism over the entire world.

#### I GET BEHIND THE MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE **WORKING CLASS HERE!**

BIRTHDAYS in August of political prisoners still confined in prisons in the United States are anounced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort Club, 2923 Chesnut St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as follows:

AT REPRESSA, CALIFORNIA, FOLSON PRISON;

August 20, H. C. Duke.
AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFOR-NIA, (SAN QUENTIN PRISON) August 19, J. C. Robinson, reg. no. 38127; August 21, Roy House,

No. 38535 AT ROAD CAMP "A"-REGUA, CALIF.

Aug. 5, Edw. Peters. AT WALLA WALLA, WASH-INGTON, BOX 520. Aug. 15, James McInery, No.

9410; Aug. 25, John Lamb, No. Cora Meyer, national secretary, invites friends and sympathizers to

send birthday cards and letters (money is advisable for gifts) to these political prisoners. Books and publications to be sent directly from the publishers. A political prisoner writes: "Lit-

tle — — Ah, yes,— — — does the average person on the "outside looking in"-realize how much joy and cheer is brought to a person on the "inside looking out" thru greetings and words of comfort. The shower for my birthday planned and engineered by the club was a tremendous success, bringing with it a couple of dollars, coming in right handy.'

### gent in Haiti for education funds. He said the gravest commercial risis had been precipitated. United TO BOY REDS, IS

to meet in full force every Sunday at

Twenty little Negro communists, organized into a junior group by comrade Howell Phillips, began two months ago to meet in the next room.

Boy Scouts Succumb. Then the 20 little Negro scouts, like the little Negro boys of the old nursery rhyme, became steadily fewer in number. One by one, they succumbed it "the armed forces of the United to the revolutionary ferver of the comrades next door.

As a result, the 20 little Negro communists are now looking for other quarters, in which landlords hope, there will be less chance to detract A military dictatorship, under U. from the landlord's reputations and Admiral Caperton was immediate- the reputation of the class to which

the landlords belong The rapidity with which the conversion of the boy scouts was taking place finally led Mrs. McKinley, in charge of the Community House, to n running things to suit them- ask the communists to leave. As a es-and the gentlemen back home rule Mrs. McKinley observes strict are pulling the strings in their impartiality in such matters, and lets

the American Legion and the south side branch of the Workers Party ehind the entire imperialist man- meet in the same front parlor on alter-

When scoutmasters began to complain that the same children, who had once appeared at flag-waving rituals The interests behind the occupation were now to be seen playing revolu-Haiti can be directly traced to the tionary games and discussing revolu nuse of Morgan, Wall Street, New tionary problems, however, Mrs. Mc ork City. The Brown Brothers, who Kinley thought that matters had gone

Comrade Phillips asks that a gir firm of Lee Higginson and the comrade volunteer to help in the Pennsylvania railroad; these in turnjunior group on Sunday afternoons.

### For the Communist Ticket

THE nomination by the Workers Party of America of William Z. Foster for president and Benjamin Gitlow for vice-president on a Communist ticket for the first time in the political history of this country, will be welcomed by every real class-conscious worker in the United States. The workers in this country face a peculiar alignment of political forces which directly explain the reason for the Communist nominations.

The convention of the republican party in Cleveland nominated Cooldge and Dawes, both reactionary to the core, representing the big capitalsts and financiers of America, Dawes being directly a part of the big Morgan financial group.

The next convention held was that at St. Paul, June the 17th, which, while it laid the basis for a broad class party of the workers and exploited farmers, failed to rally all these elements immediately on the basis of class party and program. It nomnated its tentative candidates. Dunean McDonald and William Bouck, entative in the sense that a possible change was to be made in the event that a group of the honest Farmer-Labor forces still affiliated to the Conference for Progressive Political Action would break from it and create the possibility for a united front Farmer-Labor ticket in the coming elec-

Then came the convention of the lemocratic party. That poor collecion was forced to stay in session unil it took 103 ballots for the presidential nomination. It was so confused so torn between the various economic orces still adhering to the party, that the firm organized group of financiers of the same Morgan chain finally won out with the nomination of John W. Davis, Morgan lawyer for president and Charles Bryan for running mate. The petty-bourgeois and democratic labor politician elements went down in defeat by their failure to nominate either McAdoo for the presidency or George Berry of the pressmen's union for the vice-presidency. The Ku Klux Klan, which has failed to bethe Jews, also failed to get across its fake, and had no fundamental bearing on the nominations or the platform.

The Convention of the Conference for Progressive Political Action that followed at Cleveland was in some respects very decisive. It was of course merely a ratification meeting on the candidate named in the private chamis, Robert Marion LaFollette himself.

By Leon Trotsky

ALF an hour passed and still Ni-

kivor had not returned. I decided

to search for him, but then it oc-

curred to me that I had not observed

which of the yourtas he had entered.

went to the one nearest the road and

peered thru the dim window. A fire

flickered on the hearth. On the floor

of beaten earth stood a small kettle

from which steam issued. On the

plank beds sat a group of persons,

among them Nikivor. He had a bot-

I pounded on the window and the

wall, with all my strength. An instant

later Nikivor appeared. He had put

on my fur coat, two inches of which

"Take your place and drive on," I

"You are right, you are right," he

inswered, meekly. "It doesn't matter

-I'm warm now-let us go on. We

body can see us any more. But that

third stag is a bad case—we ought to

inharness him and let him run away."

It was already about five o'dock.

The moon had risen some time ago and was shining briegtly. The frost

had become more bitter and one could

almost feel the coming of the day in

the air. Under my sheepskin and

ortable. Nikivor seemed certain, se-

ture of his way, even good humored,

end the reindeer were running along

vonderfully well. I fell into a suc-

ession of brief naps, waking after

ach one to what seemed the same

and of scene. We seemed driving

yound about in a scarcely perceptible

We continued our journey.

showed under his malitsa.

tle in his hand.

said sternly.

The writer, who attended the sessions along. of the convention, recalls the frequent embarrassment of chairman Johnston, who awaited the final word from La Follette and in order to prevent any action being taken by the delegates, kept on feeding them with "keynoters," one after the other. The only vote of importance came on the nomination, if one can call it that, of La Follette, and that vote was unanimous. Everyone, from the millionaire supporter of the Wisconsin senator,

cialist Party, shouted "Aye!" This marks the betrayal of the movement for independent political action by the workers and exploited farmers of this country. The Socialist Party, which is supposed to be on record for the formation of a labor party, joined whole-heartedly in the betrayal. Other organizations, especially of the trade unions, which had repeatedly gone on record for independent political action, concurred in the attempt to place the workers under the leadership of the petty-bourgeois idol, LaFollette.

The concluding nail was the con-

Rawleigh, to the "revolutionary" So-

vention of the tottering Socialist Party, held the day after the meeting of the C. P. P. A. That there were over 150 delegates present is no indication of the strength of the S. P. The delegates were practically all delegates, also to the convention held the day before. However, there they The leaders of the Socialist Party had manoeuvered their party into the position where it had to go along with the LaFollette campaign or rom affiliation to the gang of labor fakers of the C. P. P. A. The S. P. could go along and forego nomination of its own candidates, something which it had religiously done for the last score of years; or else, it could continue its independence, and lose ts last opportunity to recuperate from the loss of revolutionary blood by a transfusion of tolerant support by the aristocratic labor leaders, who, at eart, despise the lickspittleism of the Hillquiters. And since no institution or organization will willingly give up existence, even at the expense of come a real anti-labor factor by its honor and integrity, the S. P. joined; nonsensical—from the capitalist point the S. P. did not nominate a socialist of view—exclusion of such honest an- candidate; the S. P. gave up its poi-labor elements as the Catholics and litical independence to a candidate who is notorious for his reactionary candidate, McAdoo. The issue of economic program which attempts to "wet" versus "dry" was of course, a drag capitalist development back about 100 years, a positive impossibi-

The nomination of McDonald and Bouck had been made, as stated, in the hope that the Farmer-Laborites still affiliated to the C. P. P. A. would break away when they learned that bers of Robert Marion LaFollette, that no party was to be organized. This tire field! The Communists against

My Flight from Siberia

with the regularity and indefatigabi-

ing sounding like the escaping steam

from small locomotives. Nikivor had

taken off his white fur cap and was

bareheaded. White reindeer hair was

so scattered in the masses of his mat-

ted red hair that his head looked as

on and on," I thought. A warm wave

will not notice for a day or two that

I have escaped. Then it will be too

late to catch us . . . We are going

About nine o'clock in the morning.

Nikivor halted the reindeer. By the side of the trail, almost on it, in fact,

stood a "Tschum" a big tent of rein-

cone. Close up against the tent stood

some firewood lay in a heap, reindeer

skins that had just been stripped from

with enormous antlers hung on a rope

nearby; two children dressed in rein-

will get so far away tonight that no-deer skin clothes and shoes played Schominsk yourtas. He will go on

from?" exclaimed Nikivor in aston-

ishment. "I thought we wouldn't see

anyone till we came to the Vishpur-

timsk yourtas. He made inquiries. It

developed that these Ostiaks had

come from their settlement two hun-

dred versts away to this place to trap

squirrels, for fur. I took our uten-

sils and some provisions and we

with a flap of reindeer skin, to pre-

"Paisi," Nikivor greeted the house

"Paisi, Paisi," came the an-

Strewn all over the floor were heaps

In the middle of the room an open

pare breakfast and drink some tea.

swer, from all sides of the place.

deer skins in the form of a truncated

a sleigh with reindeer harnessed to it; share.

with a number of dogs. ahead w "Where did this Tschum come for us."

We are going

"Perhaps they

the animals and one reindeer head tiak, bald headed, with glowing red

if covered with rime.

of joy rose within me.

on and on."

reindeerskin coats I was fairly com- crawled thru a small opening covered

hru a boggy, almost untimbered dis- of skins, with human figures moving

rict. There were no firs or birches in them. Yesterday had been a day of

ising out of the snow and the trail carousal and today everybody is tipsy.

lity of automatons, their loud breath

#### By MAX SHACHTMAN

The mirage of LaFollette seemed too strong for them. The situation is now clear. The Communists and their close sympathizers have remained true to the idea of independent class political action. The idea of the independent Farmer-Labor Party has been betrayed by the leaders of the C. P. P. A. and by their socialist supporters. The principle of the labor party has been dealt a death C. P. P. A. and the Socialist Party. In such a situation, the Workers Party raises the banner of real class

political action in the coming election. The Workers Party firmly holds the standard and goes forward in the struggles. The Communist candidates now stand alone as the representaives of the revolutionary proletariat. The opportunity for Communist propaganda in an electoral campaign of national scope was never better. The

In this new line of policy that the central executive committee of the Workers Party has laid down, and which has been endorsed by the national executive committee of the Young Workers' League, there is a danger, a danger that is present in practically every tactic a Communist Party pursues, a danger that must be vigilantly guarded against. The danger is that the policy will be falsely

ines are drawn clean.

understood. It must be emphasized that the united front tactics in America, the formation of a mass class labor party, is still a problem of the hour for us. But just as the formation of such a party s not the end of all of our activity, ust as much is this new policy only means to an end; a mass revolutionary, Communist party for the achievement of the revolution of the proletariat. During and after this presidential election, with the added strength that the Communist movement gains by placing independent candidates in the field, the drive for the Farmer-Labor Party will have to be continued and intensified.

As has already been made public, the national committee of the National Farmer-Labor Party has endorsed the Workers Party presidential candidates. It is our duty to get all local bodies to do likewise.

In the meantime, we must concenrate every ounce of our energy in carrying on Communist propaganda during the election. While we recognize the limitations of "democratic elections" we realize that it affords spreading our message, that it gives us relatively more liberty than ordi-Every member of the Young Work-

ers' League into the campaign! The Communist candidates against the en-

opening in the top of the tent. We put

some wood on the fire and hung our

tea kettle above it. Nikivor carried

on a vigorous conversation with the

members of the household, speaking

fluently in the Ostiakian language. A

oman with a child that she had evi-

proached us. "They are asking for

I gave them some spirits—fearfully

trong stuff -95 per cent alcohol

They drank it, made wry faces, and

spat upon the floor. Even the wo-

man with the bared breast took her

other glass," Nikivor explained, hand-

ing a second glass to an elderly Os-

cheeks. "I have hired this old man

for four roubles to take us to the

ahead with his team and cut a track

our reindeer to follow his sleight."

cigarettes. Then we loaded our be-

longings on the old man's sleigh, took

our places in our own, and started.

end of it. Nikivor had a new stick.

The does drawing the old man's sleigh

went along fleetly and our stags by

doing their utmost managed to keep

(To Be Continued.)

Big Minnesota CapitalisIs Back Up Drive For Anti-Labor National Guard

"The old man would like an-

It will be much easier for

liquor," Nikivor interpreted.

#### STRUGGLE FOR OIL NOW REACHING POINT WHERE DIPLOMATIC BONDS MAY BURST AND NEW WARS BEGIN

By JOHN HARVEY

MPORTANT negotiations affecting, the oil fields of the Near East are break up of negotiations between the ies of the English had a temporary English and the Turks over Mosul setback the French had a breathing there is a new sore spot in Asia Minor space in which they hoped to get blow by the actions of LaFollette, the around which international competi- ahead of their English rivals. But

tion is now centering. watching each other suspiciously for they became worried again. Now that the sake of the various groups of oil the negotiations have been broken off kings that dominate their imperialist the French see another chance to get policies. The breakdown of the Ang- ahead of the English oil kings, strenglo-Turkish negotiations offer hope to then their hold on Syria and increase France who expects important deve- their oil holdings. opments for her interests.

The Anglo-American Agreement There was an agreement between American and British oil interests concerning Mosul oil. America expectng a share of the output if the British negotiations should be successful. But now that England has failed international experts are of the opinion that America will forget her agreement with England and start looking after her own interests before some other group of capitalists steps in and makes a haul. America May Be Shut Out

American interests are afraid that and France has great strength—but

inate and come out the victors in this

struggle for these oil fields of Asia Minor even if the League is to decide. But the French capitalists will not give up their chance without a fight,

Eyes Open On Syria! When the Greeks were defeated in in full swing once more. Since the Asia Minor and the imperialist polic-

when they saw the negotiations with All the European governments are the Turks going ahead successfully

Sammy Untermeyer In It

The Paris Temps says England claims the territory of Irak and that a new British combination has made contract with Irak for exploitation of all its oil fields. The Temps also alleges that another British group is planning to claim the oil by virtue of the rights of Abdul Hamid which they bought from an American company engineered by Samuel Untermeyer.

The Temps tells about the British air raid of the recalcitrant local leaders of Messopotamia, and adds:

"This gigantic adventure resembles the dispute may go to the League of the conquest of the Transvaal The Nations where America has no vote oil wells of Kurd country recall us to the gold fields of South Africa. In when they remember the Morgan loan South Africa business disturbed the they are not pessimistic about the diplomatic balance. We hope this chances of American capital to dom- affair of Near East oil will be settled without such disturbances.

The Spark That Won't Fail

Thus the journal of the French capitalists views this new spark in Asia specially as the control of Mosul by Minor which may at any moment exany other imperialist country effects plode the diplomatic relations in Eurtheir hold on Syria, which they ad- ope, unless that international bloc of minister under a League of Nations oil kings which is the strongest succeeds in getting what it wants.

### Every Nucleus Should Have Its Own Bulletin or Other Shop Sheet

A PART from the propaganda by those from all the young workers in the shop for the support of the paper or it may arrange collections plays an important role; the nucleus must therefore try to establish a special paper for the shop. This paper must not be merely a shop organ, but greater opportunity than usual for it must definitely be a Communist shop organ. In shops which are large a session of all its members the nuand which consist of several workshops in which the members of the nucleus are spread, the paper is of particular importance for the mainenance of a good contact.

The Hand Bulletin. This should be destined for both the members of the nucleus and the oung workers of the shop in general. It must be strongly propagandistic, and should endeavor to establish a connection between the young and adult workers. The nucleus should eventually finding its way thru an first discuss the contents of this paper, and criticise the notes from the point of view of their usefulness. must be criticised, the bad hygienic

conditions, the lack of proper safety measures for machinery, etc. The dently just been suckling, rose and notes must be short, but not so short, came to the fire, without covering her as to leave no practical conclusion. breast. She was hideously ugly. I They must be written in the language gave her some sweetmeats. Imme- of the shop and must always name diately two other figures rose and apthe people concerned, i. e., the boss, known by whom it has been issued manager, etc. All the conditions of and for what it stands. the shop must be used for the gen-

eral political happenings outside the shop of interest to the workers. If on the pucleus and the conditions in shop bulletins issued by the boss exist, then the hand bulletin must carry on an energetic fight against them. and ruthlessly expose their anti-labor tendencies and the lies and absurdishould be included. It should issue work has been established, what difattend the meetings of the nucleus, experiences of the nucleus are made We drank our tea and ate a bit of food. I presented the group with some former meetings.

The technical production of the paper must depend entirely upon the means at the disposal of the members of the nucleus. It may be written by hand and multiplied on a gelatine block in the worst of cases. There is also a possibility that some nuclei, for instance, nuclei in printing shop, may be able to print their bulletin, nucleus, for the young workers will or by utilizing sympathetic clerks, gladly buy a paper which deals with get it typed.

but all young workers in the shop should receive the paper, the nucleus should attempt to get small subscrip- Holmes.

PART from the propaganda by tions from all the young workers in The Posted Bulletin.

First of all, the shop conditions eral enlightenment work.

The paper must not neglect the gen-

The sun was shining radiantly. Our way led thru the forest. A bright kind of blitheness seemed to fill the atmosphere. Worry slipped from my shoulders. Ahead of us the Ostiak drove his splendid team of three reindeer does. He held in one hand a long stick with a metal point on one As not only the nucleus members

per, or it may arrange collections. This, like the hand bulletin, must

be the work of the whole nucleus and if possible of sympathizers also. In cleus must agree on what each member is to write, and every one must do his work as he thinks best. The whole bulletin should be pasted on a stiff sheet of paper about two and half square feet in area, this must pe large, for each letter must be written very large, say about one-half an inch high, in order that everything may be clearly readable.

It is good to arrange the paper in various colors, colored pictures may be added to the articles, and red and other inks may be used in the writing. The papers should be written

in various parts which should be finally assembled and pasted on the large sheet which should then be hung in some prominent place where it may be easily read by all the young workers of the shop.

paper must be such that the casual observer is tempted to inquire further and then to read the paper. Finally, the bulletin must also let it be clearly

The Reports of the Nucleus.

The nucleus must be in close contact with the party and league press on the nucleus and the conditions in the shop. In this way it must mainly endeavor to establish good relations between young and adult workers. The league organ should publish

reports on the struggles and particuties that they invariably contain. In larly on the successes of the nucleus order to enliven the paper, cartoons The nucleus must report how its acand poems on the life of the shop tivity is carried on and what kind of an invitation in a prominent position ficulties are met with, and how they to the young workers of the shop to are overcome. In this manner the and it must explain what exactly available to the officials of other nutakes place there and give reports of clei and a valuable exchange of opinions can take place. Thus also the nucleus can set itself to answer the report of another nucleus, etc.

If a movement or strike begins in a shop, the league organ must be immediately informed so that it can support the movement by spreading facts, propaganda, etc. This will have a good effect upon the work of the

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.—O. W.

### Against Wars!

nist movement all over the world is going to demonstrate against imperialism, treason of the social-democrats and the danger of new capitalist wars. This week is the tenth anniversary of the opening of the world war, in which the workers of the world were betrayed by the yellow socialists, and in which millions of lives of young workers were sacrificed on the altar of capitalist profifit.

special anti-military issue, to be used specifically for this antimilitarist week. It will be a specially big issue, rich with articles from the pens of the best writers in the American and international movement.

All branches should immediately send in a special order for this issue. Each one is expected to triple or quadruple its

Send in your order immediately! Don't delay and find them all sold out! Do it now! Fill out the blank!

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,	Chicago, III.
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j	Secretary
-	Branch
1	City

During the week of July 27th to August 4, the Commu-

The Young Worker, dated August 15, 1924, will be a

regular issue for this special number.

### By CARL COWL

HE bosses of St. Paul are organized 100 per cent for getting the young workers of this state ready for the next great imperialist slaughter. Under the pretext of giving the slaves an extra two weeks' vacation, they demand of all the employes of Minnesota industries to Join the National Guard and go to summer camps for two weeks. All the firms who join the so-called "St. Paul Plan" agree to pay the expenses of their resist the offer of \$15 a week and exworkers in camp, paying them \$15 a penses even if it means signing up in

subterfuges to get the unemployed to sign up for three years.

Here is an apparently harmless ad that appeared in the newspapers of Minnesota, especially in the Twin

WANTED - Eight men, \$15 a week and expenses. Not saleswork. 210 613 Hennepin. Unemployed youngsters tramping the streets for weeks looking for work, are often too hard-pressed to

the National Guard.

Even so they did not get the quota A lad answering such an ad is con-

of cannon fodder they expected. What fronted with a recruiting officer who appear and the crooked, bull-dozing Paul M. and O. Ry., Goodyear Rubber do they do but resort to the basest tells him bluntly, "If you want the methods of herding the youth into the Co., U. S. Rubber Co., Twin City Hardjob'sign on the dotted line." "Young Worker" Exposed Stunt.

The high-handed methods of these unscrupulous recruiting officers raised that Adjutant General Rhinow of the Sota, as posted up in the St. Paul Na-State Militia, had to issue a statement tional Guard armory:

Co., Northern Malleable Iron Co., Waldorf Paper Products Co., Golden Rule State Militia, had to issue a statement of apology, saying that the use of blind ads would be discontinued and

that the boys would be released. This exposure of militarist trickery in Minnesota was made in The Young week besides their regular vacation the notorious strikebreaking agency, Worker of March 15. Since General Rhinow's statement to the contrary, and Co., Swift and Co., Great North- one of these firms is noted for its

army continues unchallenged.

The following is a list of the more prominent of the firms who are memsuch a stink recently when Herbert bers of the insidious "St. Paul Plan" Charlton and Harry Clark brought formed for the purpose of financing charges against the government for the recruiting and maintenance of the enlisting them under false pretences National Guard of the state of Minne-

> ROLL OF HONOK. The following firms nave agreed to adopt the "St. Paul Plan" for recruit- Linen Supply. ing and maintaining the National Guard:

International Harvester Co., Armour however, blind ads have not ceased to ern Ry., Northern Pacific Ry., C. St. vicious anti-labor policies.

wood Lumber Co., Capital City Lumber Co., Capital National Bank, People's Bank, Mercantile National Bank, Minnesota Mining Mfgrs., St. Paul Union Stock Yards, Capital City Milling and Grain Co., Dispatch Printing Co. (prints the St. Paul Press), North Western Fuel Co., Foot Schultze Shoe Department Store, Emporium Department Store, Ryan Hotel, American

This is the gang which is behind the youth into the uniform of Ameriimperialism. Practically every can

the last two years.

establishment.

stood the tasks that lie before it.

some two thousand members.

With the Second Convention a new

ter of the discussion and the first

steps were taken to solve this prob-

Not one year has yet passed since

are the few groups of the "Socialist"

article, making of it a popularly writ

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#### Foster and Gitlow

WHO are the candidates of the Workers Party for president and vice-president? On what basis does the Workers Party appeal to the workers of this coun-

try to support its nominees? If we look at the nominees of the republican or democratic parties, not one of the four gentlemen can by the wildest stretch of the imagination be identified with the labor movement. On the contrary, they are all men whose affiliations in public life have been and are on the side of the most vicious enemies of the working class: Coolidge, strikebreaker; Dawes, potential Fascist leader: Davis, J. P. Morgan man: and finally Charles Bryan, a nonentity who was governor of Nebraska when C. E. Gregor, railroad striker was lynched by boss's tools. And then there is LaFollette, who, of course, not only has never had any connection with the labor movement, but is attempting to put the labor movement under the political control of the bankrupt business men and bankers.

The only working class candidates in the field, the only candidates with a working class platform, are those of the Workers Party.

William Z. Foster, chairman of the Workers Party, has a long record of service to the labor movement. He is known to millions as the organizer and leader of the stockyards workers in 1917, and he has earned well the eternal hate of the capitalists of this country by his capable leadership of the biggest strike in America, the steel workers in 1919. As secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, and leading spirit in the campaign for the strengthening of the labor movement by amalgamation into industrial unions, his work has been of signal service in the prevention of the disintegration of the labor movement in this country.

Benjamin Gitlow, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party, and candidate for vicepresident of the United States, has a similar clear record. From the earliest days of his connection with the working class movement in this country he has been active in the struggles of the oppressed. He was president of the Retail Clerks' Union of New York for two years, active in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union of America, a leader in the bitter struggle of the unemployed in 1914 and organizer of one of the few demonstrations of working class women in this country. He has always been to the forefront in the organization of the communist party in America, going thru all the struggles which finally led to the foundation and building up of the Workers (Communist) Party of today.

These are the candidates of the Workers Party. These are the men whom the party has put up in its tinues to exceed demand. Unsold stocks of goods at presidential campaign to make the fight for working the end of the month had increased to a point 68 per class principles as opposed to the lack of principles and leadership of the workers which is offered by the old parties and by the LaFollette movement. The Workers Party presents its program of independent political action by the workers and poor farmers in opposition to the betrayal of that idea by all those who pretended to uphold it until they basely surrendered to LaFollette.

The workers face the Morgan candidates on the Democratic and Republican Party tickets: the united front ticket of Hearst-LaFollette-Hillquit-Debs; and the clean working class ticket of the Workers Party.

For intelligent, class-conscious workers who hav their own interests and the interests of the working class of America at heart, there can be only one choice;

William Z. Foster, for president!

#### Parks and Profits

WO news items have come to our attention. The first I is the law passed by congress just before adjournment which authorizes the expenditure of an annual apof the United States for the purpose of beautifying the national capitol, Washington, and improving its facilities for play and outdoor life by a program for park and playground development. The second item is the proposal of a bill in the Louisiana legislature which provides for a 9-hour day and a 54-hour week for children under 18 and women employed in various undertakings; at present, the flowers of America's red-blooded future generations are permitted under the law to toil 10 hours a day and 60 hours a week in the enlightened state of Louisi-

Nine and ten hours of work every day! What can the children of the workers, who are workers themselves, gain from the establishment of parks and playgrounds in the national capital. What a horrible joke on the tiny slaves who have never known and probably never will know anything about play and joy in life! What good do parks and playgrounds bring to these

children who have not a minute of time to go to them? The greed and lust for profits by the bosses of this country urges them on to the exploitation of even the youngest. They are not content with waiting until the youth has reached manhood and womanhood before they suck them into industry and agriculture and, like leeches, drink in every bit of blood and strength of the worker at his job. The moment that the child is able to follow a command, it is forced into the cogs of exploitation and

begins the trail that ends in untimely misery and death. To these children parks and playgrounds are things

course, that these little children should slave 54 hours a week does not deserve to exist.

The struggle against child labor must be taken up with vigor and determination by the entire working class of America.

### "The Young Worker"

T is with pleasure that we reprint an excerpt from an article in the June 1924 issue of the Jugend Interout influence. Their wishes were the nationale, the German edition of the organ of the exe- prolific fathers of their thots. cutive committee of the Young Communist International, which is known to the English-speaking revolutionary example we will show how much their youth as the International of Youth. The article is thots were worth. We want to show written by comrade Walter Schulz, member of the executive committee of the Y. C. I.

"We have before us the June 1, 1924, No. 11, issue of 'The Young Worker', the fighting organ of our brother league of the United States-it is a most expressive example of the changes that the organs of our most important leagues have undergone. It is an expressive example in so far as none of our leagues have made such radical changes in their organs as to form, make-up and contents within on year. But no, not only is it changed-it is a new journal entirely! From a practically worthless monthly dumping ground for literary suffusions (printed on calendered, high grade paper and in magazine form) has developed a fighting organ published twice a month (printed on cheap paper, but in a larger format). And the most surprising thing of it all is: the former literati have not only become masters also of the knack for popular writing but have also learned to encourage the pens of young workers, inexperienced in writing, who are now regularly forwarding to the paper reports of their industries. Of course, not only cranks, but sincere critics can still find many bases for improvement to be made in the paper. (Shall we ever be satisfied or reach perfection?) But the fact of the radical and hardly expected improvements remains; a fact, which may serve as a gauge by which we may measure the value of the organs of our other leagues.

There is just as little doubt that The Young Worker has improved astoundingly since a year ago as there is that there is still room for enormous improvement. In ward on the road towards a mass or the Federated Farmer-Labor Party nelping to make the paper what it aims to be, a mass organ of the exploited young workers of America, we call upon our zeaders to do their share.

Everyone of us must feel that this paper is just as it consisted only of various groups much a part of his life as it is of the life of the young which did not form a complete or of the tasks of the American League, communist movement of this country. Everyone of our unified whole. A small group of Com- and there exist already several readers should feel it incumbent upon him or her to be munists made an attempt to lay the branches entirely made up of the regular correspondent to the paper. And what is very mportant, above all, the column of letters from the obs, the factories, mines and fields, must be increased and maintained by a regular flow from the pens of young Second Convention which took place amongst the industrial young workworkers. We are anxious to have a full page of On the in May last year it was clear that Job letters every issue. We cannot have that unless you from the small group of comrades who cooperate with us.

Help us to make The Young Worker the organ of the oung workers!

#### The Crisis Draws Near By LELAND OLDS

(Federated Press Industrial Editor.)

HE vicious circle into which productive workers have been led by the private ownership of capital is revealed by government statistics of business activity dur- this convention, and the league al- at the last mining convention, it took mark the beginning towards a real ng recent months. Manufacturing activity has been ready counts 4,000 members. Where steadily throttled down until in May the rate of production was 18 per cent under May, 1923, and yet it concent above the 1919 level and 421/2 above May a year rican "Socialists" talk rather much ago affording small hope for steady employment in the about an "insignificant sect" meaning mmediate future.

Denial to labor of the right to benefit by the inreased productive capacity of machinery either in shorter hours or higher living standards, the figures show, is producing a situation where a steady job will the proofs in America with doubtful be the exception rather than the rule. The right of success. labor to steady employment and the right of ownership

take increasing profits are proving incompatible. to take increasing profits are proving incompatible.

Production of manufactured goods, according to the department of commerce index, declined from 135 per cent of the 1919 level in May, 1923, to 111 per cent in May, 1924. This sharp drop was produced by reductions May, 1924. This sharp drop was produced by reductions of the decisions of the Second Confirmly set upon the right road. A spe- proved as mentioned earlier in this of 35 per cent in production in the textile industry, of 38 per cent in iron and steel, of 22 per cent in leather and of 24 per cent in the miscellaneous group of industries.

In the cotton industry this meant a drop to 671/2 per cent of single shift capacity as compared with 80 per cent of capacity in April and nearly 108 per cent of knew what misery it is to toil in a come upon these destitute victims, it States was 94 per 1000 birth in 1917 capacity in May, 1923. In the steel industry it meant coal mine, and if he knew that before less than 50 per cent of capacity. Production of passenpropriation not to exceed one cent for each inhabitant ger automobiles fell from 348,356 in March to 279,439 in May or more than 20 per cent under May, 1923, when that the babe would never have the 350,460 cars were produced. Only 111 railroad locomo- least desire to enter criminal Ameritives were produced in May as compared with 238 a ca. Yet, this is the very thing capi-

That industrial activity is not yet down to where consumption equals production is indicated not only by the kill County, situated in the czarist ncrease in unsold gods in the hands of manufacturers state of Pennsylvania. This county but in the continued decrease in unfilled orders. The surrounded by mountains is cut into amount of such orders, as reported to the department of narrow valleys, and it is in these commerce in May, was more than 50 percent below 1920 valleys that we find children emand 46 percent under May 1923.

The increase in unemployment and in part-time work as reported by the department of labor and by the leading industrial states is tending to increase the depression by decreasing the amount of money wage earners put into circulation each week. This decrease in the ability to buy goods is reflected in the government statistics of wholesale and retail trade during May. Compared with usually employed here. But, it is far May 1923 wholesale business has fallen off 5 percent, department store sales 11/2 percent and mail order sales 9 percent. The demand for dry goods, shoes and hardware as reflected in wholesale business is off 13 percent and 141/2 percent as compared with May 1923.

America's labor force operating its own productive plant steadily thruout a normal working year of 8 hour ers of the children are cut and days could produce vastly more goods than there is marked for with the people's purchasing power what it is today. Successive periods of speculative investment in which the productive plant of the country is further increased afford the basis for periodic booms but also tend unknown. A society which takes it as a matter of to make the situation of the worker worse.

ternational.

the power of the American Imperial-Navy, the Army, and the Air Service, while the War Department organize mass mobilizations of citiwhich capitalism will destroy itself. The only power capable of carrying the working class thru this period to the establishment of a new society is the working class. The only leaders that can show the way are workers organized in the Communist In-

### The Young Workers League of America on the March

children.

OR years the social democrats have prophesied our ruin, for years Two Years of Communist Activity they have declared that the Commun-

By SIGI BAMATTER ist International is passing thru its last lingering moments, that our Com-Executive Committee, Y. C. I. munist organizations are sects with-

prolific fathers of their thots. | vention are being put into operation, cial (excellent) paper for young com- work, then nothing can prevent the And on the basis of the American but nevertheless an excellent start rades is issued called "The Young Young Workers League of American" has been made.

Perhaps the most important of the that particularly in America, where decisions of the Second Convention the "Socialists" say that the Commun- was that on the question of the shop ists are not taken seriously and that nuclei. The decision to re-organize they represent only a small and "in- the youth on the basis of the shop nusignificant sect," the Communists clei will do more than any other thing have made splendid progress during when it is put into operation, to make the league into a mass organization We have no wish to conceal the fact of the working class youth. Some nuthat there was a time when the Comclei are already in existence and are munists lived a sectarian life, isolated doing good work, but in general the from the masses, but that tense is results on this field are not satisfacpast, that period lies well behind us. tory. The league must concentrate it-We are now in the beginning of a self on this task particularly, in the powerful Communist mass movement immediate future and make the formin the United States. Some months ation of the shop nuclei its first orago the Workers Party of America ganizational aim. The league has itself set itself the task of increascommenced to issue a daily newspaper. This event was of immense siging its membership to 10,000 within nificance. It is true that in itself it the present year, but this aim would does not mean the mass party but it not only be reached, but even exceed-

were transferred into the workshop.

The objective situation in America Some time ago our youth organization transformed its monthly madal, the approaching economic crisis gazine into a fortnightly paper of a in industry, the existing discontent mass character. All these are signs amongst the farmers, is very favor that the Communist movement under- able to the development of the league and this has been realized, and the In a few weeks our League will celeleague utilizes the situation in order brate its second anniversary, two to approach the broad masses of the years of Communist work which have working class youth in both town and brought us very much farther for country. The league is affiliated to ganization of the young American and will work within that party to workers. Two years ago the Young Workers' League held its inaugural draw the mass of the farmer youth into the organization of the working conference in New York, at that time class youth. This work amongst the rural youth is a very important part basis for a uniform Young Workers' farming youth, a good sign that the League in America and they succeedleague has correctly understood its

ed. Their pioneer work has been task on this field. ers for their entrance into the trade unions and for the commencement of and constituted the previous conventhe economic struggle on behalf of the tion a national wide league had grown youth. The league has taken an acwith its roots firmly planted in all tive part in several campaigns, but parts of the country. At this Second Convention the League numbered it must be said, that so far it has not utilized these campaigns sufficiently for the benefit of the organization. There are still many shortcomings on period was ushered in. The problem this field of work and the league only of the mass organization was the cennow begins to make proper use of the opportunities afforded. However, a beginning has been made and good work will without doubt be done by the league in the future. For instance, a prominent part in the proceedings.

youth? One hears nothing nor sees "HE best results attained by the anything of them, except at the "International Congresses of the Socialist league are in the children's move-Youth International" where the Amement. Altho this activity was only commenced after the Second Conventhe Communists, and about the "well developing Socialist youth organizaly stated that the American League tion" the they show no proofs of the stands in the first place of all the Englatter at the "International Congresslish speaking countries for its work es" and one might look for ever for amongst the children. The bourgeois press has excellently supported the work of the league by developing a gan of the young workers. propaganda for it, naturally uncon-

Comrade" which is very successful amongst the children, who themselves contribute to it and help to make it a real paper for the working class

These few facts show that the "insignificant sect" is well on the way to becoming a mass organization of the working class youth. The "spectre of Communism" does not only stalk thru Europe, but it stalks thru America as well. And in America also, this spectre clothes itself with flesh and blood. We do not conceal that our league has motion! many deficiencies, that it is not yet sufficiently firmly rooted in the masses of the young American workers in the shops, factories and mines, etc. But we are confident that in the near future this necessary contact will be established, that these roots will be sunk, deep into the masses of the is the best weapon in the fight for its ed if the center of the league activity youth, that the league will do its utmost to establish the necessary netork of shop nuclei and to create the strongholds in the shops which are necessary if it is to become a mass or-

ganization. The League has taken yet another step towards this object, it has commenced recruiting work amongst the black workers. A further proof that it is growing big enough to tackle its decisive problems and to become an organization of the whole working class youth of America, and not merely an organization of privileged white young workers.

difficulties on the field of shop cialism breaks up the home" nuclei because the young workers change their place of work very often. Another difficulty presents itself in the form of the many different languages. Experience however will help our League to overcome them, by and by. On the field of economic and trade

HE League is encountering some

union work the League will also learn how best to carry on its activity. There are yet many shortcomings and some mistakes, but under the leadership of the Y. C. I. these will be corrected and the proper course will be found The third congress of the League will review the activities of the past two years and outline concretely the

work for the following year which will

mass organization of the working youth of America. The prominent tasks of the League congress will be: the review of the work in the field of shop nuclei, economics and trade unions, the question tion, excellent successes have already of the rural and Negro youth; antibeen reached, and it can be confident- militaristic activity with an increased scope; educational work amongst the masses and training of officials; improvement of the press, making the Young Worker still more a mass or

of view of the young workers and carrying on a clear and simple com munist educational and recruiting Young Workers League of America from justifying its name and becom ing a real mass organization of the American working-class youth.

#### IMPROPAGANDA

Our branch is so serio. minded. You ought to see how closely they study the move ment every time a girl makes a

Brick Layer Is Going Where We Often Told Him to Go.

A young people's organization of the Lutheran Church in a recent convention authorized a house to house "soul-saving campaign."

They can save mine by doing away with the republican and democratic parties. Because if anyone has earned eternal damnation by cussing at 'em it has been. Your Humble Contrib-Brick Layer

In Chicago, the chicken-handlers have gone on strike. They probably want a raise because they can't support their families by fowl means.

WE HAVE SENT TO THE MUSEUM FOR IT! Two million women are em-

ployed in industry according to a government bulletin. Isn't it time for someone to dust off that old one that: "So-

Despite the bitter factions in the democratic party, its leaders insist the party is sound.

We must admit they are right. It' all sound.

TUNE IN FROM 'FRISCO The Poor Fish is so dum, that he thinks the Y. W. L. is radio station.

—JACK CARNEY.

I know one American author wil turn over in his grave—but I just can't contain myself For ways that are dark and bun! that is plain, The two major parties are peculiar.

In Scotland recently a m caught a salmon weighing

pounds. American papers plea -London Opinion. This story by H. Broun in

the New York World is s good we just have to repea it. A Democratic senator, s the story goes, was guilty c an indiscretion. Moreove the young woman was reck less enough to send him telegram at his house, whic fell into the hands of his wif during his absence. When the senator came home he was confronted with the message, but with a fine display of anger and admirable presence of mind he exclair ed, "These dirty Republicat will stoop to anything in presidential year!"

It is said Egyptians live on da We sure must have a lot of Egyp

A LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO SAM GOMPERS.

Despite past services, the democr ic party was most ungrateful. they just did the meanest things

And now Sam, the papers report yo dying. And your secretary says yo are only "convalescing from a ge eral breakdown. So the democra must have made you very sick, Sa -almost as sick as you have made the American labor movement. Our hear bleeds for you. We are sorry to seyou punished by your friends when you have always rewarded our ene mies. We are sorry to see you so sick

Hoping you are the same, WALT CARMON, Impropagandist

### GET THE Y. C. I. REVIEW, INTERNATIONAL OF YOUTH & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

HE National Office of The You the latest shipment of internation literature from the Young Commun International. Everyone is anxious get hold of a copy and unless con are rushed in, there won't be ma left to send out to late comers. T for a year's subscription. The Inte 15 cents a copy, 10 cents in bundl ternational of Youth and the Y. C.

## supply profits for some avaricious Workers' League has just receiv

yearly subscription at \$1 a year.

The Bulletin for Leaders of Com munist Children's Groups is sold a the same price as the Y. C. I. Revie Hurry up with the orders. Ev. single branch of the league show have a regular bundle order of ea

DO IT NOW!

### TOWARD A NEW WAR

THE Department of Commerce has just published figures on the foreign trade of the United States which reveal the forces driving us headlong toward another war.

During the year ending June 30, exports amounted to \$754,478,000 more than imports, or an increase of about five times the balance of trade of the previous year. Of this amount, the imports of gold were almost a half billion dollars, as compared with slightly more than a quarter billion last year; while exports of gold decreased from 49 millions to 10 millions.

in other words, a constantly grow-

ing volume of commodities are being shipped abroad from the United States, while of the decreasing amount of imports there is constantly a greater quantity of gold, which is not consumed but is heaped up in

the vaults looking for investment markets abroad. It is for the purpose of following up this stream of wealth, secure 'guarantees" for payment, seize profitable fields of investment for the proceeds and for the accumulations of gold, establish the hegemony over capitalist Europe, and the colonial continents of Asia and South America, necessary for investment purposes,-in other words to establish

By EARL R. BROWDER

ism created by these forces of the capitalist order-that the hundreds of millions are being spent upon the zens. The forces of Imperialism are driving us toward another war, in

is a most horrid death to endure, for here the victim is isolated, and no year was 187 per 1000 births-one of assistance at hand to rescue the poor the very highest infant mortality girls in the Y. W. L. stifling young life. Low Wages For Families.

he was in his fifteenth year, he would be forced to slave down in some hidetalist society inflicts upon the child! What could be a greater crime? ployed as breaker boys, spraggers, mule drivers, trapper boys, and other

By BENJAMIN P. CHASS

The Breaker Boys. Work in the breakers is usually considered as not very dangerous, so children or old out-worn workers are from being a nice soft cozy position. The constant roar which the coal makes as it rushes down the chute is enough to deafen anyone. The coal black dust is everywhere, filling the air and the lungs of the workers. The slate is sharp and the tender fingbruised, and the hands are sore and swollen. Continuous bleeding of the hands is the effect that this work results in the first few weeks before

more killing and dangerous. Underground Hell for Youth. boys from the young age of 12 to 16 barons. Underground exists the real nell. Here the children are isolated in a dreadful dark world, slaving oftense heat, and sometimes groping thru suffocating gas and smoke. A be found in the most devilish hell. Tet here mother's little tots are

orced to slave. Terrible Dangers. Up before dawn, down in the mines early in the morning, when other children are still in dreamland, these

alone, shut off from the rest of the surviving even thru the first year F the babe in the mother's womb world, and when sudden death does The infant mortality for the United

THE SLAVING CHILDREN

Some uninformed people are apt to think that these young boys are really not forced to work, but that their parents, wanting a few luxuries of life, send their children into the mines to earn a few extra dollars. This thot could be nothing further from the kings. truth of the matter. The facts are that only 5 per cent of the fathers of these working boys received above \$1,850 per year, and these were either superintendents or engineers or some other such position; 63 per cent re-\$850. wages, we all know, cannot buy even by any means! the bare necessities of life, without

Education? There Ain't None!

thinking of any luxuries.

children did not reach any further than the fifth grade. All the educational facilities are the poorest. The school buildings are not really school the tender soft skin is hardened and buildings, but are, for the most part, deadened. The other jobs are still like the bayess small wooden buildlike the houses: small wooden build- coal magnate? How many children often inadequately heated. In this have passed away just because some It is underground, tho, that the real part of the richest iron and coal state master wanted more profit on his inhazardous work exists. Here are also in the union, it is not only danger vestment? ous for the children in the mines, but slaving for their masters, the coal in the schools as well. Cave ins have occurred near several of the school houses, and the chiaren's lives are en in mud and water, sometimes strip- no playgrounds of any kind, and very hands are stained with the young national of Youth, theoretical organ ped to the waist because of the in- inefficient teachers, makes it quite a tender blood of these suffering little the young Communist movement, more intolerable existence could not examination of the school children is your lives are rotten and decayed, bein practice at all in these schools ruled by capitalist society. Apparently, miners' children are of little worth; no need to worry about their health!

Infant Mortality High. To give birth to children in this boys face a battle of life and death hideous and cruel part of the couneach and every day they are entry is to take quite a chance, for the slaved in the mines. Here they are children have a pretty slim chance of lyle.

in Shenandoah the rate for that same rates in the entire country. Of every ten children that were born, two died During the first year of life, a child needs the best of care, yet here there Dear Brother Sam: were no free clinics, or nurses to give health advice to the mother. Thus we see that the workers' child child labor laws were ignored, th is of little value to our capitalist so- told Major Berry to go where it's ev ciety that is dominated by a few gold hotter than in Chicago; and they---

Filthy Unsanitary Conditions In these mining districts, it is not surprising to find no sewers, or water toilets, or any kind of water in the house. Garbage and filth flow thru ceived less than \$1,250, and 16 per the narrow streets. For water, the cent had an annual wage less than people have to walk blocks to obtain The lower the wage of the it. The toilets are of the kind that father, the more chance was there for cause an odor that flows thru the the boy being employed. These low district—and not a very pleasant odor Wealth Means Nothing To Us.

The twentieth century with all the most modern producing machinery Of course, it would not be expected ever in action. Abundance of every that this class of children would rething is produced by the workers. ceive much education. The facts are America, the richest nation in the that the majority of these working world. Yet beside these riches, proud America still has 6,000 children from 10 to 16 years of age slaving away their young lives in the hidoous coal mines. How much blood of these children has been spilt in order to The Black Soul of America.

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