

COUNTRYMEN

By S. SYDNEY WYMAN

"Here you from, Shorty!" Big Bell looked down at the little man who moved forward, a bundle him at the white checkered table, while his elbows stood out as though to mark his personal boundary line.

Matty Hirkie glanced at him, an old little entity in big manner, and looked at the every line of his face. He had reached at the same time as the other. He had a delicate smile on his lips. He looked at him again with a softness as if he were a friend.

"You countryman of mine?" "Ho-ho," roared Bell as at all the table heard and the rapidly moving forks stopped while the eyes of the men were turned to him. He had caught all the men smiling at him. He had caught the suspicious attention of one of the men sitting at the table and snapping at him.

"So," he roared when he straightened up and looked at the bottle. "So pollywo— you get one damn good drink, eh?"

And Matty did not fight; instead he really he dodged away from him. But the tussle ended in a moment. Bell caught him about the neck, lifted him bodily, and swung him across the pool table and spanked him while the men gathered about to hear with delight.

"You take back what you say of my dog— you take him back!" "You take back what you say of my dog— you take him back!" "You take back what you say of my dog— you take him back!"

Matty did not fight, instead he remembered that night and the next day and every day after that when he met Big Bell at the boarding house, at the pool room, or on the street. He really he dodged away from him.

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Hunger

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J. J. Lanke

THE COMING MINERS' CONVENTION

By WM. Z. FOSTER

On Jan. 22nd the United Mine Workers held their Convention at Holston, Tenn. One of the main items on the agenda was the coming coal miners of the United States and Canada will meet to legislate a new union for the coal industry. It will be one of the most important conventions in recent years. Its reputation as a national miners' convention to the whole labor movement. The eyes of every worker are everywhere.

At the coming convention many of these things will be decided. One of the most important is the Howat case. That is a cancer in the heart of the miners' union. Howat was brutally and illegally expelled from the union and the miners' union. Howat has been given a roasting reception by the rank and file wherever he has gone to make known his case.

The factors are present for a great rank and file revolt in the miners' union. Discontent is rife in every district. And upheaval is long overdue. The wave of discontent that is sweeping many unions manifests itself even more strongly in the United Mine Workers of America. In the Molders' Union already a general revision of the policies of the organization. In the Maintenance of Way Workers' Union they went much further and swept out of office the whole reactionary gang.

What happens at the Miners' Convention will be of the utmost importance to the whole labor movement. The workers are demoralized and hopeless everywhere in the

Separating the Chaff from the Wheat

By ALFRED KNUTSON

Within so-called farmers' and workers' movements like the Nonpartisan League and several state Farmer-Labor parties, there have not been, heretofore, any distinctions between the mass of its membership. In the Nonpartisan League, for example, the thousands of hired men on the farms, the tenants, the small farmer, the well-to-do farmer, the small banker and the small business man, had common economic interests. The enemy of all these was thought to be "big business," and for that reason they were urged to unite their political forces, in order to adjourn the death sentence to this one monster—the exploiter of them all.



FAMINE

However, with the advent of more acute economic conditions, we are beginning to witness a different line-up between these various elements.

Just recently R. W. Frazer (one of the prominent old-time league) chairman of the republican party in North Dakota, announced that, "for the sake of harmony in the north," he was in favor of the candidacy of Coolidge in a brazen betrayal of the farmers and the workers in North Dakota, and implicitly to separate

ate still more the petty bourgeois elements from the class-conscious workers in both town and country. In South Dakota this same filtering process between the classes is in evidence. The so-called minority group in Farmers and Workers have omitted from their platform the two most important planks adopted by the Farmers and Workers, "land for the users" and "a five year moratorium for the working farmer."

A Bunch of Live Wires

By Earl R. Browder

The latest bunch of live wires to be found in the trade union movement in America and of the world. Even its enemies read it, while its friends in THE LABOR HERALD is an established institution.

Grouped around the Trade Union Educational League are the left wing organizations in the various industries. Some of them, such as in the Needle Trades, are sections of the T. U. E. L. Others are independent, and the members of the League work with them along with many non-members in that industry.

These left-wing live wires are also building up their own press in each industry, as well as backing the general publications. Thus the Railroad Committee publishes the RAILROAD AWAZIATION ADVOCATE, the Needle Trades Committee publishes the NEEDLE WORKER, the Metal Trades Committee issues the AMALGAMATION BULLETIN, the Printing Trades Committee is responsible for THE INDUSTRIALIST, the Building Trades Committee has a bunch of the PROGRESSIVE BUILDING TRADES WORKER, and the Mining Committee publishes in seven languages the PROGRESSIVE MINER. A complete network of organization and press is thus being woven throughout the labor movement, consolidating and centralizing the left wing movement.

Every city and town has its local general group of the T. U. E. L. where the militants gather from all sections of the labor movement; each city has its own industrial co-operative working with its international committee; and in each section of the labor movement, co-operate to carry on their vital educational work. There is a place for every live wire and militant, and a task for each one to carry out. The Trade Union Educational League is thus made the most interesting and active section of the labor movement.

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS

By LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN

Today the Negro masses are in the clutches of the unscrupulous politician and the demagogue. From year to year he votes on the simple faith that the goodness of the government is sufficient force to improve his conditions. There is something pathetic in the faith-like way the Negro voter looks at politics. The entire race is without any political backbone or professional politicians are solely interested in politics on so far as they may derive great financial gain.

The Negro leader has sold out the manhood of the race. He is slowly but surely weeding the working class are coming to see that the Negro cannot be a man and a burglar at the same time.

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A MILITANT'S PREDICTION By WM. F. DUNNE

and other organizations are committed... The middle West and West will see the wage-earners and farmers in conflict with all the heavy arms of the nation...

Secretary Hughes, aided by the FBI, is the most vicious of the Daugherty Department of Justice, has put Soviet Russia's enemies on the defensive. Mr. Gompers alone stands unshaken, to him the recognition of Russia means a personal defeat—a moral defeat.

The Convention of the United Mine Workers to be held this month is in many ways, more important to labor than the A. F. of L. Convention next fall. Should the Lewis machine die, even if it is not shaken, it will be evidence of the growing strength of the left wing movement.

THE KEY

They led him to a cell. This too great lover of freedom. The gate clanged to, the jailer left: The bars bent not. He pressed at them with all his strength. Here is something stronger than argument, fiercer than the clenched fist, stronger than a metallic shudder, unchangeable, final. Not to be moved by a race or a nation, by the loudest shouts of a million, by the force of man's will. Your faith in freedom, in brotherhood, in the flaming goal, shaker and tumbler. Beadless to drowning like drowned waves under still cliffs of granite? Do not waver, lover of freedom: The gate will swing wide. An enemy, an A. F. of L. strong narrow: Will melt at last all chains and prisons forever. —Clement Wood.

In 1924 and perhaps for several years following, the economic power of the American workers engaged by the political thinking they have been, and will be forced to do.

Recently the big employers have begun to pay considerable attention to the National Guard. It is interesting to note that the ratio of increase in the National Guard has been directly proportional to the intensity of working class unrest in the country.

The Workers Dramatic Club extends its felicitations and brotherly greetings to the first organ of the class conscious revolutionary working class, The Daily Worker.

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THE WAR ON THE WORKERS By JAY LOVESTONE

Congress will soon be called upon to appropriate scores of millions of dollars to increase the military and naval fighting forces. There is no doubt that the appeal of Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Denby will meet with a generous response. Working conditions are too unstable in the great national textile, mine, and railway strikes of 1922. In only six days this front up to 201 days.

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But a summary of the extent to which the National Guard was mobilized in 1922, the full military powers were thrown in against the strikers for the same period. A division of field artillery was in the war against the workers and brought on the total period of military action for a total period of 221 days.

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Good News! By SCOTT NEARING.

The most appropriate greeting for the capitalists and the rulers of "THE DAILY WORKER" is contained in this little table of figures showing the economic revival in Russia: Production in Percent

Table with 3 columns: Year, Production in Percent, and War. Rows include 1919-20, 1920-21, 1921-22, and 1922-23.

(Russian Information and Review, Dec. 1, 1923, p. 346)

These figures indicate that within the past three years the industrial production of Russia has more than doubled. Each year has shown an improvement, and that the improvement of the last year has been the greatest of all.

Here is another item: On November 15, 1923, the ruble (the new Russian currency) was quoted in London at 21s 1d, which is the exact par value of ten pre-war roubles.

This means that the Soviet markings are making their way into contracts in England (and elsewhere) with a currency that is at par with the standard currency of Europe.

Unlike the countries of central Europe, Russia seems to be making economic gains. The Workers and farmers can handle their own economic affairs when they turn their minds to the task.

For Recognition of Soviet Russia! Russian Branch, Workers Party of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., sends its heartiest greetings to the most effective member of the Party—THE DAILY WORKER.

"Anna Christie," Eugene O'Neill's powerful drama, has been made into a splendid film by Thomas H. Ince. The producer is credited with a faithful rendition of the play in story, setting and action by the National Board of Review.

The heroine is a girl who has become a woman of the streets at the age of twenty, her father a workless old coal-barge captain and her lover a shipwrecked stoker. The film is made and all who are weary of the customary film tawdril will be refreshed by this departure from the ordinary run.

This is propaganda with a vengeance. We object to propaganda that would have been true to life if it were not for the fact that it is the work of the Communist Party.

The producers of the picture may say with much truth, too, that without the holism ending they would never have gotten it by the movie house in real life. The journal tells the exhibitor, "The patriotic spirit and the happy ending, with the happy resolution to his restless mother, may lighten the theme enough to put it over for you."

Not even the use of a Florida State Command as an instrument of social progress is too much for the purveyors of movie holism. The rights in real life. The journal tells the exhibitor, "The patriotic spirit and the happy ending, with the happy resolution to his restless mother, may lighten the theme enough to put it over for you."

Nine-tenths of the film is worth rejecting; the other tenth can be neutralized by being shown up for the bunk it is. The American workers, through its effective political and industrial organization, could dictate also the terms of their film entertainment.

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In the campaigns to be conducted by the various state parties...

It will carry on its work among the workers...

The answer to the condition that these facts illustrate...

The Giant and the Torch

By M. SASSAFA J. OLGIN

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR "THE DAILY"

By JOHN J. BALLAN

Sunday, January 13, 1924 This date will be remembered in the history...

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out of the needs of the workers. It is their paper. It is their voice.

the explanation of the working class...



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By LUDWIG LORE

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By SIMON FELSHIN.

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By CHARLES CLIP OLSEN

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