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# SEE LONDON BREAKING

## Communist Murdered in Court

### FACTORY CROWNS AMALGAMATED STRIKE IN N. Y.

#### Bosses Association and 100 Independents Sign

(By The Federated Press)  
NEW YORK, July 18.—Over three-fourths of the 40,000 strikers in the New York men's clothing industry are back at work following the successful strike called by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union on June 25. Besides the newly formed employers organization, the New York Clothing Manufacturers Exchange, over 100 independent shops have signed with the union during the last week.

The union shop, establishment of minimum wage scales and an unemployment insurance fund along lines of the Chicago unemployment fund, are important provisions of the agreement. A majority of the independent shops which have not yet actually signed the agreement have made application to the union to do so.

**Strike Non-Union Shops.**  
Several large non-union shops, such as Sam Friedlander & company with a payroll for years the Amalgamated attempt at organization have been drawn into the strike despite the efforts of sluggers. Negotiations on the minimum wage scales, which are merely outlined in the contract, have been between the union and the manufacturers' exchange. A 5 per cent strike assessment is being paid by workers who are back on the job.

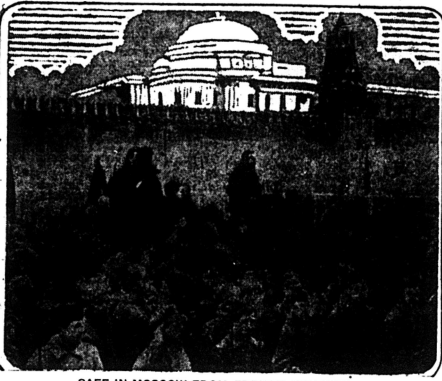
**Fight in Philadelphia.**  
PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—Men's clothing manufacturers in the Philadelphia market are attempting to take advantage of the slow season by cutting wages and lengthening hours of work. In unorganized shops the bosses are able to do about as they please. But in the organized shops the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union has gathered its strength and blocked the bosses. Militant strikes are being carried on by the union against two of the largest shops, J. Braunstein and J. Abrams & Co. Workers struck against the former because one of their number was discharged without cause. The Abrams firm tried to cut wages 10 per cent and increase hours from 44 to 48.

**Re-elect Hillman, Schlessberg.**  
NEW YORK, July 18.—Re-election of general president Sidney Hillman a 4th general secretary-treasurer Joseph Schlessberg of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union, is announced by the New York headquarters of the union. The referendum vote for Hillman was 27,469 for, and 2,846 against. Schlessberg received 26,540 votes. All of its former general executive board members who stood for re-election were returned to office. Montreal was chosen as the seat of the next convention.

**Paris in Spain.**  
BARCELONA, July 18.—Numerous factories closed here today greeting an industrial panic.

### READ WORKERS PARTY PROGRAM OF ACTION IN MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT

We are publishing in today's Magazine supplement of the DAILY WORKER the program of action adopted by the Workers Party Central Executive Committee at its last meeting. Every party member and every sympathizer of our movement will learn from this program what our party is planning to accomplish in the months to come. This is time for organized and systematic action. The minds of the workers are opening up to new ideas. The masses are beginning to move. Now is the time for our party to step into the struggle and crystallize organization around the ideas of International Communism. The Program of Action should be studied and applied in this light.



SAFE IN MOSCOW FROM FRENCH REVENGE.

See that man standing in the center with his hand on another's shoulder. That is Captain Jacques Saubert, French Communist, condemned to die a year ago in a war charge, but safe in Moscow with revolutionary friends at revolutionary work. Premier Herriot has ordered amnesty for him but the French senate withholds approval.

## Police Scatter Workers Congress

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER)  
BERLIN, June 30.—(By mail)—The All-German Workers' Congress called together by the factory committees in Eisenach (in place of Leipzig), was dispersed by a large detachment of police almost immediately after its opening on Sunday morning. All participants in the Congress (about 400 people), among

them socialdemocrats, were arrested and led away by the police. In spite of their parliamentary immunity, seven members of the Reichstag were also taken into custody, among them Rosenberg, Katz, Schütz, Koenig, and also deputies of the Thüringia Landtag. Not until evening were the arrested released, and led in groups to the station for immediate departure. A representative of the Green workers who was present at the Congress is still held under guard. On the day of the dispersal the Congress, Eisenach had the appearance of a military camp. Large detachments of Thüringian police patrolled the streets, and quite a number of streets were closed to traffic.

## STRICKEN FARMERS GET NO RELIEF FROM FREIGHT RATES THIS SUMMER

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The last hope of western farmers for relief this summer from excessive freight rates on agriculture products was abandoned today when officials of the interstate commerce commission announced there could be no appeal from their decision refusing rate reductions. The commission, by a vote of six to five, held that its four months investigation of the agricultural situation and freight rate levels in eleven states of the Mississippi-Missouri valley, had shown there was no need for a change. The earnings of the carriers in that region, it was stated, did not justify further reductions in rate incomes. The decision struck a blow at both the Republicans and Democrats for the coming campaign, as each endorsed the idea of reducing freight rates on farm products.

## PROSECUTOR IS GOOD FRIEND TO KLAN BRANDERS

PONTIAC, Mich., July 18.—Prosecutor A. J. Mikeska said today he doesn't believe the mysterious torture and "K. K. K." branding of Rev. Oren C. Van Loon justifies a particularly sweeping official probe. He will not call a grand jury unless it appears, he says, that somebody is "holding out" on him. "My inquiries to date," the prosecutor said, "convince me that the Van Loon case is a case of personal vengeance rather than an organized work of terrorism. Accordingly I can't see the justification of an extensive investigation, which would put the county to great expense. "You know, under the law the branding of Rev. Van Loon is merely a simple affair of assault and battery case."

## Y. W. L. DENOUNCES POLIEMAN SLAYER AND KLAN BACKERS

(Young Workers League Statements)  
The brutal murder of Comrade Popovsky, member of the Y. W. L. and an active and valiant worker for the cause of the working class is a matter that concerns every worker in this country. The Ku Klux Klan is rumored to have put up the \$10,000 bond for his murderer, Policeman O. P. Buzard. This indicates that he has the backing of the gang of hoodlums who have no respect for even their own laws. The murder of Comrade Popovsky in a courtroom shows that not even in an open court are workers safe from the brutes that protect capitalism. The workers of West Frankfort must fight against the hirelings of capitalism from committing such horrible crimes in the future. The Workers of West Frankfort must fight against the parties controlled by the Klan. They must take the losses known where they stand. The Young Workers League extends its sympathy to the parents, brothers, comrades and friends of Boris Popovsky.

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## NEEDLE WORKERS WARNED AGAINST 'ANGEL CITY' ADS

### Get Facts from Council in Los Angeles

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER)  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 18.—The Needle Trades Council of this city has sent out the following notice of warning to all needle trade workers throughout the country to counteract the misleading, lying advertisements of the capitalist advertisers and newspapers. The capitalist press through the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. of Los Angeles, calling on all workers to come here and enjoy the glories of California.

The object of the employer is to flood the labor market and have an army of unemployed in order to keep wages at the lowest possible level and to make a union shop impossible. You must understand that sashings does not pay the rent nor buy food. We therefore advise you that if you intend to come to Los Angeles, communicate with the Information Bureau of the Needle Council. This was organized by the Needle Trades Council for your benefit and for that of the organized labor movement.

Address all communications to: Needle Trades Council, 123 1/2 Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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## NATIONAL BISCUIT BOSSES GET EXCITED AS \$15 A WEEK SLAVES RUSH TO BUY THE YOUNG WORKER

The poorly paid employes of the National Biscuit company, by buying hundreds of copies of the "Young Worker," and fraternizing on the street corners with the Young Workers League members, have caused their employers considerable annoyance. The young workers sold several hundred copies of the paper Thursday night at the gates of the National Biscuit company plant at 1006 W. Washington Boulevard. In spite of the threats of the employes and the hiring of several thugs to stand on the street to brow-beat the "Young Worker" salesmen, the

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## BAUERS AND MILITARISTS OF FRANCE BUSY AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REPARATIONS

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER)  
LONDON, July 18.—The international reparations conference is now getting down to a consideration of its most difficult problem and the most dangerous breaking point of the proceedings. Desperate efforts are being made to harmonize the plans of the French and British interests in the matter of Franco-Belgian evacuation of the Ruhr. French papers arriving here are distinctly pessimistic as to the outcome of the deliberations. The shadow of the strong militarist opposition in France, a shadow present here in the body of a corps of the leading bankers from the Quays d'Orsay, is hanging over the head of the French premier, Herriot, every one of whose actions is calculated to avoid irritating, if not actually pleasing the Paris militarists.

Herriot is committed to the Seydoux report and plan for the "progressive evacuation" of the Ruhr. This scheme which has the backing of the leading French financiers and is even endorsed now by Poincaré, as shown in the senate vote authorizing Herriot to go to London, can be summed up in the following provisions:

1. Allied guarantees supported by a German reconstruction and reparations loan to be started by American banks must be clearly laid down before France will begin its gradual evacuation of the territory containing the heart of industrial Germany. French imperialism is anxious to have the unlimited support of England to enforce the Dawes report terms on Germany as she has later proved recalcitrant in the face of new conditions.

2. The German Reichstag must lose no time in passing not only the necessary legal measures for its unreserved acceptance of the Dawes plan, but must also enact specific declarations pledging its fullest aid and co-operation in setting up the necessary machinery of the Dawes plan and in keeping this reparations machinery in good order.

3. After the initial payment by Germany and after sufficient evidence of German good will and sincerity is shown, then the Belgian and French forces will start their progressive withdrawal from the Ruhr.

4. The French military and technical forces are to maintain the control of the three key railroads running through the Ruhr and Rhineland. The ostensible and expressed purpose of this provision is to assure France that in the event of a railway strike will interfere with the carrying out of the Dawes plan.

This is a serious point of dispute. The British bankers from Lombard Street are anxious to have the French capitalists give up their hold on these railroads, which are of even greater importance to the bankers.

## 17 STATES NOW USE COSSACK POLICE SYSTEM

(Continued on page 3)

NEW YORK, July 18.—Atrocities committed by state troopers in labor disputes are outlined in a survey just made public by the American Civil Liberties Union of the state police systems now in force in seventeen states. The summary deals chiefly with the state police in industrial conflicts where civil rights are involved. Opposition to the extension of the state police system comes from labor organizations, the report shows, on the grounds that "the troops are almost always used against the workers and in the interests of the employers." Labor organizations charge that state police are used "invariably to break strikes, to evict strikers from their homes, and to use strong-arm methods characteristic of company gunmen."

Official descriptions of state police operations during industrial disputes in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Colorado are included in the report. Efforts to establish state police "along military lines" are attacked by chambers of commerce, bankers' associations, organizations of rich farmers and motor and rotary clubs in summary show.

Copies of the report may be obtained from the American Civil Liberties Union, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## FRAZIER BOLTS CAL FOR LA FOLLETTE BUT WILL STAY IN G. O. P.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Senator Lynn Frazier of North Dakota has broken away from the LaFollette candidacy today in a statement which secured a wide audience as he brand who does "not represent the interests of the people."

Frazier is the Republican party while he supports LaFollette. The North Dakota has three bona fide republican opponents of the senate.

## LEAGUE RULERS RAPE AND BEAT NATIVE WOMEN

### New Guinea Oppresses Force Prostitution

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)  
OSACA, N. W. Guinea, South Pacific Ocean, July 18.—The League of Nations, under the league of nations, while officials of the Australian government ministered the mandate over the ex-German territory of New Guinea, are forcing native women to cohabit with their officials.

Here are specific cases reported to the Federated Press by officials in the territory:

At Bitapo, an official attempted to rape a young native woman. She resisted and was flogged. With her back bleeding profusely she fled to the hospital. Nothing was done to the official.

At Biligit, a district officer compelled a native woman, with a child at her breast to sleep with him for several days. He then handed her over to another officer.

At Karbok, a police official saw a native woman, newly married to a native chief. The chief was thrown into jail and his wife castrated and turned loose. Because she had consorted with a European she became a prostitute.

The Catholic mission at Marlberg reported to the consular office of natives that it was common for police officials to capture native women for immoral purposes. The protests were in vain.

In April a white official was charged with ordering native women to be brought to him. As he had friends higher up the charge was not pushed. Captain Thompson, an official of the Australian government at Rabaul, testifies that a native woman's breasts were lacerated by a beating from a white official.

At Oamataia a native woman was thrown out of the hospital to lie in the bush on the orders of a district officer because she was "too much trouble." A native police boy was ordered to take her into the bush and protect her. She was never seen again.

Protest against the enforced prostitution of native women have been made to the Australian government with little result. The protests are being forwarded to the league of nations at Geneva.

How About Herit?  
SYDNEY, New South Wales.—Max Miller, an American, who visited New Guinea, says: "No American should ever visit Australia in Guinea. He should remember his own Haiti, his own Philippines, his own Cuba, and keep his mouth shut."



ILLINOIS LABOR PARTY HOLDING CONFAB SUNDAY

Many Delegates Coming for Important Action

Many local trade unions are expected to have delegates to the conference called by the Labor Party of Illinois to be held Sunday, July 20. Following the example of the big local No. 39, several local unions of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers are sending delegates. Four machine-lata local unions are sending their quota, painters—local 215, organ-smiths 51, metal polishes local and others, as well as several branches of the Workmen's Circle and other workers organizations.

BUSCUIT BOSSES GET EXCITED

(Continued from page 1) Workers in the biscuit factory told the DAILY WORKER reporter that everything in the "Young Worker" about the low wages and poor working conditions is true.

The National Biscuit company employees were leaving the plant to stink of sweat, straw-bucking toil, the petty officials and narrow bosses congregated at the doors of the factory in their bare ball uniforms and drove off in automobiles, fresh as dimes, after an easy day, making the poorly paid workers sweat up to the limit.

Manager Deane's knowledge of J. Appleman, manager of the factory and also coach of the baseball team, was approached by a reporter as he started away in his spacious touring car. "This stuff is a lot of junk," he said. "These fellows just want to print a lot of lies in order to sell their papers."

MAGDONALD SKATING ON THIN ICE IN COMMONS, HIS 8TH DEFEAT SHOWS

(Special to The Daily Worker) LONDON, July 18.—Ramsay MacDonald's government suffered its eighth defeat in the House of Commons today by a vote of 149 to 148. The defeat was on a minor amendment to the unemployment insurance bill.

The government will not resign but parliament may be in a state of excitement. This eighth defeat shows that the Labor Party is in the open door of the conference. Such complications are in the hands of the three unconfident observers: the representatives of the nine national gatherings here.

Hegehwik Strikers! Mass Meeting Monday To Spread Walkout

Production in the Western Steel Car Foundry company at Hegehwik, Wis. was completely tied up yesterday by the striking wheelers, buckers, reamers, fitters and riveters. The 500 strikers held a meeting at seven o'clock in the morning addressed by Jack McCarthy, circulation manager of the DAILY WORKER, which plans to spread the big attack of financial domination over the heads of the conference. Mr. Logan has just advanced a plan for working out the necessary sanctions and their application under the Daves Bill.

Patriots Planning Boston Party Return U. S. Pliers When

(Special to The Daily Worker) BOSTON, July 18.—The official support of the American Federation of Labor, it is expected to be given this year to Senator Robert M. La Follette, running as an independent candidate for the presidency. Official support of the executive committee at Atlantic City in early August. Samuel Gompers and his lieutenants at Washington were gravely disappointed when the nomination of the Colorado lawyer on a non-labor platform made it too embarrassing for the federation to endorse the democrat. Their grievances were expressed when Mayor George L. Berry, pressman's president, was thrown overboard by Charles Bryan. Since then the LaFollette movement has been negotiating with Gompers and the A. F. of L. endorser.

PHILADELPHIA LOCAL AMALGAMATED MEETING COMES NEXT TUESDAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 18.—Arrangements are being made by the Philadelphia organization of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for a big mass meeting to be held Tuesday, July 22, at the New Auditorium Hall, Seventh street and Sider street. The meeting was arranged for the purpose of discussing the latest developments in the movement and several important questions concerning the life of the organization. It is the first mass meeting held in Philadelphia since Brother Rudo was a member. Prominent speakers will address the meeting in several languages. Sidney Hillman is expected to speak in English, Frank Belanca in Italian and Alex Cohen in Jewish. There will also be a Lithuanian speaker, who is coming from New York especially for this meeting. Sam Rudo will preside.

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SEE LONDON BREAK OVER RUHR

(Continued from page 1) Twenty and the various subsequent points should be considered. MacDonald, speaking for the British interests, who agreed with the French, will have to provide cash for the German loan, naturally insisted that the interest in the proposed \$200,000,000 loan must be protected before anyone else is assured security.

Harriet for U. S. Compromise It appears that Harriet will fall in line with the compromise proposal advanced by the Americans. The French are on guard to prevent the British from putting them in a position where they would be the ones to oppose American recommendations. The twenty-two spokesmen for the various European countries are all anxious to draw America into the agreement as soon and as completely as possible.

Toward this end American advice is especially needed. The French delegation is planning to move that the American agents on the reparations board be formally appointed by the League as a measure of international recognition. MacDonald is doing his bit in placating the American "social observers" by emphasizing repeatedly that the Dawes plan must be accepted as a whole without any changes being made in its contents in winding up his address of welcome before the League.

LA FOLLETTE IS CONFIDENT OF GOMPERS' O. K.

Even Berry May Quit His Jackass Friends (Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, July 18.—The official support of the American Federation of Labor, it is expected to be given this year to Senator Robert M. La Follette, running as an independent candidate for the presidency.

WIVES AND CHILDREN STARVING

The German workers are fighting for the preservation of their rights and the eight hour day. If they lose, we lose. If they win, we win. Capitalists are quick to learn from each other. Today it is Germany. Tomorrow it may be America.

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Buffalo Party Activities OPEN AIR MEETINGS Monday, July 21—William and Spring St. Speakers: Raymond and Green. Tuesday, July 22—Main and Court St. Speakers: Raymond and Campbell. Thursday, July 23—Main and Geneva St. Speakers: Raymond and Campbell. Saturday, July 25—Main and Mohawk St. Speakers: Raymond and Lizza. Refreshment Party Activities. A general party membership meeting will be held Friday, July 25, at 8 p. m. All members must be present at this meeting in order to be informed of the new policy of the Workers Party, held at Main and Front St., Saturday evening, July 26, 8 p. m. Speakers: Raymond and Horowitz.

Not So Many Jobs. SYDNEY, N. S. W., July 18.—Sixty per cent of the trade unions in Australia report good or normal conditions of employment. The balance report more or less severe unemployment. Unemployment is worst among leather workers, general laboring, iron trades, sea transport, dental and jewelry trades. Domestic trades, food and clothing, printing, building, and repair scarcely any unemployment.

NAT'L. BISCUIT TRIES TO SCARE YOUNG WORKERS

Threats to Fire Readers of Communist Paper

By BARNEY MASS. The officials of the National Biscuit Company are enraged and fear the appearance of the coming Young Worker with the exposure of their slavs abuse. Four signs have been put up threatening anyone caught purchasing the Young Worker with discharge. Through organized methods of intimidation, the company has succeeded in reducing the young wage slaves to a state of fright that makes any effort to organize them difficult. While the league members were passing out the leaflets advertising the Young Worker, the bosses looked out of the windows, and cursed under their breath. The matron in the Kennedy Biscuit Works department, a first class crank, always picking some quarrel or another with the girls and boys, was particularly disgruntled. Some watchmen (private company ticks) of the Biscuit Company, tried to drive off the league members, who were distributing leaflets, but the persistence displayed by the young militant workers, forced them to cease in their dirty work.

Many calls have come to the national office of the Young Workers League asking for the issue containing the exposure of the National Biscuit Company. The employees are very much interested. The local league is planning to hold a mass meeting in front of the factory gates as the workers come to the evening. The Young Workers' League is becoming popular thru the factory campaigns. The young workers are beginning to learn there is an organization devoted to their interests. Our answer to the bosses of the National Biscuit Company will come thru our establishing an efficient functioning nucleus among its employees.

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If the newspaper claims are valid evidence, then prosperity is here on all fours for the farmers.

The recent rise in price of wheat and corn on the exchange is being heralded everywhere as proof of the fact that the farmers have at last gotten out of the depression that has been their lot for the last five years.

Nothing of the sort is true. No fundamental change has occurred in the status of the farming masses of the country. The temporary flurry in the price of corn and wheat is occasioned by temporary conditions and can at best bring only fleeting relief, small and limited in character.

The American wheat market has been somewhat buoyed up late because of a decrease in the acreage, would late spring and a drought in Southern Europe. According to the department of agriculture estimates the crops of the Northern hemisphere, exclusive of Soviet Russia, will be ten per cent less than last year.

In the United States proper there is an outlook of an average decline of six per cent in crop production next year below the figures for the past ten years. West of the Rockies crops will be ten per cent. In Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri crops are ten per cent below their usual yield.

The gloomy crop news will bring no cheer to the farming masses of the country. First and foremost, how can the farmers join in sharing in the production price when the quantity and quality of their crops are decreasing?

LaFollette's Angel

In America politics every aspiring servant of the employment of every believer in and supporter of the capitalist system has his financial backers who sell him to the people. These financial god-buffers are called, in the parlance of politicians, "angels."

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RUSSIA IN 1924

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Continued from last issue)

I saw two demonstrations while in Moscow this last trip which were illustrations of a revolutionary fire still burning brightly, hostile critics to the contrary notwithstanding. The first was on Easter morning. This was a great holiday in old Russia. The celebration this year began at midnight and although it was already late in April, a full foot of snow fell in the evening.

The whole town became alive, the old folks going to church and the young ones demonstrating against the whole religious summat. I visited many churches and found in them only mere handful of old human relics of former times, except in the case of the cathedral, which was the rallying point of both sides in the demonstration.

Second Installment of Report by Zinoviev

CHAPTER II

Fourth Congress of the Comintern. THE First Congress took place at a moment when the revolution was still fresh, and when the defeat and the significance of the Spartacus revolt were still fresh in the minds of the people.

Fourth Congress. Finally there was the Fourth Congress. The Fourth Congress is still in your memories and I need not dwell on its work in detail. The slogan of the "workers' government" was adopted, the tactics of the united front were approved, and at the same time the "right" against the "left" was proclaimed.

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The most striking thing about the celebration was the boundless enthusiasm of the marchers. Nothing could kill it. How they roared out the revolutionary slogans, always ending with the hoarse shout "Hurra." During most of the parade a driving rain prevailed. This was a great help to the workers, much less up to the procession. I returned to myself what would have happened to an American parade in such a storm; it would have gone to pieces in 10 minutes.

The great parade was made up of every conceivable unit of the workers, their wives, and their children. There were trade unions, factory groups, Red Army units, schools, universities, athletic societies, Party branches, and a score of other formations. All marched together in one great fraternal demonstration past the mausoleum of the dead victims of the revolution, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. There were tens of thousands of children, some so small that they were unable to keep the pace of the main body and had to march on one side. Multitudes of women carried their children on their backs, many carrying them on crutches, old patriarchal looking peasants, who somehow found themselves in town and in the demonstration. One man I met I will never forget. He was a Red Army officer, a Cossack 82 years old. He seemed to express the very soul of the heroic revolution. Many years ago he belonged to the Czar's army and while there he killed a tyrannical officer. For this he spent 35 years in Siberian exile. He was there when the revolution began. Immediately after the revolution he joined the revolutionary army and he has stayed with it ever since. During the last year he was decorated twice for bravery. And there he stood for eight hours reviewing the parade, a patriarch in age but young in spirit and body. Straight as an arrow and as firm as a man one-third his age, he braved the driving rain, but he was not a man who could be intimidated by a chilling rain without a thought that he was an old man. A hardship that would kill an ordinary man of his age. There must have been 10,000 great flaming red silk banners in the parade, and at least 1,000 bands, for every group has its own band. In 1921 I saw several of the demonstrations of the workers, but they were nothing like this. The great May parade was an outpouring of the healthy, vigorous, buoyant, consciously victorious proletariat. One would have thought that its tremendous enthusiasm would have passed from the workers' spirits for months to come, but so full of revolutionary ardor are the latter, that a week or two later, a similar movement demonstration took place in protest against the raid upon the Soviet Embassy in Berlin by the German authorities.

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The Times Is Worried

It is not often that the New York Times allows the world to know that its serenity is disturbed by any outward prospect. Its imperturbability, its sangfroid, its calm self-possession in the face of the most difficult and long drawn out one of its distinguishing characteristics in the family of the capitalist kept press.

But the Times is worried. It betrays its agitation, yet it admits that it is disturbed. What is the cause of this unusual conduct? It would be hard to say. Here is the situation. The Times is very much afraid that Foster and the Communists made a great mistake in putting a ticket in the field against LaFollette. In an editorial, issue of July 17th, it expresses this fear, that the votes for the Communist candidates next November will be so small (about 5,000 or so, you indicate) that Conrade Foster will lose caste in American politics.

The Times, however, takes a constructive and helpful attitude toward the Communists. It would be very wise, it suggests, for Foster and Otlow to withdraw from the campaign in favor of LaFollette. By merging with the LaFollette camp-follower, the idea goes, the Communists will be able to hide their weakness. Like a real good fellow, the Times passes this suggestion out with no thought of reward or recognition for its service. Many thanks, Times! We appreciate the solidarity shown for the welfare of the Communist movement in America. It goes to the credit of the fortunes are followed so sympathetically in the editorial sanctuaries of Park Row and Times Square. But really you know, old top, we are quite willing to have a count made of all the qualified voters of America who are sufficiently developed to escape the influence of LaFolletteism. It is not so important that the vote should be millions at this moment. That will come, that will come. And may we suggest that you also, Times' editors, sort out of realize this too!

Wilkerson on the Job

Federal Judge Wilkerson, the same who issued the infamous injunction against the striking shopmen in 1922 at the instigation of Harry Daugherty, has come forth with another injunction that carries the practice of court interference in labor disputes even further than any judicial despot has dared before.

On the plea of the Western Union Telegraph Company, one of the worst anti-union corporations in the country, and one that is tied up very closely with the highest financial circles, Wilkerson issued a restraining order against the Electrical Workers, the Bricklayers and Plumbers, the Stone Workers, the Plumber and Steamfitters, the Elevator Constructors, and the Structural Iron Workers, forbidding the union or the individual members from quitting work on the Illinois Trust building now under construction. The order prohibits striking or threatening to strike, prohibits individuals quitting, and declares that it is even a crime to accept a job if there is any intention of later quitting for any reason not approved by the court.

Trade unionists must begin to realize that a real fight is necessary against this injunction machine that is sweeping the land. The usurped power of the courts is even more immediately intolerable than the usual and established use of the capitalist law government against the working class. In the case of injunctions there is but one immediate remedy—mass disobedience which is counseled even by such non-revolutionary as Combers. The final solution is the establishment of working class courts by a working class government.

"Not a Single Concession"

Roger Beeson, expert adviser to big business on political and economic problems, succinctly comments that LaFollette has made "not a single concession" to the labor and radical elements whom he is dragging in his train.

This fact is now being underscored by the very probably selection of Senator Wheeler, of Montana, as the running mate of LaFollette. While it is quite true, as it will probably be said, that Wheeler cannot be much less representative of a true labor spirit than would George Berry, the strident breaking American Legionist, it is still of great significance that Berry was the choice of the union bureaucrats and that LaFollette has so completely lashed them to his chariot that on this too, he could flout their wishes as on every issue that has hitherto arisen.

When Wheeler is named it will be another item added to the mountain of evidence that the LaFollette personal candidacy has not the slightest tendency toward the lifting of a hindrance of a labor party. It is the labor party's most dead-end enemy.

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