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DOWN WITH IMPERIALIST WARS!

(Statement of the Central Executive Committee, Workers Party.)

TEN years ago the great war broke upon the world. Today another world war is an imminent prospect. The workers were opposed to the last war. But in spite of their opposition they were led unreluctantly to the slaughter, and for four years they killed and maimed one another at the orders of their capitalist rulers. Millions of workers lost their lives, more millions were crippled, while women and children suffered unrecorded misery. Wealth, of such extent that the imagination falters before the vast sums, was destroyed in the mad struggle for rule of the world's markets.

of the workers to the imperialist demands of the capitalist masters. Only the revolutionary Communists took a firm and uncompromising stand against the imperialist slaughter. It was the Communist movement that brought home the other lessons to be gained from the experiences of the workers in the last war. They pointed out that wars are an inevitable result of the capitalist system, whereby the many toil for the profit of the few. They pointed out that the only way to bring an end to wars, is to overthrow the system of society which causes them. Today the workers of Soviet Russia, led by the Communists, have succeeded in establishing their rule and thus taken the first steps toward the end of all wars. Today the Communists all over the world call upon the workers to unite all their energy and power in a demonstration of protest against the war that approaches. The last war did not end the struggle of the capitalists for the world for new markets. The struggle to safeguard and increase the returns on investments in foreign countries over the dead bodies of the flower of the working class, becomes sharper every day. The world's oil, coal, railroads, and other fields of investment and profit, hold a bait for the greedy imperialist rulers of the world. Their hands itch and their mouths water at the sight and thought of the opportunities to increase their ill-gotten wealth. The imperialists of America, as well as of the rest of the world,

realize the nearness of the next war. They are increasing their armies and navies, training the youth, preparing the workers in every way for the coming slaughter-fest. The international conferences are of no avail! The Dawes' plans are leading them right into further complications and war will be the result! Facing this situation, the workers must exert all their strength, must build up their forces, and be prepared to turn the next attempt to plunge the workers into the bloody shambles of imperialist war into a revolutionary struggle against the war-breeding capitalist system. The Workers (Communist) Party calls upon the workers to demonstrate against the coming imperialist war, to unite their forces for the demands of the Communists! Down with Militarism and Imperialist War! Down with Capitalism which sacrifices the workers for profit! Down with the Dawes' Plan! Down with American Imperialism in Central and South America! Forward to the Workers' Rule—the Soviet Republic and Communism!

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman, C. E. RUTHERBERG, Executive Secretary.

CRIMINALS OF FRANCE—BRITISH WARS 500 Filipino Scouts Face Mutiny Charge

UNCLE SAM'S BROWN SOLDIERS IN ORIENT FORM UNION AND ASK EQUAL PAY WITH WHITES

MANILA, P. I., July 25.—Because they demanded equal pay with white soldiers, and because they organized a soldiers' union to enforce their demands, 500 Philippine scouts are to be placed on trial here charged with mutiny.

NORTH DAKOTA MEMBERS WILL CONFER AUG. 3

WILTON, N. Dak., July 25.—A conference of the Workers Party members in North Dakota will be held at Wilton, Burleigh county, Sunday, August 3, 1 p. m. All members are strongly urged to be present at this conference because matters of great importance to the party in North Dakota will be taken up.

CORRECTION

The dropping of a line from page three, DAILY WORKER for Thursday, July 24, in the "Thesis for Agitators," made a paragraph read as follows: "In the Union of Soviet Republics there is one soldier to every 100 persons of the population."

AMERICAN MINISTER IN CHINA "MEDIATOR" OF SOVIET LEGATION WAR

PEKIN, July 25.—American Minister Schurman has been in conference with Leon Karakhan, newly appointed Soviet ambassador to China. Schurman is acting as mediator in the dispute between the Chinese government and the diplomatic corps relative to the refusal of the latter to hand over control of the former Russian legation. The Chinese government had sought to have the property placed in its custody to be turned over to Karakhan. The new ambassador, who is to be named to China by a national, will present his credentials to President Tsao, July 31.

RAILWAY UNION OFFICIALS DEFY BOARD'S POWER

Leave Rail Labor Hearing Until Court Calls

Charges made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that the United States Railroad Labor Board is violating the law and exceeding its jurisdiction in trying to take over a dispute between the rail road brotherhoods and the Western railroads were again made yesterday at a hearing in the Transportation Building. The railroad labor board ruled that it is right in claiming jurisdiction over the dispute and threatened reorders to the courts in an effort to make the railroad brotherhood of officials testify. The brotherhood officials left the room immediately after hearing chairman Ben Hooper's autocratic ruling, intimating they will not return unless ordered by the courts.

JAPANESE CABINET HAS AGREED ON BASIS FOR RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

TOKIO, July 25.—The Japanese cabinet has agreed on a basis of negotiations with Soviet Russia for the recognition of that government. Diplomatic "conversations" have been in progress for some time between Japan representative, M. Yoshikawa, and the Soviet envoy, now ambassador, to Peking, M. Karakhan. The Japanese representative returned here several weeks ago and it was then assumed that Japan would proceed with official negotiations to reach an agreement and treaty with the Soviet government. The outstanding obstacle between the two nations was northern Sakhalin island, which has valuable oil resources. The Japanese occupied this territory after the Nicolaiiev affair, also it is claimed by the Soviets, who have granted Harry Sinclair, the American oil capitalist, concessions there.

FRANCE, CROWDED TO WALL BY BANKERS, IS THREATENING AN INTERNATIONAL RUPTURE

LONDON, July 25.—(Special to The Daily Worker) The diplomatic chambers where premiers and international bankers were arguing over the Dawes plan today. The specter of world conflagration rose out of the discussions on the Ruhr which mine and industrial plants over which France and the Anglo-American entente are now wrestling.

ILLINOIS LABOR LEADERS FIGHT 'BOB' FOR SMALL

Oppose LaFollette Man for Governor

A deadlock between Senator LaFollette, who, the DAILY WORKER is informed, has picked Raymond Robbins as his candidate for governor of Illinois, and the officials of the Illinois and Chicago Federations of Labor, make it practically certain that tomorrow's State Conference for Progressive Political Action will not name a full Illinois state LaFollette ticket. LaFollette insists that a candidate for Governor be run in Illinois, preferring Raymond Robbins. The American Federation of Labor officials, including Walker, Glander and Fitzpatrick, stubbornly refuse to desert the Len Small regular republican camp, which LaFollette has declined to endorse.

FIRE INQUEST SHOWS KANSAS CITY LAWLESS

Negros Died in Coop Burned for Insurance?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 25.—The coroner's investigation into the explosion here of a Negro rooming house has revealed a criminal contempt for safety. The house caught fire and collapsed following an unexplained explosion. It was very heavily insured both against fire and explosion—\$70,000 in all. There were twenty-five large cases of gasoline in the basement. Fifteen dead bodies were recovered and it is hoped that this is the total death toll. The house was built less than a year ago, there were no fire escapes, only one entrance and half the thirty-six rooms were those horrible unsanitary coops to which the poor are sentenced—rooms without windows, lit by gas day and night. There was no fire wall and the joists were not anchored to the walls. Housing conditions in the Black Belt are typically American. Its population has grown from 23,000 to 38,000 in a decade but so atrocious is the Belt is tolerated. Hardly men who move out are bombed, their families endangered. Sixteen families have already been bombed this year—some several times.

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MILLIONAIRES' MURDER TRIAL SEATS RESERVED

Frank's Case Staged as Exclusive Affair

When the sons of millionaires are being tried for the murder of the son of another millionaire...

The DAILY WORKER reporter watched the police turning away the rank and file from the portals of the Cook County court house yesterday morning...

On the sixth floor another battery of officers winnowed out more of the curious so that by the time we were required to rise to honor the gentleman in a black gown...

Scientist Seeks Vengeance. Ten o'clock, and in they come, the millionaire slayers...

Plays to the Camera. Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney, takes the witness in hand. He turns back on the audience...

Millions Against Millions. There is no case issue as between the Leopold and Loeb forces on the one side and Frank on the other...

Fortunate For Crowe. The conduct of the prosecution at this case involves little mental strain on the prosecutor's part...

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Stockbrokers and Socialists. LETTER from the stockbrokers of St. Petersburg to the socialist Minister Vanderploeg of Belgium:

...Altho we may not be hooded, we are explaining these abuses to you as you are explaining them to the public...

Railway Unions' Officials Defy Board's Power

(Continued from page 1.) Iron Railroad carriers invited a group of representatives of the Conference Committee of Managers of the roads, and the railroad unions, which the Brotherhood accepted...

This joint conference, falling to the conference committee, and termed "the establishment of principles for the guidance of managers and representatives of the employees..."

Without further information or investigation concerning the propriety of the conference committee's own 1924 assumed jurisdiction upon its own motion of the dispositive...

Omaha Is Going After Farmers and Workers In Anti-War Meetings. OMAHA, Neb., July 25.—The Communist world-wide Anti-War Week will be observed at Omaha by means of street meetings every evening during the week...

Revolution Rumored. LONDON, July 25.—Dispatches from Bucharest today contained rumors of a revolutionary movement in Roumania. There were unconfirmed reports General Averescu had entered the capital with irregular troops.

Smuggling Plot. NEW YORK, July 25.—In the seizure today of a rum-runners' adventure on Long Island, evidence was obtained that what is said to be a widespread conspiracy to smuggle into the United States only liquor but Chinese and other aliens and large quantities of drugs.

Electrical Workers Strike. BOSTON, July 25.—Over 200 electrical workers of the Stone and Webster Construction Company are on strike in various parts of the state...

Change Tallentire Dates. Norman Tallentire, well known Communist speaker, begins his tour of the West in San Francisco on July 31...

Steel Workers' Convention. MONTREAL, Canada, July 25.—The copperminers and sheet metal workers' unions are meeting here today to decide on the convention of the Amalgamated Steel Workers' International Alliance in session here...

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YOWLS DRIVING PESSIMISM HEGEWISCH FIGHT

Youth Carry Whirlwind Campaign into Strike

By EARL R. BROWDER. All "traced revolutionists" who feel that because the revolution was not made...

Boys and young men with the Y. W. C. A. red cards proudly showing in their shirt pockets, will gladden your eyes when you come up to the picket line...

It all came about in the midst of the strike. The Young Workers League entered into the battle for the strikers. The Young Workers League sent out...

It was shown in the attack of the LaFollette following, against the idea of independent political action. It was shown in the refusal of the Conference for Progressive Political Action, in Montana, to endorse Farmer-Labor Party officials...

Class conscious workers and farmers everywhere are called upon to fight this year under the Communist standards of the Workers Party. Only in the fight for the Workers Party...

Arouse the World Against the Wars of the Imperialists

(Continued from page 1.) An encouragement from American war lords. American gunboats are hovering about the coast of Brazil, protecting Wall Street capital...

The Communist revolution is not pacifist but they resist with all their power the wars of capital, which are perpetrated in the name of high finance, merely to extend the markets of the national capitalists...

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N. Y. APPLAUDS FOSTER'S STORY OF 1924 RUSSIA

Presidential Candidate Heard by Big Crowd

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Socialists Make Sure Suicide Is Successful

By J. LOUIS ENDGAHL.

TODAY, the socialists have made doubly sure that the suicide of their party will be completely successful at this year's elections. They left no possible escape from sure death when the party's national executive committee issued the official congressional policy stating that:

Bl-chorid of mercury or potassium cyanide are not more deadly to human life than this policy will be upon the flickering political life of what remains of the socialist party. In only one congressional district in the land, that now represented by Victor L. Berger in congress, can the socialists be said to possess that ephemeral thing called, "The chance of election."

This is true even in New York City. There LaGuardia, the republican, who has been trailing the LaFollette band wagon, is already in congress in the strongest socialist district. Under their own policy the socialists will be compelled to swallow LaGuardia as they have swallowed the "LaFollette and Wheeler" ticket.

It was even slipped into the face of Morris Hillquit, himself, and Thomas E. Ryan as a communist legislative agent of the railroad brotherhoods, sent out the call for the meeting of the New York Conference for Progressive Political Action, to be held in Albany, August 16, without ever mentioning the name of the party.

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CHINESE COMMUNIST DELEGATES SEE COUNTRY TURNING TO SOVIET RUSSIA FOR HER DEVELOPMENT

BY ANISE (Federated Press Staff Correspondent) MOSCOW, July 25.—China will never be developed by the capitalist imperialist nations. She is building her connections with Russia...

For the subject of India. For the British capitalists can no longer exploit India and the colonies. Then half the population in the British Isles faces the question of starvation.

Capitalists Won't Get China. The Chinese delegation feels sure of itself. World capitalism will not get the development of China in its hands, they say. If the Chinese find a market for American cotton goods and collars and manufactured products, then America could keep her workers well fed on the exploit of China...

They give you reasons for their view. China has just expelled the western imperialists. In spite of the contrary Hughes and France, she made a deal with Russia, and she cleared the Chinese Eastern railway concerned her and Russian soil.

Politically, China is a complex of many states, almost all nations, speaking various tongues. Central Arab Kiosk About British. JERUSALEM, July 25.—The Palestine Arabs are opposed to the treaty between England and the Hejaz...

Jewish Orphanage Burns. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 25.—The sheltered 200 children, was destroyed by fire today. By the quick action of the Fire Department all the children were saved.

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Trade Union Educational League, 1113 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

A special edition of this book has also been published for the Workers Party. Branches and members of the party are expected to place their orders with the literature department at the same address.

MILITANTS IN ILLINOIS MUST PREPARE FIGHT

Urge United Support for Progressive Measures

Progressive measures in the Illinois state Federation of Labor convention, to be held in Peoria, Sept. 28, will require the militant backing of all progressive elements if they are to be successfully established.

Whether these progressive measures will land in the wastebasket or be enacted for the benefit of organized workers in the state that is entirely up to the militant unionists. The statement follows: PROBLEMS of vital importance to the workers are being discussed and proposed progressive measures will be dealt with at the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention to be held in Peoria on September 28.

Unemployment is increasing rapidly throughout the state, bringing added misery to the workers organized as well as unorganized. The employers are alert to the situation and plan to use vigorously to use the unemployed as the weapon to lower union conditions.

Several efforts have been made to unite the workers politically thru the establishment of a mass Labor Party. We have not as yet succeeded in our efforts. The fact that a real Labor Party must continue.

No efforts on the part of the workers to assert themselves politically will become effective before they organize themselves on a class basis. The need of organizing a mass Labor Party is now more apparent than ever. It is one of the vital problems facing the organized workers in the state of Illinois.

The activities of the Ku Klux Klan have been recognized as a menace to organized labor. It is becoming ever more an instrument of capitalism used to break down the standard of living of the workers and endangering the existence of labor unions.

This white guard menace must be fought aggressively. The trade unions must assert themselves and definitely declare that Ku Klux Klan must be eliminated root and branch. All progressive unionists should unite and work for the adoption of these and other vitally necessary measures. Every union should be represented at the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention at Peoria on September 28th.

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To Party and T. U. E. L. Units: What are you doing for the Press Picnic, August 10th? Have you gotten the language branches in your federation on the job? Have they gotten the language branches in your job setting federation on the job? Have they gotten the language branches in your job setting federation on the job?

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Miners' Leaders Slash Each Other in Personal Fight DANVILLE, Ill., July 25.—As the result of a feud of long standing, Herbert Halls, official of District 121 of the United Mine Workers, is in a local hospital with a jaw bone broken.

BOILER Scauld Workers. ANDERSON, Ind., July 24.—Home Manufacturing, 42, was suffering from scalds today and William Woods, 35, when a large boiler at the General Insulating plant exploded. The boiler was blown 15 feet.

Party Activities Of Local Chicago BRANCH MEETINGS Monday, July 22—Northwest Jewish, 2636 Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Tuesday, July 23—Party Unit, W. L. Nathan, 1401 N. Wabash St., Chicago, Ill. Wednesday, July 24—Koreanian, 1000 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Thursday, July 25—Northwest Jewish, 2636 Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Friday, August 1—Ukrainian No. 2, 1000 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Saturday, July 26—Riverview Press, 1113 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Sunday, July 27—Speakers' Class, 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO MASS MEETING AT PUBLIC SQUARE SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1924, at 3 P. M. Speaker C. E. RUTHENBERG On Presidential Campaign Tour for the Workers Party SUBJECT: IMPERIALISM, WAR AND AMERICAN JUNKERISM War Against Capitalism is War Against War

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Democracy's Blessings Time and again we are called to order when we criticize and expose the true nature of the government. We are then told that the blessings of "democratic suffrage" are incalculable. The country will soon participate in a national election of greater significance than any to date. There are three so-called major candidates and six so-called minor candidates, for the presidency. Eight out of nine candidates stand for the perpetuation of capitalism in some form or other. Only one candidate, Comrade Foster, the standard-bearer of the Workers Party, is fighting for the complete abolition of capitalism and is propagating the necessity for the establishment of a Communist order.

RUSSIA IN 1924

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Continued from Last Issue) Rising Wages—Trade Unions. The essence of present-day Russia is that production is carried on not to line the pockets of a few social parasites, but for the benefit of the workers. Consequently, as industry revives and produces a greater mass of goods, naturally the workers get the benefit of it in a higher standard of living. General wage increases have followed the increase in industrial production. Whereas in all other countries, the workers are subjected to heavy reductions in wages and lengthening of the workday, in Russia alone have wages gone up and the eight hour day been maintained. This fact speaks eloquently for the new society. The average wage increase for all Russian industries in 1923, was 25%. As compared with pre-war standards, wage rates in various industries are as follows: metal 23%, textile 82%, mines 38%, chemicals 75%, printing 73%, food 118%, leather 92%, paper 100%, wood 80%, railways 46%. In Moscow the workers of all classes earned an average 93% of pre-war rates, and in Leningrad they earn 83%. The wages for all classes of workers throughout Russia are now about 65% of the pre-war average, and they are constantly and rapidly rising.

There are many and great. For one thing, there is the unemployed benefit, of which I shall speak in a moment. Then there are the various rebates that the workers receive. For example, an unemployed worker gets his rent free, or practically so, while a Nepman may pay, for similar lodgings, as much rent as half a dozen families of employed workers. Naturally, the Nepmen and their ilk will not do this if they can possibly avoid it, so they make every effort to register as unemployed workers. Not all the purging of the list is done entirely from these cheats, of whom, even in Russia, there are still many. The trade union officials state that of the unemployed only about 35% are union members, which means, as practically all real workers are trade unionists, that large numbers of the unemployed have only slight real connections with industry. The latest figures show that only 8% of the total unemployment membership is unemployed.

Against the Next War

War is brewing in Europe and J. P. Morgan, the ruler of the United States, is stirring the cauldron. When it breaks, this country will be playing a leading role, even though the first moves may be made by puppets, responding the strings from Wall Street. The London Conference, the presence in Europe of two members of the Cabinet together with Morgan and his agents, the American participation in efforts to bring "reparations" from Germany, the squabble with Japan, the revolts in the South American continent, the presence of American armed forces in small countries of the Caribbean and South America—all these are but a few symptoms of the boiling forces of war that are preparing to burst forth. The working class is still, in its majority, blindly following the same traitorous leaders who delivered them to the capitalist class during the last war. Lulled by the pacifist phrase of the socialists and trade union bureaucrats, the rank and file workers are again being led to the slaughter, to fight for Morgan's billions. They have not yet learned that "pacifism," the poison of non-resistance, is one of the most potent weapons of the war-lords.

How many are going to vote?

How many are going to vote? How many will participate in the coming elections? If we are to accept the results of the last seven elections as a criterion, then we can look forward to perhaps only half of America's citizens participating in the November balloting. In 1896, when Bryanism was at its height and when American imperialists were making their first flagrant attempt, only eighty per cent of the potential voters cast their ballots. In 1900, the proportion fell to seventy-three per cent; in 1908 to sixty-six per cent; in 1912, with Roosevelt at its lowest, to sixty-two per cent; and in 1920, the first election after the war, to less than fifty per cent. In the non-presidential elections, the number of voters is even smaller. Why is there a steadily decreasing proportion of potential voters? The fact of the matter is that the great mass of workers and farmers have, in recent years, been developing a deep disgust with capitalist parliamentarism, with the democracy of the two big capitalist parties. Then, there are residential restrictions and employment conditions preventing potential voters from exercising their right to vote.

Corresponding to the improvement in industry and the wages of the workers, the trade unions are making definite progress in many essential respects. One is a substantial increase in membership. On January 1st, 1923, the unions totalled 4,646,000 members; on January 1st, 1924, the figure amounted to 5,621,000. The unions actually engaged in industry in 1924 were 4,500,000. In membership, the introduction of the New Economic Policy, 1921, membership in the unions was virtually compulsory. Now it is entirely upon a dues paying, voluntary system. Fully 97% of all workers belong to the unions. Approximately 85% are now developing their own organizations. At least 90% of the total trade union membership works under collective agreements. Of the industrial disputes that have developed, nearly all of which were settled without strikes, only 7% were settled in favor of the employers, which in most cases means the workers are developing their own organizations. For this work they have organized 1562 cultural clubs, of which there are 1,000 located in the factories. In 1923, 100,000 illiterate workers were taught to read and write in the trade union schools. There are 689 trade union physical culture centers.

It is noteworthy that the unemployment in Russia is not smashing the wage scales, as always happens in capitalist countries during "hard times." The verification of this fact is furnished by the figures cited earlier on wage increases. The explanation is that in Russia, wage rates are not based upon how little the workers can be driven to accept, but upon the revolutionary principle of an equitable division of the total wealth produced and available for distribution among the workers. Present-day Russia presents the anomalous picture of rapidly increasing wage rates and a growing army of unemployed.

The only cure for the unemployed problem now vexing Russia will come when the expanding industries catch up with the increasing supply of workers, which, if present indications are valid, will not be very long. In the meantime, however, the State, recognizing the right of the workers to either remunerative work or free sustenance, has developed an elaborate unemployment institution. The law forbids the workers contributing anything to the unemployment fund. The unemployed workers thrown out of work for any cause. The following official table shows not only the extent to which unemployed workers are taken care of, but especially the great improvement in making place in the insurance rates. The table indicates the percentage of wages paid to the unemployed.

Table with 4 columns: Place, Date, Temporarily Incapacitated, Totally Incapacitated. Rows include Moscow, Provinces, Jan. 1, 1923, 1924, 1925.

In Conclusion. Has what I have said convinced the impression that everything is rosy in Russia? I hope not, for I have not wanted it to do so. Living conditions are still difficult, so much so that Americans compelled to bear them would soon cry quits. But the important fact is that they are a tremendous improvement over the frightful conditions which prevailed a few years ago. It is this improvement which shows the progress of the Russian revolution to success and which encourages the workers to still greater efforts. Bad off as the workers still are, they still have to do it to think back to the civil war, famine, plague, and starvation. They must not forget the early stages of their death struggle with capitalism, and then their present evils seem light in comparison. They know full well that if they could overcome those awful conditions and bring industry to its present improved condition, they will also be able to vanquish the comparatively simpler problems now confronting them and to carry the revolution on to final and complete success.

The way taken by the Russian working class has been a long, hard, uphill struggle. It has tried the last ounce of their courage and endurance. But hard as it has been, it is a road that the whole world's working class must travel. Capitalism has had its day. It cannot be patched up and made livable for the workers, whether the patching is done by "Gompers, who frankly admits that he wants to perpetuate the present system, or by a Hilquit, who hypocritically tells the workers that he is establishing Socialism." The capitalist system must be abolished root and branch, and the Russian working class have shown the workers of the world how to do it. The Russian revolution unquestionably still has many great battles to fight, but the most difficult problems yet remain to be solved, and no longer is the matchless leader, Lenin, at hand to help solve them. But the revolution will live, and as it establishes and fortifies itself, it will be an ever greater stimulus and inspiration for the international working class. END

"Law and Order"

The Southern Illinois Ku Klux Klan mobs are likable. Three Negroes arrested near Mound City, Illinois, "suspected" of killing a white girl, twice narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan mob. A company of Illinois militia ran roughshod over the Negroes and the Negroes were moved from Villa Ridge, out of the clutches of the Klan mob, to the Mound jail, where another Klan mob formed. They were then moved by the sheriffs to Mound City, the mob, howling for blood, following in autos.

Unemployment.

As I stated earlier in my talk, the solution of some of the old problems confronting the revolution, has given birth to new problems. One of these is unemployment. It may seem strange at first blush that there should be unemployment in a country where the capitalist system has been killed. But such is the case, and for perfectly understandable reasons. Let me explain them briefly. In 1921 there was practically no unemployment in Russia, though there was not much industry either. But the number of unemployed workers throughout Russia is now estimated to be about 1,000,000. The number has been increased for the past year. Strangely enough, the number of employed has been growing rapidly at the same time that the army of unemployed is increasing. In nine months, from February to October of 1923, the total number of workers engaged in the state industries increased 19%.

The "Pittsburgh Plus" Decision

After five years of legal dickering, the Federal Trade Commission has declared that the "Pittsburgh Plus" system of price fixing in steel must go. The decision is aimed at the United States Steel Corporation. Under the orders of the Commission, the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries are directed to abandon the present system under which prices on rolled steel products manufactured at and shipped from their plants, outside of Pittsburgh, are quoted at a Pittsburgh base price plus an amount equivalent to what the railroad freight charge would be from Pittsburgh to the customer's destination, if these products were actually shipped from Pittsburgh. Under this scheme the Corporation pays only the freight charges on the products from their mills to the customer who in turn is compelled to pay the freight from Pittsburgh.

The Bankers Have Three Parties

That Burton K. Wheeler only consented to accept the vice-presidential nomination to run with LaFollette after Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, urged him to do so in a telegram hastily dispatched when Wheeler was on the point of refusing, is the story given by the press by John M. Nelson, campaign manager of the LaFollette forces in Chicago. It seems that the LaFollette organization is quite proud of its banker connections, and of the decisive part they play in important questions. Rudolph Spock, national banker and organizer, is made one of the directors of the campaign. Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly of the National City Bank, utters the decisive word in picking LaFollette's running mate.

BISCUIT BOSSES MAKE PROFIT ON ALL PAPER BOXES

(Special to The Daily Worker). MANHATTAN, Mich., July 24.—To THE DAILY WORKER: I see you are making a drive against the National Biscuit Company of Chicago, which is termed a "slave-driving concern" and which is a trust. The National Biscuit Co. also owns and operates a paper mill in Marquette, Ill., making all their own cartons for their biscuit factory. I know for fact that Walter P. Reuther, power, is not working at present. Here is the size and output of the mill in the new 1924 Paper Mill Building: Mill, Marquette, Ill.; Owner, National Biscuit Co. (F. B. Davidson, pres.; H. E. Brown, asst. mgr. and A. A. Deane, supt.). Test bearing engine, one 122-in. 6 cylinder boiler machine; Water turbines, power. Combination bore for N. B. Co. use, 120,000 lbs. in 24 hours. This box is made of any kind of waste paper, bought thru waste paper dealers in Chicago or other large cities. N. B. Co. making their own box makes extra profit, but the mill workers don't get a cent. CHAS. CASSELL.

MEMBERSHIP EAGERLY HEARS PARTY PROGRAM FROM SPEAKERS

The series of membership meetings, addressed by Comrades William Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg, are the most successful and at the same time the largest and most enthusiastic that the Party has had. The reports of Comrade Foster and Ruthenberg, for the new policy of the Central Executive Committee, were received with great interest. The explanation of the necessities which forced the C. E. C. to adopt the new election policy, had the effect of clearing up some misconceptions. What these present at the meetings began to fully grasp the possibilities of building up our own Party in the coming election struggle, it was apparent that their support to every phase of the fight against the old parties and LaFollette, would be unstinted. The large mass meetings on "Russia in 1924," addressed by Comrade Foster, were an opportune answer to the present scarehead lies appearing in certain capitalist newspapers—that Russia was again about to collapse because of a new famine. The audience listened eagerly to the story of how the Russian Communists, with their indomitable courage together with the iron discipline of their Party, have smashed the blockade, thus forcing Russia in certain capitalist newspapers to now extend credits and begin to struggle with one another for the trade favors of the new Russia. This, and Foster's description of the "Nepman," and his desire for free competition, made many of us think of the ideals and desires of our own American "Nepman, Robert M. LaFollette.

Useless in the Hour of Need

The futility of the Second (Socialist) International was admitted by Karl Kautsky when he said in "The New Order," October, 1914: "... it (the International) is not a powerful instrument during war-time; it is essentially an instrument of peace. "The international is strongest in peace, weakest in war. That is certainly to be regretted."

WORKERS' SPORTS ALLIANCE BEGUN ON UNITED FRONT

By CHARLES ERIKSON At a meeting called last night to launch the United Front Sports Alliance, a Provisional Committee was organized, consisting of the Federated Workers Gymnastic Association, the Lithuanian Soccer Club, and the Young Workers League of Chicago. Comrade Mattila Kalousek, of the Federated Workers Gymnastic Assn. was elected president, and Charles Erikson of the Young Workers League, provisional secretary. Plans were laid down for the calling of a "Daily" Free Contest which would be held August 15th, to which all "free" sport organizations are to be invited. It is hoped that this will bring all in one big Sports Alliance. "All workers' and liberal sport and distribution groups who may be interested should get in touch with Charles Erikson, Sec'y., 4911 West Wacker Drive, Chicago."

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