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MINERS LEAD FIGHT FOR

PICKING THE "CLEAN" CANDIDATES



Drawn especially by K. A. Sgranto for the Daily Worker.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERY.

MANY American workers may consider the civil war in China, something that should not concern them. The capitalists of this country are deeply interested in it and more than likely had a hand in the inevitable conspiracy that preceded the hostilities. What concerns the capitalists also concerns the workers for different reasons. The great capitalist powers are quarreling over the exploitation of China. This competition has been going on for many years. Japan insists on a Monroe Doctrine for the Orient, as the United States has on the American continent, but "might is right," and while the United States government is unable to keep the capitalist wolves of the rest of the world from establishing new footholds in South America, it is not strong enough to enforce its Asiatic Monroe Doctrine.

RUSSIA in the days of the Czar was an important factor in China. The Russo-Japanese war of 1905 was fought over the spoils of that rich country. Japan, who was the victor, has since then been an important factor in China. But it is a different Russia from that of 1905. The Russia of today has a friendly interest in the workers and peasants of China, the hundreds of millions who are exploited by the capitalists of the world. China is helpless and is easy prey for the robber capitalists. Generals are usually on the payroll of some capitalist group or some foreign country acting in the behalf of its capitalists.

CHINA is a nation of 400,000,000 people. It is tremendously rich in mineral wealth. This great population is awakening and Soviet Russia comes on the scene in the role of a friend at a moment when the capitalist wolf is more anxious than ever to get their fangs in China's neck. The excitement among the diplomats of the robber nations.

CHINA recently signed a treaty with Soviet Russia. When it was announced that this action was to be taken, Charles Evans Hughes warned China that such action would not be considered benevolent by the United States. But the only favor China ever received from this country arrived on the point of the sword, so the government took its pen in hand and signed on the dotted line. China then had a real friend for the first time.

BUT the capitalist brigands were not satisfied. Their conspiracies increased. It is yet too soon to state with detailed accuracy the story of the intrigues hatched by the United States and other governments against the China-Russian agreement. The United States much stands out clearly. The central government of China is the object of threats, warnings and demands from the capitalist diplomats in Peking. The central government is poor and less powerful to do anything except let the two principal groups who are battling for possession of the port of Shanghai fight it out among themselves. It is clearly the intention of the capitalist government to humiliate and embarrass the present central government in an effort to force it out of commission, and (Continued on Page 6)

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SOCIALIST TORCH SNUFFED OUT

(ARTICLE 13.)

FOR many years the rank and file of the socialist party succeeded in preventing their leaders from going over board, baggage, and all to the LaFollette camp.

In the past the opposition of the socialist members to LaFollette's swallowing their party was so strong that a national referendum was once held to decide upon the expulsion of Victor Berger on charge of having been in collusion with capitalist parties and capitalist candidates in Wisconsin.

The strong resentment of the rank and file of the socialist party has time and again compelled the leaders to denounce LaFollette's program of trust-busting antics, his hostility to independent working class political action, and his coterie of anti-labor associates.

The socialist party as an independent political organization of workers is today, for all practical interests and purposes, the lone congressman Berger, the prominent New York attorney, Hillquit, and the somewhat less known Reverend Dr. Thomas have tied the Socialist Party to the coat tails of spurious progressives and so-called honest republican and democratic politicians.

'OPEN SHOP' UNEMPLOYMENT MENACE LABOR

Foster Sees Conditions in Middle West

"Unemployment and 'open shop' conditions are rapidly increasing in the Middle West," said William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, upon returning to Chicago from a trip thru Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri.

"The capitalists are pushing ahead everywhere, and the unions are losing ground. In every city crowds are waiting daily for jobs around the factor, gates. In Omaha there are bricklayers working 9 hours per day."

In Kansas City the building trades worked on Labor Day, an unheard of thing, that indicates how demoralized is the labor movement in that section. Finishes First Lap. Foster had just finished one lap 1800 miles, of the 17,000 miles that he will travel in the course of the campaign.

His meetings were more satisfactory than expected, indicating that the number of disillusioned workers are farmers who know that not only progressivism will not help them is increasing. Workers came from distant towns to hear Foster. In St. Louis City, for example, a group came all the way from Centerville, South Dakota, 70 miles away, in order to hear Foster. In Springfield, another group drove in from Decatur, a distance of 40 miles, to be at Foster's meeting.

Lose Hall in Omaha. Notwithstanding the threats made in various places by the police, American Legion, and Ku Klux Klan elements, to interfere with Foster's meetings, the most serious obstruction that developed was the cancellation of a hall in Omaha, which necessitated the last-minute hiring of another meeting place.

In Ziegler, where more than a thousand miners turned out to the meeting, the gathering was held at six o'clock in the evening in order not to interfere with the local union meetings that night which was going to put 14 K. K. members on trial for holding an account of their hooded societies.

In the Springfield meeting, Alex. Howat and Duncan Macdonald were present, and the request of the meeting Howat made a speech, coming out flat-footedly for Foster for president. He declared the some of the "progressive" friends had told him that he must support LaFollette or forfeit their support, but that he had decided to go to the devil. His political opinions were not for sale. The Foster campaign through the section covered has been considerably strengthened and enlivened by its meetings which Foster addressed.

Probe Death of Worker. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—An inquest was opened today to establish responsibility for the death of Harry Bidwell, who died shortly after being struck from behind by a pile driver, under the direction of a foreman, near Brighton. Bidwell was caught beneath the big derrick when it tipped over and fell to the ground. It was possible to dig him out.

LABOR CONDEMNS GOOSE-STEP DAY

BOB SWALLOWS UP SOCIALIST PARTY CORPSE

By JAY LOVESTONE. (Thirteenth Article.)

For all practical political intents and purposes the socialist party is no longer in existence. Thru permitting the LaFollette movement to swallow it, the socialist party has signed its own political death warrant. The lone Congressman Berger, the prominent New York attorney Hill and Norman Thomas had formed a sequel over the corpse of what was once the mighty Socialist Party at the LaFollette Conference on July 4, 1924. For many years there was an intense hostility between the Socialist Party and the followers of Senator LaFollette. Despite the repeated dissolutions of the Socialist Party, however, with the Wisconsin reform wind, the membership line and again prevented a merger of their organization with the Hildger state senator. In fact, there was a time when feeling ran so high against such impudent political coquetting that a national referendum was held to decide on the expulsion of Berger from the Socialist Party on the charge of having been guilty of collusion with capitalist politicians.

BROWER MEMORIAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN BROOKLYN, WEDNESDAY

(Special to the Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Comrades Ludwig Lore, Juliet Stuart Poyntz and Noah London will speak at the memorial meeting for our Comrade Charles Brower, Wednesday evening, September 10, at Brownsville Workers Hall, 515 Fulton Ave., Brooklyn.

FEDERATION IN CHICAGO HANDS WAR BIG BLOW

The Chicago Federation of Labor, at its regular meeting yesterday, unanimously passed a resolution condemning "Defense Day" or "Mobilization Day," as it was originally named. The resolution which was introduced by Arne Swaback, delegate from Painters' Local Union No. 194; H. Klausen, Carpenters' Local Union No. 1349; and George Leuch, Carpenters' Local Union No. 1637, was amended by the resolutions committee, by adding "and give the republican party material for campaign purposes." The resolution as introduced and passed with the above addition reads as follows: "Whereas, September 12 has been proclaimed as National Defense Day, so observed throughout the country as a means of testing the nation's preparedness for war, and "Whereas, this preparedness test is an avowed part of the efforts of the big business interests to constantly greater armaments, to build a military machine ready to extend and protect American imperialist investments and exploitation of workers of colonial countries, and other oppressed nations, as well as to be held in readiness (Continued on page 3)

Left Wing Plans Big Fight for Progress at State Labor Meeting

By KARL REEVE (Staff Writer of the DAILY WORKER)

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 7.—A small left wing element, representing thousands of rank and file union workers of the state of Illinois, will battle staunchly in the convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor, opening here Monday, to keep the vital issues facing the workers before the convention.

Meanwhile, the reactionary labor leaders, representing their personal machines, will battle as to which corrupt old party the convention should endorse. Resolutions demanding a drive to organize the unorganized worker, endorsing amalgamation of craft unions, calling for a conference to consider unemployment, denouncing the Ku Klux Klan, and favoring independent political action of the workers in a farmer-labor party have been passed by many of the miners and other local unions.

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The Issue at Peoria

By J. W. JOHNSTONE Assistant Secretary, Trade Union Educational League

THE Forty-Second Annual Convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor is being held in Peoria under ominous circumstances. With almost 50,000 miners in the state and thousands of families starving, the Illinois Federation of Labor is the miners' union, the miners' salvation becomes the paramount issue before the convention. In immediate connection with all other questions sink into the background. Up to the present writing no official of the State Federation has issued a public statement on the unemployment of the miners, not to mention suggesting a remedy for it. They have been silent on the crises coming by the K. K. K. The murder of a miner on the streets of Mober, the murder of another miner in the court room of W. Frankfort by Klansmen; the killings in Herrin, the Klan terrorism that exists throughout southern Illinois has not brot a respite from either President John Walker, or Secretary Victor Olander.

They however have been exceptionally busy in building up a resolution condemning "Defense Day" and "Mobilization Day," and equally busy in their support of the LaFollette-Small political coalition. In fact, they have been so busy fixing up their political fences making their position secure politically, that they have had no time to pay attention to small matters, such as miners being murdered, and miners' families going hungry. The reds must be defeated. Len Small and LaFollette elected, seems to be the only reason for the present existence of the Walker-Olander coalition. As the state labor movement is concerned, what have these so-called labor leaders done during the past year in building up the labor movement of Illinois? Nothing, positively nothing. Organize the unorganized? They never even thought of it, and it is safe to say, judging by their past record, that they will have nothing to offer as a solution for the unemployment of the workers. They have not even thought of it, and it is safe to say, judging by their past record, that they will have nothing to offer as a solution for the unemployment of the workers.

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The World of Labor Industry & Agriculture

JOBLESS GROWING AS NEW ILLINOIS MINES CLOSE UP

Thousands Out of Work in One County
By KARL REWER.
(Carrier, Daily Worker.)
HARRISBURG, Ill., Sept. 7.—Over three thousand coal miners are out of work in Saline County, one of the four largest mining counties in the Southern Illinois coal fields.

WINDOW CLEANERS OF NEW YORK MOBILIZE THEIR ENTIRE TRADE FOR BIG ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The Window Cleaners' Protective Union Local No. 8, has sent out the following call to New York Window Cleaners organized and organized, to attend an important mass meeting on Sept. 11, for the purpose of organizing all unorganized window cleaners and making preparations for improving their working conditions. We print the letter in part:
"Window Cleaners of Greater New York, Greeting:—The working agreements between the Window Cleaners Union and the Employers Associations are expiring in the very near future. It was due only to the activity of our Union that the wages of window cleaners were increased, the hours of labor shortened, and the working conditions improved in the absence of the Union, window cleaners would be helpless against the organizations of the employers. This is borne out in trades similarly situated as ours in which the working men have remained unorganized.

WORKERS' VICTORY WON IN 50 PCT. OF U. S. STRIKES

First Quarter of Year Shows Advance
(By Federated Press.)
Clear cut victories for the employees resulted in the case of nearly 50 percent of the strikes which ended in the first quarter of 1924, according to reports received by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employees on other hand, secured favorable settlements in less than 30 percent of the conflicts.

CEMENT TRUST ENDORSEMENT MAY STICK TO HERBERT BAKER LIKE FLEAS TO A POODLE DOG

(By OWEN STIRLING (Special to The Daily Worker)
DETROIT, Sept. 7.—Herbert F. Baker, Cheboygan, Mich., former candidate of Progressive Political Action for the Republican nomination for governor in Michigan, may be imbedded up to his neck politically, not in quick-sand but in cement.

CANADIAN BOSSES OUT TO KILL OFF EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Lumber Interests Lead the Move
By SYDNEY WARREN
(Vancouver Star Government)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 7.—The timber bosses of British Columbia are seeking to squelch the eight-hour law which is to go into effect in this province next year. The eight-hour day measure, as passed by the present liberal government of this province, was nothing more than a bid for votes at the recent election, which returned the government by a bare majority. During the campaign the lumber industry had candidate on the ticket of the liberal, conservative and provincial party, who were recognized as being there for the purpose of safe-guarding the interests of the timber bosses in the legislature.

NEED FOR CHILD LABOR ABOLITION SHOWN BY BUREAU

Industrial Accidents to Youth Continue
(By Federated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—While industrial stories are denouncing the child labor amendment, now in process of ratification by the states, the Bureau of Labor Statistics today reported that the number of children employed in manufacturing industries in this country increased 10 percent during the first quarter of 1924, according to the results in a survey of 184 strikes as follows:—88 in favor of the workers; 54 in favor of the employers; 22 in favor of the employers, but secured favorable settlements in less than 30 percent of the conflicts.

WORKERS GATHER ON September 20th for "The Young Worker"

The Jewish Labor Propaganda committee of the Young Workers' League of Chicago, will give a concert and dance for the benefit of the official organ of the league, The Young Worker, on September 20, at the Workers' Lyceum, 2713 Hirsch Boulevard.

WORKERS CREATE MUCH VALUE BUT GET IT IN NECK

Add Millions to Worth of Commodities
(By Federated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Workers engaged in the manufacture of saws received a small wage reduction which they created in 1923 than in 1921, according to figures issued by the census bureau. The figures show that in 1923 3,228 workers produced \$18,182,297 worth of saws and that after deducting the cost of materials the value they added in manufacturing amounted to \$1,095,384. For this they received \$1,086,840 in wages. In other words each worker turned out work worth \$390 and received only \$328 in wages, approximately 25 percent of the value which he created.

Steel Workers Hungry; Bosses' Profits Grow

From 60,000 to 70,000 workers of the U. S. Steel Corporation are now jobless. These still employed have a 12% per cent wage cut. Yet in the face of a production decline of more than 33.13 per cent, the profits of the corporation for the second quarter of 1924 totaled \$4,281,629 (nearly \$13,500,000 a week). These profits enable the fortunate stockholders to take not only the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share, but an extra 50 cents a share.

Yellow (S)Cabs Pile Up Dough for Employers

By the exploitation of scab labor, the Yellow Cab company and the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co., both Chicago corporations, have been able to pile up \$1,114,783 for their bosses. The Yellow Cab Co. has a highly specialized pay system which prevents even a relative of a union worker from getting a job driving "yellow."

OUR DAILY PATTERNS
A STYLISH STREET SUIT
A GOOD MODEL FOR A SCHOOL DRESS
Illustrations of a street suit and a school dress with descriptive text.

UNCLE WIGGILY'S TRICKS
Do you play anything Uncle Wiggily?
Oh, yes, indeed!
What do you play? I play tag! You're it! Chase me!
Illustration of a man playing tag with children.

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Indecent Exposure of the S. P.

It has been a matter of common knowledge among the militant workers that the Socialist Party is thoroughly petty bourgeois. It has remained for the past year to produce an S. P. of which not only is this true, but which feels a pride in the shameful fact. Today the socialists take their signs of shame and boldly exhibit them in the market place as recommendations for support.

Consider, for example, the following, culled from the *New Leader*, weekly organ of what remains of the Socialist Party under date of August 16:
"Frank Ehrenfried lends to the Socialist ticket a very substantial measure of strength. As a young man he entered the United States Army and did five years of border service in Montana; he was honorably discharged. He has for many years been a jeweler, and has been president of the Retail Jewelers' Association. He is prominent in masonic circles."

This would have no particular importance, taken by itself, but expressing as it does so typically the present sense of values of the Socialist Party, it becomes almost a classic. Mr. Ehrenfried is looked upon as a pillar of strength of the socialist ticket because he is a small merchant and a leader of small merchants, and because he is prominent in the circles of a bourgeois secret society. A working man on the ticket, bringing none of these great "recommendations," would certainly be out of place. The Socialist Party has worn out its last shred of the working class clothing and, unless it quickly obtains a complete bourgeois cloak, will be in danger of arrest for indecent exposure.

Gompers' Intellectuals

Samuel Gompers has a pose of opposition to "intellectuals" in the labor movement, with which he belabors all groups who do not accept his blackly reactionary policies. That it is nothing but a pose is demonstrated in a number of ways, the least of which is his own employment of renegade "intellectuals" from the revolutionary movement. Two of his particular pets, who do most of his writing for him, and otherwise prostitute their "intellects" for so much per page, are Chester Wright and William E. Walling.

In the current issue of Gompers' house organ, Walling has an especially blatant piece of "intellectual" bunk, that gives the measure of the mighty thinking machines that set upon the last of the working class clothing and, unless it quickly obtains a complete bourgeois cloak, will be in danger of arrest for indecent exposure.

Wall Street Is Not Afraid

Commenting upon Gompers' endorsement of the LaFollette-Wheeler ticket, the *Magazine of Wall Street*, under date of August 30, has the following to say:

"LaFollette's impeachment of the 'reds' led by Foster made his position perfectly clear to those in labor circles who were willing to follow a progressive platform but who balked at allying themselves with the exposure of the labor theories of Lenin and Trotsky. It is evident that this country has in no way to fear from such institutions as the American Federation of Labor. On the whole, American business can congratulate itself on the inherent good sense of the average American laboring man."

Almost an endorsement of LaFollette, this would seem, and it comes from an outspoken champion of Wall Street. Certainly Wall Street does not see any danger to itself in the warty denunciations of the so-called progressives, and it frankly tells the world that it is not afraid of the Wisconsin senator, no matter how many votes he gets. On the other hand, Wall Street considers Foster and the Communists, no matter how small their vote, as a distinct menace to its own domination, as dangerous.

There ought to be a lesson in this editorial from the Wall Street magazine for the workers everywhere. It is the same lesson that LaFollette has been teaching with his every word, from the sending of the farmer-labor parties, the autocratic bossing of the Cleveland conference, his nomination of himself upon his own platform, his organization of bankers, millionaires, and manufacturers as his chief backers, down to his surrender to Gompers in the alignment with reactionary state politicians—namely, the lesson that LaFollette merely represents another section of the capitalist class, that he does not represent the workers and farmers, and that the latter are making workers and fools of themselves by supporting him, while Wall Street laughs.

A Fighter for Communism

There will be thousands of workers who will feel a pang of sorrow at the news that Charles Brower is dead. For years one of the active workers in the Communist movement in and around New York City, he was also known as an indefatigable educator in the principles of Marxism, equally popular in the class room and on the lecture platform. His ability on these lines was equalled by his devotion to the cause. His sudden death was a real blow to the Communist movement as well as a personal loss to hundreds who worked with him.

In the memorial meeting to be held on September 10 at Brownsville Workers Hall, 1844 Pitkin Ave., where Comrades Ludwig Lore, Juliet Poyart, and Noah London will speak, the comrades of New York and vicinity will be speaking for the entire Workers Party in acknowledging the valuable services, the loyal devotion, and the personal esteem and affection, which were centered in the activities of Charles Brower and which make his untimely death a cause for sorrow among wide circles of the revolutionary movement.

Berger and Dawes

"Thanks to the Dawes plan," says the *Milwaukee Leader*, organ of Victor Berger, the socialist, "socialism will triumph. The experts' plan would never have been adopted but for the socialists. It would never have become the basic law of the world had it not been for the socialists. Lloyd George or Lindbergh in power."
A brazen boast of treachery to the working class of the world was never more open than this. The road to "socialism" of the brand of Berger, lies in surrendering the working class to the control of J. P. Morgan. Berger says this in so many words. The European socialists accepted the Dawes plan, he says, "because it gave them a chance to force European imperialism under the yoke of American bankers."

It is hard to imagine more miserably puerile justification for this treachery than the plaint that, while the socialists of Europe were afraid of their own capitalists and could not overthrow them, once those European masters are tied to Morgan, then the socialists will boldly defy J. Pierpont, turn the Dawes plan into a socialist instrument, and establish "peace and justice." This they begin by denationalizing the German railways and abolishing the four day week.
Even LaFollette, whose program is essentially the same internationally as that of Dawes, is not so servile as Berger. He at least tries to make some political capital out of denouncing Morgan's plan, even if he accepts it in principle. He lides his shame, while Berger flouts it before the world. And LaFollette is frankly capitalist, while Berger still pretends to speak for the working class. The Berbers and MacDonalds make better servants for Dawes than members of their own class.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'Flaherty

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then make terms with one of the rival bandit gangs.

THIS would the present Peking government be punished for ignoring the threats of our bewhiskered secretaries of state and the puny saboteur who lends sacrilege to his schemes. The first act of the new Chinese administration would be to cancel the China-Bussard treaty, some pretext or other. In the meantime each of the capitalist powers that have troops in China would find some excuse for invading the country and exact some willow-while condemnation as the price of evacuation.

But things may not turn out as we expect. The Soviet Union may be treated today with the same lack of consideration as was shown by the robber nations in 1919 when sundry bandits were hired to invade her territory.

Today Soviet Russia has a powerful Red Army and also the good wishes of the masses of the Orient who have for the first time found a country that is interested in their welfare. The American workers may have difficulty following the situation that is developing in the far east of the world. It is sometimes hard to figure out without the aid of a map whether Hangzhou or Chinkiang are the cities of the poor body of the wharves. Wu Pei Fu is a general and the name of a new game. But the capitalists are not frightened away from the profits to be made by the war. The workers of China by linguistic obstacles. They can get a Chinese boat to swing a lash over a Chinese cod and the money to be made by the war. The workers of China by linguistic obstacles. They can get a Chinese boat to swing a lash over a Chinese cod and the money to be made by the war.

AMERICAN warships are in China. They are in Honduras. They are in Mexico. They are in Brazil. They are in Chile. They are wherever the interests of the American capitalist class demand their presence. This boasted haven of the oppressed, the United States has today become the world's Simon Legree, the big boss that directs communications to weak nations with a sword. And the American workers who shrug their shoulders and joke about the war in China may laugh with the wrong side of their mouth some day when they are called on to defend the oil wells of the Standard Oil Company, of the loans of the House of Morgan.

THERE is an old saying that "the eyes of the fools are on the ends of the earth." But the eyes of the capitalists are on the ends of the earth, but they don't want the workers to look beyond their own national boundaries until it is necessary to fight "for democracy" somewhere else. Capitalism knows no country. It is international. It will invest its dollars wherever it can make profit. It knows no religion. It will hire the labor power of the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, the Bush Baptist or the Holy Roller as well as that of the Catholic, Protestant and the 87 other varieties of Christianity.

THE workers must take a leaf out of the capitalist's book. They must look on the workers of all lands and of all races as their brothers. As the capitalist system, has today encircled the globe, the workers must build up an international organization to wrest the reins of power from capitalism and abolish the system of exploitation that has turned this earth into a veritable hell for the great majority of its inhabitants. The Communist International, with sections in almost every country in the world is the only international organization having for its object the overthrow of the capitalist system. The class-conscious workers of this country should join the Workers' (Communist) Party and help to overthrow the American capitalist system, the most brutal in the world. In this way they can make a real contribution to the

(task of eliminating the horrors of war by removing its cause.)
The Honorable James M. Curley, mayor of Boston, makes it quite clear that he is not a pacifist. Everything that AmFica has won was won by the sword. He declares, in a letter turning down a request for a permit to hold an anti-war demonstration on Sept. 12, which is set aside by the capitalist government as "Defense Day," name changed for psychological reasons from "Modification Day."

There was a time when His Honor was not so militaristic, but that was before Woodrow Wilson "kept us out of peace" in 1917. Before then Curley found it to his advantage to say nasty things about the "coupon curfew of State Street" and the "Back Bay aristocracy."

BUT Curley made a tidy bit of money during the war by investing in munition factories, we are told. His rival, John E. Fitzgerald, cleaned up at least a million on Bethlehem Steel. Naturally, the war was alright and James M. Curley, who was born in humble circumstances in old ward 17, Roxbury, now owns a handsome residence in Jamaica Plain and is one of the new aristocracy. Why should he bite the hand that fed him so many years? He made his money on the war, and he does not go back on his friends. Boston is an Irish city and the Irish were not heartily in favor of the "life" war, and the Honorable Mr. Curley lost considerable caste among them by singing, "God Save the King" on State Street during an Allied celebration. But he made up for that concession to the exigencies of the moment, since then, by shouting for an Irish Republic, when the shouting was good for votes.

MAYOR CURLEY is considered a friend of labor in Boston. Did he not give the keys of the city to the International Ladies Garment Workers officials when that organization held its recent convention in Boston? But that does not prevent Boston police from arresting strikers who picket duty, even members of the organization whose officials were given keys to the city. Curley knew that he could have given keys to the city to Sultan and Peartree and the pickets would stay there. Should the Irish nationalists who opposed the last

war because it helped England look with cold eyes on Curley's militaristic pronouncements, His Honor will be able to prove to them that the pacifists are agents of the British government who are trying to weaken the United States.

SO much for Mr. Curley. The Catholic Church, in America, even that propaganda auxiliary known as the National Catholic Welfare Council is strongly in favor of "Mobilization Day." The Rev. C. W. C. quoted Cardinal Mercier of Belgium to the effect that "Nobody can be a perfect Christian who is not at the same time a perfect patriot." So there you are. In order to be a perfect Christian you must be a good patriot, and a good patriot is one who is ready to slay his fellow man at the orders of a government that in turn takes its orders from the capitalists who own the country. The Catholic Church is one of the strongest bulwarks of capitalism. No wonder the capitalists, that is, the dominant faction, give the Ku Klux Klan the cold shoulder, except in local situations where they can use it to break strikes.

BUT as a dope jockey the Catholic Church takes the biscuit. And the National Catholic Welfare Council was supposed to be progressive. But it went the way of the rest of the progressives. Most of the Protestant churches opposed Mobilization Day. They lack centralization and discipline, and are not nearly as useful to the capitalists as the older and more disciplined Roman church. But we must add that pacifists, but they sin

MIKE BOYLE: A "LABOR LEADER"

"He slips in and then slips out, leaving a trail of blows dashed and opportunity cast away."

THE local unions comprising the Chicago Metal Trades Council, having agreed upon presenting a united front in demands for higher wages in the shops of the Chicago Surface Lines, opened negotiations with that street railway corporation. Mike Boyle runs Local 134, Electrical Workers, which holds sway over the electrical workers in the south

side shops. Local 113 has jurisdiction over the west side shops. "While discussions between the representatives of the workers and the corporation are under way, Boyle's henchmen get busy in Local 113. A group of some 200 members, acting on a promise that under Mike Boyle's protecting wings the west side shop electricians will get more wages in the new agreement, decide to go over to Boyle's local, No. 134. Representatives of the Metal Trades Council are, in the meantime, wearing a groove in the door sills of the corporation office. They are also paying repeated visits to Mike Boyle, urging him to hasten in the matter of the new agreement, decide to go over to Boyle's local, No. 134.

Patience gives way in the end, and the Metal Trades Council notifies Boyle that, unless something definite comes from him in the way of getting together, they will be compelled to go alone.

Whereupon the Council representatives go to the corporation without Boyle for a full conference without manna of the shogmen officials, with beaming faces and great good nature, advise the Metal Trades Council representatives that Mr. Boyle, representing the Electrical Workers, had signed a new agreement providing for the old scale of wages.

Among the workers is anger, disappointment, chagrin; the rule of everyone for himself is put forth. Treachery triumphs.

The only ones satisfied in the deal are the officials of the Chicago Surface Lines, and, presumably, Mike Boyle.

I. W. W. Case Dismissed. FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 7.—A victory for the I. W. W. was gained in Fresno, Cal. when cases against Miles McCabe, T. O. MacDonald, Mickey Hurley, John Martin and Emil Bradford, under charge of criminal syndicalism, were dismissed. All five were tried once with a hung jury, no evidence having been offered except their membership in the I. W. W.



CHARGE OFFICER OVER THESE SOLDIERS IS KLANSMAN

It was in front of the J. H. Smith garage, shown above, the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan in Herrin, that the Klansmen indulged their new civil war in Williamson County, resulting last Saturday in the death, in a few minutes, of six men.
Adjutant-General Carlos D. Black, in charge of these militiamen, as well as Governor Len Small, supported for reelection by the LaFollette presidential campaign, is a member of the Klan.