

SHAKES MUSSOLINI'S Sentence 3-10 Years; Bail Denied

AS WE SEE IT By T. J. O'PLAHEARTY

CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR
A Lively Discussion—Some Dead Arguments, Fitzpatrick's Ghost, Communists Fight for Fundamentals

If there were no Communist delegates to the Chicago Federation of Labor it might strike the Mussolini note in whose hall the sessions are held to provide an orchestra to play the "Dead March" during the proceedings. It would be a dead body, politically speaking, as it is the presence of a Communist is enough to cause a feeling of tension behind the little round table which the czarist president, belatedly with his gavel, whenever he desires to add emphasis to his arguments, such as these:

THERE was a lot of excitement at last Sunday's meeting of the Federation. It originated, innocently enough, when the speaker, Frank Brack, delegate from Painters' Local No. 184, rose to protest against the action of Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, delegate from the C. F. of L. to the St. Paul convention of the A. F. of L. in endorsing the military training of an army system, engineered by the American capitalist class and railroaded through the convention under the leadership of the late Gompers and his satellite. This was in contradiction to the past policy of the Federation. Brack pointed out the speaker made a very telling speech, criticizing the St. Paul convention, its aims of militarization and oppression.

He dealt with the essence of capitalism, militarism, unemployment, the organization of the unorganized, making particular reference to the complete strike made by the steel workers. He was followed on the floor by another delegate, not a Communist, who took exception to the action of Delegate Kennedy in committing the Chicago Federation of Labor to a militarist program. It was quite evident that Fitzpatrick did not desire Kennedy's report to be brought up on the floor, as it was not read to the body but deposited in the columns of the Federation News, which is a very widely read, for various reasons.

THEN, a very significant incident occurred. A delegate from the Metal Polishers, by the name of Mielch, took a kite in the form of an unbridled suggestion that the Communists be expelled from the Federation. He thought the time was ripe, but perhaps there was still time. This speaker tried to look impressive but failed notably. He referred to those who edited Kennedy's report as "birds," an epithet which may be partly responsible for the way some of the delegates "flew" at him later on.

DELEGATE DIEHL made such a novel argument in favor of the military training camps that it deserves to be recorded in history. If he did not stumble on it accidentally, he should be given credit for more fertility of imagination than one would suspect. This is what he said in substance: It is quite evident that the critics of the report did not read the report. If they had they would know—if they can know anything—that what the American Federation of Labor convention actually did was to take military out of the hands of the militarists. According to this kind of logic we could abolish the capitalist system by the liquidation of the masses out of the hands of the capitalists now in control and turn the business over to the leaders of the American Federation of Labor.

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FIREWORKS EXPECTED IN HERRIN WHEN ANTI-KLAN SPEAKER OPENS UP ON KU KLUXERS NEXT SUNDAY

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MARION, Ill., Jan. 5.—John Wilkinson, former head of District No. 21 of the United Mine Workers of America, and secret service agent for Governor Jack Warden, who is an anti-Klan war, announced here today that he would speak in Herrin, next Sunday.

Wilkinson was the principal speaker at an anti-Klan meeting here Sunday afternoon. He will remain in Williamson county he said.

COURT PUSHES ATTACK; CALLS MINOR FEB. 22

Plan to Carry Fight to U. S. Supreme Court

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Jan. 5.—C. E. Ruthenberg, national executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, is in jail here tonight, under sentence of three to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, for having "assembled with" his comrades in the national convention of the Communist Party at Bridgeman, in this state, in 1931.

The fight to secure Ruthenberg's release on bail, pending an appeal to the United States supreme court will be decided in the Michigan supreme court at Lansing, tomorrow.

Sentenced to State Penitentiary Judge C. W. White, in the Harrison county circuit court, in imposing sentence, refused to allow Ruthenberg to remain at liberty pending the appeal. The sentence of Judge White calls for imprisonment in the Michigan state prison, at Jackson.

The Michigan prosecutors, supported by the U. S. attorney general's office at Washington, in planning to push the trials of the other Communists arrested, including William Z. Foster, William B. Clegg and a score of other prominent party members, was shown in the calling for trial of the case of Robert Minor, former editor of the Liberator, and now carterist of the DAILY WORKER. The Minor case is set for Feb. 5, but it is thought it will not be called until Feb. 15, when prospective jurors have been selected.

It is expected that the Michigan supreme court will act on the appeal to the U. S. state supreme court on Jan. 15.

Court Room is Crowded. Ruthenberg arrived here early today from Chicago and appeared in court accompanied by his attorney, Isaac C. Ferguson, of Chicago. The court room was as crowded as on the most interesting day of the trial that resulted in Ruthenberg's conviction; the same court room that saw the conviction of Foster's trial, after a long and hard fought legal battle.

Ruthenberg was not permitted to address the court, stating his views as a Communist in trial in a capitalist court. He was permitted to speak after sentence, however, he issued a statement declaring that:

Statement by Ruthenberg

"I have this to say: I am a Communist. I have openly stated from the witness stand in this court the principles which as a Communist I advocate and support. I deny that there is anything 'criminal' in these principles. It is the courts of this state held, to advocate the principles of Communism constitutes a crime. It is because the class in present day society which preys thru the exploitation and oppression of the masses has used the governmental power which it controls to make advocacy of ideas and principles which threaten its social privileges, a crime. It is an act in the state of Michigan except that of 'assembling with' his comrades in the national convention. It is charged that the Workers (Communist) Party of America is an organization which is in violation of the law."

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The Machinist Caught in the B. & O. Plan



BIG BUSINESS: "Why, Bill Johnston, you are a genius!"

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE UP TO ARBITRATION

Teamsters Get No Pay Raise Yet

The three thousand members of the Coal Teamsters' Union will return to work this morning after a one day strike that completely tied up Chicago coal deliveries, and threw a scare into industrial, commercial and municipal users of coal. A conference between the union officials and representatives of the coal merchants' association, which met during the break or part of yesterday at the Atlantic Hotel, agreed that the men should return to work while committees representing both sides "arbitrated" the differences.

The outcome of the conference is at least a temporary victory for the workers. A conference between the union officials and representatives of the coal merchants' association, which met during the break or part of yesterday at the Atlantic Hotel, agreed that the men should return to work while committees representing both sides "arbitrated" the differences.

The Oregon Liberator, published at 215 4th St., declares that the reports are determined to all halt on economic heroics in the student body. "The cry set up that youth is responsible for the declassification at Reed," says the Liberator, "is a smoke screen to hide the fact that economic teaching at Reed is to remain well in hand and that the students should not do too much prying around the foundation stones of economic privilege lest they discover just what conditions are."

REED COLLEGE IN NEW WAR ON ALL REDS, LIBERALS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—The reports of Reed college, a privately endowed Portland institution once famous for its liberal education experiments, are being sent to the students that there are some things in the established order that are sacred. When Fred Richard Scholz died the president of Reed, the coal merchants declared that the drivers are returning to work on the old scale, pending arbitration. It was stated at union headquarters that the men will work starting today, on the scale determined by the "arbitration" committee.

KENNEDY SUCCEEDS GREEN AS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE MINE WORKERS' UNION OF AMERICA

(Special to The Daily Worker)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 5.—Thomas Kennedy, 40, of Hazelton, Pa., president of District No. 17, United Mine Workers of America, was selected international secretary-treasurer today by the miners' executive committee to succeed William Green, who became president of the American Federation of Labor following the death of Samuel Gompers.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS' STRIKE TIES UP LINES AT HARRISBURG, ILL.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
HARRISBURG, Ill., Jan. 6.—The deadlock in the strike of telephone operators of the Murphy-Babco Telephone company here continued today with another conference between union leaders and company officials scheduled for this afternoon.

Harrisburg business interests are suffering as the result of the tie up of all telephone service. Mayor Guy Patterson today notified both factions that they must get together and end the strike.

New Appointments on Foreign Service of Soviet Russia

By Rosta News.
MOSCOW.—(By Mail) — L. Ganetsky member of the collegium of the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed chairman, and J. Yanzon, member of the collegium of the P. C. of Foreign Trade and formerly minister of foreign affairs of the far eastern republic, and Mr. Brovov's, counselor of the U. S. S. R. embassy at Berlin, have been appointed vice-chairmen of the Soviet delegation for the negotiations with Germany relative to the conclusion of the Soviet-German treaty of commerce.

Results of Membership Meetings

The general membership meetings held on Sunday, Jan. 4. discuss the majority and minority, went on record for the majority with the following results:
BOSTON—Majority, 111; minority, 106. James P. Cannon, representing the C. E. C. and Jay Lovestone, the minority.
PHILADELPHIA—Majority, 147; minority, 98. William Z. Foster spoke for the C. E. C. and Benjamin Gitlow for the minority.
PITTSBURGH—Majority, 52; minority, 31. Alexander Bittelman spoke for the C. E. C. and Max Bedacht for the minority.
BUFFALO—Majority, 60; minority, 31. Spokas: Earl R. Browder for the C. E. C.; Louis Englund for the minority.
ELIZABETH, N. J.—Majority, 30; minority, 2. Rebecca Grecht represented the majority position and Benjamin Lifshitz the minority.

ALL EUROPE AWAITS CRASH IN ITALY; NEWS OF FIGHTING ESCAPED FASCISTI CENSOR

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—Private advices from Italy today said that the internal situation there was extremely serious, with both fascists and anti-fascists in the smaller towns aroused to high pitch.

Serious conflicts have broken out and the police do not know what course to follow, these advices said. Large numbers of police stood by and watched the fascists wreck the Nuvo Giornale, a newspaper of Florence, fearing to take a stand against the mob.

It is reported Mussolini plans to create a directory of three himself and two general—and impose martial law as a means of bringing order to Italy, but this is believed unlikely, at least at present.

There were evidences in London today that the heavy censorship in Italy is being maintained. If not tightened News of the troubles there is subject to long delays in transmission.

Salandra Quits Mussolini. The secession from the black shirt party of former Premier Salandra has come at an important time for Mussolini.

Fascists and Oppositions Clash. ROME, January 5.—Rome waited breathlessly yesterday to learn the measures whereby Premier Mussolini in accordance with his speech on Saturday, would "clear the air" and "break the fascist coalition," meaning by this the realignment of the deputies who were staying away from parliament.

As far as learned these measures included (1) the strengthening of the railway militia to prevent attempts at sabotage, (2) announcement of the headquarters of political associations which had not yet been specified and (3) giving the local police authority to mobilize the "black shirt" militia.

Sham Attack on Rome. In Rome and other cities the militia mobilized itself. Fifteen hundred "black shirts" fully armed, performed maneuvers outside Rome, executing a sham attack on the city. They were subsequently congratulated by the new generalissimo, Cefaloro, and later they paraded the streets of the city.

Exceptionally heavy columns of soldiers surrounded the principal opposition newspaper offices and the Grand Orient (Masonic) lodge. Fragmentary reports from Bologna mentioned serious rioting in the course of the fascist reaction there. Many disturbances attended a forbidden meeting at Naples.

The Gariboldi association, Italia Libera, has been suppressed. It is not known whether other opposition parties will also be suppressed. The resignation of Sig. Casati, a minister of education was confirmed today.

THE WATCH DOGS OF WORLD EMPIRE BARK AT FRANCE

Senators, Financiers and Observers Unite

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—France's much heralded "proposals" for a loan of \$4,000,000,000 war debt to the United States was officially revealed today as only an empty gesture, which for the present does not afford a suitable basis on which serious funding negotiations can be begun.

The communication which Ambassador Herrick forwarded to the state department over the week and was not addressed to the American government, or did it come from the French government, but was a "personal memorandum" from Finance Minister Clementel which contained no definite nor concrete suggestions for payment.

In view of this fact, it was said by the American government, that the communication was not addressed to the American government, or did it come from the French government, but was a "personal memorandum" from Finance Minister Clementel which contained no definite nor concrete suggestions for payment.

It is examination of the French memorandum bears out the information concerning it cabled from abroad—that France has proposed a ten year moratorium and an interest rate of one-half of one percent over a period of thirty or thirty years—that it is considered certain here that the commission will reject the terms proposed, and call upon the French government for something more in keeping with the American policy. American imperialism insists on its overlordship.

The chief boss of administration officials today was that the French communication would be found to contain sufficient "meat" to warrant serious funding negotiations.

Only the beginning of real negotiations can forestall an outbreak in congress over the French debt. It is believed that the French relations committee, which will not be called to improve Franco-American relations. No less than a dozen senators, some of them members of the administration, are planning to express themselves concerning France's policy of quadrupling of her war obligations.

Among those planning to speak is Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of the administration relations committee. He will point out, among other things, that the American taxpayer is now being taxed one percent a year on the British debt, being approximately \$10,000,000 a year.

If the French debt is anything like the terms France is reported to have "unofficially" proposed, American taxpayers will make up the (Continued on page 2)

Your Opinion Must Be
—Based on Policy—

MANY HUNDRED CITY EMPLOYEES TO LOSE JOBS

Wage Appropriations Are Cut by Aldermen

Holding of the city's annual appropriation bill within the anticipated limits of appropriations...

Bill Stated to Pass by Feb. 1. The council session was expected to be short...

Salary Raises Increase Budget. The appropriation of \$1,000,000 made last year for raising salaries...

Another Coal Miner Less of Czar Lewis' 200,000 "Surplus"

(Special to The Daily Worker) HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—Walter "Handsome" Ellsworth, who is a coal miner...

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NO WAGE CUTS MADE IN READING, PA., TEXTILE MILLS; BOTTOM ALREADY REACHED

By ART SHIELDS. (Federation Press Staff Correspondent)

READING, Pa., Jan. 5.—New Year's day is not witnessing any wage cuts in the large silk and hosiery mills of Reading...

Since the Paterson strike last summer the huge Vanity Fair mills covering a long city block in Reading have been working over-time. Women work the full 14 hours per week...

Organization Benefits. The advantages of organization and the disadvantages of the open shop are strikingly illustrated...

No Textile Unions. In the Vanity Fair mills there is no unionism. The United Textile workers and the Amalgamated Textile workers have made organization efforts...

AS WE SEE IT—By T. J. O'Flaherty

(Continued from page 1) Labor isn't that the doodlebug's nippers...

Other delegates had the temerity to get up and say what they thought. The Communists are expelled, but Victor Koenig disposed of his military...

He blamed Comrade Swaback for injecting his views into the situation and hazarded the guess that Swaback was taking his orders from the Workers Party and was not a member of the party...

AND this is a very significant fact that should be carefully noted: It was very obvious that no matter how many of the delegates disagreed with the Communists on the ultimate goal of the Workers Party...

DIABELIS suggestion to expel the Communist evoked no enthusiasm and Edward Nockels, secretary of the federation, realizing that a "bomber" was pulled, got and tried to settle the Communists...

DELICATE SCHWISSLER, referred pointedly to the Christian gentlemen at the head of the federation...

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RUSSIAN FLEET HELD IN FRANCE TO BE RETURNED

Britain Tries Delay Fearing Red Navy

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 5.—While the Russian fleet is held in France by the British government...

Since the close of the world war Russia has possessed no important naval force. But the recent decision of the French government to hand over to the Soviet government...

This fleet, which is lying at Bizerta, Tunisia, is out of date compared with modern American warships...

Compared with some other towns in eastern Pennsylvania, however, leading unionists to the fore...

After the British warships have been returned to the Soviet Union, it is expected that the transfer may be delayed...

There is talk to the effect that the eastern European states will summon a general conference to discuss the matter...

On January 7, a conference of the Italian white guard governments, including Latvia, Estonia and Finland...

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MUSSOLINI DOES NOT REPLY TO MURDER CHARGE

Wants to Resign; Violence Continues

ROME, Italy, Jan. 5.—Mussolini does not intend to resign, according to a report from the fascist leader...

Mussolini is demoralized. His article today, Pupolo D'Italia, in an article today, does not deny the charges of Rossi that Mussolini instigated the murder of the socialist deputy...

The fascist provincial council of Milan has already resigned, in the face of charges of criminal acts of violence...

Opposition newspapers demand that Mussolini resign, calling for a judicial inquiry into the charges of Rossi.

Outgoing Iowa State Treasurer Will Need Len Small's Good Luck

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 5.—Following the closing of several Des Moines banks recently, the Iowa state treasurer...

It is charged that Burbank did not have adequate securities and was executed by various personal friends and surety companies.

Some More Camouflage Drops Off the Face of Exploiters Kept Press

By J. LOUIS ENDAHL

TODAY, two editorial writers are carrying on a sham battle in the columns of the Tama, Iowa, News-Herald...

Both the republican and democratic writers, in all their editorials, will support capitalism as the rule of the landlords...

Formerly the staffs of pen profligates on the Tama News and the Tama Herald performed under separate tents. Now the two newspapers have consolidated...

In the November elections last fall more than 4,000 voters in Iowa cast their ballots for the Communist candidates of the Workers Party...

They know, for instance, that their press champion is the Communist daily—the DAILY WORKER. They have reached that milestone on the road to their liberation...

What are the principles of the Workers' Communist party of the present period? The answer is: Liberty, justice, equality and the advocacy of agents of the Michigan acting as the agent of the capitalist class...

"The Workers' Communist Party" says a Communist point to the class character of the present period...

"Our Imperial Observers." O'Meara reiterated today that the presence in Paris of Ambassador Kellogg, Herrick and Col. James A. Logan...

BRITAIN FIGHTS NOTE. LONDON, Jan. 6.—The British cabinet took under consideration yesterday a note from the French government...

Out of the cabinet meeting was expected to come a definite statement of policy, not only on America's war claim, but also on the Franco-American debt and war debt in general.

BRITAIN WILL NOT, it was said, accept the terms which France has made in informal memoranda to the United States for payment of the Franco-American debt...

It appears likely, diplomats concede, that the financial conference will be held by Great Britain to bring about a better and firmer peace...

PITTSBURGH COMMUNISTS VOTE FOR MAJORITY THESIS AND BOOST DAILY WORKER FUND CAMPAIGN

(Special to The Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Besides adopting the majority thesis by a vote of fifty-two against thirty-eight...

A resolution introduced by District Organizer Blankenship condemning factionalism was carried by a vote of thirty-eight to twenty.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE UP TO ARBITRATION

Teamsters Get No Pay Raise Yet

(Continued from page 1) which would have two exemplars made by the union.

Chief Collins Aids Coal Teamsters. An attempt of the International Schenck Coal Company to operate coal trucks by means of scabs was frustrated when the first truckload of coal to leave the yard was tipped over in an altercation between pickets and the strikers...

Will Use Scabs. The coal companies have been using scabs to break the strike. The union officers were deluged with telephone calls and telegrams yesterday, asking to be placed on the exemption list...

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VIRGINIA GOVERNOR PARDONS 25 MINERS BUT 13 CONVICTED ON THE SAME CHARGE ARE STILL IN JAIL

By PAT H. TOUHEY. (Special to the Daily Worker.) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 5.—Just at the time when the recently formed Miners' Defense Committee was preparing to launch its intensive campaign to liberate the victims of the Cliftonville mine riot...

Liberation of All Demand Miners. The governor's actions will not deter the radical miners of the Pittsburgh district from wanting a fight for the complete liberation of all those now serving time in the Mountaineer penitentiary.

While incarcerated in Mountaineer these men have been working hard and therefore should rank first in line for pardon. In connection with this I quote a letter received from the warden in answer to an inquiry relative to this.

Have Excellent Records. "Enclosed find list and addresses of the Cliftonville miners as requested in your letter of the 11th inst. The fact that the boys were pardoned this morning regarding the conduct and record made by these boys while in the institution, it gives me great pleasure to report that they all have made excellent records and are model prisoners with the exception of Chas. Chialella. Very truly yours, S. P. Smith, warden."

The left wing of the opinion that if some are pardoned, arrested and convicted for the same alleged offense as the rest, then all should be pardoned and they made of none. To this end the warden will fight. Petitions will soon be ready, twenty thousand being printed and a substantial number of the Pittsburgh district will be made in the working class. All those who receive this immediately write and petition will be forwarded.

The Lewis took these petitions who supposedly were doing their utmost for the prisoners are shown to the membership for what they are. Frank Mercantini, while gathering signatures to petitions, reported that board member, Guitik, refused to sign. This is but a sample of what they are capable of.

During the time when the progressive miners first started agitation for the release of the prisoners, and when Wm. A. Cramer, candidate for president in the recent election supported by the left wing, made several visits to the penitentiary with the men, our friend, Mr. Pagan...

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T. U. E. L. BRANCH, MILWAUKEE, GETS A. F. OF L. REPORT

Militants of All Unions Are Invited

(Special to the Daily Worker.) MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—Charles Kuzdas, secretary of the Milwaukee section of the Trade Union Educational League has arranged a meeting for Jan. 10, to be held at 7:30 p. m. in the hall, at which William F. Dunne will speak on the El Paso convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The secretary of the Milwaukee League section has sent out the following letter which is expected to result in a large attendance of trade unionists.

To All Trade Unions and Labor Fraternal Organizations. Dear Sirs and Brothers: You are cordially invited to attend our lecture on the subject of "THE EL PASO CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND THE LAST STAND OF COMMUNISM."

The lecture will be given by Wm. F. Dunne of the Electrical Workers' Union, who is recognized as an authority on the American labor movement, as well as a masterful speaker and a militant trade unionist.

The American labor movement is facing today with many problems of vital importance. You will be interested to learn what answer it has given to these problems by its convention, what decisions were taken on the question of independent organization and the organization of unorganized and the problems of amalgamation and consolidation of existing trade unions to resist attack of an open shop drive.

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SOVIET ENVOYS AND CHINESE IN G. E. RAIL PACT

Cut Out Subsidy to Clergymen

(Special to the Daily Worker.) HARBIN, (By mail)—The board of directors and the board of auditors of the Chinese Eastern Railway met in joint session for three days during the week-end, the main item discussed being the various expenditure budget estimates for 1925.

Among the decisions adopted at the last meeting the resolution should be noted to discontinue the granting of any credits out of the railway funds for the maintenance of churches and clergy.

The question of credits for the rail was also brought up. It was decided to curtail this item by 300,000 roubles. The latter curtailment is to take effect from December 1st on.

Cut Down Officials Further. It was decided to curtail by four assistant controllers, the staff of the chief control department of the railway.

As for the system of crediting Chinese governmental institutions, it was decided to keep the existing system till the end of this year and to take up this matter in detail when the estimates for 1925 will be discussed.

The DAILY WORKER will play an important role during the winter of the campaign. It is planned to bring out several special campaign editions near the election battle reaches its height.

PHILA. BRANCHES GIVE BIG BOOST TO 'DAILY' DRIVE

Take Out Many Insurance Policies

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT. (Special to the Daily Worker.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—A roll call of the eighteen Philadelphia branches taken at last night's mass meeting showed that all are earnestly engaged in securing their full quota in the drive to insure the DAILY WORKER for 1925.

The Philadelphia branches realize that the official organ of the Workers Party—The DAILY WORKER—is the builder of the Workers Party, and that party membership increases as the readers of the DAILY WORKER increase.

The branches realize the serious nature of their duty to safeguard the spokesman of our party and are making a concerted attempt to prove themselves militant by making remittances from every Philadelphia branch.

A big drive for subscriptions is on. The membership meeting resulted in over \$150.00 in donations for policies.

Y. W. L. of Worcester To Have Liebknecht Day Celebration Jan. 11

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 5.—The Y. W. L. here will celebrate Karl Liebknecht day at the Belmont Hall, 50 Belmont St., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11 at 2:30. A very fine entertainment has been arranged consisting of a musical program and speeches. Comrade Bloomfield will be the principal speaker.

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Among the decisions adopted at the last meeting the resolution should be noted to discontinue the granting of any credits out of the railway funds for the maintenance of churches and clergy.

The question of credits for the rail was also brought up. It was decided to curtail this item by 300,000 roubles. The latter curtailment is to take effect from December 1st on.

Cut Down Officials Further. It was decided to curtail by four assistant controllers, the staff of the chief control department of the railway.

As for the system of crediting Chinese governmental institutions, it was decided to keep the existing system till the end of this year and to take up this matter in detail when the estimates for 1925 will be discussed.

The DAILY WORKER will play an important role during the winter of the campaign. It is planned to bring out several special campaign editions near the election battle reaches its height.

BOLSHEVIK MASSACRES INVENTED BY THE CAPITALIST NEWSPAPERS GET THE HA! HA! IN RUSSIA

By M. A. SKROMNY. While the yellow press is continuing to make revolutions and insurrections in Soviet Russia, our readers will be interested to learn what the Russian press thinks of it.

In the end of October the Chicago Tribune printed a cable from one of the re-manufacturing centers in Europe to the effect that there was another famine riot in the Odessa district. This cable "quoted" an editorial from the Odessa Izvestia of October 12 as follows:

"Our Red Army last spring killed the mouths of 15,000 peasants and workers in the Charkov district with earth because they killed the local commissariats and robbed the grain houses."

The Russian white guard sheet picked up this yarn and ran an editorial howling the victims of the Bolshevik atrocities.

There aren't very many people even among the Tribune readers who believe these stories any more. There are hardly any at all among the few readers of the Russian sheet.

"The DAILY WORKER gave a proper answer to these counter-revolutionary howls at that time, but in order to put them to the pillory we have asked the Odessa Izvestia to send us a copy of that newspaper for October 12. We received a reply:

"In the issue of November 23, the Odessa Izvestia, under the headline, 'The Democratic Liars,' writes: 'This time we are getting popular in the United States. On October 12 we were talking in our editorials about the most peaceful things—the preparations for the All-Union Teachers' Congress, but out of this the Chicago newspapers made such a mess...'

"Not long ago the 'Voesische Zeitung' of Berlin, with the solemn face of a friendly crook, made an insertion in Charkov, providing with 'quotations' from our paper. Now the Chicago Rusky Sveskai—another American paper—quoting an editorial from the Odessa Izvestia of October 12, is showing its true face. It says: '15,000 workers and peasants shot—exactly 15,000!'

"These lies are no more in vogue even in America, and the DAILY WORKER of Chicago has asked us to send them a copy of our paper of October 12 in order to put to the pillory the yellow American press as well as the white guard Russian sheet. We are sending them the paper, but will that stop the lies of the professional liars?"

"Today they are 'quoting' an Odessa paper. It sounds serious and it is safe, for who reads the Odessa Izvestia?"

The workers of Chicago will have the opportunity to see three live working class pictures in one evening for the price of one. All the pictures were taken in Russia during the revolution.

The first is "Poitkouskaia", the famous story of serfdom by L. N. Tolstoy. Made into a movie by the world famous Moscow Art Theatre.

The second, "Soldier Ivan's Miracle," a comedy, tells a serious story about religion, but in a funny, peculiar Russian way.

The third, "In Memoriam—Lenin" is showing Nicolai Lenin in action the last picture is shown in connection with the first anniversary of Lenin's death.

The pictures will be shown in Chicago only ONE EVENING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, from 8:30 to 11 p. m. at Gardner's Independent Theatre, 3725 Roosevelt Road, near Independence Blvd.

Admission will be 50c. Technical School, 1902 W. Division St., Russian Cooperative Restaurants, 1254 W. Division St., and 765 Milwaukee Ave., at 185 W. Washington St., Room 307, at the DAILY WORKER, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., and by all members of the Technical Aid Society, U. S. S. I.

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Capitalism's Tame Madman

Mussolini is a madman. His speech to the chamber was the speech of a homicidal maniac and indeed this is the only type of individual that could see any wisdom in or hope of saving Italian capitalism.

The American capitalist press was greatly cheered by the bombastic but wandering orator of its idol and all the little prostitute correspondents "scent their duty and do it." They gave Mussolini a great boost but the story of the wrecking of the headquarters of a couple of masonic lodges by the enthusiastic fascist will probably cool the admiration of the kn kluxers who have been following the antics of their Italian prototypes with undisciplined approval.

With the suppression of the opposition press the first step in his election campaign Mussolini has turned all of Italy into a battlefield. When the smoke clears away it will be seen that another idol of capitalism which the masses were supposed to fall down and worship had feet of clay. Perhaps they are even of a more clinging and odorous material.

Whatever the composition of the feet of this fascist idol there is plenty of proof that they are cold. His speech in the chamber resembled nothing so much as a boy whistling to keep up his courage while passing a graveyard.

Textile Workers Must Organize

The textile manufacturers are organized nationally and their association needs to decide, not on the matter of wage cuts in principle—but on this they are all agreed—but on the method of reduction and the amount of decrease which they think the textile workers will bear without revolt.

The textile workers are poorly organized and almost at the mercy of the bosses. There are a number of unions in the industry, but very little unity. Unless the textile workers soon see the menace to themselves and their families in their present situation, facing a powerful organization of capitalists backed by local, state and national government, they will be worse off than the chattel slaves of the pre-civil war period.

The Trade Union Educational League, in its attempt to organize the textile workers, points out the remedy for this pitiful weakness. The Communist in the textile districts must see that this message and meaning gets to the workers and that it is translated into concrete forms of organization.

A Telephone Operators' Strike

The news of a strike of telephone operators in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which has tied up all telephone lines in that vicinity, brings to mind the fact that these women workers, once fairly well organized under the jurisdiction of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, are now about 90 per cent unorganized and therefore at the mercy of the telephone trust—the Bell Telephone Company, which has a virtual monopoly of this all important public utility.

The history of the disorganization of the telephone operators is too long to be told in a short editorial, but it is one of the best instances of that curious effects of division into craft and calling that causes the American labor movement. The process of disorganization has been going on so long and the telephone trust has been able to take so much advantage of this condition that organization is much more difficult than it was ten years ago. Stock selling schemes, welfare systems, social activities—all under the auspices of the trust—have sapped the morale of the telephone operators.

We hope that the Harrisburg strike is a sign of a revival of the solidarity that was once characteristic of the operators and that enabled them to wage many hard fought struggles.

Coal Diggers Support Communists

Yesterday we published a set of resolutions adopted by the Christopher local of the United Mine Workers of America protesting the persecution of Communists and calling for the repeal of all criminal syndicalist laws. This is the kind of news we like to print, especially at this time when the sentencing of Comrade Ruthenberg by the Michigan capitalist courts probably means that the presentation of active members of the Workers Party will be responded.

The feeling among the workers that the Communists must be defended because they are the most consistent and courageous fighters for the working class is the best guarantee that the jailing of Communist workers has the opposite effect to that desired by American capitalist government. Resolutions like those from the Christopher coal diggers make it possible for Communists to lead the prospect of prison sentences with a light heart.

President Coolidge hopes to call a military armament limitation conference this year. The best preparation for peace is to be for war, and Cal, as he signed the \$100,000,000 naval appropriation bill. He is now in a position to say: "Bring on your goddamn peace treaty."

King Boris of Bulgaria is looking for a wife. He will start his quest in Belgrade and wind up in London. If he falls in Europe and decides to try the American route, we venture to guess he will never pass the battery unless he surrenders to some sausage manufacturer's daughter.

The sixty eighth congress had fifty three days of work on January 1, judging by its activity on the first day of the year it will not die of overwork.

MORGAN POWER TRUST AFTER MUSCLE SHOALS

Ford Sidetracked by Owner of Dawes

(Special to The Daily Worker) (WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The General Electric company yesterday made a minute attempt to nullify the effect of unfavorable publicity in the Senate, where the monopoly of electric power by Morgan's "power trust" has been "lighted" by a "fake" "solution" of the trust. This "solution", however, consists in the transference of the stock of the trust from its left to its right hand pocket. Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of directors of the trust, yesterday announced that the stock of the Electric Bond and Share company had been sold to the General Electric company.

However, the Underwood Bill, which would have given the Alabama Power company owned by the Morgan power trust, a monopoly of electric power in that state, has been temporarily defeated because of the disclosure.

The American Electric Power Co. Co. was formed by the General Electric company as a means of controlling the numerous small electric power companies, throughout the country. It is many independent companies which are controlled by Morgan's trust. A third powerful corporation, the American Telephone and Telegraph company, is also controlled by the Morgan trust.

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Who Says There Is No Unemployment?

By JAY LOVESTONE.

In the midst of all the noise that is being made about the "no unemployment" propaganda, it is worth while to consider the employment situation in the country over a wide range of industries. The propaganda methods of the employing class.

The latest official findings of the United States department of labor relative to the present unemployment situation, certainly show no evidence of a prosperous business. Working surplus of workers in New England.

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LOWERING OF STANDARD OF EXISTENCE IN OTHER LANDS FORCES WAGES DOWN HERE

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Industrial Editor)

The menace to American wage standards in the lower standards of living forced on foreign labor is shown in a survey of real wages through the world issued last week by the International Labor Office at Geneva. The average wages measured by the quantity of food they will buy, according to the labor office figures, are more than 100 per cent higher than those in Great Britain, the lowest competing country.

This means that where the average Philadelphia worker can purchase each week \$27 worth of goods and services the average worker in London is limited to what \$12.40 would buy. On the same basis the average wage earner in Paris gets only \$9.65 worth, the average Berlin worker \$8.55 and the average worker in Milan \$5.71 worth of necessities.

The figures issued by the labor office are based on numbers based on the purchasing power of wages in London 100 per cent. The wages used in the averages for each country include building trades, metal trades, furniture, electrical and other trades and common labor. The purchasing power is measured in terms of the cost of a standard basket of food.

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UNITED NINE WORKERS WILL PICK SUCCESSOR TO SECRETARY GREEN

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, expected to recommend a successor for former secretary treasurer, William Green, now president of the American Federation of Labor, went into session here today.

John L. Lewis, international president of the union, refused to reveal who he will favor for the position and said the matter might be the last to be considered by the board, which is faced with a heavy amount of routine business.

The new year calls attention to the fact that with wages about 100 per cent over 1914 and the cost of living up 72 per cent real wages in this country are at the highest level in history. It says this is possible because of increasing efficiency in production.

But Increasing Efficiency means that more goods must be sold for labor to have full employment. This is far from the case at present. The attempt to sell more goods means better competition with foreign goods.

The fact that workers in London get more than twice as much for their work as those in Philadelphia and those in Berlin nearly as much is a fact to be kept in mind. Long standards can be maintained in this country only by a heavy importation on the economic program.

showing a seasonal lull in Montana. Several thousand agriculturists have been released in Colorado. No prosperity in Mountain District. The unemployment in the iron and steel has been released by the cessation of full harvesting operations.

Full harvesting operations. Ordinary mine labor shows an increased surplus in this state. In the San Francisco district labor as a whole is very plentiful in the iron and steel, printing, glass, clay and brick industry. Work on railroad is being curtailed.

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COMMUNIT-CHILDREN-COLUMN

Teacher Sees Young Comrade. A few days ago I was telling two of my classmates about the "Young Comrade" and the junior group. They became interested.

I asked them if they would like to see a copy of the Young Comrade. They eagerly responded by bringing them each a copy of the latest issue.

The other day, when I came downstairs, I noticed my young comrade in our mail box. I took it to school to read during one of my study periods.

I remembered my promise. I decided to let them see this one. One of the girls has the same study period as I, so I asked her if she would like to see it. She said she would and I gave it to her.

It happened to be one of the days when the teacher walks around the room to see who is absent. A girl was reading a story book and he passed her. Behind this girl sat my friend. The teacher looked at her, then at the paper.

He noticed a headline. It didn't look like the headlines of the school paper. The headline said something about a strike. He took the paper from her and looked at the front page. I noticed his face change color as he read the words of the Young Comrade. "Are you on the library list?" he asked her.

The Coal Teamsters' Strike

The Chicago coal teamsters have picked a good time to strike. The recent prolonged cold spell has exhausted many coal stocks and deliveries have been slow because of the bad condition of the streets.

The demand of the teamsters for a dollar per day increase and the provision that the teamsters themselves shall not handle coal has brought loud protest from the coal dealers, but both demands can be conceded by the coal profiteers simply by reducing their juicy profits. This is as it should be and we do not believe that the teamsters are going to be influenced by the hard luck tales of the middle class parasites that exploit them.

Driving a team or a truck and at the same time being forced to wallow in coal dust, is an unnecessary hardship. The teamsters are going to be influenced by the hard luck tales of the middle class parasites that exploit them.

The dealers and the property owners are complaining at the strike and the demands of the teamsters could not and would not endure the misery that a coal teamster suffers in an eight hour winter day.

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