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The Starvation Policy

Five members of Local 181 of the Carpenters' Union have been deprived of their means of making a living at their trade thru a ukase delivered by General President William Hutchison. Our readers are justified in assuming that those penalized workers committed some serious offense against trade union principles to merit such drastic punishment. But what are the facts?

The penalized members are admittedly among the most active trade unionists in Local 181. Far from being punished for violating any trade union principle, either in letter or spirit, they are punished for defending those principles against the bureaucracy which uses the cowardly weapon of starvation in order to strike revenge.

When the fakers signed an agreement with Chicago contractors which provided for punishment to the extent of suspension from the union of any member who refused to work under the terms of the agreement, the members of Local 181 refused to work under the protection of police and gunmen, the expelled members, with others, signed their names to a resolution protesting against this scab contract. The resolution was passed by the local and sent to the international convention. After the convention was over and Hutchison felt that he could use highbanded methods with impunity, he instructed his local stooge-police to prefer charges against those who signed the resolution.

The story of the "arrest trial" has already been told in the columns of the DAILY WORKER. There was no trial but instead a huge frame-up. The chairman of the trial committee falsified the record and the president of the local declared the five members expelled after the almost unanimous protest of the local.

Those five carpenters were expelled for being sterling trade unionists. For taking the lead in legally protesting against a scab agreement they are expunged at their trade. This mark you, not by the employers directly, but by the officials of the Carpenters' Union acting for the employers.

That the expelled members have the confidence of their fellow workers has been demonstrated by the action of the members of Local 181, who have taken up their cause and are fighting splendidly for them. Even tho' the fakers have pronounced the expelled militant non-members, the latter have attended every meeting of their local since their illegal expulsion, and the protests of the reactionaries, who need uniformed gunmen to awe the rank and file without success.

This is a fight which concerns not alone the members of Local 181, but every union carpenter in America. It is part of the struggle against the left wing in the movement against the tools of the bosses who now pose as labor leaders.

The illegally expelled members of Local 181 are good fighters, and the local is to be congratulated for the splendid example of working class solidarity it has given in its struggle to stand by the expelled members. There must be no let up in this fight until the reactionary bureaucrats are forced to surrender and another victory chalked up for militant trade unionism.

Drifting Towards Recognition

"Nothing succeeds like success." This old truism hits the nail on the head in reference to the undoubted change in the political atmosphere at Washington on the question of recognition of Soviet Russia.

Hughes' almost out and Sam Gompers, his dead labor lieutenant in the anti-Soviet camp, is dead and nearly forgotten. The Soviet government for those doubtful capitalists of the world have proved an awful foe for several years, and it has given its strength to stand by with them. There must be no let up in this fight until the reactionary bureaucrats are forced to surrender and another victory chalked up for militant trade unionism.

One year after Lenin's death the present government of the bourgeoisie is about to acknowledge the power of its hated and implacable foe. When Lenin died the enemies of the working class drew a breath of relief and renewed their hope for a weakening of the proletarian dictatorship and a consequent weakening of the Soviet power. But the Leninist, Leninist remnant and the mighty monuments to Lenin, the Russian Communist Party and the Communist International worked the workers and peasants of Russia together into a chain which the imperialists of the world were un-

able to break. And behind the workers and peasants of Russia stand the workers and peasants of the world, who battle to defend the Soviet regime which is the government of the world proletariat.

The United States is drifting towards recognition of Soviet Russia, not with benevolent intentions but out of necessity. The world bourgeoisie would rather use the dagger, but they know it would be splintered on the steel shield of the Red Army.

The Sun Never Sets on the American Dollar

United States marines are busy in Shanghai, South America is dotted with them, but that is Wall Street's special sphere of influence. The average American baseball and cross word puzzle addict, thinks it just as natural for Wall Street to send American troops to collect its bills in Honduras, or Brazil as it is for an employer to use the police to beat up strikers. Wall Street is not alone the unofficial capital of the United States, but also of South America.

But what about China? A country on the other side of the world? China is a long way off, it is true, but not too far away for the American dollar to establish a footing. And wherever the American dollar goes, there also goes the American marine and the American battleship and the American army. That is just what the United States' armed forces are for—to protect the dollar.

The people of China are fighting to release themselves from the embrace of the American dollar and the British pound and the French franc. They want their country for themselves and they want the fruits of their labors for themselves. The capitalist powers have different aims. They want to keep the Chinese disunited so that they can fleece the workers and gobble up their country.

The struggle for the unification of China now being carried on under the leadership of Sun Yat Sen is fought by the imperialists under the leadership of America and England. Soviet Russia alone stands for the unity and prosperity of the Chinese masses. The American dollar is out for profit at the expense of the Chinese, therefore American marines are in Shanghai to defend the dollar.

Immune from Jail

Communists are anything but immune from jail, but it's different with a Communist paper. The DAILY WORKER has as hard a time trying to keep out of jail as Communists have trying to keep out or break out after they get in.

There are thirty-eight miners imprisoned at the Mountville, West Va., penitentiary. They are there because of participation in a demonstration during a strike when the gunmen of the operators opened fire on the miners. In the melee a sheriff was killed.

The rank and file miners were instructed to plead guilty by their attorneys who were also the lawyers of the district officials of the United Mine Workers of America. The miners hold their fake leaders responsible for the incarceration of their comrades, who are now serving prison terms as high as ten years in some cases.

Some prisoners were glad to read the DAILY WORKER when it was published, but they were no more so when they read the exposure of the treachery of the fakers in recent issues was instrumental in inducing the leading fakers in district 7 to make a visit to the Mountville penitentiary, not to assist the imprisoned miners but to deprive them of the consolation of reading a working class daily. The warden, on the appeal of Pat Fagan, barred the DAILY WORKER from the prison.

It seems there is no limit to the treachery of the labor fakers. They have resorted to many desperate methods in their efforts to remain on the backs of the rank and file and assist the bosses in keeping the workers in slavery, but when a labor leader's vengeance reaches in behind the prison bar where his treachery has landed his victims, words fail to describe such parody.

Coolidge established the custom of settling certain political matters after a breakfast table discussion. Most of the troubles of the workers under his administration spring from the fact that their problems consist largely of the difficulty of getting breakfast.

Landis Scabbery

Thomas E. Donnelly, president of the citizens' committee to enforce the Landis award, was quick to answer the challenge thrown down by the Chicago Federation of Labor and the logical man to take issue with Donnelly? Fitzpatrick spoke vehemently against the Communists at the last meeting of the federation. It seems that he is not so ready to even speak against the open shoppers of Chicago.

The Landis award, the board of education, the school committee, Mayor Dever and all other capitalist lackeys and groups are united against the glazers. This is but another proof of the futility of the non-partisan political policy of the reactionaries' labor leaders. It is further evidence of their complete bankruptcy.

Donnelly, chief of the scab, speaks up for his class. What has Fitzpatrick, the trade union leader, to say?

Send in that new "sub" today!

HUGHES BROKE HIS DIPLOMATIC NECK OVER RUSS

Politically He Is Now as Dead as Gompers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The opinion that Secretary Hughes decided to quit the Coolidge cabinet because of a difference with the president over relations with Soviet Russia is becoming stronger every day. The American capitalists believe—without justification, however—that Soviet Russia's benevolent policy toward China and her approach with Japan was in retaliation against the United States. The Soviet government's policy in China is in harmony with its program for international peace and the lifting up of the oppressed and subject peoples, and the emancipation of the workers all alike from capitalist rule.

Hughes in Gumbert Role. According to reports collected here in political circles, Coolidge recently informed Hughes that the new treaty now under negotiation between Japan and Russia. Hughes replied that his spies were not able to get a copy of the draft, but did not consider it of any consequence to the United States, as Russia was a negligible power in his opinion. This answer was so childish that it angered Hughes, who told Hughes that Senator Borah's views on Russia were more in accord with the secretary of state. It was then that Hughes openly informed Coolidge that he would like to go to a long hunting trip. An American commission to discuss with Soviet Russia may be appointed by Coolidge shortly after March 1. It would follow the same procedure as that of the committee that smoothed the way for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Mexico.

Dever's Traction Plan Gives Magnates All—City Nothing

Mayor Dever's traction ordinance sells out the people of the city of Chicago to the traction magnates. The ordinance only gives receiving any benefit from it. It was disclosed in the DAILY WORKER that the ordinance gives the private traction lines a franchise of 4 years, which is just twice the length of time that the public lines retain control of the city lines until the franchises issued are absorbed by the city.

The ordinance allows a rate of fare to be set by the city, but it also allows the necessity of obtaining authority from the Illinois commerce commission. The ordinance also allows the commission, relieved from having to pave their rights of way and from paying taxes, and allows them to retain control of the traction lines until every cent of indebtedness is paid by the city.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Calvin Coolidge today assured reporters that no immediate change in foreign policy need be expected as a result of the resignation of Secretary of State Hughes.

While the president was careful to calm the fears of the most anti-Russian section of the American capitalist class, that a complete reversal of policy on Russia was to be expected in the near future, it was significant to note that he said, "Russia has made some progress toward conditions necessary to renewed relations." This is considered the diplomatic way of saying that by the time the official steps which it is expected Coolidge proposes to take, looking toward relations with Russia, have developed sufficiently, the president will decide that the Soviet government is strong enough to warrant official recognition.

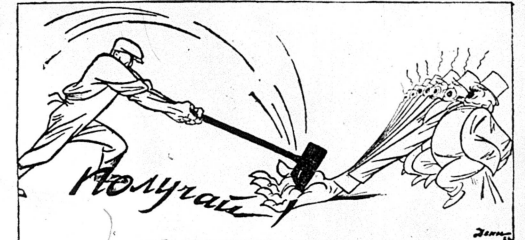
To Develop Cotton in Sonora. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—Gen. Obregon, former president of Mexico, will start a stocking mill in cotton plant in the state of Sonora. In order to develop cotton acreage there it was announced today.

The favorable balance of trade was \$19,600,000 compared to exports of \$18,100,000. Last year \$122,715,000 of gold was imported and \$28,643,000 exported.

THE CLIQUE OF NATIONS DEMANDS, "GIVE!"



THERE YOU ARE! GET IT!



The Clique of Nations is trying to collect from the German workers according to the Dawes plan. Bromby, the British trade union delegation at Moscow, suggested this cartoon by drawing personally the one below.

STRIKEBREAKER JUDGE CAUGHT IN CRAFT DEALS

He Issued Injunction Against Strikers

By MARTIN A. DILLON (Former Press Staff Correspondent) EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 15.—Former referee in bankruptcy Charles E. Thomas, now under investigation by the department of justice, was appointed to office by federal Judge English, notorious injunction judge during the railroad strike. Thomas resigned under fire, but his quitting will not halt the probe of his alleged activities in connection with an alleged bankruptcy ring.

Thomas, it is alleged, was permitted while referee to appear before Judge English as attorney in bankruptcy cases, contrary to federal statutes; that the funds of firms and individuals undergoing bankruptcy in English's court were deposited only in certain banks some of which English and Thomas were stockholders; that despite his status as referee, Thomas had appointed receiver by English at bloated fees of many concerns.

America's Foreign Trade Last Year Up To \$8,198,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—America's foreign trade in 1924 totaled \$8,198,000,000, the department of commerce announced today. The favorable balance of trade was \$1,000,000,000. An excess of \$9,600,000 gold exports over imports for December was announced. It was the first month since 1920 in which exports exceeded imports. Gold imports for 1924 totaled \$119,700,000 compared to exports of \$118,700,000. Last year \$122,715,000 of gold was imported and \$28,643,000 exported.

New York Wiped Out in a Day

THE civilian population of New York City will be slaughtered in the next war. This world's financial center and metropolis will be turned into a burning charnel house under the attack of poison, asphyxiating and incinerating gases by an air fleet of a foreign power. Inhabitants, fleeing to the outskirts of the city will die there as the gases from the aerial bombardment take effect.

Fine prospects! Brig. Gen. Lord Thomson, secretary for air in the recent labor government of England tells us this good news! The nation which, when the next war breaks out, has the biggest, swiftest and best air fleet will be the nation which will sit upon the highest peak of the mountains of human skeletons the next war will produce.

The DAILY WORKER received \$50 from Frederick, South Dakota, today. There must be comrades in this city that are not all enamored with the prospects the next imperialist war holds out to us. These comrades know that the DAILY WORKER is one hundred percent opposed to imperialist wars and for proletarian ascension to power during the war, should it come.

And that ex-soldier, who sent us \$25 of his bonus money yesterday, sent another \$25 to the WORKERS MONTHLY today. He must mean business. And you? Are you helping to insure the DAILY WORKER for the coming year. You'd better. For we'll need it to help us fight the vultures, to assure a workers' victory over the murderous imperialists.

\$15,000 Are in! Now Double it!

Send in that new "sub" today!