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JIM LARKIN RELEASED FROM SING-SING.

Governor Smith Pardons Irish Rebel.

Amid the walls of Senator Lusk and the groans of the New York Times, Governor Smith of New York issued a document which should have tremendous influence on criminal syndicalism laws in every state in the Union. Those who foisted the Gag Laws on the people of New York during the Miller regime are now gnashing their teeth. The 131 pieces of silver which Senator Lusk received from the New York Bomb Squad for giving them an excuse to attach themselves to the public pap may now be returned gracefully to the donors as Smith's statement, issued in connection with the granting of an unconditional pardon to Jim Larkin, convicted of a violation of the New York Criminal Anarchy Act presages a repeal of the Lusk Gag Laws and perhaps the repeal of the criminal anarchy act itself, which means less business for stool pigeons.

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STRIKER LYNCHED BY ARKANSAS MOB.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Striking employes of the Missouri & North Arkansas railroad are victims of mobs that would smash their strike. One striker has been lynched because, the public press states, he "resisted a citizens' committee." During the two years' strike many workers have been driven out of the state.

The railroad is responsible for the strike, which includes shop men, transportation employes and other workers. When the railroad labor board raised wages under decision No. 2 this railroad, together with other railroads protested. The board decided against them. The railroad not only refused to pay the new rate, but reduced wages below the old standard and declined to appear before the board on the ground that it is in the hands of a federal receiver and the board has no jurisdiction. Then the employes suspended work. Later the board legalized the railroad's wage cut, and since then efforts have been made to smash the strike.

HERRIN MINERS ACQUITTED.

By McALISTER COLEMAN.

MARION, Ill.—All the five union miners tried for the murder of Howard Hoffman are innocent, according to the jury of 12 farmers, some of them former miners, who have listened to the evidence since early last November. The jurors deliberated 26 hours. The defense had been successful in establishing alibis for the men and in discrediting the state witnesses.

Separate verdicts were rendered for each defendant. Leva Mann, Joe Carnaghi, Peter Hiller, Bert Grace and Otis Clark were acquitted in order. The courtroom was in perfect order and the quiet that prevailed throughout the long trial continued as the verdicts were received.

The next trial in the Herrin affair is to be for the murder of John Shoemaker, assistant to Supt. C. K. McDowell.

WORKERS REVOLT QUELLED IN AKRON.

Plans for Organization Making Progress.

Over 1,000 men walked out in the Goodrich plant on Dec. 28 against a 12 1/2% cut; they went back defeated on Jan. 15. It was a spontaneous, ineffective rebellion, not a real strike. The indignities they have to face now, are making them more bitter and more determined from day to day.

In 1910, 69,000 people lived in A. in 1920, 20,800. Such a growth is phenomenal even in America.

A few more facts are available for 1920, 90,000 workers were employed in the rubber industry. Goodyear alone employed 34,000, who turned out 33,000 tires a day, for 80c an hour; i. e. one man got paid about \$6.40 for making a tire. Goodyear employs now 12,500 men who make 25,000 a day at a wage of 60c an hour; i. e. one man gets about \$4.80 for making two tires.

Things are elastic in A. Since 1920 the rubber industry has been reduced to 60,000 men here, and A has lost 40,000 of its population since then. It is on record that in the (Continuation on page 7.)

ALEXANDER HOWAT RELEASED.

GIRARD, Kan., Jan. 20.—Alexander Howat, former president of the United Mine Workers of America in Kansas, was released on parole today from jail here. Howat was serving sentence for contempt of the Kansas industrial court. His release was ordered by Daniel H. Wooley, newly elected county judge.

August Dorchy, former vice president of the miners' union; Jack Fleming, H. Earl Maxwell, Willard Titus and James McIlwraith members of the union committee, were freed by Wooley.

Curran was defeated for re-election recently, labor throwing its support to Wooley. He assumed office Jan. 8.

Announcement was made that release of Howat would be celebrated throughout the coal fields Monday at a monster mass meeting in Franklin, a coal town fifteen miles north of Pittsburgh, where Howat will speak.

"I am going to carry on the fight for justice to the miner in Kansas," Howat said on leaving the jail. "There is nothing else I can say now."

Howat went to his home in Pittsburgh.

SHOPMENS' STRIKE NOT OVER.

CHICAGO.—The railroad shopmen's strike which began July 1, 1922, is not over and serious crises are still possible, according to U. S. District Judge James H. Wilkerson who ruled that the Daugherty "open shop" injunction of last September, must not be dissolved. Continuing the government policy of extension and delay to keep the injunction in force, Wilkerson set May 2 for the final hearing.

LIVELY DISCUSSION AT FED. MEETING.

Delegates to Chicago Fed. of Labor urge amalgamation.

Jan. 21.—A flood of amalgamation sentiment broke loose on the floor of the Chicago Federation of Labor today when a delegate from the painters suggested that the placing of the A. & P. stores on the unfair list was too precipitate owing to the fact that union-painters are employed by that concern even though the corporation is hostile to union labor on the whole.

The every-man-for-himself-and-the-devil-take-the-hind-most psychology displayed came in for some sledgehammer blows during the discussion that followed. Speaker after speaker called attention to the lack of solidarity displayed in previous strikes. Union men scabbed on each other. That was the ugly term that delegates of long standing used in describing the conduct of their fellow workers in former struggles with the bosses.

A delegate from the Waiters explained that carpenters and other members of the building trades worked in hotels where they were in strike. Teamsters with union buttons as big as a cowboy's hat hauled for concerns that refused union conditions to other workers. There was no solidarity.

One delegate asserted that the constitution of the American Federation of Labor allowed the members to scab on each other? We have autonomy and self-determination and everything except unity. We hear a lot of talk about the Allied Printing Trades but they are allied in name only. Scabbing is alright for those who favor the present order of society. Even high moguls of the A. F. of L. can go to scab hotels and get away with it. It seems that we are a lot of legalized scabs. Membership in the A. F. of L. gives us that privilege.

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GERMAN WORKERS STRIKE IN RUHR.

The French Minister of War announced that a general strike of miners railway, postal and telegraphic workers began in the Ruhr on January 21, and that all communication with the outside was cut off.

This strike it appears has the support of the capitalists of Germany and patriotic organizations are promising the workers assistance. The workers are lauded when they pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the master class. If they only used their power in behalf of their class interests there would be no necessity for bourgeois charity. As usual the workers will do the fighting and the masters will reap the reward. But the story is not yet finished.

Meanwhile French troops are running the trains. The British government is giving the French a free hand. Soviet Russia is keeping a sharp eye on Poland. All Europe is on tip toe expecting a world conflagration to break out. Otherwise "peace reigns in Warsaw."

Norman Tallentire

will speak on "Labor and Red Raids" at Workers Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., Thursday Jan. 25th at 8 P. M.

Irish Capitalist Henchmen Murder Republicans

Within the last few months fortyfive Irish rebels have been murdered by the Irish capitalist lackeys who are carrying out the private instructions of the British government. This wholesale murder has the blessing of the Catholic church in Ireland but so cowardly are our Irish American bourgeois patriots that they fear to give this fact any publicity.

While the Black and Tans were ravaging Ireland with fire and sword our Irish capitalist politicians in America dwell with emotion on the crimes that were committed against humanity by the English degenerates who composed the Black and Tans. They told us that Irishmen were incapable of such crimes. Now it is a well known fact that there were as many Irishmen among the Black and Tans as English and Scotch, but the blatherskites who use Ireland's sufferings to keep themselves in office through the medium of Irish votes were more concerned with keeping the Irish and English workers separated by playing on their racial emotions than in freeing Ireland from British rule.

But a difference in race did not keep the Irish capitalists apart when the time was ripe for them to make peace advantageous to the Irish and English bourgeoisie. Let the workers of both countries kill each other while the capitalists and their lackeys wine and dine together and rob their respective wage slaves at their leisure!

How shallow this race nonsense is has been revealed to the Irish people since the so-called "freedom" was granted to Ireland. Irishmen are now executing Irishmen in the name of law and order. The men whose praises were sung to high heaven a few years ago for their bravery in fighting the British government are now murdered by firing squads at the orders of the very men who were loudest in singing their praises. Why? Because those men who have fought for the Republic are receiving the same treatment that their kind have always received. They fought for and won the concessions that the Irish middle-class and capitalists have been begging from England for generations and

when these concessions were granted why continue the struggle. It is true the Republic was not won, but in this era of practical politics and international capitalism what does a republic signify?

The Irish may continue to fight, they may continue to angle for the Pope's blessing and to assert their devotion to the saints and go to the gallows accompanied by priests asking forgiveness for their enemies but sooner or later they will realize that under the world conditions existing today a capitalist republic is only a bauble thrown to political children to play with; it means nothing to the workers; there is only one road for the Irish who want a Republic to travel and that is the road of social revolution.

On that road the prayers of clergymen will not ring in their ears; they will not be showered with Papal blessings; their names will not be featured in the capitalist press as heroes fighting for a glorious cause but they will have the co-operation of the revolutionary workers of the world which may not be spiritual but nevertheless material. And in the struggle they will and must line up with their comrades in England in order to overthrow the British government, which rests on a foundation of robbery and exploitation, beginning inside in Merry England itself and spreading its tentacles through every quarter of the world.

The labor movement in Ireland must be developed with a view to establish a Workers Republic. Romantic visionaries, young in years and lacking in experience may imagine that a short cut lies in other directions, i. e. instructing the workers to give first preference to DeValera's party in the elections and second to the Labor Party, but this is a suicidal policy, in that it shoves the economic question in the background and lines or attempts to line up the workers with a section of the bourgeoisie because forsooth that section mouths fine phrases about a republic, which means nothing to the workers unless it be a Workers' Republic. The class struggle must never be allowed to take a back seat no matter what tactics revolutionists may have to adopt temporarily.

Farm-labor Fusion Likely in Alberta

EDMONTON, ALTA.—For the purpose of preparing plans for co-operation between the U. F. A. political party, and the Dominion Labor Party, in the next federal election, preparations are being made for a provincial conference of representatives of the above parties.

Representatives of the executive of the East and West Calgary U. F. A. political organization have approached the executive of the Dominion Labor Party, with a view to secure the co-operation of the Labor Party with the U. F. A. in the next federal election campaign. A certain amount of co-operation existed in the last election between certain U. F. A. locals and the Labor Party candidates. The proposal now is to make this co-operation province-wide so as to include all constituencies where either party has an influential vote.

A conference will take place Jan. 15, the night preceding the opening of the U. F. A. convention in Calgary, to which will be invited Labor groups of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Edmonton, along with Calgary, to meet representatives of the U. F. A. with a view to securing co-operation between Labor and Farmers throughout the Province.

THEY ARE WELCOME TO IT.

Comrades Bechtold and Erickson wish to thank the comrades of the Young Workers' League for the pleasant surprise they gave them after their release from Herriem county jail. "It was almost worth while getting arrested," declared Erickson, "considering the nice time we enjoyed with our comrades after we got clear of Sheriff Bridgeman."

Bechtold was equally enthusiastic. "I did not taste such an elegant meal for a long time," he said. "Believe me after the rush of Saint Joe it was good to taste the good old Hamburger of Chicago." Jean rushed some more over the change from a mash and pruned diet but considerations of space limit our generosity to two articles.

Minneapolis Book-Dealer Arrested

MINNEAPOLIS.—Charged with having been present at the alleged communist meeting at Bridgman, Mich., Aug. 21, Alexis Georgian, local book dealer, was arrested and held for extradition. Georgian, whose radical views brought persecution by the government upon him during and immediately after the war, denies that he was at the Michigan affair and will fight through habeas corpus proceedings, it is understood. He was taken to the city jail. Attorneys have begun proceedings in his behalf. With A. V. Severino, Cleveland, Georgian is the first of 45 defendants to be arrested since the 20 who were taken in August.

Opening Private Mail

NEW YORK.—The postoffice department is still opening letters which its agents think may contain information on the efforts being made for the release of political prisoners. It has gone so far as to break open the triple seals on such a letter which pertained not to a federal prisoner but to the case of a victim of the war hysteria now confined in prison under a New York gag law.

This was sent by an attorney interested in the case, to a woman magazine writer whose name is a household word throughout the United States. It contained a resume of the facts in the case of the political prisoner sent to her by the lawyer in response to her request. The attorney, as is customary, with many law firms in transmitting copies of records, placed several wax seals on the envelopes. When it arrived, all the seals had been broken.

Books Received

The Origin and Evolution of the Idea of the Soul, by Paul Lafargue. Translated into English by Charles H. Kerr. Published by Charles H. Kerr and Company, Chicago. Cloth, 60 cents.

Railroad Melons Rates and Wages, by Charles Edward Russel. A Handbook of Railroad Information. Published by Charles H. Kerr and Company. Price \$2.00.

An Outline of Modern Imperialism. Published by the Plebs League, 162 a Buckingham Palace Rd., London, S. W. I.

An Outline of Modern Imperialism. This book is a valuable aid to a Communist lecturer and teacher. It reveals the economic background of the various wars and expeditions which marked the passing of the early stage of competitive capitalism, that favored increased production and revolutionized technique and the ushering in of the monopolistic capitalism of modern times which limits production.

It deals separately with the growth of imperialism in the big capitalist nations of the world. The reason for the crises that periodically appear on the political horizon between nations is here made plain. The economic key opens the door to the chamber of mysteries which puzzles those who do not dig down beneath the surface of current events for the real truth.

The chapter on American Expansion is particularly interesting. The war for the liberation of Cuba and the protection of the \$85 millions of American dollars that were invested there was made the excuse for grabbing the Philippine Islands and since then the United States has found or manufactured excuses to follow the older nations of Europe on the road to imperialism.

Railroad Melons, Rates and Wages.

A railroad is a highway. That is admitted. But it is not generally admitted that everybody who robs a railroad is a highway robber. According to the story written by Charles Edward Russell and he quotes plenty of figures to prove his claim, if you want to place your hands on a highway robber, the only thing you have to do is to walk into the private office of any railroad president or board of directors in the country and grab the first railroad official you see.

Those of you who think water is only something to drink or wash your feet with will be surprised to learn how many uses this element can be put to. When Jesus of Nazareth turned water into wine he created a sensation in his home town but the railroad pirates of America have him backed off the boards. They turned water into Pullman sleeping cars, engines, stocks, bonds and dividends.

If you ever tried to prepare yourself for the arms of Morpheus while spending the night in a Pullman sleeper and went through several sets of Bernard Mac Fadden's acrobatic stunts trying to relieve yourself of your nether garments you will enjoy the chapter devoted to the Pullman company.

The book is written in easy journalistic style and provides valuable material for the agitator particularly among the railroad workers.

The Origin and Evolution of the Idea of the Soul is a brief explanation of the invention of the soul, the invention of Paradise, the invention of Hell and many other inventions that have been capitalized by organized religion for the glory of god and their own aggrandisement.

"The Soul, the immaterial life principle, which abandons the body after death to continue its existence above the earth or below the earth in heaven or in hell, is an invention of savages, perfected by civilized people," says Lafargue.

The origin of God, the idea of Hell, Heaven, the devil and other creations of the savage mind are explained in this little book. It is a long time since a Catholic Council of Bishops solemnly discussed whether a woman had a soul or how many angels could dance on the point of a pin but the dealers in spiritual green goods are still doing a land office business in spite of the progress science has made since then. This little book will help to dispell the cobwebs from the brain of any one who will take the time to read it.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT FOR THE WORKING CLASS.

Workers' Party Branches Commence Response to Assessment Drive.

South Slavic Branch Makes First Reply.

One of the South Slavic Workers Party branches in the land of the steel and coal empire of Pennsylvania has made the first reply to the Day's Pay Assessment. This drive is being carried on by the Workers Party nationally, for the benefit of the Labor Defense Council in its effort to secure the freedom of the victims of the Michigan Raids. In a letter sent the branch secretary of this South Slavic branch states:

"We made a special effort to get every member of our branch to give his day's pay assessment and are proud that we are a 100 per cent branch in this respect. During the war we used to see the "Red Cross" signs hanging in homes and store windows saying: "We have given for the Red Cross 100 Per Cent." It seems to us that when we workers can give to the working class of our own free will as much as we were forced to give for the bosses organization during the war, that many of our problems will have been solved. Our branch is 100 per cent for the working

class and so we have all given for the defense of the twenty comrades who are to be tried in Michigan. Some of us were out of work but those borrowed from the others to make our branch a perfect record."

100 per cent for the Labor Defense Council — 100 per cent for the Working Class.

What a splendid record for a Workers Party branch! What a tremendous spirit! What a will to power! It was such a spirit such a will and such a record that carried the workers of Pennsylvania to the stirring deeds in the steel strike and in the recent coal miners' strike. It is that spirit and action, that sacrifice and steadfastness that alone can win the Michigan case, that can free the twenty Michigan victims for continued work in the labor movement. It is that spirit alone and that only, that can win for the working class any worthwhile victory, that can gain for the American workers their ultimate aims.

100 per cent for the working class, 100 per cent for our energy, 100 per cent of

ourselves, our hopes and aspirations, 100 per cent of us, 100 per cent of the time, for the working class, for working class victory, for working class power.

The Day's Pay Assessment Campaign (January 15 to February 15) means everything to the success of the Michigan defense. If the Workers Party branches respond to it with the spirit the above named South Slavic branch has responded, with the spirit that is expected from Workers Party branches, the Labor Defense Council will have adequate finance to carry on the Michigan case; our comrades will be freed. If the Workers Party branches do not respond or respond only half-heartedly, Ruthenberg, Foster and the other eighteen may spend the next ten years in jail. We have one month in which to act NOW. Failing we may have ten years to contemplate our failure.

BUY YOUR DAYS HONOR CARD. SHOW IT!

IT IS YOUR EMBLEM OF SACRIFICE AND MILITANCY AND ACTION.

IMPERIALISTIC ADVENTURES VS. THE CLASS WAR.

By EDGAR OWENS.

French military occupation of the Ruhr District is now a fact!

For weary years French diplomacy has held occupation as a club over the head of Germany. France has now sprung that club.

Where will it lead? Does it mean another unleashing of the Dogs of War? Must another batch of French and German workers be converted into carrion to determine whether French or German overlords shall rob them of the fruits of their labor?

Or will French and German workers, for the moment enthralled in the imperialistic armies of their masters, make of the Ruhr invasion and occupation a class issue, join interests and turn upon their class enemies, the bourgeoisie on both sides of the Rhine, seize the mines and factories and establish a Workers Power? Will they answer the threat of another war with a revolutionary uprising that will make a Soviet Republic out of Germany, as a prelude to a Soviet Europe? This would be a fitting reply to the arrogance of French and German capitalism?

Ready for Hymn of Hate.

The American Press for the moment expresses a hypocritical attitude of neutrality, with perhaps a gentle chastisement of the French for the crudeness of their action. But this is merely for the purpose of establishing an alibi, that they may sing their vicious hymns of hate with greater effect should the French adventure result disastrously.

American financial interests are vitally concerned in the European situation. The billions they gambled on Allied success in the late war have not yet been collected. And those invested billions are the chains that bind the financial masters of this country to the French juggernaut.

Can we forget how the dollar diplomacy of the Wilson administration involved us in the World War? That same dollar diplomacy is hitting on all cylinders at this moment. American "unofficial observers" at the interminable conferences that have been held to straighten out the European tangle since the unspeakable Versailles treaty give the lie to the claim of American aloofness. Morgan don't care for his war babies any more than he does for his right eye. Let the German and French workers settle their score with their capitalist classes and Morgan would plunge us into the midst of it as he did in 1917. Make no mistake about that. American participation in the attempted rape of Soviet Russia is still a burning memory to American workers.

Collecting Morgan's Bills.

Now is the time for the workers of America to take stock of their stake in the European situation. We must be ready to take any action that the occasion may require to defeat another attempt of the Morgan interests to involve us in the collection of their debts. We cannot afford to delay.

Nor can we afford to close our eyes to the real issues behind the French occupation of the Ruhr nor the interests that bind American finance capital to French diplomacy.

Armour will sell food. Gary will sell steel. Morgan will make attractive investments. And the Workers will pay. They will pay in mangled bodies, in widows and orphans, in destruction of treasure, in additions to their already crushing war debts and in further inroads upon their civil liberties.

The workers of America must be roused to action. Miners, transport workers, factory workers must be made to realize their common interests with the workers of Europe. They must mobilize their resources, amalgamate their forces, and if need be, paralyze production and transportation by means of a general strike.

Dollars or Lives of Workers?

The stakes are large. On the one hand the dollars of the masters; on the other are the lives of the workers. The late war gave us a crop of millionaires, and a working class burdened with debt. It gave us a Mitchell Palmer and a Harry Daugherty. It gave us the unspeakable Harding administration wherein every just aspiration of the workers has been met with a blow from the mailed fist. We want no more of that.

Rouse the workers to their impending danger. Meet the threat of another imperialistic war with a mobilization of the workers all along the class front. Smash capitalism and establish the Workers Power.

Prison Overcrowded.

SAN QUENTIN, CAL.—Owing to the overcrowding of San Quentin penitentiary, it is stated that all life termers and repeaters are to be moved to Folsom. This would include Tom Mooney and Matt Schmidt and J. J. McNamara, the last two serving life terms because of the Los Angeles Times explosion. Ford and Suhr and Warren Billings, the other life termers; among California's political and industrial prisoners, are already serving their sentences at Folsom.

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Mankilling Scab Held.

ST. LOUIS.—The Missouri Pacific railroad is minus one gun-toting, man-killing strike breaker since Melvin Hendrix is being held in jail for the fatal shooting of Vincent Richardson. He is being held, failing to furnish a \$10,000 bond, to await the action of the grand jury. Hendrix claims to have shot in self-defense. He is 19 and of rather heavy build. Richardson was a slender boy, 17, and unarmed. Hendrix told the police he carried a gun as protection against union pickets. Two eye witnesses testified that the killing was unprovoked.

Milwaukee Trades Council.

MILWAUKEE.—Officers for 1923 of the Federated Trades council of Milwaukee are: Secretary, Frank J. Weber; organizer, Frank B. Metcalfe; recording secretary, J. F. Friedrick; treasurer, Emil Brodke; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Wietzke. The per capita from affiliated unions was raised from 3 cents a month to 5 cents. The council declared itself against removing the restrictions on immigration, believing the campaign a move by the employers to lower wages.

Horthy Imprisons Children.

BUDAPEST.—Under Admiral Horthy's dictatorship in Hungary, 34 children, accused of combining to upset the government by force of arms, have been tried. They seem to have met in one another's homes and read socialist poetry. The oldest of these conspirators was 15. Six were acquitted; the rest were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from three to 18 months.

Reactionary Labor Skate Plans Anti-Alien Move.

DES MOINES, IA.—Proposals to deprive all aliens in labor unions of the right to vote on questions before the unions will meet no welcome from J. C. Lewis, president, Iowa State Federation of Labor. The disfranchising of workers who are not citizens would disrupt organized labor, in Lewis' opinion. The plan is being pushed by Fred Canfield, Cedar Rapids, a past president of the federation.

Merchant Tailors Would Welcome Aliens.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The National Assn. of Merchant Tailors, which has opened a drive in congress to permit the bringing of alien labor into America to fill about 37,000 jobs it claims it cannot fill, is the same organization which in January, 1920, decided at its annual convention here to raise a fund of \$500,000 to war on organized labor. At that time the association pledged to sign any wage or working agreement with any journeyman tailors' union.

THE OPEN SHOP CAMPAIGN VS. AMALGAMATION,

The sweet, unoffensive, one hundred per cent title for that bete noir of the workers, the Open Shop, is the American Plan. While Samuel Gompers and his merry men at the head of the Federation of Labor are preparing to lead the vanguard of the proletariat to the spiritual barricades and fight for the return of light wines and beers the employers of this country are going ahead quietly with their campaign to smash the trade union movement and make the Open Shop a closed shop to union labor.

These American planners are not asleep. They are wide awake. They know there is nothing to fear from Gompers and the other old Rip Van Winkles who only awake from their lethargy once in a blue moon to engage in some verbal battle with their friend the enemy about some issue that does not affect the workers in the least.

There is a danger however to the open shoppers and they recognize it. While Gompers warns the workers of Foster's Amalgamation movement telling them that it is disrupting the labor movement the Open Shoppers know better. They realize that it is the only movement that will solidify the ranks of labor and present a united front to the union smashers.

The letter published herewith sent out by the Open Shoppers of Cleveland tells an interesting story. The suggestion that the American capitalists may be obliged to organize an American Fascist is an attempt to hide the fact that such an organization is ready made through a combination of the American Legion, Ku Klux Klan and the American Defense Societies.

THE AMERICAN PLAN ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND.

606 Guardian Bldg.

Nov. 24, 1922.

To Employers not Members of the American Plan Association.

Gentlemen: Associations such as ours, the country over, whose business it is to weigh and analyze the trend of events in their relation to the labor problems, have for some time past, been expressing their alarm at the rapidity with which W. Z. Foster's "Amalgamation Plan" is arousing the interest of workmen generally. There are many evidences that Foster has a thorough understanding with the ruling powers in Russia and is being furnished financial assistance to establish a similar Government here. Foster is clever and realizes that the mention of "Bolshevism" or "Soviets" would be obnoxious to the American citizen, hence his "Amalgamation Plan," which almost to the last detail, is a soviet under an American name.

Since his return from Russia about a year ago Foster with a handful of radical leaders, has been so successful "boring from within" the American Federation of Labor that already eleven State Federations of Labor, including the Ohio Federation of Labor, and in addition some eight hundred individuals local Unions of the United States, have gone officially on record in favor of the Amalgamation Plan.

Stone and Lee.

Warren Stone, head of the B. of L. E., is one of the prominent supporters of the plan and the recent split between himself and Lee of the Railway Trainmen and Robertson of the Railway Conductors, is a direct result of Stone's rabidly radical tendencies as a result of which split we should not be surprised if Mr. Lee lost his job, for the fact of the matter is that Foster has succeeded in winning over a formidable number of railway workers to his way of thinking. The ease with which he has done this is understood when it is considered that railroad workers for several years now have been deluged with "Nationalization" and "Plumb Plan" literature. Having swallowed that sort of stuff, it was not hard to take Foster's Soviet Amalgamation plan. Stone is doing all he can to unseat Lee and disrupt the Trainmen's Union, of which he is the head. Last week, for instance, Stone sent a circular letter to all switchmen urging them to leave the Trainmen's organization and join the Switchmen's Union of North America, a rival organization attached to the American Federation of Labor, with which none of the Brotherhood Unions are affiliated.

Foster has Formidable Support.

Foster has not only rallied to his standard a formidable number of both Union and Non-Union employees, but has the support of the discontented of all classes and practically all of the parlor Bolsheviks and enemies of our Government during the war.

The Amalgamation Plan, in brief, provides for the division of all workers into twelve groups, the details of each of which we will not take space to describe. His plan is to call a strike in one of the twelve groups when an opportune moment arrives, and then have the strike spread to the other eleven groups, by which time, of course, a state of revolution would exist.

Unfortunately, we cannot give many of the facts which we know absolutely to be true, because to do so would uncover our sources of information. But we ask you to take our word for it that the situation is a serious one and the intelligence and forethought with which Foster's plan has been worked out, is such that the time for organization of an American Fascist may be nearer than we think.

Already Foster has selected group leaders in many districts. For instance, in Cleveland, four men, owners of property and of some prominence in Cleveland, are group leaders. In addition, three clever talkers with apparently no end of funds, were sent here by Foster, and have joined Union organizations where their influence has been such that already a movement is well under way to "amalgamate" all the Metal Trades Unions of this city, and a large meeting composed of Committees from every Union in the city is to be held December 1st, to discuss the plan.

Radicalism Growing

An analysis of the recent election, it seems to the writer, demonstrates beyond a doubt, the extent

of the growth of radicalism in this country. In spite of the facts printed in the newspapers from time to time relative to Russia's conditions, which items are termed "Capitalist Propaganda" by Foster, the advocates of the Amalgamation Plan have led many thousands of workmen to believe that in some way or other the workers of Russia have achieved a system of Government which, in the very near future, will place them in a position of comparative affluence, and they can see no reason why the same thing cannot be done in this country. That this frame of mind gave expression to itself in the recent election is at last becoming apparent to some of our newspapers. The Milwaukee Journal concludes that "if one looks for the real gains, he finds them going to the radicals." The New York Sun says:

"Where Democrats of radical tendencies have faced conservative Republicans, they have either beaten them or cut down the previous majorities. Where radical Republicans have faced conservative Democrats, they have accomplished the same thing. Party names have failed to determine the vote. Voters with radical candidates almost as generally as they might have if there had existed a great radical party. It has happened in East and in West. The radicalism that has come into evidence in this election exceeds sectional bounds. It has eaten into the very fibre of both the old parties."

The Militant Minority.

So far, these radical elements are in the minority, but they are thoroughly organized and history is replete with what organized minorities have done to unorganized majorities. The American Plan and similar organizations throughout the country seek to organize employers so that they will not only be able to properly solve present industrial problems, but will be prepared to defend their interests and the country against the attack of these radical elements. As we organize, we are also seeking to do our part in moulding intelligent public opinion. We enclose three recent advertisements which have appeared in all of the Cleveland newspapers.

Now is the time for you to join this movement to so thoroughly establish American conditions of employment in Cleveland industries that there shall be no doubt of our ability to maintain the industrial and political institutions which have been the cause of this nation's wonderful growth and prosperity. Will you help? The dues are \$1.00 per year for each of the average number of persons employed by you. Isn't the establishment of general Open Shop conditions in Cleveland worth that to you? Isn't our advertising campaign alone worth it to Cleveland? An application blank is enclosed. One of our membership committee will be pleased to call and discuss the matter with you if you so desire.

Yours very truly,
WM. FRED LONN, General Mgr.

Books of Labor Defense Council Audited.

J. M. Ullman and Company, Certified Public Accountants completed an audit of the books and records of the Labor Defense Council up to December 31st, 1922. The report states "We certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief the balance sheet and income account are properly drawn up from the books so as to show correctly the financial position of the organization on December 31st, 1922. The total income of the Council from subscription lists collections at meetings, local Labor Defense Councils, individual unions, general and miscellaneous, was \$25,000.34. The expense the greater part of which is in Attorney's fees and expenses, and administration expenses was \$31,888.73 leaving an excess of expenses over income of \$6,888.39.

They Arrest Even "Constitutional Revolutionists."

A flagrant case of lawlessness and abuse of power by a federal agent has just been reported to the American Civil Liberties Union from Mansfield, Ohio, where Pascal Evanoff, a laborer employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a local secretary of the Socialist Labor Party, was arrested by a federal officer and held incommunicado. Although no warrant was produced and although no sufficient reason could be given for the arrest, he was not released until his attorney, George W. Biddle, had finally succeeded in persuading the sheriff to let him present a writ of habeas corpus to the prisoner for his signature.

Y. W. L. Convention Scheduled for May 13-14.

The Second Annual National Convention of the Young Workers' League of America is set for May 13-14 in Chicago. At that time the Young Workers' League will be just one year old.

Three delegates from the Workers' Party, with voice and vote, will be present at the convention, in conformity with the decisions in regard to relationship of Party to League, passed at the last convention of the Workers' Party.

Many important questions are to be taken up at the coming convention of the Y. W. L., among which will be the economic struggle of the youth, trade union work, militarism, junior organizations, children's sections, etc.

Relation to the Young Communist International will be one of the most important questions to come up. With an observer to the Third Congress of the Young Communist International present at the Y. W. L. convention a lively discussion is expected on the question of affiliation to the Y. C. I.

A definite and militant stand will be taken with respect to the American Legion and other white-guard organizations.

SOME "ONION"

The following item is from the O. B. U. Bulletin of Jan. 4.

"Comrade Henderson and Russel were appointed a delegation to visit the Lady Garment Workers' Unit which does not see its way clear to adopt the recommendation of the Central Labor Council barring members of the Workers' Party from holding official positions in One Big Union Units."

Lower Wages—Higher Dividends.

ST. LOUIS.—A 2,000 per cent dividend has been declared by the Landis Machine Co. of this city. The capital stock of the company was increased from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

Other capitalization increases recorded the same day were the Condie-Bray Glass and Paint Co., from \$250,000 to \$500,000; Antrim Lumber Co., from \$500,000 to \$800,000; Christmann Veneer & Lumber Co., from \$5,000 to \$150,000; G. T. Riddle Real Estate Co., from \$25,000 to \$300,000.

The Real Estate Exchange and the Lumbermen's Association made the most noise last spring in the drive to bring about lower wages in the building trades. The workers were told that it was labor's "high" wages that were responsible for the high cost of building, and that the business men were making only a reasonable profit.

Walker D. Hines, former director-general of railroads, says that, as a result of personal observation in every country in Europe, he believed it by no means impossible that Europe might drop back to a condition of barbarism akin to that of Middle Ages.

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JIM LARKIN PARDONED BY SMITH.

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The initiative for the action to obtain freedom for Larkin and his co-defendants was taken by the American Civil Liberties Union of which Roger Baldwin is director.

Similar applications for pardons for other political prisoners were placed in the hands of the pardon clerk in the executive department by Senator John Hastings.

The governor's statement is as follows:

I have decided to grant the application to pardon James Joseph Larkin, who was convicted and sentenced to a term of five years for violating Sections 160 and 161 of the Penal Law. The great public interest aroused by this case prompts me to state my reasons.

The statute upon which Larkin was convicted defines criminal anarchy as the doctrine "that organized government should be overthrown by force or violence" or by any unlawful means. It provides that whoever advocates such a doctrine is guilty of a felony. What Larkin did was to join in issuing the manifesto of the so-called "Left Wing" of the Socialist Party. That manifesto counsels a change in our form of Government to what is described as the "dictatorship of the proletariat," and that this change should be accomplished by strikes called to affect the political action of the electorate.

My present action is in no way involves the slightest agreement with this manifesto. I condemn the dictatorship of "the proletariat" of the farmers, of the capitalists, or the merchants or of any other section of the community. In a free democracy we know no dictatorship and we endure none. No group has any legal, social or moral right to impose by dictatorship its views or interests on any other group. Likewise I condemn the project to coerce political action by any such method as the calling of general strikes. Labor has the right to strike for the purpose of securing reasonable improvement of its own conditions, but not for the purpose of driving other groups into the acceptance of a proposed political dictatorship. I disapprove such a project just as I would disapprove a combination of capitalists or of manufacturers to constrain political action of the laborers of the farmers by withholding from them the means of procuring the necessities of life.

I pardon Larkin, therefore, not because of agreement with his views, but despite by disagreement with them.

Did Not Advocate Anarchy.

The Court of Appeals has decided that the issuance of this manifesto constituted a violation of the statute. It is my duty to recognize to the fullest the authority of that great Court. And yet I find that two of the judges dissented from the judgment in an opinion strongly maintaining that Larkin was unjustly convicted, in that he was not advocating anarchy (which is the absence of all organized Government), but merely a new and radically different form of organized Government.

Executive clemency is the reserved power of the State, through the Governor, to mitigate the undue rigors of the law and in proper cause to temper justice with mercy. That two judges of our highest court regarded this conviction as legally unsound is a circumstance which I take into account, though, of course, standing alone it would be an inadequate reason. But in this case I must consider it in connection with the following additional circumstances: Larkin's prison record has been good and the application for his release has the approval of many highly respected citizens, including that of the Assistant District Attorney who conducted the prosecution.

Moreover, there is no evidence that Larkin ever endeavored to incite any specific act of violence or lawlessness. What he did was to voice a faith that in the ultimate development of our political institutions there should be the radical change which I have described and condemned. Substantially his offense was nothing more than the issuance of a misguided opinion that in the remote future our system of Government should be changed by a process abhorrent to our institutions. Our State rests too firmly upon the devotion of its citizens to require for its protection an imprisonment of five years for the mere expression of an erroneous, or even an illegal, political doctrine, unaccompanied by any overt act.

SENTENCE INJURIOUS TO STATE.

Moreover, I believe that the safety of the State is affirmatively imperiled by the imposition of such a sentence for such a cause.

Political progress results from the clash of conflicting opinions. The public assertion of an erroneous doctrine is perhaps the surest way to disclose the error and make it evident to the electorate. And it is a distinct disservice of the State to impose, for the utterance of a misguided opinion, such extreme punishment as may tend to deter, in proper cases, that full and free discussion of political issues which is a fundamental of democracy.

PUNISH FOR BELIEFS.

Stripped of its legalistic aspects, this to my mind, is a political case where a man has been punished for the statement of his beliefs. From the legal

point of view, it is a case where a man has received, during the period of unusual popular excitement following the close of the war, too severe a sentence for a crime involving no moral turpitude. One of the prevailing opinions in the Court of Appeals stated that the judge of that court recognized that "the sentence may have been too heavy for the offense." He has already served over two years in prison. This, in my judgment, fully expiates his offense. The State of New York does not ask vengeance and the ends of justice have already been amply met.

For these reasons I grant the application.
(Signed) ALFRED E. SMITH.
January 17, 1923.

First Unconditional Pardon in Five Years.

It was the first time in five years that a prisoner in Sing Sing has received an unconditional pardon. Gene Lusk, a pardoned prisoner is released subject to parole, and he does not obtain his freedom until the Board of Parole acts.

It was rumored about Sing Sing that the United States immigration authorities would rearrest Larkin immediately upon his release and deport him, but no federal representative was present when he walked through the prison gate a free man.

"I am awfully thankful," said Larkin, when the news of his pardon was conveyed to him by the warden. "I never deserved to be sent here in the first place."

Larkin entered Sing Sing on May 3, 1920. He was allowed out for three months when his case was on appeal, but when the decision of the higher court went against him he was taken back. He would have been eligible for release, with a year and a half off for good behavior, on Jan. 7, 1924.

LUSK DENOUNCED SMITH.

Senator Lusk who beat Judas to it in the matter of receiving silver for questionable services, denounced Gov. Smith for pardoning Larkin. "The governor does not know what he is taking about," declared the silverware senator in a long squawk in the New York Times. The governor knows something about public opinion at least and as a good politician he knows that the people of New York are no longer afflicted with the kind of hysteria that enabled the judicial troglodytes to send workers like Larkin to jail for long terms in 1919.

When Lusk's statement was read to Smith, he simply said, "I will leave it to the people to judge between myself and Lusk as to who is the better exponent of Democratic government. The people spoke pretty decisively on this question in the last election."

"Let Lusk run for governor and see how long it would take him to get elected. That is my answer to Lusk."

Civic Federation Condemns Larkin's Pardon.

Let them stand up and get counted! Every aggregation of political cave-men in the country from the Ku Klux Klan to the American Legion will condemn the action of the New York governor in giving anarchy a black eye. The latest to condemn it is the Civic Federation of which Mr. Gompers is an honored member.

A Lesson for Berrien County.

We wonder how will the tax payers of Berrien county take the latest evidence of returning sanity in the action of Gov. Smith? How do they like spending their money for adventures like that forced on them by Daugherty and his henchmen in the Red Raid Prosecution?

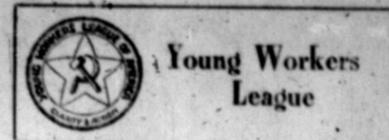
DEPORTED RADICAL COMPLAINS OF ELLIS ISLAND.

MILWAUKEE.—Mike Lolan, former Milwaukeean, deported as a radical by the government this year, declares in a letter to friends: "Arrived in my native country, Jugoslavia. My experience at Ellis Island was horrible. We scooped at Italy en route. I was thrown from one filthy jail into another, denied food even at my own expense. My final experience was to be dumped into a wilderness 25 miles from any railroad station with all my luggage, to tramp through a strange part of the country before I reached my parent's home, greatly fatigued, and hoping the brotherhood of man will soon become a reality."

MOVE FOR ANARCHY ACT REPEAL.

Repeal of the State Criminal Anarchy law is sought in a bill introduced by Senator John A. Hastings, Democrat, of Brooklyn, who arranged the recent hearing before Gov. Smith at which an application was made for a pardon for "Big Jim" Larkin.

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RE-ORGANIZE STUDY CLASS.

Re-organization of the study class conducted by the Young Workers League and the Workers Party has been completed; a greater number of students have enrolled and a more interesting program adopted. Lectures by prominent men in the movement will constitute part of the regular course.

The meeting night has been changed and hereafter the class will meet every Wednesday 8 P. M. at 2513 Hirsch Blvd.

All members of the Young Workers League, Workers Party and the Trade Union Educational League are invited.

A MENTAL BANQUET.

A banquet for knowledge is the only admission price necessary for those who want to come to the mental feast arranged by the West Side Branch of the Young Workers League.

Instead of using your mouth you will use your brain and instead of going away with a stomach full you go away with a headful of the knowledge dished out by our chef, Comrade Gene Bechtold. A lecture on the "Different Conceptions of History" will be the headliner at this banquet.

Accommodations for this feast can be secured by being at 3322 Douglas Blvd. on Friday, January 26, at 8:00 P. M.

Every one who is hungry and thirsty is invited.

UNIQUE MASQUERADE BALL.

Surprises too numerous to mention are promised by the Karl Liebknecht branch of the Young Workers League at their masquerade ball on Saturday, February 24, at Prudential Hall, North Ave. and Halsted St.

Harry Gannes, National Secretary of the Young Workers League will speak at the International Youth Movement at a mass meeting arranged by the Lawndale branch for Friday, January 26, at Sprayedmost Hall, 1825 S. Loomis Ave., 8 P. M.

This branch meets every Friday night at 2548 S. Roman Ave.

Workers' Circle Hall, 1047 W. 61st St. is the hangout of the Englewood branch of the Young Workers League. "Origin of the Family," by Engels, is the text being used by this branch in their study class.

Maplewood Branch meets every Thursday at Workers' Lyceum, 2333 Hirsch Blvd. At the next regular meeting Com. Eugene Bechtold will give a talk on the "Different Conceptions of History." Discussion follows.

On Saturday night, Jan. 26, the Maplewood Branch will give a hard time party and dance at Workers' Lyceum. A good time is assured to all that attend! A prize will be given to the best or worst looking person. Admission twenty-five cents. A. F. of L. music, Comrades, wear your ugliest face on that night. You may win a prize. Even a hatchet face comes in handy sometimes. M'Y on Kb ishllu emf emfwp emf emfwp emf

Notice to Publicity Managers.

If you want the news of your branch printed you will have to send it to the publicity manager at 2517 Fullerton Ave. Your news must reach here by Wednesday if it is going to see print. Get on the job.

(Notice to publicity manager.—If you want to get your news printed make it short and sweet like a donkey's gallop up a hill.—E.D.)

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Editorial Page

We Need the "Damned Alien."

In spite of the fact that the alien is bristling with bolshevism and is the cause of unending trouble to the snug, self-satisfied 100 per cent hypocrite who uses the flag and everything else that brings moisture to the eyes of the sentimental American in order to cover his looting, nevertheless, we must have him for the reason that our native sons are not willing to work twelve hours a day in the Gary mills for twenty cents an hour in danger of life and limb at the dirtiest and most laborious work in the country.

A few years ago so frightened were the American capitalists of Bolshevism that they passed a law limiting the immigration of aliens into the United States. This law was considered very satisfactory until American industry began to cry for the admission of more aliens who would do the dirty work at a rate of wages far below the standard of living of the American worker.

Until then it was considered treason to our glorious American institutions to favor a more liberal immigration law. Now it is becoming rather dangerous to oppose it. You will soon find that it will not take the capitalists very long to overcome such a slight obstacle. They must have their profits.

Secretary of Labor Davis is supposed to be a friend of labor. The trouble with immigrants today, he declares, is that very few of them come here expecting to work. Like Mr. Davis, most of them come here to work somebody else or live on their wits. "We are not getting pick and shovel men," he declared. What is the solution of this problem?

It is very simple. To pick from the ranks of would-be migrants those who would be willing to work in shop, mine, lumber camp, railroad or farm. The examination of persons desiring to enter the United States would be carried on at foreign ports before embarkation.

Until American born workers are taught that it is an honor to work with a pick and shovel the unskilled work must be performed by aliens, so until then we must have a rational immigration law. Now we must have a law to register the alien, keep tabs on him and see that he remains a willing slave. How long before the capitalists will revive the press gangs and go on marauding expeditions like their pirate ancestors who colonized the South with blacks from the coasts of Africa? How long will the workers sleep while the chains of slavery are drawing ever tighter around them?

Poincare an Idiot!

The British press states that President Poincare of France is a "colossal idiot." Perhaps he is, but not more so than any other servant of Imperialism who willingly sends his soldiers into battle in order to gain advantage for whatever group he serves. No doubt Britain would look with equanimity on a "civilizing expedition to India" even though such an expedition meant the slaughtering of inoffensive people who insisted on a little more freedom, but the trouble with France is that she is trying to grab the great coal producing district of the Ruhr in order to enable her to develop the ore producing districts in Lorraine, which will be useless to her after the expiration of the term under the Versailles treaty which Germany is obliged to supply her with coke with which to work her smelters unless she is assured of a continuous supply of hard coke which the Ruhr mines produce. After all it is just what any other robber nation would do under similar circumstances. England pretends to be virtuous when virtue is the best cloak to hide her perfidy. We would not be surprised, however, to see England make a deal with France allowing France a free hand in the Ruhr in return for a free hand in the Dardanelles. And yet a powerful France competing with British heavy industry is a dangerous neighbour! War is hell and as long as we have capitalism we

are going to have hell. Our soft headed, emotional, sentimental pacifists will always see something else in wars and rumors of war besides graft and profit.

Marcel Cachin.

In France a deputy is immune from arrest and prosecution. Sometimes, however, this does not mean anything. The capitalists in all countries trample on their own laws when it suits their purpose. Precedents mean nothing to them.

Mr. Cachin, Communist Deputy, and other French comrades, met with German, English, and communists of other countries to organize an effective protest against the French occupation of the industrial heart of Germany—the Ruhr district.

On returning from the meeting his comrades were arrested and thrown into prison. Owing to the fact that he was a deputy, the law was not able to touch him, but a motion was brought up in the Chamber of Deputies to lift his immunity.

After a prolonged fight, during which the house was thrown into an uproar and fists were freely used, the motion was passed by a vote of 371 to 143. The Royalist group were the most active against Cachin. It appears that the latter group are getting very prominent in French public affairs.

The French government realizes that the Communists are the only revolutionists who mean anything. The same is true in every country.

The Amsterdam International.

The Amsterdam International almost killed the French army when it issued a resolution passed by the right honorable gentlemen who rule that august body protesting against the Ruhr advance of the French imperialists. Foch is reported to have almost died laughing and as many of the general staff as read the resolution are said to be suffering from over exertion of the ribs.

In the piping times of peace the warriors who are at the head of the yellow outfit brandish their swords like Don Quixotes and threaten to lay down their lives in a most careless and reckless fashion in a gallant effort to save humanity from the Moloch of war. But when the first note is sounded on the military bugle, the erstwhile Battalion of Death beat a hasty retreat and warn their followers not to heed "attempts coming from other quarters to drag them into adventures." This no doubt referred to the clarion call issued by the Communist International warning the workers of the perils that confronted them and urging united action of the world proletariat against the capitalists.

But like our own flabby socialists the European reformists fear a united front because it means FIGHT and that is just what they do not want. How long are the workers going to follow the lackeys of capitalism who head the Second International and the Amsterdam International? And how long are the American workers going to follow Sam Gompers who considers both organizations too radical and is now joining with the president of the United States Chamber of Commerce in an effort to bring the A. F. of L. into the League of Nations.

It is a safe bet that the passing of a resolution will be the only action taken by the Amsterdam International against the French invasion of the Ruhr. Well may Foch and his general staff laugh at that kind of resistance.

John L. Lewis.

Not to be outdone by Samuel Gompers, whose chair as president of the Federation of Labor he covets, Mr. John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America denounced the Red Trade Union international and spurned the report that his union was under the influence of Moscow.

The occasion for the intellectual eruption was a communication received by his office from the Nova Scotia district of the mine workers, asking if it was permissible for the district to affiliate with the Red International of Labor Unions. Affiliation, to which was voted by that district.

Mr. Lewis advised the union to withdraw its application for affiliation with the R. I. L. U., threatening suspension in the event of refusal. He also accused the R. I. L. U. of attempting to destroy the bona fide trade union movement. Far from this being true, the fact is that the radicals are attempting to SOLIDIFY the trade union movement, which Lewis and his reactionary cohorts are endeavoring to destroy. The radicals are seeking to wrest the control of the labor movement from Lewis and his kind who are the best servants the capitalists have. Lewis, the coward who was afraid to fight the government during the coal strike of 1919, was not afraid to fight Alexander Howatt, who fought the Industrial Slave Law of Kansas and expelled Howatt for going to jail for his class. Even Samuel Gompers scorned Lewis for his cowardly conduct in 1919.

"Impatient resentment at social wrongs may prompt wild attempts for the abolition of capitalism," said Lewis. Well, that is good. We wonder what do the deserted miners of Fayette County think of Mr. Lewis and his fawning to capitalism. The miners of Fayette county, who were ignored by the officialdom of the U. M. W., nevertheless went on strike with their comrades but after the strike settlement, were left in the lurch by the Lewis machine and are now freezing and starving on the hills.

Whether the Nova Scotia miners join the R. I. L. U. or not the rank and file movement in the miners unions is going on and the sentiment against Lewis and his wrecking crew is gaining impetus. But for his election regulators he would not be elected to the office of messenger boy in the international union. The radicals will continue their efforts until the last yellow leader is thrown of the backs of the militant fighting membership of the United Mine Workers of America.

Circulation Drive Planned

The necessity for bringing the propaganda of the Workers Party in touch with the masses of the workers was never more vital than at this moment. It should be quite clear to all workers who keep their eyes open that the bosses are out to smash every vestige of protection that the American workers have built up for themselves through many years of heavy sacrifice. The unions are the only bulwarks lying between the workers and the pitiless exploitation of the masters. The latter are determined to smash the first line of defense and leave the workers at the mercy of their heavy artillery.

The letter published on page three of the Voice of Labor revealing the Open Shop campaign in all its nakedness and the fear that is spreading through the ranks of the capitalists lest the workers grasp the value of amalgamation and spike their guns, should encourage our readers to put their shoulders to the wheel and work still harder to bring about a united front on the industrial field which can be done by pushing the program of Amalgamation and supporting the Trade Union Educational League which is the fountain head of the militant activity which is driving cold shivers through the spines of the capitalists and their lackeys, the reactionary labor leaders. We can win if we only work hard enough.

We must teach the workers the value of a united front on the political field. In spite of the opposition of Gompers, the Socialist Party and the capitalist press the progressive elements in the American labor movement are rapidly lining up for a Labor Party.

The attack on the alien workers must be met and defeated. The Workers Party press is the leader in all these struggles. Our press is the spearhead of the attack. If

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BRISK DISCUSSION AT FEDERATION MEETING

(Continuation from page 1.)
A carpenter from local 181 called attention to the fact that the terms of the Landis award would come to an end soon and yet there was no unity in sight. Unless we put up a united front all the boasted power of the building trades will not amount to a pinch of snuff. Some of the brothers believe they can fight the Citizens' Committee in court but they forget that the Citizens' Committee controls the courts. They will learn through experience. Amalgamation and real solidarity will enable us to smash the bosses and the open shop drive. The speaker concluded by urging the delegates to fight any candidate for official position in the unions who is opposed to amalgamation. Applause greeted this statement.

Quite a storm was created when a delegate from the Typos, threw a serious hand grenade at Major Berry, Faker Extraordinary of the Printing Pressmen and Assistant's Union. The same delegate took a whiplash at Matthew Well, the Crown Prince of the A. F. of L. Imperial Dynasty, who is International President of the Photo Engravers' Union.

A delegate from the pressmen offered a half-hearted alibi for Berry, but there was none so humble as to do honor to the Crown Prince. The defender of the Major left a good many holes in his armor through which a blind sharpshooter could find a vital organ in the anatomy of the besieged. It is true that the Major was not perfect and that trouble. It appears that painters, plumbers, hod-carriers, bricklayers, printers, compositors and pretzel varnishers at some time or other doublecrossed each other and the disorganized workers were like children quarrelling over the past.

A steamfitters' delegate thought he had a bright idea and jumped up and asked if amalgamation meant putting the carpenters in with the bricklayers. This was a terrible outlook though they work with each other every day. Another delegate whispered in his ear and said the solution for all our troubles was "faith." A Billy Sunday solution.

McVey of the Lathers injected a lot of pep into the discussion. It is about time that we of the rank and file gave the officials to understand that they are our servants and not our masters. The lathers refused to accept the Landis' award and they made more money last year than ever before. The officials have put the workers to sleep. This reminded him of a story. It appears that a long winded orator had a soothing effect on the nerves of a member of his audience who occupied a front seat with the result that he dozed off to sleep. This aggravated the speaker and after gazing at the sleeper for some time he called to a friend whom he recognized sitting right next to the slumbering worker. "Pat," said he, "will you kindly wake up that gentleman sitting next to you?" "Indeed, I will not," said Pat, "you put him to sleep yourself, now it is up to you to wake him up." Our officials declared McVey have put the rank and file to sleep but they will not wake them up. It is up to us to do that.

Edward Nockels, Sec. of the Federation, appealed for the Fayette County miners. There were three representatives from the mining region where the workers are still on strike present and two of them addressed the delegates. A collection of over fifty dollars was taken up and handed to one of the miners.

One of them, a colored brother, speaking of the women of the mines, said "The women is real good union men." The delegates were urged to give the representatives of the Fayette County miners every possible assistance.

Anton Johansen was appointed organizer for the Chicago Federation on a full time basis. The Executive Committee reported that a committee was to be appointed to carry out the resolution of the Farmer Labor Party convention with a view to bring about united action in election campaigns by the various workingclass political groups in the city.

must be supported. Its influence must be widened. Its circulation must be increased. The Voice of Labor management is planning a great circulation campaign throughout District Eight of the Workers Party. Details of the plan will be announced in the next issue. In order to make the Voice of Labor more attractive in form and give us more space for news beginning with the next issue it will appear as a six page paper with cartoons, special features and other attractions. This will enable us to carry fifty per cent more news matter than formerly. Look out for the next issue and get ready for the circulation drive.

Current Comment

The Chicago Daily News wonders how many owners, depositors in savings banks and investors in liberty bonds the pro-soviet and pro-communist Workers Party of America will attract? Yes, and how many steel kings, coal kings, railroad barons, etc., will fall under its banner?

AMALGAMATED FOOD WORKERS HEAR FOSTER.

By D. EARLY.
Wm. Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, addressed the Hotel Branch of the Amalgamated Food Workers on Jan. 17, on the subject, "Amalgamation in the American Labor Movement."

In plain language, understandable by the worker, the speaker traced the development of the large industries, using as a specific illustration the building of the great railroad system from the small beginnings of short lines from one town to another, to the final welding them together into the great combination of today controlled by a few large New York Banks, under the control of a half dozen men.

From this point the speaker returned to the beginning of the labor unions, built as they are, on the same principle as the industry itself, although following far behind. Starting with the small isolated groups and finally by gradual development and federation, from local unions to system, federations and then to the three divisions for the entire country.

Showing how the workers were continually defeated by the cunning of the employing class being able to play one group against the other, and how the leadership became corrupted, leaving the mass of the workers in time of struggle at the mercy of the employer. And finally showing the mistakes of the militant workers in the forming and carrying on of dual union activity, which again divided the workers.

He closed by showing the growth of the idea of amalgamation among the rank and file workers.

The hall was well filled, all the Chicago branches were represented. Many interesting questions were asked and fine discussion followed.

The meeting closed with a few remarks from the chairman, pointing out the policy of our organization in its spring campaign. He stated it was not our purpose to go out to grab members from other organizations, but rather to organize the unorganized, and lead the way for the amalgamation of all unions in the food industry into one industrial union under progressive leadership.

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A very important meeting of the Arrangements Committee for the March 3rd Ball will be held January 24th (Wed.) at 8 P. M. at the Y. W. L. national office, 2517 W. Fuller-on St.

RUBBER SLAVES PREPARING FOR VICTORY.

(Continuation from page 1.)
period between June 1920 and June 1921 110,000 workers had been discharged. There you have a new policy.

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This policy has two disastrous consequences for the workers.

It does not permit of that growth of solidarity, which comes from years of association in the work. They are constantly thrown against new men—whom they must suspect because there are 1 or 2 spies in every department.

And then it creates a particular supply of labor for the rubber industry. These discharged workers are floating into the nearby industrial centres—unskilled workers, never securely anchored in their new jobs.

AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION

"I am getting disgusted with the world," said Michael Murphy, as he put away his dinner pail and opened the morning paper to find out what was taking place in the world around him.

"What's the matter now," inquired Nellie, his better half, as she sat about placing a tempting dish of boiled lamb, potatoes, brussel sprouts and other delicacies before the husky figure of her husband.

"The matter is this," replied Murphy as he washed his hands at the sink, "I voted for Harding at the last election thinking he was a better man than that crazy maniac Wilson who tried to get us into the League of Nations after getting a whole lot of our boys killed over in France. Now I find that Harding with Sam Gompers, whose salary I am helping to pay being a union man, are GETTING us into this confounded thing under another name. What will become of the advice left us by the Father or our glorious country, George Washington to keep out of foreign entanglements, etc."

Mike becomes patriotic and Nellie eyes him suspiciously.

"Bad look to that bootlegger," she said. "Every time you meet him you get crazy over some thing or other. Don't talk yourself and George Washington so seriously. Look at the bright side of things once in a while. Why, the two of us have not been even to the movies for the last two months. This will never do."

"Reprob, you are right, Nellie. We must have some fun once in a while. I tell you what we ought to do. A fellow by the name of Kjar—a Swede, but he is all-right—asked me to come to a Red Revel they are having on March 3rd in West End Club Hall, 37 So. Ashland Blvd., corner Monroe St. He said they were going to have a great time and something would happen about twelve o'clock that we can't miss. Let us go there."

"I am with you," said Nellie. "Now, go ahead and eat your chow and forget about George Washington and Harding."

I. W. W. DEAD IN MORMON CAPITAL.
SALT LAKE CITY.—While in Chicago I was under the impression that this was a hotbed of 'bobbies. On the contrary the organization is completely run down and this so-called Wobly stronghold is so badly off that it is obliged to give up its headquarters this week.

LA FOLLETTE AND COMPANY.
Thomas J. O'Flaherty, editor of the Voice of Labor, will speak on the above subject on Sunday, Jan. 28, 3 P. M., at the Noble Labor, and its on-going Annex, 3263 Sheffield Ave. to deal more labor. Small charge of ten cents to cover expenses.

NEXT WEEK.
The following articles were unavoidably held over until next week owing to pressure on our space:

Work in the Unions, by William F. Dunne; Gompers and the United States Chambers of Commerce, by T. J. O'Flaherty; The Murders at Mer Rouge, by Louis Engdahl, and several other interesting articles. Another story on the Open Shop will also appear in the next weeks issue.

A may need a large number of workers in addition to its force, at any time.

Either the world at large may require more wages wherewith to buy the things which the world at large produces; i. e. "ther an increase in demand for the commodity "rubber goods" or a decrease in supply of the commodity "rubber labor power."

Then A stretches out over a few hundred miles of nearby country, where there are more of its ex-slaves, then it has slaves right in its mills; ex-slaves who have still retained their knack for their particular job, that goes for skill in these works—and Rubber can come into its own again.

T. J. Conboy, Gen. Org. of the A. F. of L. is on the ground, to lay plans for an International Union of Rubber Workers.

Sam Newman, local Bus.-Ag. of the I. A. of M. is sec. of the committee of the C. L. U., which is backing the strikers.

The walk-out is over, but the anger of the workers keeps things boiling. It may take weeks, it may take months, but there will be another strike, and there will be a Union.

And another citadel of the Closed Shop, closed to humanity, closed to decency, closed to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, will have to turn its keys over to men who will insist upon collective bargaining, and who will make a better and better bargain for the workers, as they grow stronger

SEEN AND HEARD AT F. L. P. CONFERENCE.

The first speaker to take the floor at the Farmer Labor conference on the report of the nominating committee was a sympathizer with Mr. Cunnea candidate for mayor on the Socialist Party ticket, but if he sympathized with the Socialist Party he afterwards disassociated himself from any such sentiment. As a matter of fact mention of the Socialist Party created a sensation something like the hurling of an odoriferous dead cat to the floor of the conference room would produce.

Taking advantage of the failure of the Farmer Labor Party to place a full ticket in the field this delegate thought that there was a splendid opportunity to get an endorsement for Cunnea "as a lawyer who was always on the side of labor." A "friend of labor in other words."

Nicholas Dozenberg from Machinists Lodge 47, was promptly on his feet and expressed his regret that the Farmer Labor Party did not consider itself in a position to contest the mayoral election particularly as the Socialist Party which was discredited not alone nationally but internationally for its treachery to the workers had presented the labor movement of Chicago with an accomplished fact in the form of a candidate without even consulting the local labor movement, thus putting a premium on political separatism when the crying need of the hour was for unity.

Dozenberg told of the efforts of the S. P. to prevent labor from putting its own candidates in the field, and its treacherous policy at Cleveland where it betrayed the labor movement through the vote of its delegate on the resolutions committee against independent political action. He called attention to the S. P. municipal election platform saying it was no better than that of the capitalist parties.

He quoted from the report made by John Fitzpatrick to the Chicago Federation of Labor on his return from Cleveland expressing surprise that the Socialist Party could accept the "reward and punish policy of Gompers."

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Wills of the resolutions committee did not think the members of the unions were sufficiently alive to the value of a political party. Better carry on a campaign of education during the coming year than fritter away our energies in a political campaign. It could be pointed out to Brother Wills that a political campaign has tremendous educational value and that at no other period are the workers in a more receptive mood to listen to a solution of their problems than during the period of electioneering.

Edward Neckels said he sent invitations to 850 unions affiliated and unaffiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor and only forty organizations accepted and sent delegates. This was not very encouraging.

Brother Fraenkel of the machinists said his union was in favor of united political action. He declared that the Chicago Federation of Labor should assert itself and become the spearhead of labor's political expression. He suggested that a committee be appointed this afternoon to consider ways and means of uniting all working class political organizations.

Davidson of the Garment workers declared that his union until this time tabled every communication from the Farmer Labor Party. It was because this call carried the appeal for United Labor political action that the motion to send delegates was carried unanimously. Delegate Greenwood from the carpenters said that his union stood for united political action.

Much sentiment was developing in favor of the non-concurrence of the resolutions committee report. It looked as if the vote would be a rejection and that the conference would decide to place a full ticket in the field.

The conference however was serious and while the desirability of having the Chicago Labor movement contest the elections was not in dispute the technical difficulties in the way, and the action of the Socialist Party in trying to ram a candidate down the throat of organized labor rendered the situation rather complicated.

Mr. Siskin of the Jewish Daily Forward moved cautiously to test the feeling of the convention toward Cunnea. The same three delegates always applauded a reference to the S. P. candidate. Never more than that. He talked for quite a while at great velocity. He left the audience quite cold. He finished by challenging Dozenberg to prove that the S. P. platform was better than that of the Democrats and Republicans.

Delegate Buick of the machinists defended Wm. H. Johnston's stupidity. The delegate can release a flow of language and is rather pleasing to look at. His speech did not add anything to the sum total of human knowledge.

Nathan Fine, formerly of New York, after a considerable fight for the floor made a fiery speech and ended by nominating John Fitzpatrick for mayor. It was such a fine speech that even the nominee applauded. He thought Fitz would receive the support of the Workers Party and even of the Socialist Party. Did not think members of W. P. and S. P. were yet in proper psychological condition to get together. Told how Dudley Field Malone

who was nominated on the Farmer Labor Party ticket in New York did not know what the platform looked like until after he was selected as the standard bearer for governor. He made a good run because he was right on the Irish question and other questions. To do Fine justice I cannot say if the Jewish question was included among them. Applause greeted Fine's conclusion.

Ferris of the Lathers, favored a united political front.

Theodore Vind of the South Chicago Central Trades Council favors putting full ticket in the field if it is at all possible to wage a campaign. Said he was a member of the Socialist Party for over twenty years and the reason he was not with the Socialist Party now is because there is none.

The resolutions committee reported and moved to concur with resolutions calling for a united front of labor organizations in defense of foreign born workers, calling on the workers to support the World War Veterans and denouncing the American Legion as the enemy of organized labor.

A resolution requesting the conference to elect a committee of five to carry on a campaign of education among the organized workers of the city for independent political action and that the officers of the F. L. P. when calling the next convention extend an invitation to other political groups so as to create a united front of labor politically created lively discussion.

Fitzpatrick took the floor and stated that the situation was a very complicated one that it was very unhappy that the S. P. nominated Cunnea before the F. L. P. convention was held. Now union men are going to charge this act as selfishness. Suppose he went on that the Workers Party nominated as its standard bearer, William Z. Foster a fellow trade unionist and if somebody were to ask me whether I stood with a lawyer or a trade unionist what do you think my position would be? He declared the F. L. P. conferred with the W. P. and the S. P. at various times and was willing to go farther.

Buck held that the resolution was too specific. There should be a conference of other political groups to bring back recommendations to their respective organizations.

Much criticism took place of separatist conduct of working class political parties in the past, the Socialist Party coming in for the heavy end of the bat.

The substitute calling on the Chicago Federation of Labor to bring together as soon as possible the various working class political groups finally was carried unanimously. It was revealed that Morris Hillquit tried to influence the progressive caucus at Cleveland against voting for independent political action but failed. He however, absented himself from the session of the conference at which the voting on the resolution took place.

It was announced that the F. L. P. had nominated candidates for the 25th, 37th and 40th Aldermanic wards.



The Poor Fish Says:

I don't blame labor to resent being called a commodity. Honest labor has nothing to be ashamed of.

Fighting War with Words.

The only result of the recent conference of the yellow Amsterdam International, the dying 2 1/2 and the 2nd was to issue a flood of anti-war propaganda calling for a real league of nations and a revision of the treaty of Versailles. This outfit did not include the Third International or the Red Trade Union International in its call but it invited all sorts of bourgeois pacifists. Of course when France marched into the Ruhr there was nothing for these fellows to do but pass resolutions.

Special article in Herald by Boyd Fisher, who spent some weeks in Nancy, France, studying Dr. Emile Coue's clinic, says only printed text on auto-suggestion that Coue ever studied was a correspondence course on hypnotism which he obtained from Rochester, N. Y., for 20 francs. He absorbed it, developed and transmuted it and gave it out to the world again in a form that appears new, certainly with a new value.

Bonar Isaw says the billion-franc gold French deposit in England was exported to United States during the war to pay for munitions for France. Bank of France carries this billion in its monthly statement among its assets.

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Our Readers Corner.

Another Good Name Gone Wrong.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16, 1923.

Editor Voice of Labor.

Dear Sir:—
I accidentally happened to come across a copy of the Voice of Labor and was surprised to find that a paper propagating economic and political untruths, as your paper does, is allowed to be published and sold in a country like the U. S.

You speak of the exploitation of the workers in this country but you seem to forget that it is only because they haven't the desire to work that they fail to become successful and wealthy. America is a land of opportunity, a land where race, creed and color do not count.

Furthermore, your bio-phenomen sheet has often attacked the integrity and honesty of our democratically elected President, while at the same time failing to mention that some of the Communists arrested in Michigan were in the pay of the Soviet government.

I sincerely hope you will mend your ways and devote your paper to the dissemination of Americanism and patriotism instead of using it to propagate Bolshevism and Anarchism.

Sincerely yours,
—JAMES HIGGINS.

Letter from a Miner.

Monongah, West. Va.

Voice of Labor:
I am sending you \$5.00 for bundles of Voice for month of December. Balance to go to Labor Defense Council.

Work is slow here and money is scarce but there is always something when it comes to support such outfits as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other such organizations.

We are getting a dose of the Cleveland agreement here that was signed by Lewis and Co. The Consolidation Coal Company is trying to introduce a new contract by which we will lose the few things we now possess. Our sub-district officers do not do anything to help us out. Every decision handed down by our officers and coal company commissioner is a new blow to some of our members.

There is one case for example. A trackman and his helper were called out to work on Sunday. They refused and were discharged. Finally after the matter was taken up, the men were reinstated but were not compensated for lost time which is a direct violation of the agreement. Our wages are lowered two cents on each ton by clever manipulation. If our officers do not wake up we will have to go on strike to enforce the provisions of the agreement.

We had an election of officers for International, district and sub-district. Results are not known yet but I have seen men scratch out the name of Lewis and write that of Howatt in instead. I am sure the Lewis crowd will get licked. We are hoping for better officers the next term who will give us miners a little better service for our money.

"Bankruptcy of American Labor Movement" sold out. Will order some more in a few days. "Voice" is going a little better. Will send in a few subscriptions next pay day.

I was recently in the coke region and heard enough to make a stone weep. A friend told me that he went to U. M. W. relief office and they gave him provisions worth \$4.50 for a family of seven and added insult to injury by telling him to cut down eating, that the union did not have any money. I know of men with big families getting three dollars a week as relief and we are paying dues up to five dollars per month, so I would like to know who is driving those men to go back scabbing. I would like to see some of the U. M. W. officers get three dollars a week. But they must have ten dollars a day and more. We will try to have a dance here in this town, the proceeds to go to the political prisoners.

I have seen fourteen families in the coke region in Fayette County living in two barracks not fit for cattle to live in. When will our officials wake up?

A MINER.

CHERISH FOND DREAMS.

Voice of Labor:—
You have inquired if a labor union exists here in the coal region. There is a coal miners' local with a membership of 400. Some of them still dream that they may become millionaires some day; others are hard hit with religion. The Voice of Labor is alright but too radical for them. I am sending you some subscriptions and money for the sale of single copies.

Metcher, Iowa.

—JOSEPH KRUZIC.

C. I. HAILS WORKERS' RALPH CHAPLIN PARTY.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL.

Moscow, Dec. 25, 1922.

To the Convention of the Workers Party.

Dear Comrades:—

The Communist International has resolved to accept your party only as a sympathizing party. This does not, however, diminish the importance of the task before the Workers Party.

The Communist International considers the most important task of the labor movement in America to be to unite the greatest numbers of workers possible under the banner of the mass struggle against aggressive capitalism. For this reason the primary task of your party should be to close up the proletarian ranks, to unite all those elements not merely on paper, but in fact, not merely by resolutions, but by active struggle put up a resistance to capitalism and are prepared to carry the fight further. To win over the masses, to liberate them from the influence of capitalism and its loyal armor bearers like Gompers and Hillquit, are the elementary tasks which you must fulfill before all else. You must, and you will be able to fulfill these tasks only to the extent that the party enters right into the life of the masses, intervenes in every conflict between labor and capital, assists the workers in every strike, watches carefully the every day life of the masses of the workers, to the extent that your press becomes the sounding board of every day needs and every day struggles of the working class, generalizing and enlightening the struggle from the point of view of the fundamental ideas of the emancipation of the proletariat from the burden of capitalism.

It is particularly important properly to apply the tactics of the United Front. The curse and the tragedy of the proletariat lies in the fact that the bourgeoisie has at its disposal loyal servants and agents in the persons of the yellow reformists in the trade unions and the socialist parties, basing themselves on the aristocracy of labor. The curse and the tragedy of the labor movement lies in the fact that the bourgeoisie has been able to exploit the difference between the skilled and unskilled workers, and between the workers of various nationalities and races. Your young party must, at all costs, learn to unite the masses over the heads, and in spite of the yellow leaders. These leaders at the present moment desire to split the movement. This was foretold by Jack London in his "Iron Heel." For that reason your party must systematically expose this betrayal of the cause of labor by calling upon them to conduct a common struggle for the fundamental needs of the working class and to unite around these demands broader and broader masses of the workers.

The question of working in the trade unions becomes particularly important. Here you must systematically win position after position, constantly putting forward our demands for the unity of the movement.

Your struggle will be protracted, difficult and stubborn. But history will decide this struggle in our favor, if you, comrades, will conduct it energetically with all the necessary enthusiasm and unity in your own ranks.

Long live the Young Workers Party! Long live the American working class!

In the name of the Executive Committee of the C. I.

(Signed) BUCHARIN.

Rumored in Berlin that Henry Ford is financing Adolph Hitler's nationalist and anti-Semitic movement in Munich. Berlin Tageblatt has made an appeal to the American ambassador to investigate and interfere.

Brilliant Orator to Speak for Labor Defense.

Norman H. Tallentire, one of the most eloquent orators on the revolutionary platform in the United States, formerly national organizer for the Tom Mooney Defense Committee and now one of the defendants in the famous Michigan Red Raid case, will speak in Chicago on Thursday night, January 25, at 8 P. M. at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Bldg., under the auspices of the Chicago branch of the Labor Defense Council.

Tallentire was among the last batch of Communists to be released from Berrien County jail. Since then he has toured the larger cities in the East in behalf of his co-defendants and himself. In his subject, "Labor and the Red Raids," he treats of the growing interest organized labor is taking in the case and the national fight now waged by the Labor Defense Council to block Daugherty's attempt to crush the Communist movement by putting many of its leaders in jail.

Everybody who hears Tallentire once wants to hear him again. Come and enjoy a treat and bring your friends.



The printers' devil is always busy, but last week hell broke loose in the print shop. One of his principal tricks was to "mistake" Mayor Pace of Herrin, Illinois" for Ralph Chaplin. However they are both good men so I am sure they will forgive our mistake. Mayor Pace is a staunch friend of the miners. Ralph Chaplin is still in Leavenworth prison.

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START CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILITARISM AND WHITE GUARDS IN U. S.

Starting with the Liebknecht Day demonstrations all over the country, the Young Workers' League of America, in harmony with the Young Communist International, is joining in a campaign against the reign of white terror, fascism, and militarism. The specific fight in this country will be directed against the American white-guard elements such as the American Legion, American Sentinels, Ku Klux Klan and the like.

Militarism today is being fostered by the American Legion, which was financed by the capitalists and organized by army officers for the duping of returned soldiers and taking their minds off the facts confronting them—rotten working conditions, no jobs most of the time, and low wages.

The Young Workers' League on Liebknecht Day will bring to the attention of the American workers—especially the young—the numerous attempts on the part of the bosses to force the white terror upon the American workers.

Simultaneously with the campaign against militarism and the American white guard the slogan of "Teach the working class youth Marxian principles" will be put forth. The Liebknecht Day demonstrations are to be a signal for intensive campaigns for an increased membership in the Y. W. L. in order to bring as great a number of the masses of young workers in this country under the influence of the League.

Forward Not Backwards

"Our old friend Bob Minor" declares the Chicago Socialist "is now strong for a labor party—awful strong." Not so the Chicago Socialist. The latter fears that the trade unions will put a ticket in the field independent of all other parties, and then the S. P.—or what remains of it—will have to bury itself. At the present time its insistence on staying above ground after all excuses for its existence have passed away is producing an unsavory political color.

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Why You May Feel Weak.

There is no difference, except in degree, between a person poisoned with food, cocaine, morphine, whisky, or tobacco. The sudden withdrawal of the food poison may make the person feel ill for the first week or perhaps ten days. This ill feeling soon passes off, however, especially where the bowels are kept free and open by the use of the laxatives suggested and the frequent use of enemas.

Give up your bad habits, learn how to live, stop overstimulation, and you will soon be on the road to recovery of full health.

Most illness is brought about by acidosis and toxemia—the result of violation of nature's laws. Worry, overwork, eating too much, and the eating of wrong combinations of food, drugs, overstimulation by drinking, tobacco, tea, coffee, and all excesses play their part.

No Royal Road to Health.

The student of health should get it clearly in mind that there is no royal road. Discomfort on the return journey to health is unavoidable. But if you will make up your mind to endure the annoyance your persistent effort will be rewarded by health restored.

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

This is inmutably so with nature's laws. Whether your transgressions be through ignorance or not, you will still have to pay the price in labor, discomfort and perseverance to earn good health. But earnest effort to atone for past delinquencies will be richly rewarded.

What to Eat and How.

1. Do not eat starches and proteins together.
2. Do not eat two decidedly starch foods at the same meal or two decidedly protein foods at the same meal.

3. Eat starch once a day and protein once a day. This is for the average worker in office or factory.

4. Thoroughly masticate your food. Remember that digestion and assimilation is a liquefying process first of all. Chew food until it is thoroughly liquefied.

5. Do not eat when mentally disturbed, worried or feeling bad.

6. Do not eat when tired. Lie down and relax for 10 to 20 minutes before and after eating if possible.

7. Take two glasses of water immediately before and one glass immediately after each meal. Do not drink again for from four to four and a half hours after eating.

8. Never eat between meals.

9. In hot weather meat should be eaten not often than three or four times a week.

10. Replace meat with nuts. They contain the same protein as meat and are more wholesome as a food.

11. "Let not your angry passions rise." If you lose your temper or experience any great emotion you generate acid and cause enervation.

12. If you wish to make rapid progress toward health do not break any of the rules.

13. If you break rules do not complain if your improvement is slow. Do not blame others for the mistakes you bring on yourself.

14. Remember that the most perfect diet, the food or foods that are most suitable for your case, will fail to bring complete return to health if these instructions are violated in any particular.

The primary purpose of the Health School is to teach health and right living, the prevention of disease and the prolongation of life. The economic aspect will also be presented.

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A fee is charged for private consultation. Address all inquiries to Dr. P. L. Clark, 39 S. State St., Chicago.

Improved Working Conditions Secured by Teacher.

PATERSON, N. J.—A working teacher appointed to the school board by the mayor at the request of the teachers' union has been the prime mover in reforms of working conditions for the teachers in the Paterson public schools. The former secret reports by principals on the efficiency of teachers must now be made out in triplicate, one for the superintendent, one for the principal and one for the teacher. The board is beginning to hear, almost for the first time, the teacher's side of wages and working rules, according to Frank J. Plattler of Local 93, American Federation of Teachers.

SMASHING UNIONS.

The bosses are not content to issue manifestos telling of the progress Americanism is making in curbing the insatiable greed of the worker who insists on asking for enough to keep the life in his body. While Compers is depending on the "friends" he claims to have elected during the last political campaign to get a little crust of bread from the plutocrats' table for the wage slaves who still have faith in him, the employers are going ahead building fake labor organizations controlled by themselves in order that no union rules will stand in the way of the exploitation of their employees. The following article is illuminating:

A labor corporation, said to be the first organization of its kind, is now being operated in the locomotive shops of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railway at Beech Grove, Ind., according to an article which appeared in the Railway Review.

The organization, formed by a group of former labor union members and incorporated, not for profit, under the name of the Associated Employees of Beech Grove, Inc., is unique among labor organizations in the United States in that it makes the unit of output instead of the unit of time the basis for compensation.

Instead of limiting the day's output per man, the primary idea of the new organization is to increase the daily output of individuals and thus increase their earning power.

According to the railway paper, operation of the new plan has increased shop production about 25 per cent in three months, using a smaller working force, the same equipment, and the same advisory staff, while wages of employers have been increased above the scale authorized by the railroad labor board and production costs have been reduced.

Work Under Subcontracts

Under the new plan operations are carried on as far as possible under individual subcontracts, constituting a system of group bargaining, the unit of output instead of the unit of time being the basis of compensation. The unit schedules for various kinds of work are subject to mutual agreement between the employers and the employees.

The new plan was adopted after a long series of labor disputes at the shops which finally resulted in the shop work being contracted out by the railroads. Instead of the 186 regulations formulated by the railroad labor board governing shopcraft work, the corporation has substituted twelve rules.

"Labor—Help Save Your Country."

The above is the leading headline in the first of a series of advertisements issued through the Boston Transcript and published as paid ads in several American dailies. The one which came into possession of the Voice of Labor, takes up half a page in the Boston Herald. Who is coming across with the boodle?

The advertisement states that many honest Americans are being fooled by the clever Communists. Ha! Ha! Stop! Look! Listen! The Communists are growing in numbers and old Machiavelli himself had nothing on them when it comes to playing politics. Why, it is enough to make a dog beat his father to think of the number and character of the organizations that are under their control and guidance.

Their principal organization—the most aggressive and loyal—is the Conference for Progressive Political Action. This organization showed its loyalty by refusing the Communists a seat as delegates at the Cleveland conference. But — this may be a bluff to fool honest-to-goodness Americans. It has three millions of loyal voters under its influence. This looks good.

The following organizations are dancing the Communist tune according to the Transcript:

The Big Four Railroad Brotherhoods, The Railroad Shop-Crafts, The United Mine Workers, The Non-Partisan League, The Farmers' National Council, The Farm Labor Party, The International Association of Machinists, Women's Trade Union League. Even the I. W. W. is included!

Yellows Impartial.

The Socialists have kicked up an awful shindy over the Dictatorship of the Workers in Russia. They were joined in their hymn of hate by the anarchists and capitalists. To do them justice we must admit that they are almost as angry over the undemocratic action of the Italian Fascisti in seizing power in Italy and murdering all the workers who opposed them and burning their institutions. Which will you have workers? A Workers' Dictatorship or a Capitalist Dictatorship.

Judge Gary of United States Steel Corporation says we are now short of labor. If we adopted an eight hour steel day, he says, it would mean much higher prices for steel which would be bad for the steel business and the country.

PRES. HARDING GLOSSES OVER CHILD LABOR.

Statement by Young Workers' League.

Wholesale misrepresentations of the extent of child labor are being made in the capitalist press since Pres. Harding in his recent message to Congress hinted at the evils of child employment.

Special articles in some of the daily capitalist papers discussing the question of child labor try to point out that child labor is decreasing in the United States, when as a matter of fact it is increasing. The basis for the contention that the number of child workers grows less is the last official U. S. census which reported 1,060,000 child workers in 1910 as against 1,900,000 in 1919, and 1,750,000 in 1920. However, it is not pointed out that:

The 1920 count was made in January when farming is at a standstill, whereas the 1910 census was made in April, when agricultural work begins in most parts of the country; and because of this practically no count was made of the number of children employed on farms (which comprise 75 per cent of the total number of child workers).

Every document issued by the U. S. Department of Labor on the question of child labor emphatically points out that the number of children employed in "gainful occupations increased (especially in industry) during the war.

The census does not take count of the children under 10 years of age, "gainfully employed," of which there are thousands in the United States, some working under the most slavish conditions.

No mention is made of the thousands of children in almost every part of the country who work during the summer vacations. Also, the census ignores the vast number of child workers, employed the greater part of the year, but who, because they attend school for a month or two, are not counted as workers.

Reliable authorities estimate the number of child workers in the United States at this time at 2,500,000, a number larger in proportion to the population than any other so-called civilized country in the world.

The Young Workers' League of America, the only working class organization in the United States, organized on a national scale, has set itself the special task of organizing as many of the young workers as possible to put up a militant fight against the encroachment of capital inasmuch as the adult workers are being hard hit and are taken up with their own struggles.

Chinaman Cleans up Shipping Bosses.

The "heathen Chinese," long the butt of the witticism of other lands, showed the greatest example of working-class solidarity yet seen outside of Russia.

The Chinese seamen struck in Hongkong—a port under the benevolent protection of the British Empire. Starting over the kicking of a Chinese steward by an English officer, it soon developed into a struggle for higher wages.

Every port was tied up, and when the British government of Hongkong declared the Seamen's Union an illegal organization the shore workers went out in sympathy with the seamen. In Hongkong there was a mass strike that left the white residents helpless—Chinese electricians, molders, patternmakers, boiler-makers, street car men, harbor and shipyard workers by simply ceasing work brought the government to its knees.

Making the Bosses Pay!

The demands of the seamen—30 per cent increase for workers getting over \$6 per month and 40 per cent for those receiving less—were conceded; and now, you free-born Christian wage-earners, whose right to strike is taken away by injunctions, listen to this:

The Chinese seamen demanded and received half-pay for the time they lost during the strike before they would return to work.

The simple-minded Chinese workers blamed the bosses for all the trouble, and concluded that they should pay. They made them pay.

Civilization has its disadvantages.—The "Worker," Sydney, Australia.

Borah Playing Wise Game.

Washington special to Herald says while Borah's withdrawal of his resolution came as a thunderbolt it is generally conceded that he retains his strategic position. He is not downed. He stands with the administration committed to calling of an economic conference as speedily as agreements can be arrived at. He has accomplished in the main what he set out to do.

Chicago Railworkers Plan Unity

The second meeting of the Chicago Committee for Amalgamation was held on Friday, Jan. 19th, 1923, at Machinists' Hall, So. Ashland Ave., Chicago. The large number of delegates present, represented several contract lodges of the machinists', and practically all the railroad crafts, including the "White Collar" slave—the Clerks, from the many railroads in Chicago.

Without exception, all delegates reported their membership in favor of amalgamation, particularly the railroad men. To the latter amalgamation is the only hope out of the present deplorable situation, and to prevent repetition of such a "7 striking and 9 scabbing" spectacle like the last RR strike. Amalgamation is the air for the railroaders, and they are in to make practical steps to bring it about.

Johnstone & Co. busy.

Announcement was made, that W. H. Johnstone of the Machinists, has directed District 8, the owners of the Machinists' Hall on So. Ashland Ave., not to allow the Chicago Committee for Amalgamation, to meet there branding them as dual unionists, as something that is not to the best interests of the Machinist organization. Said matter has been referred to the District Board for a decision. It is interesting to note, that it was because of this element, now back of the amalgamation movement, that this same Johnstone, masquerading as a progressive, was elected International President of the machinists, some 10 or more years ago, and it was this element that fought bitterly the reactionary opposition, in favor of acquiring the property of the now well known Machinists' Hall in the machinist organization. Johnstone and Co. oppose amalgamation because of their selfish material interests. They are afraid of the same fate experienced by Grable and Co., of the Maintenance of Way Employees at Detroit, last summer. It would be the

irony of fate, if district 8 would bar from meeting at the Machinists' Hall the very element that fought for it. But what if they do? That is not going to stop the amalgamation movement. It will make the fight so much hotter for these Johnstones, etc.

Committees Elected.

Action was taken that secretary sends out letters to all the railroad unions of the city on the matter of amalgamation. All Grand Lodges of the different unions are to be communicated with, asking them what are THEY going to do, to help bring amalgamation about, or nothing at all. The time was thought ripe at least to learn what these grand lodges intend to do; whether the membership will have to act with or without their "grandies."

A visiting committee was selected, to visit local unions and to give personal information about the movement and thus help clarify the issue. All unions interested in the amalgamation are invited to send delegates to the Chicago Committee.

The "Amalgamation Advocate."

It is pointed out, that all friends and militants should agitate to have their local unions and individual subscribe for the "Amalgamation Advocate," the official organ of the Nat. Com. for Amalgamation. Presently it is one of the best mediums through which to disseminate the news and principles of amalgamation. 60c a year, 2c a copy in bundle of 10 or more. Address: 411 Dakota Building St. Paul, Minn.

It is a treat to anyone to be present at a meeting where the clerks, telegraphers, boil-makers, carmen, machinist and others, plead one cause—AMALGAMATION; not because they just feel that way, but because that is the next inevitable step for organized labor in this country, and they shall succeed!

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INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS.
All Workers Party members belonging to the Int. Ladies Garment Workers' Union are requested to come to a special meeting Friday evening, Jan. 26, 1923, at 7:30 P. M. at Socialist Institute, 2642 Le Moyne St. Very important business will be transacted.

CHICAGO W. P. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.
Report and discussion of National Convention of Workers' Party—the future of the Labor Party—the work of the Labor Defense Council and the Michigan case.
Jan. 29 (Monday, 8 P. M.) South Side Branches at Liberty Hall, So. West Cor. 30th St. and S. Union Ave.
Jan. 30 (Tuesday, 8 P. M.) North and North West Branches at Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.
Jan. 31 (Wednesday, 8 P. M.) South West Branches (Douglas Park and Cicero) at Liberty Club Hall, 3420 W. Roosevelt Road.
All Pullman Branches (Monday, Jan. 29, 8 P. M.) at Stramills Hall, 158 E. 107th St.

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Soviet Russia Meets To Traitors

The British Columbia Federationist commenting on the execution of the Rand miners by the South African Dominion government and of the Irish rebels by the Free State government without any protest from the British government—the same government that withdrew its ambassador from Greece shot—compares the action of these murderous capitalist governments with the clemency shown to the Social Revolutionary assassins by the Soviet government.

"How different this all seems when compared with the actions of the Soviet government of Russia in pardoning unconditionally on November 7 last, all the 26 members of the executive committee of the Social Revolutionary party, tried and found guilty of treason and assassination of Soviet officials. The evidence against these men was overwhelming; one hundred pounds of letters and other documents proved them guilty beyond any shadow of doubt; they were in the pay of imperial nations, in whose interests they worked; Uritsky and Volodarsky were murdered with their connivance and on their instructions. Lenin carried two of their bullets in his chest for four years, and yet these "depraved communists," lacking in all common decency, have seen fit to pardon these men and women unconditionally. Who said comparisons were odious."

A Mystery to be Solved!
Who Sent Us The \$1.00?
On Jan. 12, 1923, we received \$1.00 without name or address. The post mark is Evanston, Ill. Will owner tell us what it is for?

Where to Go.
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Second and Fourth Sunday—North Side Forum in Viking Annex, 8233 Ave. time 3 P. M.
Jan. 27th, Wednesday—Ukrain Workers' Club. Dance at 1040 Ave.
Jan. 27th—Vecherinka.
Jan. 28th—A Hard Time party and dance given by the V. W. L. Maplewood Branch at 2728 Hirsch Blvd.
January 29—Monday, 8 P. M. Membership meeting of Workers Party, So. Side Branch at Liberty Hall, So. West Cor. 30th St. and S. Union Ave.
January 30—Tuesday, 8 P. M. Workers Party membership meeting, North and Northwest Side report and discussion of the National convention at Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.
January 31—Wednesday, So. W. Side Branch, at Liberty Club Hall, 3420 W. Roosevelt Road.
Feb. 17—Concert and Ball given by Prebait Singing Society at Labor Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.
Feb. 25th, Sunday—Dance Party and Dance by United Socialists Sunday Schools, 3 P. M., Emerson Hall, 1628 N. Halsted Street.
March 3—Red Revel Surprise Masquerade Ball in West End Club Hall, 31 So. Ashland Blvd., Cor. Monroe St.
Apr. 15th—Entertainment and Ball (Sunday afternoon and evening), benefit "Voice of Labor."

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