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ARKANSAS' CHALLENGE TO LAB

Three Herrin' Miners to Be Tried Again

MAKING, Ill.—Changing its schedule, the prosecution in the Herrin strip mine riot cases has decided to postpone the Shoemaker murder case in favor of the Molkovich case which involves three of the defendants acquitted of the Hoffman killing which came to a close Jan. 19.

Would Regulate the Stool Pigeon Business

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Free speech for Arizona and the regulation of private detective agencies at a time when its neighbor state and many others are hysterically enforcing their criminal syndicalism laws is urged by Gov. George W. P. Hunt in his message to the state legislature. The lawmakers are urged to enact laws to give the people access to auditoriums in our public buildings for political and social gatherings. Meetings on street corners, in the parks and vacant lots would also be permitted by the governor.

Civilizing the Hindoos

British airmen are having a lot of fun in India. The British are famous for their sportmanship. During the war of course they needed all the sportmanship they could muster, because they were confronted with an opponent fully capable of meeting them on equal terms. Now however they are having a glorious time in India. They fly low over the villages and bomb and machine gun the defenseless people. "Many killed and wounded" is the report. "We suffered no casualties." Of course not. But it will not be always so. The British ruling class will pay some time.

The Blindness of Justice

That the law is not partial to labor is again demonstrated by a recent decision in Massachusetts which decided that employers have the right to insist that their employees shall not belong to a labor union.

ERS DESERTED

Off Strike, Miners Join Lewis Gang

How reveals a condition in the labor in the United States are making terms with the enemy down the offensive of the capitalists or supplies on the industrial battle-

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THE WORKERS MUST FIGHT OR SURRENDER

Will the Murder of Gregor Sound the Death Knell of the Budding Fascisti Terror in America?

Since Frank Little was taken out of his bed at night and hung to a railroad trestle in Butte, Mont., no more coldblooded murder has been committed than that of C. R. Gregor, railroad shop strike leader at Harrison, Ark., who was taken away from his home and family, dragged through the streets to a railroad bridge, where a rope was tied around his neck and with his cowardly murderers looking on and jeering, he was suspended from that bridge until he was dead.

This mob of respectable bourgeois henchmen of capitalism knew they were not in Herrin, Ill., when with rope in hand they looked around for victims to satisfy their thirst for blood. How the capitalists, who fumed with rage because the Herrin miners did not swing from a gallows, must have gloated even the victims in Arkansas! No outcry from the exponents of "Law and Order" now for punishment of the culprits.

Local labor leaders charge that the mob was organized by the railroad officials. This would not be surprising. The same railroad refused to abide by a wage decision of its own Rail Labor Board until it got that Board to reverse its decision. Its accusations that the striking railroad workers burned bridges and committed outrages against railroad property is nothing but propaganda to justify murder.

It has been proven that the burning of the bridges was caused by defective fireboxes in the broken down engines of the road. This alleged burning was the signal for murder and deportation of strikers and the opening of a long hatched campaign for the open shop.

What is labor going to do? What will Gompers do? The latter is too busy plotting with the United States Chamber of Commerce to bring labor and capital into the League of Nations, while capitalists and their gunmen and hangmen are murdering FIGHTING union men, not lickspittles like Gompers. He may now call on his "friends" to pass a resolution denouncing this "violation of law." But Gregor is dead and resolutions will not bring him back to life. The situation demands action. What action should labor take to bring home to the fiends at Harrison the lesson that they cannot shed the blood of union men with impunity?

The federated railroad shop crafts are prepared to raise \$3,000,000 to prosecute and "discover" the "Vigilance Committee." They need not spend much money trying to discover them. Here they are, according to the SOUTHWEST AMERICAN of January 21, of Fort Smith, Ark.:

- W. L. Snapp, Chairman of the "Citizens' Committee."
- Official List of Local Chairmen and Secretaries:
- HARRISON—W. L. Snapp, chairman, general; Dr. Troy Coffman, secretary, general.
- LESLIE—W. W. Fendley, chairman; N. G. Sawyer, secretary.
- MARSHALL—R. W. Wood, chairman; J. T. Ferguson, secretary.
- ST. JOE—W. L. Hones, chairman; E. M. Baker, secretary.
- EVERTON—K. Killebrew, chairman; F. N. Jones, secretary.
- ALPENA—J. A. Centers, chairman; Dr. W. J. Watkins, secretary.
- GREEN FOREST—A. L. Kinney, chairman; W. G. Coxie, secretary.
- BERRYVILLE—Tom Morris, chairman; Oscar Johnson, secretary.
- BUREKA SPRINGS—C. E. Sweeney, chairman; Floyd Walker, secretary.
- WESTERN GROVE—C. E. Shinn, chairman; Horace Magness, secretary.
- JASPER—J. W. Moore, chairman; A. B. Arbaugh, secretary.

Organized labor should now put Arkansas on its black list until the bloody savages who murdered an unoffending citizen pay the penalty of their crime. This hanging in Harrison is a sinister echo of the killings of the Fascisti in Italy.

If labor in America does not now take prompt action to punish the anti-labor conspirators in Arkansas by bringing the power of the strike and the boycott to bear on that state until the murderers of Gregor are made to curse the day they plotted the night of labor's arm, then labor will dearly pay for its apathy.

Communists Win Moscow Elections

Social Revolutionary Critic Makes Little Impression

MOSCOW, Dec. 11.—Election week is just over in Moscow. Results so far announced are 1,325 deputies elected to the city council of whom 1,241 are communists and the rest non-partisans. A few more factories are still to be heard from, but the results are evidently the most clean sweep which the Communists have yet experienced.

I visited some of these elections. All through the week there were processions going through the streets, with flags of organizations flying before them, as they were on their way to the voting does not take place all on one day, as in America, but in accordance with the convenience of the particular group of workers voting.

Here, for instance, is the Amo Auto Factory with close to a thousand workers. It is entitled to two representatives on the Moscow City Council, one for each five hundred workers. On a certain day, the factory closes down an hour and a half early and the workers proceed to the assembly hall of the factory. No worker is forced to vote on his own time; he votes on the time of his employer, unless he chooses to prolong the election meeting to greater lengths by long discussion.

A communist arises at the meeting and gives a thirty minutes speech about the reasons for maintaining the party in power. Then, at the Amo meeting, three other speakers presented their case. A noted Social Revolutionary made a fiery speech denouncing the government. He made big promises, but succeeded to small. The communism five years ago even your raising of Social Re At this er rose to said, "this comrade is and

URGES SHOPMEN TO TEST LAW

Civil Liberties Union Offers Aid to Fight Injunction

An effort to test the rights of a federal judge to punish persons for violations of an injunction committed outside the judge's district was started recently by the American Civil Liberties Union in addressing a communication to William H. Johnston, President of the International Association of Machinists and Bert M. Jewell of the Railway Employees' Department of the A. F. of L., urging them to "arrange some act of defiance of Judge Wilkerson's injunction secured in Chicago last August at the instance of Attorney General Daugherty in such a way that the federal authorities will be compelled to make an arrest."

The officers of the Union contend after the strike is over without the injunction will be finally dissolved main question ever having been decided. Our attorney advises us that we may "wake up some day to discover that, in accordance with the law a United States district judge in Maine can punish a benevolent lady in Philadelphia for contributing to the relief of a striker in Arizona."

The officers of the Civil Liberties Union state that they are willing themselves to be brought before Judge Wilkerson on charges of contempt if that is the consequence of their advising a violation of the injunction. The letter to the union officials offers the services of the American Civil Liberties Union and its attorneys in bringing a test case in the court.

one of the workers that I was a bonus side guest, who was not intending to vote. (Continued on page 5, col. 5.)

WALSH TRY TO FORK TRUTH FROM FIN.

Counsel for Communists in Center Proceeding Against Burns Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—Counsel for the 21 communists seized in Bridgeman, Michigan Raid last August will go to court tomorrow to plead for the right to compel Robt. M. Whitney, chief representative of the American Defense Society, to tell him what he knows about the raid or undergo contempt of court proceedings.

This decision by Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the Communist Party, in whose number is included Wm. Z. Foster, was read by Whitney refused to answer all questions put to him—evaded questions as to who among the members of the American Defense Society were responsible for his being employed as the Washington representative. The Society is avowedly anti-communist.

Burns may be questioned. If the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia decide that Whitney must answer all questions put to him by Walsh, not only will he be compelled to answer, but it is now held possible that Wm. J. Burns, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, and G. E. Harris, General Agent of the Department of Justice—both of whom declined to answer pertinent questions—may also find themselves subject to contempt proceedings if they further decline to answer.

The answers sought pertain to questions. Did the Department of Justice inspire the meeting at Bridgeman, on August 22, 1922; prepare some of the seized documents and direct the raids? This action follows an attempt made to secure a deposition from Burns, who refused to answer questions propounded by Walsh. Burns asserted he was following instructions from Attorney General Daugherty in refusing to testify.

Before Whitney was asked, under oath to make his deposition late today, Mildred Morris, a newspaper reporter testified that Whitney told her to have participated in the Bridgeman meeting.

Walsh's purpose is to show that much evidence and some papers in the case were fabricated; that the purpose was to entrap the defendants and that private funds entered into the prosecution.

Illinois Legislature Votes Herrin Prosecution Fund

Miner's Union Official Puts Up Lone Fight

The need of a political party of labor was clearly demonstrated on January 24 in the Illinois State legislature when an amendment by Senator Sneed, an official of the United Mine Workers of America to the \$75,000 appropriation bill Attorney General Brundage asked to continue the prosecutions at Marion, which would have refused this sum until the Attorney General had first indicted and brought to trial the men responsible for the killing of three union miners was defeated by a vote of 38 to 1, Sneed alone voting for his amendment.

Not one of the representatives of the two capitalist parties of whom are supposed to be "friends of labor" voted for equal treatment for union miner and coal operator from the Attorney General of the State of Illinois. And yet the representatives of the United Mine Workers who voted time and time again for independent political action betrayed their members at Cleveland and voted for the non-partisan policy which left them helpless and impotent in the lawmaking body of the state. Do they want to continue this policy? Senator Sneed stated: "No part of this fund (\$75,000) shall be used for the prosecution of the union coal miners involved in the so-called Herrin disaster until after the attorney general has had indicted and brought to trial the perpetrators and perpetrators of the original killing of the union coal miners, and the attorney general is hereby directed to first secure the indictment and prosecution of the gunmen and those responsible for their importation into Williamson county who first slew union coal miners."

The attorney general shall submit to the general assembly within thirty days after passage of this act a report of all expenditures by him in the employment of special investigators and state whether any of such investigators have been members of the invading army of Williamson county.

"The attorney general is directed to report to the assembly under what authority he solicited, secured, and received contributions from private sources." "I would not stand in the way of the execution of the law," he said. "We have the right to say to the attorney general that an individual shall not be given preference in the execution of the law." "No one objects to the passage of this bill, but we believe justice law must be enforced equitably. I know that W. J. Lester has gone to Illinois unindicted. Is he, the responsible, to go unscathed and punished? Why did not Brundage diet Lester as well as those who are asking why not justice to coal operators like Lester." Senator Sneed told of acts Lester guards in terrorizing the ty. This he said, was to ten governor to send militia "for the purpose of making a million dollars a nonresident of Illinois." "The attorney general let members escape. Mr. Sneed let them even escape. Union men bill here would be direct investigation of the American man. The question is what devote funds to that county? I know that county is a cesspool. We want to settle the kill in the sack. Why did general protect invader of the right of private citizens of William

A MILLION PROGRAMS FOR A MILLION WORKERS DAY'S PAY CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL SWING

The Party Has Now A Communist Program

The program adopted by the Second Convention is one of which every member can be proud. It is not only a clear cut Communist program but the ideas are presented in a style which makes it an excellent propaganda document.

The National Office has printed it in a style which adds to its attractiveness by illustrating the principles expressed in the program with cartoons.

Our next task is to get this program into the hands of the Working masses of this country. So long as it remains merely "out" program, it cannot have a great meaning. It must become a program with which every worker in this country is familiar.

The National Office has set out to distribute a Million Copies of this program during the next three months. January, February and

March have been set aside for this work.

EVERY BRANCH MUST HELP IN THIS WORK, WHETHER IT BE AN ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, LITHUANIAN, FINNISH BRANCH OR A BRANCH OF ONE OF THE OTHER LANGUAGE SECTIONS. EVERY MEMBER MUST HELP!

Every branch and every City Central Committee must organize the work of distribution. In those places where there is only one branch that branch should go ahead with the work. Where there is a City Central Committee, the City Central Committee should organize the work of distribution for the whole city.

The method should be the following: Every trade union, every benefit society, lodge or working-class organization of any character should be listed and the work of distributing the program in each case assigned

to a particular comrade. As many factories and shops as possible should be listed and the work of distributing copies of the program to the workers in these assigned to specific comrades. The same should be done in regard to every other place and organization where the workers gather.

The plan which should be adopted by every branch and City Central Committee is to make a survey of the city in which it is located and then systematically cover every place where workers can be reached with the Party program.

The work is not to be done in one day. It is to be one of the first tasks of the Party organization for the next three months. To methodically and systematically cover their territory with the Party program.

The programs are sold by the National Office at \$5.00 per thousand. In order that the printing of a Million Copies may be financed it is necessary that each Party unit raise the money to pay for the copies they need for their territory and send the cash with the order.

Comrades, the distribution of a

Million Programs means a big step forward for our Party. It will for the first time bring our Party to the attention of the working class masses and give them a clear-cut statement of our principles.

We must make a success of this campaign. We should distribute not only a million but several million Programs.

If every member of the Party pays for and distributes one hundred copies we can distribute two million programs.

Organize for this work, Comrades! Organize and let us do this job quickly and well.

Our party is growing, it is becoming a more powerful force in the American Labor movement. We must give all our strength to build it faster and stronger.

The next task—Distribute One Million Party Programs!

The National Office is ready—Send in the orders. Make them big orders and send them quick.

Fraternally yours,
(signed) C. E. Ruthenberg,
Executive Secretary.

DAY'S PAY CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL SWING

District Eight Again Leading the Van

While definite reports on the results of the Day's Pay Campaign have not yet been made from any of the Workers' Party Districts, the first information which has come in indicates that the DAY'S PAY FOR VICTORY idea and the slogans of "100 PER CENT FOR THE WORKING CLASS" and "SHOW YOUR HONOR CARD" are sweeping the organization like wildfire.

S. T. Hammersmark who is organizing for the Labor Defense Council writes that the Cleveland City Central Committee has promised to raise at least \$2,000.00. Norrman H. Tallentire, one of the defendants who is now pushing the defense work in New York, writes that branch after branch in New York City is going on record for one day's pay from each of its members and that on Jan. 10, five days before the campaign was to start, more than \$300.00 had been collected.

The South Slavic Branch of Bellaire, Ohio, writes as follows:—"The South Slavic Branch of Bellaire, Ohio, has collected the sum of \$40.00 for the purpose of liberating our comrades from prison, and furthermore we will collect some more."

(Signed) Andy Susan,
Sec'y Br. No. 30.

If the Workers Party membership has not already been sufficiently inspired by the needs of the hour or by the actions that some of the branches have taken, let them read what a United Mine Workers' Union in Nordegg, Alberta, Canada, has to say on the matter, in a letter to the Labor Defense Council:—"Enclosed herewith is a check for \$35.00 for the support of the comrades who are the victims of the Michigan Red Raid. Enclosed also are some of the names of the subscribers. When we asked for the support in our meeting and the men came so fast that some of the names were missed, but I posted a list of subscribers and asked those whose name was not down on the list and who had subscribed to give me their names, only three gave me their names, so I thought that you might need money and I am forwarding the check without any more delay. I wish to convey to all our comrades who are now fighting for justice that Nordegg is behind them and recognizes that in the fight for the emancipation of the working class they are sacrificing for us. Please convey to our comrades in prison our feeling, and tell them that as far north as we are we realize the necessity of such men as they, we wish it to be conveyed to their mothers, wives and sisters the feeling of Nordegg."

not express our appreciation. And we only wish we could double the small amount we are sending.

"Yours in the struggle,
"Dain Morgan, Sec'y."

This small amount was made up of individual donations from the members of U. M. W. of A. No. 1087. Fourteen of the men gave \$10.00 each. Twenty \$5.00 each. The balance was made up of smaller donations. Nordegg is one of the furthestmost inhabited spots in the North American continent, situated 700 miles north of the United States line. From thousands of miles away, surrounded by the great wilderness of snow, these comrades are waging their part of the American class struggle.

Fink's Mug Like International Chop Suey

MINNEAPOLIS.—Francis Morrow, now known in labor circles as a "professional identifier," was the chief witness for the state in the hearing to extradite Alexis Georgian, local bookstore owner, who is charged with participating in the alleged communist convention in Michigan last summer. Extradition papers have been signed by Governor Preus, but are being held in abeyance pending the decision on the habeas corpus hearing.

Morrow, who claims to be a member of Ship-fitters' Union No. 261 in Camden, N. J., stated he attended the Michigan convention in the dual role of delegate from Philadelphia and spy for William J. Burns. He swore that he had met Georgian at the conventions and had seen him every day while the meeting was in session.

For five years Morrow has been acting as a spy for the department of justice, he said. Small of stature with a Chaplin mustache, Morrow seems to have been fitted by nature for his chosen occupation of a spy. His features are such that he can pass for either French, Austrian or German. With ruffled hair he looks like the newspaper conception of a revolutionist, and with his hair combed he would be taken for a small salaried bookkeeper.

After his work in Minneapolis, Morrow is to be sent to Cleveland for another identification job, it is said.



RUSSIAS GROWING GENERATION

(By F. S. R. Press Service.)

Every development in recent Russian history has served to emphasize further the fact that the future of the Workers' Republic rests with the children, with the growing generation. The relentless assaults of international capital—the refusal of credits—the backwardness of the workers outside of Soviet Russia—the necessity for the New Economic Policy—can we deny that they mean delay? They signify that the consummation of our common purpose may become the task of the boys and girls of today.

However strong the human appeal of the million starving children in Russia may be, the practical appeal is at least as convincing. Russia's growing generation must be cared for. It must be taught: It must be imbued with a hatred for capitalist exploitation. It must be brought up strong. Because upon it will fall the burden of finishing the work now undertaken.

Yet by the hundreds of thousands these children wander from place to place, digging among refuse for food, without a bed, uneducated, sickly. They are the innocent victims of the natural calamity, the famine, and of the greed of international bankers. Great numbers of them die, others unless taken into Children's Homes, will grow up crippled.

The buildings to house these children are available. Teachers are available. What is needed is the cash with which to equip and to maintain these homes. Two dollars will support a boy or girl for an entire month. Will you adopt one or more by pledging the two dollars, together with an initial five dollars toward equipping the home? The same question is being put to the workers of all countries by the International Workers' Aid, of which the Friends of Soviet Russia, 201 West 13th St., New York, is the American branch. It is to America, however, which is comparatively in a better position to help, that the Russian children turn their faces.

Gompers Aids Scabby Scouts

Advertisements heralding a drive for the Boy Scouts of America, state that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, "agrees" with Harding, Hoover, Pershing, and a number of others prominent in the fight against the workers' organizations, that a nation-wide drive for the Boy Scout is desirable.

This places Gompers with the enemies of Labor who know that the Boy Scouts are a scab-training organization. The Majority of militia men are former boy scouts, as are a great percentage of students who scab during strikes.

The Boy Scouts have a long, black record of activities in this country against the workers, especially union men on strike.

The use of Gompers' name in the drive for the Boy Scouts is an attempt to give to this nation-wide young scab drive, the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor.

Besides acting as strike breakers in America, the Boy Scouts in other countries, have been used to fight against labor organizations in Europe and have been condemned by the organized workers in the various countries in which the Boy Scouts exist.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Inauguration of "shop committees," voluntarily conceded by the huge Pacific mill, which bitterly fought the textile strikers, is being closely watched by the workers.

WORKERS IN ACTION

A Real Cooperative in Waukegan

By CHARLES KRUMBEIN

Some years ago several Finnish comrades in Waukegan, Ill., organized a cooperative on a comparatively small scale. The Finnish members of the Workers Party still play a very prominent part in it. This has grown to be a real going institution as the facts below will show.

The start was made with a grocery store which since has been extended to include a meatmarket and dairy doing a business of \$200,000.00 in 1922, an increase of 40 percent over that of 1921.

The Co-Operative Trading Co., is established in its own building, covering a lot 50 by 100 feet, and owns property valued at \$100,000.00.

The grocery and meatmarket department are everything that modern stores of that kind could wish to be. The dairy department contains the most up to date machinery and was recently built at a cost of over \$30,000.00. The distributing machinery for the milk alone consists of 5 wagons, 3 auto-trucks which supplies 50 percent of the retail trade and in addition considerable of the wholesale trade such as stores, restaurants, etc. in Waukegan, North Chicago and vicinity with a total population of about 30,000. They also supply a large portion of the milk used by the Naval Training Station.

For a long time it was hard to interest the farmers to the extent of supplying milk to the cooperative but now they not only supply it but are actually members thereof and have subscribed for \$30,000.00 worth of shares. Now there are many farmers on the waiting list. The Coop. has an organizer among the farmers who calls meetings of same and lectures on the need of sanitation etc. as high test milk is demanded. The farmers are paid 60c more per can by the Coop. than that paid by privately owned dairies. In tests conducted by Waukegan high schools the milk of the Coop. tests 4 to 5 points higher than that of the privately owned dairies.

The prices charged by the Coop. never average higher than those charged by other stores. In fact and

THE MURDERS AT MER ROUGE

By LOUIS ENGDahl

Murder is an ugly thing. Bourgeois society professes to be horrified at it. The present bourgeois order is so outraged by murder that it commits murder to punish murderers. But when the capitalist state, through hanging, shooting, the electric chair, and now by the proposed "lethal chamber," commits murder, it is accepted as one of the justifiable functions of capitalist society.

The bourgeois press now professes to be very much disturbed over the fact that the Ku Klux Klan, as shown in the revolting murder trial at Mer Rouge, La., assumed some of the functions of the state. It set up laws of its own, deported its victims or subjected them to savage tortures.

It was a self-righteous Gov. Parker that hurried to Washington to present the distressing circumstances to Pres. Harding and Atty. Gen. Daugherty, who decided it was a "state matter" and that the federal government could not act. Thus the state prosecutions.

The Voice of Labor has fought the Ku Klux Klan at every opportunity. We have pointed out that, at the proper time, the Ku Kluxers, with the American Legionnaires and other jingo organizations, will become the American Fascist against workers.

BUT WE SAY THAT THE COURT ATTACK ON THE KU KLUX KLAN, AT MER ROUGE, LA., IS OF BOURGEOIS LUSCIOUS BIT HYPOCRISY.

What does Gov. Parker have to say about the brutal and white labor sugar camps of Louisiana? Nothing. Yet every uprising of these workers and drowned in its bath of blood. The states that "South," where Negroes take place same time that the "statesmen" end Negroes by lynching bill.

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By LOUIS ENGDahl

Moyer, Pettibone and Haywood were kidnapped and deported out of Colorado to Idaho, when Moyer was dragged through the streets of Hancock, Mich. by a copper-trait inspired mob, shot in the back and deported, when Foster was deported out of Colorado.

No voices were raised by the kept politicians and their press against the barbaric tortures visited upon the thousands of Communist prisoners taken in the 1920 "Red Raids," no opposition was registered against the "third degree" inquisitions imposed during the steel and coal strikes, leaving their lists of dead, or, as in the case of Paul Manko, still in a New York prison, insane.

But all these victims were of the working class, militants struggling against the established order to better the conditions of their fellows. They are legitimate prey. They have committed no social crime. But they are anti-capitalists.

The capitalist state tolerates the Ku Klux Klan because it is not anti-capital. It is in fact, pro-capital, and as it becomes more and more definitely anti-labor, capital will accept it as an ally. But it can be an ally only as it maintains its "respectability."

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Plea for Release of Politicals

NEW YORK.—Charles Nagel, "regular" Republican, and secretary of labor and commerce under President Taft, has made a stirring plea for the release of the I. W. W. political prisoners convicted in Chicago under the espionage act. In a statement to the joint amnesty committee, Mr. Nagel says he is completely convinced of the justice and wisdom of releasing these prisoners.

"It will not be denied," he says, "that whatever the right or wrong of the cases at the time, these men would probably be acquitted if tried under present conditions, and if convicted their sentences would certainly not exceed the terms already served. That in itself clearly suggests how executive discretion should now be exercised."

"I am at loss to know why we should be less magnanimous than England; why fear or revenge should hold sway here longer than there."

MINERS REJOICE.

BICKNELL, Ind.—Rejoicing over the acquittal of the first five union miner defendants in the Herrin mine riot cases, Local 884, District No. 11 (Indiana), U. M. W. A., passed resolutions of thanks to the Williamson county jury that found the miners were innocent.

Can't Be Christian!

MADISON, Wis.—You can't lead a Christian life under the present competitive economic system.

George F. Comings, lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, made this statement to a group of students of the University of Wisconsin at an open forum meeting at Wesley Foundation, a campus church.

disappears with the growing intensity of the struggle between capital and labor. It is making one of its last stands in the murder trial at Mer Rouge.

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SAMUEL GOMPERS IN UNITED FRONT

Heads of A. F. of L. and Chamber of Commerce seeks to Ring Both Groups Into League of Nation

Julius Barnes and Samuel Gompers, presidents of the American Chamber of Commerce and American Federation of Labor respectively have joined hands in order to bring about the unofficial affiliation of their organizations with the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations at Geneva, Switzerland.

It should be remembered that Albert Thomas, the capitalist-errand boy who is Secretary of the Bureau spoke in the Morrison Hotel a few weeks ago at a meeting called at the order of Samuel Gompers. The Voice of Labor said at the time that this French poodle and his American brother Gompers were endeavoring to bring the American workers under the mantle of the League of Nations.

Gompers turns his back on anything suggesting international cooperation between the workers. Even the yellow Amsterdam International is too radical for him because that organization though as false to the interests of the workers as Samuel himself still uses the phraseology of Socialism while betraying the working class to their enemies. Samuel therefore withdrew the Federation from affiliation with Amsterdam because of a threat that the workers of the world might be called to declare a general strike against war and such a move would of course be repugnant to the patriotic soul of Gompers. Clapping hands with capitalists across the Atlantic—well, that is a horse of another color. Since the day on which the notorious capitalistic plunderer the late Mark Hanna introduced the worthy Sam and John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers at a banquet of the National Civic Federation as his trusted labor lieutenants, Mr. Gompers has been an expert in the art of holding hands with representatives of the plunder-brood whether they be in America or in Europe. Did he not go into Buckingham Palace and humbly bow his corrugated countenance in the dust before the saphed monarch King George of England?

Those were the days when the workers of the world were getting butchered making the world safe for democracy. Since then Gompers has never led the workers in a fight against the enemy and he never will. It is true that he led a parade for the unlimited sale of run and that he has reviewed American Legion parades and witnessed beauty contests. That is the limit of his sacrifice for the workers. For this they pay him \$12,000 a year.

Gompers came to justify the French orgy of plunder and to secure support for his pirate crew from Washington. Perhaps the present attitude of neutrality maintained by the Washington government on the French invasion of the Ruhr is the result of his visit. Thomas came to seduce the American labor movement into the spiders' web of the League of Nations and he found in Gompers a loyal ally. Gompers and Barnes now have announced that the lion and the lamb—capital and labor—will participate in the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations provided the American labor movement does not warn Mr. Gompers that his career

of betrayal against the American workers must come to an end. Below is Gompers' statement on the matter. Note the glee with which he contemplates the decision of Barnes to participate in the work of the Labor Bureau:

"The announcement made by Mr. Barnes seems to offer the opportunity for American employers and American workers to participate in the activities of their respective groups in the International Labor Office, even though the United States does not officially become a full member of the International Labor organization.

"Mr. Barnes, I am sure, speaks with authority and some is happier than I because of his declaration. His statement makes it possible for me to bring the whole matter before the February meeting of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

"In view of the record, I feel sure that our Executive Council will welcome the opportunity to have the matter brought before its next meeting, and I am also certain that the action of the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce will be as welcome to the other members of the council as to myself.

"Perhaps there may be some who will wonder why it is necessary for employers and workers to act together on this question. The international labor organization, it should be explained, is composed of four delegates from each member nation. Two of these represent the Government, one represents the workers and one represents employers. There are thus three kinds of delegates. Where a nation is not a member—and the United States is in that category—organized workers and organized employers may participate unofficially in behalf of those whom they represent; and that, I understand, is what Mr. Barnes has in mind.

"I think such participation or collaboration will be decidedly helpful, and now that the effort has been begun it may be possible for both workers and employers of the United States to sit in the next annual meeting of the international labor organization in Geneva. This will be particularly gratifying because this is the one world organization that is actually functioning in a constructive, helpful manner.

This is more than its official trumpet Mr. Thomas claimed for it. Its only purpose is to chloroform the workers into ternal sleep and Mr. Gompers is of course willing to hold the handkerchief to labor's nose.

MERRICK ACCEPTS DEFTY OF UNION REACTIONARY

Workers Party Organizer Will Debate with Lewis Agent, Proceeds to Go to Fayette County Strikers

On January 14th at the Workers' Party Mass Meeting held in the Italian Hall, Charleroi, Penn., Nick Fontecio, International Italian organizer of the United Mine Workers accompanied by a notorious thug as a body guard, by the name of John Grecula, International Slavish organizer of the United Mine Workers, evidently acting under definite instructions of the "International" in the middle of the meeting challenged Fred H. Merrick, Organizer District 5, Workers Party of America to a public debate on the question of the Fayette County strike. Merrick immediately accepted but was unable to pin Fontecio down to any date for the debate.

The Progressive Miners in District 5 have so frightened not only the District Organization but the International machine and they are flooding the District with an army of organizers at the expense of the membership sending in men of the type of Van Bitner, Fontecio and Grecula.

The membership of the United Miners should know something about the characters of these people. Van Bitner is so unfavorably known that nothing may be said here.

Nick Fontecio who hails from Springfield, Illinois, has an unsavory record as a "renegade radical who traded his influence among the radicals for a job on the National payroll. As for John Grecula he is a man of the lowest type. Following the election in District 5, in 1920 he ap-

peared in Pittsburgh and misrepresented himself as a disgruntled and discharged International Organizer and won the confidence of Myerscough and the Progressive Miners of the District. Later he got up a committee of four who acted as trustees for the custody of 20 affidavits concerning evidence of corruption in District 5. By a legal trick he has been successful in keeping these affidavits locked up in a safe deposit box so they cannot be used at District and International Conventions.

Following the charge made by Myerscough that he was an organization spy, he attacked Myerscough unexpectedly and in a cowardly manner and by kicking him upon the knee got him upon the pavement where he kicked him again and again in the most cowardly and brutal manner.

These are the types of agents that the "International" is sending into District 5 to begin a campaign of intimidation and thuggery. However, they will not be successful. The Progressive Miners will continue to fight for their principles as before.

Merrick accepts the challenge of the "International" issued through Fontecio and will debate the question with any responsible official of the United Mine Workers of America, anywhere in the United States and pay all expenses. The proceeds to go to the Fayette County Strikers.

WORK IN THE U

By William F. Dunne

Officers of the Unions.
Article 2.

In most unions the officers are: President, or Chairman, President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Door-keeper and Inspectors or Wardens. There is also the Executive Board, which in large unions other cases determined by custom or expediency, wield power, passing upon all matters coming before the union acting for the union between meetings.

The names or official titles of the positions vary considerably throughout the trade union movement, but their functions about the same; these functions, as well as the titles, are set forth in the constitutions of the unions and this is an additional reason why a careful study of these should be made.

The president presides over the meetings of the unions and should be a good parliamentarian; the order of business is laid down in the constitution but in most unions custom has given the president much power and he usually makes and "gets away with" rulings that are wholly arbitrary. As a rule, by virtue of his office he is a member of the Executive Committee and all other important committees. In many unions, for the same reason, he, automatically, is a delegate to the Central Labor Council and the conventions of the State Federation of Labor else is elected to these positions as a matter of courtesy that is seldom challenged. The presidency is important for party members not only because of his power in the general affairs of the union but because of the specific matter of the admission of speakers, giving them the privilege of the floor, setting the amount of time at their disposal, etc., ruling on the admission and reading of communications. He has, in many unions, almost absolute power.

The Vice-President, has the same power as the president when in the chair, and as the president of large unions is a busy man, the vice-president often presides. He also is frequently a member of union committees by virtue of his office.

Important Position.

The Financial Secretary receives the dues and assessments from the members and keeps the books of the union. It is an important office not only because of the financial responsibility but because he is in constant touch with the membership. As the prompt payment of dues is one of the principal ways in which the standing of members is judged, the financial secretary is in a position to, and quite often does, pass upon the qualification of members for office. In some unions dues must be paid in advance, in others a stated period of grace is allowed for members in arrears. Generally speaking, a member who owes the union three months dues or its equivalent is disqualified from holding office.

The Financial Secretary forwards the amount due the general office of the union to the general secretary of the union at its headquarters and is always in correspondence with the head office. He is quite often entrusted with carrying out the policy of the international officers and is a connecting link with the national and district organizations of the union.

The Trustees are a sort of advising financial committee; in some unions they audit the books of the financial secretary.

Has Great Latitude.

The Recording Secretary receives answers to all communications to the union not dealing with financial matters.

ters. He is supposed to answer communications as instructed by the president, but as in the case of the president, custom has given him latitude in this respect. The action of many a union on important matters is determined by the ruling secretary without the knowledge of the membership. There is much business to transact at a meeting and the secretary by his attitude—interest or lack of it in certain communications—can either bring them before the union action or never read them at all. The latter fate is one that overhauls dozens of letters and circulars sent out by radical organizations. The recording secretary is also frequently a member of the executive board.

This is an important office for the party and it is not hard to be elected to it for the reason that it carries with it a lot of hard work for which most of the unions' members are not qualified, or do not want to undertake. This office is constantly before the membership and it is therefore a good position in which to become known. He is also in touch with other labor organizations and with headquarters and knows what is going on in his own and other unions. It is from our standpoint the most strategic position of all union offices and much good can be done even if this is the only office in which a party member is placed.

The Sergeant-at-Arms and Inspectors are minor officers but excellent for gaining organization experience. The Sergeant-at-Arms—who attends the door—is the first to interview speakers and others who wish admission to the meetings. Very often his report on the matter has considerable influence in gaining or denying admission to or for a speaker.

The Inspectors look over the cuffs of the members before the business of the union.

all present are members and in good standing. In unions where passwords are used they get the password from those present. In many unions they also act as judges of elections and count the ballots cast for or against those applying for membership.

It is important that the comrades should try to be elected to all these offices but it is more important that they also be qualified to hold and administer them. Nothing gives the movement such a black eye as the election of a known radical and the subsequent discovery that he is utterly unfit for the post and more inefficient than the reactionary he succeeded.

New York Dressmakers started to raise a strike fund of \$600,000. The first assessment of \$20 each is called for. The general executive board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will hold a general convention within five or six weeks to elect Schlesinger's successor.

PROTEST.



Drawn by ART YOUNG.

Fayette Miners Deserted.

(Continued from page 1.) International and accusing the radicals of splitting the unions when the rank and file get on his track and conspire against him. He is a political scoundrel who can do anything by carrying a gaudy labor paper in his hand. It will show you ways mat-

FOSTER APPOINTED PROFITERN EXECUTIVE

Congress Urges Unity, Orders Units Expelled from Conservative Unions to Seek Admission in Bodies

By ANISE.

MOSCOW (by delayed mail).—American labor unions, not affiliated with the A. F. of L., but represented at the congress here of the Red International of Labor Unions, were instructed to seek reunion with Gompers' organization. The Congress told them to attempt to return not as individuals but organized groups.

United Front of Labor; Stay in the Old Trade Unions; Preserve Their Unity Against the Common Enemy. These were the slogans heard most often at the sessions of the Red International.

They were not empty words. Most of the two weeks of the congress were devoted to detailed planning, country by country, of ways to avoid splitting the labor movement, now going on all over the world under the onslaughts of the employers.

JIM LARKIN TO DELIVER HIS FAREWELL MESSAGE

Will Speak in Chicago on Feb. 4th. Plans Return to Ireland

"Jim" Larkin, released from Sing Sing penitentiary, will address a farewell demonstration in the Ashland Auditorium, on Sunday evening February 4th, at 8 p. m. Peter Larkin, his brother, and John Fitzpatrick will also speak.

This will be the last occasion that Larkin will speak in this district prior to his return to Ireland. He will deal with the present situation in Ireland and map out what he thinks ought to be the new policy of those looking towards the establishment of an Irish Republic.

"Jim Larkin did more than any other Irishman of his generation to uplift the masses of the Irish nation," declared Mrs. Skeffington, speaking at the Orchestra Hall last week. It is agreed on all sides that "Jim"

Larkin is the one man who will be able to bring about unity of action forces.

Readers of the "Voice of Labor" are urged to take advantage of this opportunity of hearing a speaker whose work in the world movement has given him the right to speak as one of the leaders of that movement. Larkin is no nationalist, but recognizes that the Irish workingclass must free themselves, that no other class can do it for them.

The Moscow Soviet recently elected Larkin to its organization. At the Fourth Congress American delegates were instructed to deliver to him his membership card in the Moscow Soviet.

The meeting will start at eight prompt.

old unions, whose every day drives the masses farther in your direction. You must keep in contact with them and be ready to lead them.

"It is our duty to help in every struggle of the workers, even for a temporary aim like wages and conditions. Thus you will weld the labor movement into a single fighting mass, while always pointing out the partial nature of such remedies."

The advocates of independent unions from America, who held that the A. F. of L. was too conservative for their activity, got cold comfort from the program outlined by Losovsky, president of the Red International. "If this is indeed true," he said in his report, "it merely indicates that

you must give up for the time the hope of social revolution, since without the masses, organized in trade unions, the social revolution is impossible."

These groups were told not to dissolve and reenter the American Federation as individuals, but to negotiate for reentrance in groups, thus protecting their members.

The only question at issue was should they first form a joint council of action, covering all such unions, or whether they should work for amalgamation method. The latter was the one favored by the congress, which appointed William Z. Foster as American member on the executive with Jack Johnstone of the painter's union as alternate.

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Herrin and Harrison

When the miners of Herrin rose in defense of their homes and to protect their lives against the attacks of a consignment of mankilling scabs who were responsible for the death of three union miners every capitalist paper in the country shrieked with horror and called for vengeance on the heads of the "criminals," who saved Williamson county from further torture at the hands of the degenerate hirelings of Mr. William Lester, Coal owner.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce raised a fund of \$50,000 to send the miners to the gallows. Now that their efforts have failed they are mad with rage and they call for further efforts on the part of legal bloodhounds.

But there is no such feeling of horror over the acts of the so-called "citizens committee" in Harrison, Arkansas, while much noise is made over the actions of Ku Klux members dressed in night shirts, who punish people for anything their defective minds think heinous, the situation in Harrison is glossed over despite the fact that the functions of government have been usurped by a band of capitalist thugs, no doubt at the suggestion of the railroad company, and the mayor, sheriff and other officials who refused to do the bidding of the murderers of a union striker, banished from the town. The story of the Harrison outrage which bears a close resemblance to the Fasel movement in Italy, is finding a modest position on the inside pages of Chicago newspapers and when it excites editorial comment the hanging of the striking railroad is barely noticed.

A committee appointed by the Arkansas legislature to investigate the situation in Harrison, is now taking testimony. The first witness was a woman. She testified that she was questioned by a mob which shouted "shoot her," and that as a result she had to leave Harrison. She is the wife of a striker. Another union man was given the choice of tearing up his union card and joining the mob which had the town under control or leaving the city. He left the city. This lawless committee issued passports to citizens, carried arms as did all the guards appointed by them.

The capitalist press is not wroth over the outrage in Harrison because the workers were the victims. In Herrin it was different.

Prosperity and Patriotism

Conditions are not so bad for the capitalists in this country. Is it any wonder they boost their institutions? Every time you pick up the paper a story of a big dividend declaration meets your eye. The Calumet and Heckla mines paid dividends of \$85 for each \$25 share during the war. Since the war things were not so good. But then the capitalists needed a rest after their strenuous work saving their country. They had to perform the laborious work of making speeches and appealing for money to carry on the war and the cost of that kind of talk in energy is tremendous.

Their troubles did not end with the truce. The ungrateful wretches who were given the opportunity to lose sundry limbs, which they are just as well off without, returned from the field of glory and started a campaign for compensation because forsooth, they fought for their country. Now everybody but a communist knows that it is more a privilege than a duty to fight for one's country and people don't generally get paid for privileges. They PAY. So, when the misguided veterans returned to find their jobs gone they asked for a bonus. Again the capitalists jumped into the breach to defend the honor of the country—aye even the honor of the soldiers themselves against this effort to set a price on patriotism. They succeeded, with the result that Harding vetoed the soldier bonus and everybody was happy but the three or four millions of young men who went over to France to save their country for the owners of the Calumet and Heckla mines, which are now paying dividends at the rate of seventeen dollars per share, shares originally costing \$25 each.

Things are not so bad. We have much to be thankful for. Have you not veterans of the great war? How you rallied to repel the bloodthirsty Hun and denounced the radicals who warned you that this was a war for greed and graft and the perpetuation of the supremacy of one group of international pirates over another. You did not believe us then but perhaps you would listen more attentively now.

Good Intentions

There is an old saying that "the way to hell is paved with good intentions." We are reminded of the proverb on reading an article in a recent issue of the Nation; a liberal weekly, edited by Oswald Garrison Villard. It is an anti-war, pacifist magazine. It is very fair to the workers and tries to be fair to the capitalists and sometimes its efforts to carry water on both shoulders gets it a funny predicament. Above all things it abhors violence. It was very enthusiastic about the Ghandi movement in India and ventured to predict that Ghandi might be a new example to be followed with profit by lovers of a freedom everywhere.

The article to which we have reference deprecates the fact that there is no Ghandi in Germany at the present time. This apostle of the philosophy of non-resistance

would perhaps bring order out of chaos or sprout wings on the shoulders of that arch militarist Marshal Foch who is the chief-sabre-rattler of the French capitalist imperialists at the present time.

Now about Ghandi. This meek and gentle Hindoo who deplored violence and denounced it, and forbade his followers from forcibly resisting British aggression is languishing in an Indian prison serving a long prison term imposed on him by the British government and while Ghandi is laying in his filthy cell the same British government is executing Hindoo rebels by the score—172 being condemned to death in one batch. Ghandi's propaganda of non-violence did not save him from jail and it did not save his followers from the firing squad.

The Nation also alludes to the death of Terence Mac Swiney saying that his sacrifice was responsible for the freeing of Ireland to a greater extent than the Irish Republican Army. Some freedom! Terence MacSwiney's sister barely escaped death from the hands of the men who were "freed" by her brother's sacrifice. Ireland was not freed—at least the workers and peasants were not—but the workers in Ireland who carried the guns during the strife compelled the British government to grant the Irish capitalists certain concessions and the latter are now as free as they want to be.

The Nation is honest—painfully so—therefore it is so very much more difficult to convince it that force is the ultimate arbiter in struggles concerning vital issues and that no matter how eloquently you plead to the "better side of human nature," the economic interests of a ruling class compel it to maintain itself by the only way in which it can, that is by force when its historic mission in the scheme of evolution is performed and progress demands that it makes way for a new order.

It is regrettable but history shows that no ruling class ever surrendered its privileges without a struggle. The invasion of Germany by France is not the result of exceptionally blind or brutal French politicians but because French heavy industry, the metallurgical industry needs the Ruhr mines for the production of a steady supply of coke—producing coal with which to operate the Lorraine smelters and as this is a pretty good time to grab them the French troops have seized time by the forelock and have taken them.

A Ghandi would be about as useful now in the Franco-German crisis as a bucket of holy water at a burning powder factory.

Grant and Jesus

Because the Rev. Stickney Grant of New York is trying to make a human being out of Jesus, his superior officer in the Episcopal Church, Bishop Manning has called on him to fish or cut bait, or in more polite language to resign his commission as minister of the Gospel according to the interpretation of the Episcopal school if he cannot reconcile the Episcopal way of looking at Jesus with his own common sense.

What Dr. Grant claims is that Jesus was no more the son of God than Eugene V. Debs for instance and that his own comrades, namely Matthew, Mark and Luke never made any such claim. These bold statements were made by Dr. Grant to a crowded church which frequently applauded him. Immediately the pampered harpists to the right got frightened lest the spreading of such propaganda by a distinguished theologian might have a damaging effect on their pocket-books so they called on the Dr. to pull in his heretical horns or quit the Episcopal church.

The most intelligent section of the church-going public prefers Grant's sermons to the nonsense that can be heard in the religious museums where the dollar sign can be sensed if not seen. While the moron element and the plutocrats who support the church because it supports them, frown on any departure from orthodoxy it is safe to predict that if Dr. Grant leaves the Episcopal church he will have quite a following. And such a development is welcome. Every little bit helps to demoralize the fabric of capitalist society.

Careless Generosity

There is liable to be a renewal of the war in the near East and all because the British government in a moment of careless generosity promised the Arabs of Iraq, on the Southern boundary of Turkey that they would not be returned to the Turkish yoke and Great Britain means to keep her word. She always does except of course when it does not suit the interests of the British ruling class.

This touching human interest story was given to the public by Lord Curzon at the Lausanne conference when a crisis which threatens to complicate the European situation, resulted from the refusal of the Turks to leave the solution of the ownership of the Mosul oil deposits to the League of Nations for disposition. The Turks like real trouble-makers insisted that if war resulted from the breakup of the negotiations at Lausanne every Tom, Dick and Harry who reads daily papers would know that oil was the real cause of the break.

Curzon immediately gave the sob story to the reporters showing that English capitalists have not entirely dispensed with the little trimmings that appeal so much to the simpletons whose hearts always bleed for the naked savage of Central Africa, the heathen Chinaman or the

hungry cannibal whose supply of roast missionary is exhausted and therefore get behind every expedition for plunder organized by the Imperial marauders as long as the venture is rendered palatable by the necessary emotional sauce.

Unless the Turks turn over their oil fields to the British oil pirates thousands of soldiers may get killed because it is alleged that the Arabs of Iraq do not care to be under the Turkish yoke. They prefer the British harness.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Child, who is attending that conference issued a statement which is quite unintelligible, being written in the language of diplomacy so that the average reader could not understand it, but our guess is that what the "observer" wants to say is something like this. "Gentlemen, while we won the war, we did not engage in the conflict for any material gain any more than the rest of you. At the same time if there are any oil fields in the process of distribution among the saviors of civilization, John D. Rockefeller wishes it to be understood that he has as good an appetite as anybody else and that he wants to be present when the gifts are to be handed out. We therefore wish it to be understood that when the time comes to strip the Turk and send him home in a barrel we want to have a hand in the stripping seeing that we contributed to the price of the barrel."

Selfdetermination

Shortly after the termination of the world war—or we should say the defeat of Germany—propaganda for creating an independent Rhine republic was let loose in the Ruhr district. This propaganda was fostered by France. None of the usual excuses for selfdetermination could be given. It was not proven or claimed that the Rhinelanders breathe through their ears, walk on their heads, that they had wings while the rest of the Germans had cloven hoofs. As a matter of fact everybody admitted that they ate when hungry, shivered when they were cold, laughed when they were happy and cried or looked downcast when they were sad. The excuse was that the Rhinelanders "groaned" under the weight of the Kaiser's sins and wished to sever all connections with Berlin.

Now, however, the plea for separation is not made by local patriots but by French bayonets and there is no excuse other than the necessity of Imperial France. France needs the coke producing Ruhr coal fields with which to work her smelters in Lorraine. Therefore she seized on the default of Germany in her inability to pay the reparations, as an excuse to settle down in the Ruhr and create an independent state with a customs barrier between the Ruhr and the rest of Germany, the creation of a Rhineland France to be guaranteed by Germany, French control and censorship of the postal, telegraph and telephone communications between the Ruhr and the rest of Germany, the making of the railways and waterways conform to the French and Belgian systems and among other conditions the importation of Polish miners to take the place of German miners.

Marshal Foch the pious butcher who was honored by a special mass in St. Patrick's cathedral in New York while here a few years ago is the driving spirit behind the annexation of the Ruhr. "The Ruhr is a diplomatic Verdun," he declared. French railwaymen are mobilized for service in the Ruhr. Thus are the workers of France marching to help still further enslave their comrades across the border.

But the capitalists will find no solution for their problems in these methods. In the long run bayonets will not produce profits and it is profits the capitalists are after. The capitalists are sitting between the two horns of a dilemma. There is no solution in sight for them. They have outlived their usefulness to society. The class that is destined to free the world from class rule and its inevitable accompaniments of war, pillage and want is the workingclass. When will the workers of the world follow in the footsteps of their comrades in Russia and establish the Republics of Labor on the ashes of bankrupt Imperialism?

A "Lightning Change Artist."

Mr. Paul Vacarelli, one of the many leeches that suck the blood of the labor movement in the city of New York, is now business agent for the Musical Protective Union of New York. Vacarelli alias Paul Kelly, famous in the tenderloin for years, was the head of a Longshoremen's organization and a leader of a hodcarriers' union. In order to get in as business agent of the Musicians' Union he learned to whack a drum. Vacarelli does not have to work for a living because he enjoys an independent fortune, and owns the farm and residence once the property of Big Tim Sullivan, late Tammany boss. Besides that he is an employer in his real estate business in the Bronx. He is a safe and sane labor leader. Vacarelli is no better or worse than hundreds of other labor leaders who stand high in the councils for the American Federation of Labor. What a movement!

A rather interesting cartoon appeared in the Chicago Tribune on January 24. One part of it showed a French hound chasing a German hare into a burrow labelled "Bolshevism." The second part showed the same hound making strenuous efforts to get as far away as possible from a big Russian bear who appears coming from the mouth of the cave. Prophetic! Who knows?

Profitable Neutrality

That the "neutrality" of the British and United States governments in the Franco-German crisis has an economic basis may be gathered from a story in the New York Times of January 25. The article states that the French invasion of the Ruhr may aid American steel mills and promote iron and steel trade in other countries. Recently it says, "German iron and steel plants have won some substantial concessions in the international markets, an outstanding one being 15,000 tons of heavy rails to the Japanese government. Other heavy orders went to South American countries and the Far East. These orders have not yet been filled."

To quote further:—"German tradesmen have made intensive drives in every part of the world, and by underselling American and British competitors have succeeded in carrying away a large part of the existing trade. In the aggregate these sales footed up to huge tonnage, and demoralization in Germany will affect delivery on these contracts.

"Any disturbance, then, of the activities of the steel mills of Germany leaves the United States, Great Britain and Belgium, in so far as their limited steelmaking capacity will allow, to fill in the vacuums that will be created. Even assuming that no disturbances take place and that no friction arises between the German manufacturers and the French, the very uncertainties of the situation will reflect upon business which otherwise might go to Germany. The reduction of German competition and the return of profitable export prices will open up a larger field for future business."

Here is a chance for Gary to coin some more gold out of the sweat of his twelve-four slaves.

A Ship Owners' Labor Leader

Thomas B. Healey, manager of the New York local of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, announced that the organization had withdrawn from the American Federation of Labor because of the latter's hostility to the Ship Subsidy Bill. The following excerpts from the statement issued by Healey shows what kind of a political animal he is:

"The marine engineers' organization is distinctly an American union and has vigorously fought for the passage of the Ship Subsidy Bill, which would guarantee a strictly American merchant marine."

That the \$150,000 a year director of the movies is not an uplifter of the silver screen but an "official fixer," something like Judge Landis, is the statement made by Douglas Fairbanks, the movie star. Douglas wants to line up the film stars under a gentlemen's agreement, which would give photoplay patrons art instead of what the parasites of industry label art. We wish him luck. For sheer cruel and unusual punishment we recommend the average moving picture show to anybody but a mental defective.

The invasion of the Ruhr will now surely come to an end! The Trades Union Congress and National Executive Committee of the British Labor Party have taken action. They have issued another manifesto. Look out, Foch! Trouble is brewing.

The manifesto strongly advocates reference of the question to the League of Nations and withdrawal of the Franco-Belgian troops pending the league's inquiry.

It also appeals to the governments of the Little Entente, especially Poland and Czechoslovakia, not to yield to any pressure to occupy German territory, and by so doing involve Europe in a new war.

The steel mills are short of labor, according to the New York Times. This accounts for the movement to "liberalize" the immigration laws. Japan is coming into the American market for "black sheets," which previously she placed in Germany. The price of steel is also going up, but not the price of labor.

This looks like a pretty good time to talk unionism to Gary's steel slaves. What do you say, Mr. Gompers? You PRETEND to look on Gary as an enemy of labor. What about organizing his slaves and taking some of his profits away from him?

The newly elected Governor of Oklahoma recognized the Socialists who voted for him, in the way they like to be recognized by giving some of them jobs. One was appointed member of the State Board of Public Affairs. Referring to the Socialists, the Governor said:

"This group, composed of the good citizen farmers and working people, is the Party. Ours is the natural party of the people, and from Party drew its strength. I want with us."

Mussolini is now organizing his own. He claims that the Fascists control. There is some opposition; some who "still believe in such things as a free press." Well, isn't that delicious frankness was only possible in our yellow Socialists will say that the horrible example.

Workers Party Chicago Nominate Candidates

At this time the Workers Party is running upon an active election campaign in Chicago. The party petitions for the nomination of candidates in wards, the 22nd, 24th, 34th and 35th. It will throw all of these wards and will try to get all of the members in all of these wards to take an active part in the campaign.

Who have been tried and tested in the labor movement. They are comrades who have proved their loyalty to the Workers' Party. It is with the greatest confidence that the party calls upon all its members and sympathizers to support to the utmost the candidacies of N. F. Holm ("Prolet"), Harry Brooker, Louis A. Cejka, and Abraham Jacobson. Comrade Holm is the candidate for alderman in the 35th ward. Comrade Brooker is the candidate in the 34th ward; comrade Cejka is running in

the 22nd ward, and comrade Jacobson will make the fight in the 24th ward.

In making this initial election campaign in Chicago it has not been thought desirable to place candidates in the field for mayor, city clerk and city treasurer. This does not mean that our activities in the campaign will not be citywide. By carrying on intensive work for our aldermanic candidates in the four wards selected, we shall endeavor to focus the attention of the entire Chicago working class on those wards. The nature of our campaign will be such that the fight will lose its local character, and must everywhere be recognized as a struggle which concerns the whole city.

Participation in electoral campaigns is one of the principal ways in which the Workers' Party can bring its propaganda home to the broad masses of the workers. The workers of Chicago, exploited and oppressed, are everywhere hemmed in by enemies,

the political field, the Republican and Democratic parties strive to mislead them into supporting the very capitalist policies which are responsible for their suffering. The yellow "Socialist" Party offers nothing but efforts for doing nothing. With the exception of the Farmer-Labor Party, which is not putting up candidates in the districts where our comrades are working, there is no real party of the workers in the field but the Workers' Party. The Workers' Party will wage its campaign on the basis of immediate demands for the working class, designed to strengthen the workers in their struggle against capitalism. The election will take place Feb. 27. However, no one can vote for the Workers' Party candidates on Feb. 27 unless he first registers. REGISTRATION DAY IS FEB. 6. All Workers' Party members and sympathizers who are citizens and who live in either the 22nd, 24th, 34th or 35th wards, must register on Feb. 6. RE-

MEMBER, IF YOU DON'T REGISTER ON FEB. 6 YOU CAN'T VOTE FOR OUR PARTY'S CANDIDATES ON FEB. 27.

LIEBKNECHT MEETING HELD IN GARY.

A capacity crowd attended the Gary Young Workers League meeting in commemoration of the heroic deaths of the German Communists, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. Comrades A. D. Allbright and Earl Browder were the main speakers of the evening. Their talks were timely and well received. Revolutionary pieces played by the Russian String Orchestra were enthusiastically applauded, as were recitations and songs given by the Y. W. L. members. A good sale of pamphlets and magazines was made. The sum of \$19.19 was collected for Labor Defense. The meeting closed with the singing of the Internationale and a rousing cheer for the Y. W. L.

WHAT WARD DO YOU LIVE IN?

Comrades N. F. Holm, Harry Brooker, Louis Abraham Jacobson are the Workers' Party candidates in the February 27th election. If you live in one of these wards it is your duty to vote for them. And you can't vote on February 27th unless you register on February 6th. The boundaries of the four wards in which candidates are running, are as follows:
TWENTY-SECOND WARD (Louis A. Cejka, Abraham Jacobson) Northern boundary, Marshall Blv. eastern boundary, from Ogden to 24th, Marshall Blv. western boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Hamilton Ave.; Southern boundary, Ogden Ave.
TWENTY-FOURTH WARD (Abraham Jacobson, Louis A. Cejka) Northern boundary, Ogden Ave. Southern boundary, Hamilton Ave.
THIRTY-FOURTH WARD (Harry Brooker, Louis A. Cejka) Northern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Southern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Eastern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Western boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave.
THIRTY-FIFTH WARD (N. F. Holm, Louis A. Cejka) Northern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Southern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Eastern boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave. Western boundary, from the canal to 26th, Central Ave.