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FOSTER GOES ON TRIAL

SUCCESS PROMISED FOR DEFENSE BAZAAR

Donations—anything from hard cash to pieces of land—are pouring into the Follets Hus, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., for the Four Day Bazaar of the Labor Defense Council, which will be held on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Of course chunks of the United States cannot be forwarded to the Follets Hus, but we have seen deeds and maps of building lots donated to the bazaar, which is just as good. You don't have to worry about carrying a couple of acres of the State of Michigan home from the bazaar, you can carry a picture of it in your pocket along with a little bit of writing saying that you, Comrade John Doe, are now in possession of a potential graveyard after capitalism has sucked the marrow out of your bones in the form of surplus value.

And besides appealing to your cupidity, there is a finer side to this, as the liberals say. There is the fact that the purpose of the bazaar is the raising of funds to defeat the attempt of Jury Fixer Burns to send a bunch of active communists to jail for long terms. The need for cash is pressing. It is the dollars of the workers against the millions of the capitalists. They are backing up. We must get behind the Labor Defense Council and support the comrades who are on the firing line. At the same time we will be striking a strong blow for liberty to carry on our communist activities in the open.

Perhaps by the time you read this in print the first to be tried, William Z. Foster, may be facing a jury in Berrien County, Mich. Foster is too valuable a man to the labor movement to allow the enemy the satisfaction of seeing him behind the bars. If they succeed in railroadng him, they will go down the line with the other comrades who are indicted.

But if we raise the funds with which to conduct the campaign, we have a fighting chance to win. We have expert counsel and we have the support—moral and financial support—of the progressive wing of the labor movement. Let's go to it and give Daugherty and his stoopigeon collector Burns a metaphorical smash between the eyes.

SOVIET FILM HERE ON MARCH 28TH

The film "Russia Through the Shadows," after a phenomenal success in several of the largest cities in the United States, will be shown in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, on March 28. There will be two exhibitions, at 7:00 and 9:15 P. M.

You cannot afford to miss the sight of the Red Army on the march, of Lenin saluting the red flag, of Trotsky and other great Communist leaders, whose names are an inspiration to the workers of the world.

Get your tickets in time as the picture will be here only for one day. Tickets can be secured at the following addresses:

Box Office, Orchestra Hall, 226 S. Michigan Ave.
 Soviet School, 1902 W. Division St.
 Russian Co-Operative Restaurant, 1734 W. Division St.
 Voice of Labor, 2903 N. California Ave.
 Friends of Soviet Russia, Room 307, 166 W. Washington St.
 Radical Book Shop, 867 N. Clark St.
 Young Workers' League, 2517 Fullerton Ave.
 Vilnis, 2512 S. Halsted St.
 Spravednost, 1825 S. Loomis St.
 Freiheit, 1145 Blue Island Ave. Room 9.
 Radnik, 2741 W. 22nd St.
 Labor Herald, 118 N. La Salle St.
 Walden Book Store, 307 Plymouth Court.
 Ny Tid, 2517 Fullerton Ave.
 Rovnost Lodu, 150 W. 18th St.
 Daily Free Russia, 1722 W. Chicago Ave.

COMMUNISTS THROW CHALLENGE IN FACE OF MICHIGAN AUTHORITIES

Ten of Participants in Bridgeman Convention Walk Into Court Room at St. Joseph's.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—on the eve of the beginning of the trial here, Monday, of William Z. Foster for participation in the convention of the Communist Party at Bridgeman, ten of the Communists named in the indictment whom the authorities had been unable to arrest previously, walked into the court room and surrendered.

The ten Communists who came into court to challenge the prosecution in the Bridgeman case were Jay Lovestone, Robert Minor, Rose Pastor Stokes, Ella Reeves Bloor, William Weinstein, Max Bedacht, A. Schulenberg, Rebecca Sacharow, Edgar Owens and John Ballam, all of whom have taken a prominent part in the work of the Communist movement in the United States during recent years.

Commenting on the surrender of the Communists before the opening of the Bridgeman case, C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary, issued the following statement in the name of the Workers' Party (Communist) of America:

The surrender of ten leading Communist workers to the Michigan authorities at St. Joseph has the full approval of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers' Party of America. Others named in the indictment

charged with participation in the Bridgeman convention will undoubtedly follow the same course if they can be assured that bail will not be fixed at such a savage figure as \$10,000 for each defendant.

The Communists are not surrendering themselves to the Michigan authorities because they have faith in the justice of the capitalist courts and prosecuting authorities. They have had to many experiences with these institutions showing the willingness of judges and prosecutors to ignore their own laws and rules in order to put Communists in prison.

The Communists do, however, have faith in the working people of this country. The time has passed when governmental authorities can put Communists in prison on trumped up charges. The working masses of this country have learned by bitter experience in the strikes of the past few years that the government which persecutes Communists is the same government which attacks the workers on strike and those workers are ready to fight with the Communists against such persecution.

The surrender of the ten leading Communist workers to the Michigan authorities at St. Joseph has the full approval of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers' Party of America. Others named in the indictment

ing Communist workers in addition to the twenty-two others already under bond in the Bridgeman case is part of the Communist defense in that case. The Communists are not running away from the Michigan prosecution. They do not intend to play the part of defendants but to put their prosecutors on the defensive. Burns and his gang of private detective crooks are already running for cover because of the exposure of their methods in this case.

The Communists will uphold their right and openly and publicly advocate the political principles which they support during the St. Joseph's trial. The Communists have nothing to hide. They desire nothing more than the opportunity to submit their principles and proposals for a change in the existing social system of the judgement of the working people of the United States.

Bail was fixed by Judge White at \$1,000 each for the ten defendants who surrendered themselves, and they were permitted to remain at liberty till Monday, on recognition when it is hoped that this bail will be forthcoming.

St. Joseph, Michigan Attracts National Attention as First of Bridgeman Cases Challenges State Syndicalist Law

By MORITZ J. LOEB.

William Z. Foster, outstanding leader of the militant wing of the American Trade Union movement, has gone to trial in St. Joseph, Mich., under the Michigan Criminal Syndicalism Law. Preliminaries of the big court battle, which has been pending since the raids at Bridgeman, on Aug. 21, 1922, were begun in the Berrien County court house on March 12. Foster, who was arrested in Chicago on August 23 by Burns and Department of Justice operatives, has been out on \$10,000.00 bail. He faces, if convicted, a maximum prison sentence of ten years in the Michigan state prison at Jackson.

On the evening of Aug. 19 the offices of the Trade Union Educational League were raided by a force from the office of State's Atty. Crowe of Chicago, accompanied by photographers and reporters of the Chicago Tribune. Early in the morning of Aug. 19, the Michigan Central "Million Dollar" wreck occurred at Gary, Ind. The raid on Foster's office was conducted in an attempt to show Foster's complicity with that wreck. The office was partially destroyed and great quantities of material removed, but it soon became evident that there was nothing to show that Foster or the Trade Union Educational League was in any way connected with the Gary wreck.

near Bridgeman took place and seventeen men were arrested. One of these, Morrow, alias Ashworth, who identified himself as a stool pigeon, was released. The other sixteen were held under \$10,000.00 bonds. Subsequently six others were arrested in different parts of the country charged with being present at the Bridgeman meeting. Foster was one of them.

The case now to be tried with Foster as the first defendant, has assumed national and international importance. Frank P. Walsh is retained as chief counsel for the defense and through the Labor Defense Council, which was immediately organized, a nation wide defense campaign was launched to provide the defense. Since its early days the case has given promise of being a bitter and sensational battle. Progressive forces all over the country are supporting the Labor Defense Council in its campaign. Hundreds of Central Labor Unions and thousands of local unions are giving moral and financial aid. Other organizations, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, have joined in the battle. Local Labor Defense Councils have been formed in every important industrial center. Speakers are touring the country to arouse interest and to secure financial support.

Send contributions to Labor Defense Council, 166 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

JURY DISAGREES IN GARY FRAME-UP PROSECUTION

Vote of Nine to Three for Acquittal

Special to the Voice of Labor.
 (As we go to press.)
 GARY, Ind.—The jury in the Uselis case could not reach an agreement and was discharged. They stood nine to three for acquittal.

By D. MILDNER.
 GARY, Indiana, March 8.—On the witness stand today Captain M. Quinn admitted, under cross-examination by Attorney Paul Glazer for the defense that the Michigan Central Railroad will pay \$5,000.00 for the conviction of the persons responsible for the Gary wreck. The case which was resumed last Monday is being tried at the Lake County Farm, due to the illness of one of the jurors.

Overwhelming facts were brought forward by Attorney Glazer, proving the fallacy of the State's contention that the wreck was caused by derailment. All the evidence has so far proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that it was due to the run-down condition of the rolling stock.

Several witnesses including Deputy Sheriff Charles Daugherty and the turnkey of the Crown Point jail described the physical condition of the defendant, Charles Uselis, when examined on August 30th, 1922. The examination was described in full by Dr. H. M. Hosmer, Major in the medical Corps during the War and Chief of the Surgical Department of several base hospitals testified that on the afternoon of August 30th, 1922, (three days after Uselis' arrest) he in the company of Dr. Olga Feinberg called at the Crown Point Jail to examine the defendant Charles Uselis.

terrible condition. Dried blood was in his left ear. His testicles were bruised and the exterior black and blue. Dr. Hosmer testified that these injuries could have been received by blows from either rubber hose, black jack and fist blows, or kicks.

Uselis with three others was arrested on August 27th, 1922 in Chicago. The other have already been freed by the Grand Jury.

The defense in the course of the trial will bring forth an alibi of sufficient strength to shatter the case built up by the police.

It is common talk here that Uselis is being tried solely for the purpose "saving the face" of the Gary police. The movie stuff of Lieut. Grady was so raw and the actions of the Gary police so brutal that something had to be done to "convince" the Gary people that the police had succeeded in running down the person responsible for the Gary disaster. Hence the trial of Charles Uselis.

It is sad commentary on our boasted justice that innocent men can be arrested without cause, beaten up and put to the expense of a trial, even though those responsible for their arrest know that they are innocent. If Uselis is found not guilty who is going to recompense him for the brutal treatment and mental agony he has undergone? If he is framed-up what assurance have we that he will be the last victim of Gary "In-Justice"? Gary workers are watching this trial with studied interest. They see in this trial a warning to organized labor to be on its guard.

In the meantime railroad shop craft unions are urged to watch this case and see that they not allow an accident due to inefficient work of scabs turned into a plot with one of their members made the goat.

Witnesses Prove Alibi.
 GARY, Ind., March 8.—Witnesses for the defense of Charles Uselis, on whom prosecution attempts to hang blame for the "Million Dollar" train wreck at Gary, testify that Uselis was in Chicago on August 19 and 20.

Mrs. Kasimira Koslosky, 5442 S. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill., witness for the defense, testified that she is the sister of Charles Uselis' wife—

that on Saturday afternoon, August 19, she called at defendant's home, 5434 S. Rockwell St. and invited him to accompany her, her husband and child for a trip downtown.

From the home of Uselis they went to Lanford's Bureau, 1642 Division St., Chicago, Ill. Stayed about 20 minutes there and later in company with defendant, Charles Uselis, visited a bank on Milwaukee Ave., numerous stores and the tailor. They came back to Uselis' house about 10 P. M. They then had supper and sat conversing until 2 A. M. the following morning.

The witness then with her husband and child left.

The wreck occurred on August 20, 1922, at 2:18 A. M., one mile from Gary.

Questions were asked the witness: Q: Then was the defendant, Charles Uselis in your presence from 4 P. M. Saturday afternoon until 2 A. M. Sunday morning, Aug. 20, 1922?

A: Yes, he was.

In cross-examination Prosecuting Attorney Thomas made no attempt to contradict the testimony of this witness.

Mrs. Charles Uselis, wife of the defendant, next came on the stand—she fully corroborated the testimony given by her sister, the previous witness, further testifying that after Mrs. Koslosky left at 2 P. M. Sunday morning, Charles Uselis, the defendant, went to sleep, she following him shortly.

The prosecuting attorney made no attempt to contradict her testimony.

The defense will probably rest its case tomorrow.

The sessions are being held in the criminal court by Special Judge E. Miles Norton.

The judge admits in open court that he is not well acquainted with criminal law.

Philadelphia Labor Backs Labor Defense

(By Wire to Voice of Labor.)
 PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 11.—The Central Labor Council today in regular meeting assembled voted to endorse the Labor Defense Council and pledged its hearty support to William Z. Foster and co-defendants now facing trial in St. Joseph, Michigan.

\$10,000 WANTED.
 To bail ten communists who surrendered themselves to the Michigan Authorities on Saturday, March 10. Send Cash or liberty bonds at once to Moritz Loeb, secretary Labor Defense Council, 166 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

BIG CIRCULATION DRIVE FOR VOICE OF LABOR LAUNCHED

A campaign to add ten thousand new readers to the circulation list of the Voice of Labor has been launched. The drive is to start on March 15 and end on May 2. Several organizations, including District 8, Workers' Party, District 6, W. P., all City Central Committees in District 8 W.P., West Virginia World War Veterans and other local and national organizations have pledged their services in putting this campaign across.

C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary of the Workers' Party of America in a letter endorsing the circulation campaign said: "The Voice of Labor gives one the feeling of a strong, aggressive fighting organ which will build up a wide influence in the labor movement. I wish you success in your circulation drive."

- By following the plan of action published below you can help make this campaign a tremendous success. See page three for premium offers and prizes.
- Ten Ways How to Help Get 10,000 New Readers By May 2, 1923.**
1. Get a book of five subscription cards and sell them for \$1.00 a piece for 8 months subscriptions and get a premium.
 2. Order enough copies of the Voice of Labor for sample copies and for free distribution.
 3. Have your shopmates, friends, neighbors and others to subscribe.
 4. Bring this matter before your local union and have them subscribe for the membership or for a bundle every week or every meeting night.
 5. Workers' Party Branches and friendly organizations are to elect drive committees to take care of it as far as the organization is concerned. Send name and address of secretary of committee to the Voice of Labor for further communications and information.
 6. Every Workers' Party member who can read English is to subscribe, and those who cannot read English to get others who can read, to subscribe, shopmates, friends, neighbors, etc.
 7. House to house canvass is to be arranged, union meetings visited and friendly organizations approached.
 8. Mass meetings on a subscription plan to be arranged, with speakers dealing with the question of the Workers' Press, namely the Voice of Labor.

THE DRIVE IS ON. SEND IN A SUBSCRIPTION.

BACK FROM THE RUHR

Arne Swaback, who recently arrived in this country from Moscow after spending some time in Germany while the French army was marching into the Ruhr Valley, will speak next Sunday, March 18, at 8 P. M., in the Ashland Auditorium an "The Ruhr Invasion." Comrade Swaback interviewed several revolutionary workingclass leaders in Germany as well as representatives of the French Communist Party, who have since been arrested for opposing French militarism. You cannot afford to miss a first hand view of this famous development.

THE DRIVE IS ON. SEND IN A SUBSCRIPTION.

UNION MEETING A SUCCESS IN LOGAN COUNTY

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK.—A plan to hold further free speech meetings in Logan county, W. Va., is announced by the American Civil Liberties union following the successful meeting held March 4 at the court house in Logan. The meetings to be arranged will be held in co-operation with labor organizations whose representatives have been denied the right to speak in that county.

The fact that our meeting in Logan on Sunday night went through without interference does not mean that free speech is a reality there," said Roger N. Baldwin, director, Civil Liberties union. "Sheriff Don Chafin evidently felt that the spotlight of publicity made it unwise for him to do what he had so often done before to prevent any discussion of unionism in the stronghold of anti-unionism. He has endeavored to do what so many other lawless officials do—obscure the issue by charging the advocates of free speech with disloyalty during the war. It is a fact beyond dispute that Sheriff Chafin and his deputies are paid directly by the coal operators of the county. It is their interests and not those of constitutional government which he protects.

"Until that condition in Logan is changed, we are going to keep up our campaign for the right of the miners to meet peaceably and discuss their common interests. Refusal to allow them these rights has cost the state of West Virginia and the United States immense sums of money in the past ten years through the cost of criminal and civil cases in the courts.

The intervention of federal troops, the armed marches of miners, and other features which have characterized a state of civil warfare, are things which we propose to help end. The next meeting will be arranged immediately, to take place within the next few weeks."

"CRIPPLING COAL PRODUCTION" BROPHY WARNS MINE BOSS

CLEARFIELD, PA.—Without retreating from the district decision to continue the bituminous strike in Somerset county, John Brophy, president, Dist. No. 2, U. M. W. A., has asked the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. whether it intends to attempt further diminished production on a nonunion basis or sign up with the union as in former years for its Snowshoe mine.

Brophy points out that the anthracite operations of the company have been strictly union for many years and are now. In 1921 and 1922 the bituminous Snowshoe mine attempted nonunion production and has since failed to treat with the union, ignoring letters, telephone calls and telegrams from the district headquarters. In the fall of 1922 the mine superintendent started evicting union miners from their homes.

"You are crippling your production," Brophy writes to President John M. Humphrey of the company. "You are causing a chronic strike. The strikers are in their own home community. They are not going to move out. The union can not be destroyed but production can be lessened and it is lessened. Are you ready for an honorable settlement and steady production?"

FANNIE SELLINS' MURDERERS FACING TRIAL IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The men responsible for the death of Fannie Sellins, union organizer, who was killed at West Natrona on August 26, 1919, will be tried on murder charges in this county. Organized mine workers and other trade unionists in this end of the state have refused to "forget" this case. They are demanding that the gun men be punished, so the lives of other citizens may be protected from corporation-paid bandits.

SOVIETS FORMALLY MAKE MONDAY OFFICIAL REST DAY

WARSAW.—Government reports from Moscow assert the Christian Sunday went out of existence March 4, the Soviets substituting a universal Monday sabbath for the Jewish Saturday, Mohammedan Friday and Christian Sunday.

N. Y. Labor Backs Anti-Constabulary Bill

ALBANY, N. Y.—State Sen. Lacey of Buffalo has introduced a bill in the legislature to forbid the sending of state constabulary to scenes of strikes except by request of the local authorities at such places. The measure is backed by the New York State Federation of Labor.

Second Congress of R. I. of L. U.

By ARNE SWABECK.

(This is the second of a series of articles specially written for the Voice of Labor by Comrade Swabek, who had an excellent opportunity to study conditions in Russia and get the point of view of the great leaders of the Russian masses. Besides reading these articles carefully our readers are urged to attend the lectures delivered by Comrade Swabek on Sunday evenings, March 18 and 25, in Ashland Auditorium, Chicago.—ED.)

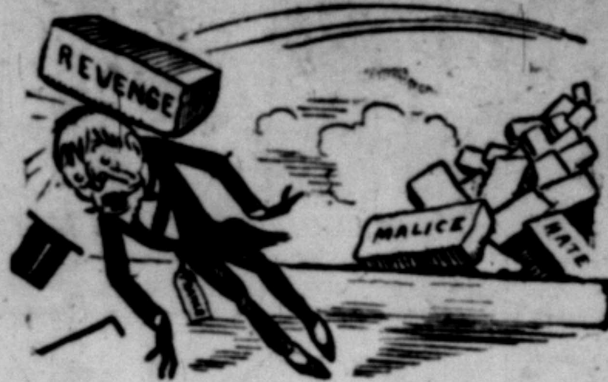
How the Amsterdam crowd collaborated with the capitalist offensive in launching a violent campaign of expulsions of militant unionists, and the locals supporting them, was illustrated by the report of the Executive Bureau to the Second Congress of the R. I. of L. U. It was substantiated by the delegates; with particular references to these despicable schemes in their respective countries. "The enemy is to the left," was the battle cry adopted by this wrecking crew, who simply feared that the inevitable natural development should sweep them out of their high positions, and thus resolved rather to sacrifice the labor movement. While they had been extremely inactive in resisting the capitalist offensive, they became insolent, aggressive and energetic whenever the issue was to fight the revolutionary workers. Clearly it could be seen that these attacks were essentially nothing else but a reflex of the social battles between capital and labor. The Amsterdam International being on the other side of the barricade is training its heavy guns on the labor movement. However this policy is a logical deduction of their position: for any other policy would make it difficult for them to save the capitalist system.

The Amsterdam attack upon the trade unions is not limited to national boundaries. At its last congress in Rome, held jointly with the secretariats of the international federations, it adopted a resolution to the effect that revolutionary unions must have no place in these industrial federations. This resolution has since been rigidly carried out. During the

last year Russian unions were expelled or refused admittance to the international federations of their respective industries. The formal motive for the expulsions was that these unions are connected with the Red International of Labor Unions. The real reason, however, is that they have been actively participating in the upbuilding of a Workers Republic, that they are connected with the Soviet Government, that they are permeated with the spirit of communism and constitute the basis of the Soviet State and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

Wherever the revolutionary minorities within the old unions, lined up the rank and file members with their concrete policies and thus promised to capture the leadership of the organizations, immediate expulsion would follow. In France for instance, in 1920 when the unions were still strong and the revolutionary syndicalist councils gained mass support, the old standpatters began their campaign of expulsions and provocations. Also it must be admitted that some of the militants when facing such serious situations lost their heads and became too easily provoked. Finally in December 1921 and January 1923 this method culminated in the expulsion of a whole block of unions, thus forcing the split. The division was about in half, approximately an equal number going to each side. A serious obstacle in the road of the arrogant French imperialism had been removed and it could freely carry out its ruthless policy of strikebreaking and abolisher of all the gains won by the workers through their organization. Comrades, since made by the revolutionary group (G. G. T. U.), which adheres to the Red International, to form a united front of all organized workers to resist the capitalist offensive have been rejected by the reactionaries. The congress approved of the united front tactics in France and appealed to all French workers to bring about trade union unity in spite of their reluctant leaders.

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POOR OLD FRANCE

Too stupid to know that the bricks he has thrown will some day come back.

Dawes Advocates Violence

General Dawes, the loud-mouthed budget expert addressed the Union League Club of Chicago on the anniversary of the birth of George Washington and his subject was radicalism. According to Dawes everybody who opposes the lynching of strikers is a radical. When he last honored Chicago with a speech his slogan was "Hang Saml." This was to be the governor's reward for releasing the communists. This time he also referred to the release of the communists. It must have caused him mental agony ever since.

The ignorance of this General is astounding, so we will not bother to correct the many misstatements he made assuming as we do that he made them in ignorant good faith. But he is a dangerous demagogue and he represents that element in America that would abolish every vestige of civil liberties and place the lives of the workers in the hands of bandits of the same calibre as are now making a laughing stock of Italy and keeping the workers of that country under an iron heel.

Mr. Dawes speaks for that combination of patriot-moron that compose the Ku Klux Klan and the officialdom of the American Legion, the American Defense Society and several other aggregations of antediluvian thinkers all listed under the head of "patriots." While the General pretends to be opposed to the Ku Klux Klan he favors their methods. While he attacks the Herrin miners he excuses the conduct of the murderers of a union man in Harrison, Arkansas. This thug very properly represents the brutal American capitalists. They will not hesitate to take away the reins of government from whoever happens to sit in the White House when the critical moment comes. Constitutions do not mean anything to them. They have power now and they intend to keep it. They have seen the Italian brigands get away with it so why not here?

We quote the following paragraph to show how this fellow's mind works:

"Society, even without government, contains the elements of its own eventual self purification. Long continued lawlessness, defiance of public authority in time of strikes, the murder innocent working men, the supineness of public officials sworn to enforce the law, mean only that society in time will revert to its primitive method of cleansing itself, BY WHICH LAWLESSNESS IS MET WITH LAWLESS RETRIBUTION, and until under those conditions, that retribution is dealt, mankind will live in blood destitution and misery, and the wheels of business and of social progress will be chained."

So General Dawes would have the capitalists ignore legal forms and visit "retribution" on strikers and other evil doers so that society might be purified. A straw show us which way the wind is blowing. It is well that the American workers should think on what is in store for them. It is also well for those who believe that the capitalists will allow them to gain power through the ballot to ponder on the statements of General Dawes and his associates.

UNION LABEL DISCUSSED AT FEDERATION MEETING

The greater part of the session of the Chicago Federation of Labor on March 4 was devoted to a discussion of the Union Label. The cigarmakers label on which they spent thousands of dollars and the bakers label which cost the latter large sums are both gone to the scrap heap.

The bakers representative asked the delegates not to patronize restaurants where scab bread is used. It appears that scab bread is used in restaurants employing union cooks and waiters. That does not bother Gompersian unionism any. The craft is supreme. This antediluvian conception of solidarity is at the root of the evils that the unions are fighting, but they appear to be held in a vise and cannot take the step forward to industrial unionism through amalgamation.

A union driver hauls scab bread to a restaurant employing union cooks who prepare it for the use of customers—perhaps business agents of other unions, who do not know what kind of bread it is—perhaps don't care—as they are concerned with their own craft problems.

This does not mean that they are not willing to help their fellow workers. They are, and have always generously supported strikes in a financial way, but the trouble it not with their intentions it is with their form of organization. Until they break down the craft barriers that separate them from each other and amalgamate, they will have no real power.

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ST. LOUIS.—Local asbestos workers and insulator laborers have signed a new wage agreement for \$4.15 an hour. The union secured this increase despite an agreement which does not expire until Jan. 1, 1924, for \$1 an hour. The agreement provides that after next Jan. 1 wages will be \$1.25 an hour.

Union Smashers "Worth a Million."

The Cosmopolitan News Service, a Hearts organization, has a staff writer whose name is Ward Greene. Mr. Greene writes more or less gossip flub dub from New York. In the course of one of his dissertations there appeared the following: "I met 'Capt. John T. Vickery in front of the Bush building today. I knew him when he was a \$75-a-month patrolman in a Georgia city. Now he is president of the Vickery Industrial Service, Inc., and worth a million." "This ex-policeman came to New York with nothing but an idea. He gave big business the 'strike-stopper'." "You know the 'strike-breaker'—he's a back number. The 'strike-stopper,' who succeeded him, goes into factories ostentatiously as a workman. In reality, he is a watchman, an investigator, a leaver of discontent, the key with which capital locks the door before the horse is stolen." "If you wonder sometimes why the red flag of riot no longer waves in some of the big industrial plants of the nation, ask 'Capt. John Vickery, the 'ex-cop,' who employs thousands of 'strike-stoppers' today and rides in limousines and his own yacht." Of course, it is not "the red flag of riot" that Vickery and his "operatives" seek to keep down and probably Mr. Green knows this. What Vickery and his tribe are after is in exchange for so many pieces of silver, or any sort of currency of the realm, to prevent the formation of trade unions or to destroy them where they exist. For this kind of "service" to Big Business Vickery, according to Ward Greene, is 'worth a million.' (Terre Haute Adv.)

(Note: This is the first of a series of articles on Ohio industrial conditions and the status of its workers, which Comrade Keas will send to the Voice of Labor from time to time.)

THE CITADEL OF THE OPEN SHOP

By H. E. KEAS.
(District Organizer Workers' Party District No. 6.)

Ohio rock-ribbed state of Republicanism and "normalcy," the state that sent a mediocre small-town newspaper editor to fill the highest office in the land as the tool and mouthpiece of the financial plunderers of the nation, the state that harbors a "Department of Education" (sic.) that has but recently forbidden the public display of the celebrated historical movie film, "Russia through the Shadows," as "harmful propaganda" although this same picture has been rated very highly by the National Board of Review and allowed to show in many other states having less of a middle-aged feudalistic setting and ideology, a state most highly industrialized by the machine process, the "golden goose" for the 100 per centers and a slave pen for its workers—this state is the center of "open shop" war which is being waged by employers' associations throughout the country.

Struggle Still Going On.

Fifty thousand Ohio workers last year involved in struggles in which the "open shop" was the vital issue. Some of these struggles are still going on. These strike and lockouts affected the following crafts: "Job printing trades in every large city in the state, the milk drivers and patternmakers in Cleveland, the electrical workers in Toledo, building trades in Youngstown and Elyria, molders in Alliance and Massillon, street railway workers in Dayton, Erie Railroad shop workers in Marion, enginemen in Nelsonville brick plants. Attempts earlier in the year were made to force the open shop, with partial success, in various crafts in Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Springfield." On January 2nd, there occurred a spontaneous walkout of the workers employed in the cord-tire department of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., at Akron, comprising about 1,000 men who were forced into action by a threatened wage cut of 12 1/2 per cent. Akron is one of the chief strongholds of the "open shop" employers, there being little or no organization among the approximately 60,000 rubber workers now employed in the industry.

American Plan in Cleveland.

But the citadel of the "open shop" is Cleveland, the largest city in the state, with a population of 800,000, 300,000 of whom are either working in or are in some way connected with the ferrous metal trades. And it is in the metal trades that the American Plan Association has most deeply imbedded its grip upon the lives of the workers, for in the thousands of plants and shops, large scale or smaller, the metal trades unions have little or no organization. These unions still adhere

to the old craft fallacy of individual union autonomy, separate agreements (if possible to obtain at all), separate action by individual unions, or at the most a federation or alliance of crafts which is utterly unable to bring effective pressure to bear against one of the most highly organized combines in American industry. But the workers in the metal industry will learn what effective organization means. The lesson is being hammered into them. Regardless of the obstructions placed in their way by shortsighted or dishonest leaders, the hope held out to them by the amalgamation movement of the various metal trades unions into a strong metal trades industrial organization by consolidation into departments, is having an ever-increasing influence over the ideology of the rank and file in this industry. And once the lesson is fully learned, the American Plan Association (how Patrick Henry and Abe Lincoln must squirm in their graves) employers will have the merriest battle of their greedy lives before them—and eventual defeat.

Spew Poison Gas.

The American Plan Association and its paid campaign of lying hypocrisy now, diagnosing the advertising pages of many of the large dailies over the country is a stench in the nostrils of REAL Americans, not the 100 per cent kind. Let the reader judge for himself. One American Plan Association advertisement appearing in a Cleveland daily of December 4th, spews out its poison gas as follows:

"One kind of public-fool—the strike breeder—is still at large in America. The public and the workmen pay heavily for his destructive work—millions of dollars every year. How much longer will we tolerate him?"

"His work makes it appear that workmen like to strike—which is false. He wants you to believe that employers snatch bread from the mouths of workers—which is false... and so on, ad nauseam.

Give Them Wage Cuts.

Of course our dear American Plan employers do not "snatch bread from the mouths of workers!" They just hand them a nice, neat little wage cut of 12 1/2 per cent like the Akron rubber workers got, and of course this at once greatly inflates the pay envelope of the workers concerned so that they can purchase more milk for the babies, more clothing for kiddies and wife, more of the essentials of life for their loved ones—so much more than—ONE-FOURTH OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF OHIO ARE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION, RESULTING IN A DANGEROUSLY INCREASING PHYSICAL DISABILITY AMONG THEM. (Figures based upon reports of federal health service.) IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, 142 OUT OF EVERY 1,000 BABIES DIE BEFORE THEY ARE ONE YEAR OLD. (Dr. R. J. Ochsner, Chief of Cleveland City Child Hygiene Bureau.) 20,000 FEEBLE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS AND POTENTIAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE IN OHIO. (Dr. Henry H. Goddard, former Director of the State Bureau of Juvenile Research.) "American Plan," Bah! The aroused workers of this country will one day shove the insults of the "open shop" employers down their dirty throats!

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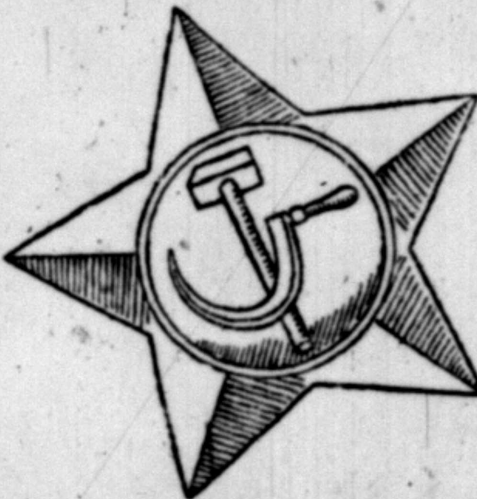
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CANCER.

Cancer is a constitutional disease and not a local affection. According to our statistics tuberculosis has decreased about 30 per cent in the last 20 to 25 years where cancer has increased about 30 per cent.

Some of the decrease in tuberculosis is accountable for in the method of keeping statistics. Health boards and health departments want to make a good showing, and I know of instances where a person has been diagnosed as tuberculosis when no lesion could be found and the bacillus of Koch was not present in the sputum. It made a good showing on the health department statistics, however, to show a case of tuberculosis and its subsequent cure when there was nothing the matter with the patient other than extreme acidosis caused from wrong living habits.

On the other hand, when cancer has developed there can be no question as to the abnormal growth of the tissues and a true record is, therefore, usually kept.

L. Duncan Bulkley, M. D., is I believe, the greatest American authority on cancer.

Dr. Bulkley is, of course, in advance of the medical profession, and particularly the surgical end of the medical profession, and is, therefore, not popular with surgeons, although he has a very wide experience having founded the New York Skin and Cancer hospital about 40 years ago.

Disease Hits the Overfed.

Cancer occurs more frequently among those who are overfed than among those who are underfed. The rich or well to do suffer more than the poor. Food is eaten beyond the digestive capacity so that fermentation and putrefaction take place to such a large extent that a thoroughly poisoned condition of the body is built. My experience is that protein putrefaction produces the dominating poisons which cause such diseases as cancer, nephritis or Bright's disease, apoplexy and organic heart disease, and the death rate from these diseases has increased steadily since 1900.

One woman with a frightful cancer of the face said with great pride, "I am a vegetarian, I haven't eaten meat in 20 years." To determine whether my idea of protein excess was right or not I said, "What do you eat in place of meat?" "I am very fond of eggs," she said, "and I eat four or five at a meal." So you see there is where she gets her excess of protein in the eggs.

No doubt the fear inspired by these disease propaganda campaigns aids in increasing the death rate as well as useless operations.

How Cancer Starts.

Cancer is a systematic disease and comes about in this way. Through wrong habits of living the body becomes saturated with acid, toxic poisoning. Some abrasion of the skin occurs, the top of a pimple is scratched off, and the blood in its thoroughly poisoned condition is incapable of properly healing the wound. The sore remains open and discharges because nature immediately makes use of that opening through which to discharge or excrete some of the virulent poisons of the body. Through abnormal irritation, long continued, the cells of the tissues take on a charge and vary in type from the normal cells in that particular tissue. Sometimes these abnormal cells grow and spread with great rapidity and we have cancer, because the microscope discloses a tissue composed of a different cell from the surrounding normal tissue.

Clean Inside and Out.

I caused the complete absorption of a pyloric cancer of the stomach in a man 64 years old whose family was told he had three or four months only to live after the surgeons had cut him open, found the growth which they pronounced cancer as big as two fists at the pyloric end of the stomach, sewed him up and announced their verdict. In three months the man was back at work and has now been working for over two years. Therefore, do not let anyone frighten you over a sore wart, or a mole, or a pimple, or any other kind of a sore, or wound, for all you have to do to give yourself the best chance you have on this earth is to clean your body inside and out.

Questions will be answered in the order received. The readers of this publication may, if they desire, receive free treatment at the Health School Clinic at 3 p. m. every Sunday, room 617, Kimball Hall Bldg., Jackson Blvd. and Wabash Ave., Chicago.

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BUILD THE UNITED FRONT FOR LABOR'S INT'L HOLIDAY

Manifesto of the Workers Party of America

On May, the workers of the world will again celebrate Labor's International Holiday. Tens of millions of workers will unite in great mass meetings and mass demonstrations to show the strength and unity of the workers in the struggle against exploitation and oppression.

Since May Day last year Labor in the United States has passed through a period of tremendous struggle. For months more than a million workers were out on strike lines enduring hardships and suffering in order to prevent the employers from destroying their unions and reducing their standard of living.

In the struggles of the textile workers, the miners and the railway shopmen Labor learned that it can hope to protect itself against the attacks of the strongly organized employers and win better conditions only if its organizations are solidly united.

The Railway Shopmen fighting alone, while nine other railway unions served the bosses, showed the railway men the need of amalgamating their unions into one industrial union of railway employees. The weakness and disorganization of many textile unions on strike showed the need of the textile workers forming one great industrial union of the textile industry. The miners in their fight needed the help of the railwaymen and fact that coal was hauled by union railwaymen while the miners were on strike showed the need of an alliance between the miners and the railwaymen.

AMALGAMATION OF THE CRAFT UNIONS INTO POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS WILL MIGHTILY STRENGTHEN LABOR IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EMPLOYERS.

During the great strikes of last year Labor found that the strongest weapon in the hands of the employers and its greatest enemy was the government. It found that in every strike the powerful arm of the

government reached out to break the power of labor in the fight against lower wages and the open shop. The Government used the Railway Labor Board; it used the courts; it used police and it used soldiers for the purpose of breaking the power of Labor. The Daugherty injunction, which still stands, is the most flagrant example to prove that the Government is an instrument of the employers to break Labor.

The answer to this use of political power against Labor is for Labor to enter the political struggle against the employers. Labor must fight its battles politically as well as upon the industrial field. While the bosses hold the Government, Labor cannot hope to make any great gains upon the industrial field.

A POLITICAL PARTY OF LABOR—A LABOR PARTY—UNITING BOTH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND WORKING FARMERS MUST BE THE ANSWER TO THE OPEN USE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CRUSH LABOR.

With the power of Labor thus organized the way is open to establish, in place of the present capitalist government, which openly uses its power to dictate to the workers in the interests of the bosses, a Workers' Government which will use the governmental power to dictate to the capitalists in the interest of the workers.

Let us build a united front of labor in the United States for the celebration of May Day this year.

Let every union, every political organization of labor unite for great mass demonstrations of the strength and unity of Labor.

Let the slogans be: AMALGAMATION, A LABOR PARTY AND A WORKERS GOVERNMENT.

Central Executive Committee Workers Party of America C. E. RUTENBERG Executive Secretary. February 23, 1923.



Drawn by ART YOUNG in the Nation.

A month ago: "France Says Germany Wants to Fight." Today: "France Warns Germany to Stop its Policy of Non-resistance."

RUSSIA THROUGH THE SHADOWS

What do you know about Russia? Only a few may answer this question who had the opportunity to visit Russia since downfall of Czarism and see it with their own eyes. Most of us, nearly all, had to be satisfied with only newspaper stories, which, in most, were not very truthful, as they were coming from capitalist press sources.

But now we will have the opportunity to see Russia from the time of downfall of the Czar to the present day. A seven reel picture, "Russia through the Shadows," will be shown in Chicago on March 28 at Orchestra Hall.

Chicago is not going to be the only city or town that will have this opportunity. Friends of Soviet Russia, Chicago division, has secured this picture from March 20 to April 15 for use in Chicago Division of F. S. R.

Therefore, all the branches outside of Chicago of F. S. R. and all the branches of Workers' Party write immediately to "Friends of Soviet Russia," room 307 166 W. Washington St., Chicago, to secure a date for this picture in your city, also for conditions how this picture may be shown in your city. Don't delay as we have the picture in our possession only from March 20 to April 15.

Fraternally yours, John K. Danta, Sec'y F. S. R. Chicago Div.

ROCKEFELLER JR., HYPOCRITE SAYS PLUTE ORGAN

CHICAGO.—The righteousness of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is punctured by Manufacturers News, an organ of his own class which speaks for big business in Illinois.

Elaborating a mild reformist industrial program of 10 points, Rockefeller deplored the fact that he could not do anything about it because he was a minority stockholder in the concerns in which he was financially interested.

"Mr. Rockefeller," Manufacturers News comments, "makes us think of the man who owned considerable property which was used for immoral purposes. He became conscience-stricken and wanted to reform, so he sold the property. We always wondered what the Lord thought of him. It seems to us if he had been thoroughly sincere, instead of selling the property, he would have converted it to some moral use."

"There is no reason why Mr. Rockefeller should remain a minority stockholder in any corporation. We doubt whether there is any company in which Mr. Rockefeller has holdings that will not give his suggestions due consideration."

WORKERS TREATMENT FAVORABLE IN RED REPUBLIC

MOSCOW.—The 12th congress of the All Russian Water Supply and Sewer departments has been held in Moscow, as well as the first congress of the All Russian Street Car department.

The water and sewer congress passed a resolution declaring against the specially privileged rates for workers, on the basis of which workers now pay much less than others for light, water and sewer connections in many Russian cities. This policy was declared to be impracticable due to technical difficulties of calculating the various tariffs and to the inability of the water service to run on such low pay.

The street car department, meeting at the same time in Moscow, took an exactly opposite view of the question of special fares for workers. They declared that selling special tickets to workers at very low cost directly through the factories in advance, was not only of use to the city but also to the car line by providing advance funds and more complete utilization of service.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, NEW YORK REFUS TO SEAT W. P. DELEGATES

Elect Single Taxer to Executive Committee; Heavy Voting for Workers Party Admission.

By J. LOUIS ENGDahl.

Against the demand of the Workers Party for admission to the Second Conference of the American Labor Party, of New York, those in control, evidently feeling themselves on the defensive, raised the hypocritical cry of, "Not yet!"

Thus the demand of the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, to "Keep them out!" had been tempered to "Keep them out a little longer!"

New York's Conference, held Saturday and Sunday, at the new building of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, at Three East 16th St., was in the control of the Socialist Party.

It had plenty of delegates on hand from its own branches out of all proportion to its membership. It had others from the Workmen's Circle and from those trade unions controlled by a socialist officialdom.

The first secretary of the American Labor Party (New York) was Julius Gerber, long identified with the Socialist Party, and its present secretary is Marie MacDonald, with similar affiliations. Thus, being firmly established on the "inside," it is easy for the Socialists to maintain an iron grip on the organization.

Under these circumstances it was phenomenal that at times the sympathetic vote on behalf of the Workers Party should run up to 30 and 40 per cent of the entire delegation. This vote came from delegates of trade unions, Workmen's Circles and even a few of the Socialist Party delegates who are anxious and sincere in their desire to build up a real united front of the independent political forces of the workers, not merely a "Socialist front."

Blind Following Blind. The Farmer-Labor Party delegation was small and inconsequential, following blindly the Socialist lead. What James Oneal, for the Socialists, said in his speeches, Abraham Lefkowitz, of the Farmer-Labor Party, was sure to repeat and second in his. This was most apparent in the joint attacks on the Workers Party, and in the demand for "democracy" in Soviet Russia in the treatment of counter-revolutionaries. The only other prominent Farmer-Laborite, Jerome De Hunt, entered but little into the discussions and business of the conference's sessions.

Those delegates from trade unions who were not affiliated with the Socialist Party, and whose sympathies were not with the Workers Party, were so few and inarticulate that they played practically no part except, as in the case of Delegate Lincoln Jose, of the Carpenters, to profess allegiance to "100 per cent Americanism" and antipathy to anything Russian. Such a delegate usually finds a second in someone who has been in the Socialist Party "for 23 years."

Yet there is no denial that the so-called American Labor Party recognizing affiliation with the Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, is drawing into it all elements in favor of independent political action in New York City, and that it is spreading out to build a similar organization throughout New York state. Such an organization cannot long exclude the Workers Party.

Left Shows Strength. The first show of strength in the Saturday-Sunday Conference came in the election of a chairman, Delegate Joseph Kucher of the Amalgamated Metal Workers, receiving 52 votes as opposed to the 175 cast for Algerien Lee. The seating of the Workers Party delegates came up very shortly under the report of the credentials committee on the credentials offered on behalf of Alexander Wittman, J. Louis Engdahl, H. M. Bickles. The motion to give the Workers Party delegation 30 minutes in which to state their case was squelched. It was decided to limit the discussion to two speeches from each side, of ten minutes each. The report stated that, "These various types of organizations represented every phase of the modern labor movement and the conference demonstrated that it could rise above the sectarian divisions and unite in behalf of a common program for the workers." No mention was made of the fact that the Workers Party had been excluded from this July conference.

Delegate Kucher then continued, declaring, "You must unite all forces, including the Workers Party. You all know that the Workers Party fights for the workers and that it speaks for them. If we have any differences of opinion, we must thrust them out here among ourselves. Only as a united movement can we go forward as a vanguard of labor."

Delegate Oneal, and Delegate Lefkowitz after him, spoke against minutes each, from those seated. The case of the Workers Party was therefore presented by its sympathizers in the conference.

While all this was being settled Morris Hillquit and Victor L. Berger came and were properly applauded. They had come to make speeches, but the delegates were too much interested in the Workers Party question to listen to them, and they left as his discussion got under way.

Delegate Kucher started off for the Workers Party declaring, "I came here to get together all of labor's forces declaring for independent political action of the workers, I came here to oppose sectarian action. We find forces in this convention seeking to create barriers between different elements in the labor movement. We must unite all our forces, otherwise we cannot call ourselves a Labor Party."

A Representative Gathering? Delegate Kucher then quoted from the report of the secretary, Marie MacDonald that had been printed and distributed among the delegates, and which took pride in the fact that the first conference, at last July, which the American Labor Party had the Workers Party in the same vein. "The time will come when the Workers Party will be admitted here," said Oneal. "But that time has not arrived yet."



THE POOR FISH SAYS: Bolshevism can never thrive in America. We got our copper through a revolution and we don't want to risk losing it by another.

BLACK AND TAN RULE IN HAITI

NEW YORK.—A protest to the secretary of the navy against the deportation of the associate editor of the Emancipator, a labor paper published in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, has been made by the American-Civil Liberties Union. The associate editor, Morgna Bonaparte, a British subject from the neighboring island of Tortola, had published an article criticizing the local police. The article contained nothing libelous or even actionable under the law.

The deportation order against the Emancipator's associate editor is one of a series of oppressive acts directed by the United States naval government of the Virgin Islands against the newspaper in the last year. The newspaper, printed three times a week, is edited in behalf of a St. Thomas group which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Against the workers' movement in the islands is aligned the influence of the St. Thomas Times, which announces itself as "Edited, printed and published by the navy bandmen of the St. Thomas navy station, V. I." and which gives the names and titles of seven navy bandmen.

BURKE COCHRAN WAS MOONEY DEFENDER

SAN FRANCISCO.—Repr. Bourke Cochran, who died in Washington, was known to San Franciscans as the defense attorney for Tom Mooney. Becoming convinced of the innocence of Mooney and Billings, he crossed the continent to act in their defense, and labored indefatigably for weeks before the trial.

AMALGAMATION GAINING IN FRANCE

PARIS.—An important amalgamation has taken place in the French labor movement. The French Federation of Workers in the lighting and power industries and the French Federation of Workers in public services have decided to merge to reduce overhead expenditure and avoid duplication. The joint organization continues to be affiliated with the International Federation of Workers in Public Services.

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Ark. Legislators Probe Outrages at Harrison

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A joint committee representing both houses of the Arkansas legislature has commenced an inquiry into the Harrison affair. The first session was held in this city on Monday.

The first witnesses were L. A. Wise and "Red" Orr, the two union men who pleaded guilty to burning bridges on the M. & N. A. after they had been told that unless they confessed they would be lynched by the Harrison mob.

Orr and Wise told the legislative committee that they knew nothing about the bridge burnings and that they had to inform Judge Shinn before he passed sentence upon them.

They had appealed to the judge to protect them from the mob, but he had said that he could not guarantee their safety.

Confronted with the choice of losing their lives or confessing, Orr and Wise said they decided to confess.

The members of the committee promised to go to the bottom of the Harrison affair, but it is known that powerful influences are at work to induce the members to sanction a whitewash.

When the trouble first started at Harrison Governor McAfee was asked by Mayor Clute of Harrison to send troops. He pleaded that he could not do so under the constitution, because the legislature was in session.

The legislature promptly passed a resolution authorizing him to get busy. Then he received a telegram from Sheriff Bob Shaddox of Harrison, who is playing in with the mob, urging him not to send troops.

The legislature passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of inquiry and giving the committee extraordinary powers to examine witnesses and to use the state militia, if necessary, in order to secure compliance with its orders.

At the same time the governor was authorized to declare martial law whenever that might be necessary in order to preserve order.

McAfee has done nothing except send telegrams to Harrison urging that "sabotage" by the strikers and lawlessness by the mob be prevented.

At the same time he is issuing statements to the press declaring that everything is peaceful in Harrison, although he knows, as everyone else in Arkansas knows, that the mob organized by the M. & N. A. is in complete possession of every town along the road, and that strikers are being flogged, their women abused, and much property damaged.

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THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF MODERN TIMES

By Dr. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES.

The most remarkable thing which I saw on my visit to Moscow this past summer was the evidence on every hand of the successful efforts being made to rebuild the shattered social structure of that unhappy land.

On every hand, of course, were to be seen the signs of what Russia has suffered during the last five years.

It was the Great War, which led to the initial collapse of the Czar's government and society. Then followed the confusion of the revolutionary break-up, the crime of the Allied blockade, the armed invasions of Kolchak, Denikin, Wrangel and other monarchist brigades, and lastly, the famine.

The result of such experiences, of course, was widespread ruin and in such things as the crippled railroad service, the broken pavements of the streets and sidewalks, the damaged buildings and the broken systems of sanitation, we have the record of this period of history.

Crisis Passed. This period, however, is now definitely ended; so I feel at least on the basis of my observations. What is now significant is not the wreckage of the past but the new construction of the future.

On our journey from Riga to Moscow, at one of the stations in Soviet Russia, we saw an amazing collection of brand new locomotives, the largest and handsomest that I saw anywhere in Europe.

These were described to us as the first re-assignment of an order for two hundred and fifty machines which had been placed in the locomotive shops in Germany. In Moscow, we found the street car service restored after a two years interval, with cars running on a regular fifteen minute schedule.

The cars were in excellent condition and were crowded with riders! The pavements, streets and sidewalks, which had long been in a dreadful condition of neglect, were being re-laid in various parts of the city; and on one of the important avenues I saw a half mile of pavement which was as fine as the pavement on Fifth Avenue in New York.

Houses Repaired. A chance visit to the home of a working man showed me an apartment house, completely restored in every part by the labor of the co-operative society of workers to which the building had been assigned by the Moscow Soviet; it was in all

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Proletarian Party Invited to Join With W. P.

John Keracher, Executive Sec'y Proletarian Party Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Keracher: In the name of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party I am extending to your organization an invitation to join the Workers Party.

The Workers Party has demonstrated during its year of work that it is a Communist Party. Its delegates attended the Fourth Congress of the Communist International and it has been recognized by the Communist International as a fraternal organization. The program of our organization is a clear statement of Communist principles and the constitution provides for a centralized Communist form of organization.

The Proletarian Party has declared itself to be a Communist organization. It has declared its sympathy with and support of the Communist International. On the basis of these declarations we are of the opinion that the members of the Proletarian Party should become a part of the centralized, Communist Party, The Workers Party of America.

We recognize in the membership of your Party an earnest self-sacrificing group inspired by the determination to help realize the goal of the Communist movement. However, as a separate organization, with its present membership, the Proletarian Party cannot play an effective part in the class struggle in the United States.

As members of the Workers Party, which now embraces 20,000 members, the members of your organization can render vastly greater service. We believe that this service could be very great indeed along the line of assisting in carrying on the educational work within the party.

The Communist movement in this country is making new steps in advance. After years of persecution it is again openly carrying on its work. The consolidation of the Proletarian Party with the Workers Party will be another step forward.

I request that you bring this matter before your National Committee. Details can be taken up through a conference of representatives.

For unity of all Communist forces in the United States, I am Fraternally yours (Signed) C. E. RUTHENBERG, Executive Secretary.

The Chicago Tribune is clean mad because the Russian Oarist refugees are left stranded in Constantinople. Nobody seems to care a rap for them—not even the British. This is outrageous, says the Tribune. Think of it! We spent \$60,000,000 on the Armenians who the Tribune insinuates were not worth a bad dime. But the Russian emigrants! They are our allies. They fought against Bolshevism. It's a sad story, mates. "Woe unto the vanquished."

Michael Muhry and Israel Goldfob were arrested a few days ago and hauled into court on a charge of disorderly conduct. A policeman testified that they pestered restaurant owners along St. State Street demanding work. The judge sentenced them to thirty days in the House of Correction, saying that a stop must be put to the importunities of the workers who did not know their place.

"It's queer," said Murphy to his companion, "during the war we had to work or fight. Now we get to fight or work."

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The Movement in Great Britain

By LIAM O'FLAHERTY

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Newbold threw a bomb into the midst of the labor fakirs in the House of Commons last Friday during the course of a masterly eighty minutes speech, that set the boss press talking editorially for two days, denouncing "the member for Moscow."

But those who were foughest in their denunciation were the Labor Party themselves. During the speech they jeered at Newbold, when he talked of ridding the labor party of the line of revolution or political extinction. Neil McLean, the one-time admirer of James Connolly and all that was reddest, jumped up from his seat and shook his fist at Newbold, and the latter calmly turned around and called McLean an opportunist. Then McLean tried "to get at him," but like the Irishman at Dromybrook fair, there were several members convenient to "howl 'im back," and Newbold finished his scathing indictment of fakery with out physical interference from the tried and true upholders of four hundred pounds a year, for fooling the masses.

Next day, however, James Sexton, the same Jimmy of Liverpool, who has led the dockers into shams and poverty, disease and the "trenches" for many a long year. Jimmy Sexton, who is an atheist and yet won the support of the Catholic population of Liverpool by championing the control by the priests of Liverpool Catholic schools—this redoubtable Jimmy, who voted for Black 'n' Tannery in Ireland during the terror, came out next day to denounce Newbold. Jimmy was featured in the "Daily Herald," photo complete, calling Newbold a "political Columbus," and labelling his speech, "soundingly hooliganism."

"I raised an army during the last war," cried Jimmy, while Ramsay McDonald late pacifist and pro-German, looked on calmly at his ingenious satellite, "and I am going to raise one again if opportunity offers" (loud cheers from the capitalist benches).

Ramsay McDonald talked to the bosses yesterday—went off, at a luncheon given by the Aldwych Club. When Ramsay had gone through a few bottles of Champagne he began to shoot his mouth. "You think me a (sic) Bolshevik," he cried, "but you're wrong (good lad Ramsay, we know R. from the audience). The Labor Party propose to do nothing without changing public opinion—nothing I say. They propose to do nothing without a majority in the House of Commons." (Daily Herald Report.)

Ramsay told a lie there though. The Labor Party intend to draw their salaries and denounce communism, and drink champagne with the "ginthry be Jesus," but of course they don't want a majority for that. J. H. Thomas claimed in the House yesterday that his mother drew the old age pension—and Thomas is a wealthy man—what with the \$10,000 he got in his lawsuit against the "Communist" for calling him a four-flusher, and railway stock, and privy council boodle and his several salaries. But begob, he claims his mother is drawing the old age pension on top of that. The occasion when he made the statement was in support of the Labor Party motion to grant increased pensions to the aged or something. No wonder these labor fakirs are anti-Communist. This labor fakir business is the best graft since Jeff Peters went out of business. No expense. No danger of cuts in wages. You talk of Sam Gompers. He is not in it with the British type of fakir. They visit the king; they live in fashionable squares. They are in fact recognized as equals of the "ginthry."

Rapid though the movement of the labor fakirs is towards the right—there is an almost equally accentuated movement among the rank and file to the left. The Communist Party campaign for recruits and the unfed front was launched during the week end and has met everywhere with spontaneous success. Never since 1919, when the masses went to sleep under the knock out punch of the bosses' attack has the party made such progress. It looks as if the workers in Britain are beginning to take their proper place in the international.

The miners' strike, staged by the revolutionary workers in France, has sounded the note of a general workers' advance that has had its repercussions in this country. The British labor fakirs have done their best to aid the French reformists in sabotaging that strike, but the men in Welsh and Yorkshire and Scotch coal pits have heard the growth of their French comrades. Various local branches of the Miners' Federations are sending in resolutions to headquarters in favor of a six hours day, and advocating a strike to gain their demands. A few weeks ago the bosses threatened the eight hour day in the mines. Truly the tide seems to have turned. From Bulgaria in the east to England in the west the European masses are rattling their chains. It is in moments like these, when there is a progressive moment from the bottom, that the Judases appear in their true colors.

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R. R. Companies Try to Block Progressive Laws

By PETER BELL.

Quite a furor has been caused among the officialdom of the railways passing through the state of Illinois by House Bills Nos. 80 and 81, introduced by Mr. Hart, Jan. 23, 1923, in the Illinois State Legislature.

Bill No. 80 limits the length of any freight train to one-half mile. Bill No. 81, Sec. 1, provides for a crew of five men for a freight train consisting of 50 cars and an additional man for every 25 cars or fraction thereof.

Sec. No. 2 provides for a crew of five men for all passenger, mail and express trains and where baggage is carried there must be a baggageman in addition to such crew.

Sec. 4 provides for a crew of three men for an engine traveling upon a main track outside of yard limits.

If these two bills are passed by the legislature and made into laws, it will be necessary for railways passing through Illinois to hire more men.

This must necessarily entail a larger expense and will reduce the profits of the roads.

The railroads are now waging a fight to kill these two bills.

They propose by reaching influential citizens to bring enough pressure to bear upon our legislators at Springfield to defeat these measures.

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THU. FRI. SAT. Mar. 15, 16, 17 ST. PAUL MINN. LYRIC THEATRE	FRIDAY March 16 FITCHBURG MASS. LYRIC THEATRE	TUESDAY March 20 NASHUAUK MINN. GRAND THEATRE	MONDAY & TUESDAY March 26-27 MINNEAPOLIS MINN. Metropolitan Opera House	WEDNESDAY March 28 CHICAGO ILLINOIS ORCHESTRA HALL
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Y. W. L. Activities

"A good time was had by all" said one, of the Masquerade Ball, Red Revel, on March the third, but this was especially true of the YOWLS present. They were on every hand, having fun and making fun. But the climax of the evening came when the first and second prize was awarded to two branches of the YWL. The Liebkecht branch, with their stalwart athletes whose skill as foot ball players will be the talk of the town, won the berries—the first prize—and the Ringwood branch won the second. Both branches gave their prizes to the Voice of Labor.

The most interesting and fascinating performance of the whole evening, was the Tableau. Every one remembers about how well it was staged, and how vividly it brought home the lesson it had to convey. The majority of the members in the cast were Young Workers Leaguers.

The Chicago city convention of the YWL will be held about the middle of April, for the purpose of electing delegates to the National convention. The National convention will be held in May and the Chicago League will be entitled to four delegates, the largest delegation from any city, the next being New York which will have three delegates. When it comes totalling, we will have to hand it to New York, because last year they claimed a membership that would entitle them to eight delegates to Chicago's five, but this year when it is necessary to have a dues-paying membership, Chicago is in the lead.

With bated breath and intense excitement, members of the YWL, IYPSL, and others who were present at the debate on March the eighth listened to the debaters for the YWL, Gannon and Edwards, wipe up the floor with their opponents, Ypsel champions of "Independence." Time and again the battle raged so fiercely that the very atmosphere was blue with excitement. When Gannon told them, after they had made the statement that the position of the Communists was wrong, that no doubt Lenin, Trotsky, and the rest should have asked them (the IYPSLs) before starting the Revolution. After the debate, several Ypsels expressed the opinion that they believed the YWL position was correct, and no doubt some of them will have the courage of their convictions and step out with the revolutionary youth organization in this country, the Young Workers League.

At the Symposium to be held on March the twenty-fifth, Martin Aborn will give a report on the Youth organizations of the world, and a report on the third Congress of the Young Communist International. This is the first and last chance that Chicago will have to hear this report. If you are a real rebel, if you are a young worker, if you are interested in the working class movement of the world, you should be present to hear what the youth of the world is doing. Remember that youth is the hope of the future and should be given every chance possible to organize and enter into the class struggle. Aborn will have something to say that has never been said in Chicago before.

LABOR DEFENSE COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Meeting of Chicago Conference of Labor Defense Council Saturday afternoon, March 17th, at 3 P. M. at 166 W. Washington St., 6th floor. All W. P. branches please see that their delegates attend.

Dinner Pail Epics by Bill Lloyd



The workers must support their press or they will very soon confess that they are licked to a degree that will be bad for us to see.

The chambers of commerce make it a part of their big biz to throw their propaganda out, and knock the working class about. They work up wars when they seem good, to line their pockets when they would. The open shop is now their game, for which they fight without no shame. The daily press is full of lies, of every shape and every size. They go into the mud and wallow, to fish up lies that they will swallow.

They lie about the Russian folk; they ab about the French Ruhr yoke; they fib about the French Ruhr yoke; and brand the working class as shirkers; they lie of riots and of raids, and when they write, the whole truth fades about the things that we should know, if we would make our movement go.

We gotta own our own good papers.

Lewis Gang Repudiated.

LILLY, Pa.—Nick Fontecchie and another "international" organizer of the Pres. John L. Lewis, administration of the United Mine Workers of America, acting under the directions of Lewis & Co., were repudiated here at a mass meeting of 800 union coal miners.

These organizers went into Anthracite District No. 2, to discredit Pres. John Brophy, who is marked for official slaughter because of his agitation for "nationalization of coal mines." The excuse was that the strike against certain 'scab mines' in Somerset county was unjustified. The district executive board laid an assessment of \$1 a week to meet the expenses of the continuance of this strike. The "machine" thought the men would be sick of paying this assessment. These organizers travelled from local to local advocating that the local unions should vote to discontinue the assessment. At Lilly the men unanimously voted against their pernicious activity and vindicated Brophy and the district executive board.

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THE UNITED FRONT OF LABOR

By J. W. JOHNSTONE.

(Comrade J. W. Johnstone, one of the American delegates to the Second Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, has returned after a tour, which took him all through Europe. This is the first part of an article dealing with the problems of the United Front of Labor, written specially for the Voice of Labor by Comrade Johnstone. The second part will be published next week.—ED.)

In dealing with the united front of labor, we will do well if we study the tactics used by the capitalist class. It is true that capitalist groups war with each other for the division of the spoils. The World War is a premier example as to how far they will go in their ruthless extermination of competing groups, for the control of the world's market. However, in their offensive against labor, we find them united; we find them with one policy, one objective; namely, to fasten cost of the war upon the shoulders of the working class. They may fight amongst themselves over indemnities, reparations, etc., but they unanimously agree that the working class must foot the bill.

After the war was over, capitalism found itself threatened with bankruptcy. Not only had the cost of the war to be met, but it had to be paid by an already revolting working class, who in most countries had entrenched themselves in a mere advanced and strengthened position, than they had heretofore held, and had wrung from the capitalist many concessions. The eight-hour in most countries had become the rule, instead of the exception; working conditions had been improved greatly, and the standard of living materially bettered.

For a period of eighteen months after the war, the working class throughout the world had taken the offensive. It is true that with the exception of Russia, Hungary, and to a certain extent Italy, the general trend of the offensive was for immediate demands and the strengthening of their position within the capitalist state. Nevertheless, Europe was alive with revolutionary thought. The Hungarian Soviet Republic had been established; the workers in Austria and Germany were revolting; the Italian workers had occupied the factories; the Russian Red Army was marching on Warsaw; and for a time it looked as if Europe at least would come under the complete domination of the proletariat.

But with the collapse of the Russian military offensive against Warsaw, the fall of the Hungarian Soviet Republic, the complete defeat of the Italian workers, and the halting through the treachery of the Social Democrats of the Austrian and German revolution, the workers' offensive completely collapsed, the capitalists took the reins into their hands, and the offensive against labor began in real earnest.

We must seriously consider the disastrous effects that this attack has had upon the working class movement in general, and the trade union movement in particular. I think that we all realize, that the real strength of the revolutionary movement, not only depends on the numerical strength of the trade unions, but also to the extent that we, as communists, direct that movement. Trade unions, led by reformists, are bound to fall before the attack of a united capitalist class. The capitalist offensive, beginning in 1920, and spreading from country to country with the rapidity of a prairie fire, assumed enormous dimensions, and unquestionably was organized upon an international scale. The first real attack was upon the eight-hour day. In countries where the eight-hour law had been written into the statute book, it was either abolished, or so many exemptions were allowed—on the plea that this was necessary for the economic reconstruction of the country—that the law became a dead letter, and the issue was settled by force; the result being that in all countries the eight-hour day has been lost in many basic industries.

to destroy completely the trade union movement; and the fact that they failed in their main objective places no feather in the bonnet of Mr. Gompers and the rest of the official family.

However, they were able, due to the idiotic policy, or rather the lack of policy, of our trade union leaders, to smash the unions in the steel mills. The railroad workers have been badly demoralized; the great packinghouse unions have been completely wiped off the map, and the morale of the whole movement has been generally lowered. The capitalist offensive was not confined to the industrial field; it also took the form of a political offensive, not only had the workers to fight the industrial power of the capitalist, but also the political powers of the city, state, and federal government were utilized to the limit against them.

The most drastic injunctions were issued against labor. The departments of Justice and Labor were used to browbeat frame-up and deport active workers. The child labor law was declared unconstitutional, the Seamen's Act was annulled, etc. The officers of the J. U. E. L., the R. S. E., the W. P. and numerous trade unions were raided and the most active workers arrested and thrown into jail. In fact, the whole power of the capitalist class, political and industrial, was used to the limit during the offensive, and the retreat of labor became a rout.

Private capitalist strike breaking and white guard organizations have been formed in all capitalist countries. They adopt names peculiar to their respective countries, but their aims are the same, and they find their ideal personified in the Fascisti of Italy.

(To be continued.)

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Peddling the Labor Vote.

Edward Ryan, president of the Chicago Building Trades Council, has announced that he would do everything in his power to elect Judge Dever next Mayor of Chicago. We are informed by the Herald Examiner that Mr. Ryan "has the confidence and good will of the employers associations as well as of the union men of Chicago. It looks as if he were a first class 'confidence man.'"

Ryan says he favors Dever because he is a "square shooter." Yes, and a bunk shooter. And so is Ryan. Both of them are shooting hot air for a consideration. During every election, municipal, state or national, traders like Ryan come along and offer the labor vote to the highest bidder. Sometimes they fool the purchaser more than the chattels they try to sell. It is becoming increasingly difficult for labor fakery to turn the labor vote into cash on election day. McCarthy of Frisco tried it once too often.

But the failure of the class conscious workers here in Chicago to present a united front of the different political groups who believe in independent political action on the part of labor makes it possible for vote peddlers like Ryan to ply their seasonal trade. Had there been a candidate endorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor and representing a coalition of the Workers Party, the Socialist Party, the Farmer Labor Party and the Proletarian Party, in the field for mayor, Mr. Ryan would have a hard time trying to explain to the workers for what reason he favored a capitalist candidate for mayor while a representative of labor was in the field. A Labor Party will compel the labor traffickers in votes to look about for some other line of graft besides selling the suffrages of the workers to the highest bidder. Boost the Federated Labor Party.

The British Labor Party.

The defeat of three of Bonar Law's cabinet ministers in succession in recent by-elections by candidates on the Labor Party ticket has created a political sensation in England. The Labor Party is the Opposition Party in the English parliament and if the present government receives an adverse vote in the Commons, the usual procedure is to have the King summon the leader of the opposition and request him to form a cabinet.

The invitation to the Labor Party leaders to dine with the King at Buckingham Palace on March 15 has a political significance as had the Lady Astor dinner. The King wants to get acquainted with his future Premier. The former fire-eater, Ramsay MacDonald, will in all probability be the first Labor Prime Minister of England.

Some of our readers may expect a change in policy on the part of the Empire on the advent of the Labor Party to power. They are bound to be disappointed. With the exception of a small group of Scottish members and one or two throughout England, the Labor Party is composed of dyed in the wool Imperialists no less interested in maintaining capitalism than Herbert Asquith or Lloyd George.

But once the Labor Party is the government they can no longer throw the blame for the misery caused by capitalism on the political representatives of capital. They will be obliged to attempt reforms which will be fought bitterly by the ruling class and the workers will finally learn that this old and rickety parliamentary machine cannot function in the interests of the workers so having tried it and found it wanting they will consign it to the scrap heap and sound the death knell of capitalist rule by establishing a dictatorship of the workers. But the Labor Party will not lead the workers in the last development. That will be the task of the Communist Party.

Birds of a Feather.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows," but when the Chicago Tribune lies down with Industrial Solidarity, it is not surprising that the result of their intellectual cohabitation should be a monstrosity. During the last week two editorials appeared in the above mentioned papers, both venomously attacking Soviet Russia. Of course attacks from the Tribune are to be expected, but much though we disagree with the rattlers who are glued to their "revolutionary" chairs at 1001 Madison St., we expected at least capitalists, the editor of Industrial Solidarity joyously heads his

ers toward reconstruction though of course we did not expect that they would have intelligence enough to understand the object of Russia's new policy or the strategic moves made by the Soviet Republic to build up its industries while gaining a breathing spell and consolidating its power.

Because the Soviet government has sold concessions to foreign capitalists, the editor of Industrial Solidarity joyously heads his editorial "Soviet Russia's Finish." This mental eunuch is typical of the aggregation of pie card artists who now infest the headquarters of the once fighting I. W. W.—the gang that recently expelled thirty-six of the best fighters the organization ever had, simply because they accepted their freedom from Leavenworth prison.

The Tribune editorial raved against Lenin for advocating a world revolution. "Birds of a feather flock together." The capitalist hirelings, hare brained anarchists, yellow socialists and under cover "radicals" all put up a United Front against the first successful Workers' Republic since the dawn of human history. Industrial Solidarity may revel in its own ignorance, but the Soviet Republic is on the road of progress. The I. W. W. is "finished" as a revolutionary organization unless it is taken out of the grip of the suspicious characters who now have their hands on its throat.

Militarism.

The capitalist press keeps telling us that Soviet Russia is a vast economic graveyard, ruled over by a gigantic Red Army. How this military machine gets its three square meals a day in a graveyard is more than we can make out. The capitalist countries pretend to be opposed to war. They have not a very convincing way of showing their devotion to the God of Peace, but their literary hacks somehow manage to keep the myth alive. But since the "war to end war" officially ended, all the countries involved in that carnage, except those that were defeated, have expended more money on war preparations than ever before. They tell us that war is not their object. What are they manufacturing death dealing weapons for?

The only stable government in Europe that has cut its war expenditures is Russia. It simply slashed its war budget in half. It has a powerful army, it is true. It needs that army for protection of its dearly bought revolution, and having convinced itself that its enemies for the present are in no position to threaten its existence, the Soviet government reduced its military appropriations by one-half and increased its budget for economic development by \$50,000,000.

The charge of militarism made against Soviet Russia is unfounded. Soviet Russia needs an army to protect itself against the capitalist hordes who are snarling on its borders.

Big Tim Murphy, contrary to all prognostications, has at last donned the Leavenworth haberdashery. While on his way to prison, this thug and ignoramus, received an ovation from "dumbell-dom" and copious space in the columns of the capitalist press. His proposed reforms include the repeal of the Volstead act so that when he comes out of jail his arms will not get numb from swinging drinks of hooch into his main entrance. He boasted of making a million and spending a million and he plans to repeat the trick. This thug is a "labor leader" and is enabled to continue as a spectacular nuisance through the stupidity of those who allow him to remain in the labor movement. Yet while Gompers is carrying on a nation wide campaign to rid the labor unions of communists the killers and grafters have a free hand and his blessing.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen will celebrate its fiftieth birthday during the year, says "Scrutator" of the Chicago Tribune. This organization pays in insurance claims \$1,000,000 a year and has 125,000 members. The Tribune writer therefore argues that it is a business institution as well as a union. That is the trouble with our conservative unions. They are looked upon by the leaders as business institutions and their insurance features and business adjuncts are so many fetters to keep the rank and file tied to the chariots of their yellow leaders. Capitalism fears above all other things the slipping away of the labor unions from the control of the fakery. That is the reason they fight the Workers' Party and the Trade Union Educational League, which is leading the progressive elements in the unions in the fight to make the unions fighting instruments to emancipate the workers and not business institutions for the benefit of a few corrupt, ivory headed and crooked grafters.

the glaring inefficiency of the trade union bureaucracy, as it is a distinct rank and file movement in opposition to the policies of the reactionaries. These shop councils held a national congress in Berlin, almost simultaneous with that of the Red International in Moscow. About 1,500 delegates attended representing 4,000,000 organized workers, despite the fact that the bureaucrats had threatened to expel all participants as well as their supporters.

In Czechoslovakia, when the communists were elected to the important trade union offices, all the reactionary machinery was set into motion. The Chemical Workers and Wood Workers unions comprising a total of 110,000 members, were expelled in one day, the result being two national movements with the majority following the militant policies. In Italy the employers used extensively the method of blacklisting all militant workers and closed the factory gates to them. This the yellow leaders, working hand in hand with the Fascist murder brigade, were not slow to take advantage of by the process of simply dropping all such members from the books for inability to pay dues. In this manner about 400,000 workers have been

In Memory of the Paris Commune

By OSCAR CARLSON.

Fifty-two years ago, with France a nation conquered by the armies of Wilhelm the First and Bismark, there occurred an event which shall ever remain as outstanding and historic. There occurred for the first time in all the annals of history a distinctly proletarian revolution. The establishment of the Paris Commune on the 28th of March, 1871, by the workers of that city shall never be forgotten.

The century which had elapsed prior to the establishment of the Commune had been a hectic one. The cruelty and heartless despotism of the aristocracy under the reign of Louis the XV and XVI had very few equals. The rising merchant and manufacturing classes felt the whip hand of feudalism almost as much as the workers. While the landed aristocracy and the clergy were the controlling factors, little or no progress could be made in the development of commerce, industry and banking. Thus, there gradually grew up a collision between the poverty-stricken workers and peasants, the intellectuals, and the rising bourgeoisie for the overthrow of the power of the then ruling class. The watchwords of the rising capitalist class was Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. In 1789 began the upheaval which was to usher in the new era. There is no time nor space here to dwell upon the French revolution. Suffice it to say that while it gave freedom to the trading and manufacturing classes, it did no such thing for the mass of toilers. For almost a quarter of a century they were forced to battle in civil wars, in wars against invaders, and under Napoleon, in wars of conquest. Those who were not dragged into the battles had to suffer exploitation at the hands of ruthless and relentless industrial capitalists and landowners.

Revolution again swept France during the years of 1848-50, but the workers once more were confused, divided and misled. No fundamental change in their status was effected.

In 1870 the ambitious ruling class of France desired to extend their empire and their power. Louis Bonaparte's ambitions, however, came to naught, for within a few short weeks his forces had been crushed beneath the iron battalions of Prussia. The defeat at Sedan was the culminating point of a war which, from the very start had been unpopular among the French people. On the 4th of September of that year the working men of Paris proclaimed the republic.

From one end of France to the other this proclamation was endorsed. Louis Bonaparte was a thing of the past. His high hopes and ambitions were swept away at one stroke, and he with them. Bismark and Wilhelm, although they had promised to engage in battle with the French only to repeal aggression? Ah, what lofty promises! What noble words! They were entering into a war against the French emperor, not the French people. Didn't we hear words of a similar nature during the World War? That was why WE entered the war; surely, England, Italy and France said the same thing. But then, as now, it was the people who were shot down, bayoneted, tortured,

starved and forced to pay the price of the war.

Under feeble pretexts of wanting "material guarantees" against future aggression by the French, Germany proceeded to march into France, there to annex the province of Alsace and the German-speaking part of Lorraine. The workers of Paris were determined to prevent the armies of Wilhelm from entering that city. Their newly established Government of National Defense (a hodge-podge affair, run by petty schemers of all kinds) feared to arm the workers of Paris, but rather deceived the heroic proletariat and secretly prepared to capitulate to Bismark's legions. Speaking of this period, Marx says:

"Yet, in the turmoil of surprise, with the real leaders of the working class still shut up in Bonapartist prisons and the Prussians already marching on Paris, Paris bore with their assumption of power on the express condition that it was to be wielded for the single purpose of national defense. Paris, however, was not to be defended without arming its working class, organizing them into an effective force, and training their ranks by the war itself. But Paris armed was the revolution armed. A victory of Paris over the Prussian aggressor would have been a victory of the French worker over the French capitalist and his state parasites. In this conflict between national duty and class interest, the Government of National Defense did not hesitate one moment to turn into a Government of National Defection."

The way in which this newly established government double-crossed the workers of Paris was indeed shameful. Marx deals with this in a masterly fashion in his "Civil War in France." Under the pretext of withstanding the siege of the Prussians the leaders of the republic deliberately allowed their citizens slowly to starve to death. On the 28th of January, 1871, they decided to capitulate. Bismark's terms were most humiliating, but they were willing to accept anything rather than allow the working class to rule. The assembly, which was elected after the capitulation, was ordered to disarm the National Guard of Paris, the only body which had made possible the existence of the republic. The Parisian workers refused to surrender their arms, despite the fact that their city was already partly under the military possession of the German army.

Thiers, who has been described as "A master in small state roguery, a virtuoso in perjury and treason, a craftsman in all the petty stratagems, cunning devices and base perfidies of parliamentary party-warfare; never scrupling, when out of office, to fan a revolution; and to stifle it in blood when at the helm of the state; with class prejudices standing him in the place of ideas, and vanity in the place of a heart; his private life as infamous as his public life is odious—even now, when playing the part of a French Sulla, he cannot help setting off the abomination of his deeds by the ridicule of his ostentation," sent outside troops to occupy Paris and to disarm the workers. The result was bloodshed and the

seizure of Paris by these workers who had fought and starved for it for five long months. Their Central Committee declared itself as its provisional government. The Paris Commune was proclaimed and established in the midst of a victorious army of occupation, against the troops from France itself, and in a city that had undergone a siege for more than a third of a year. "Europe seemed, for a moment, to doubt whether its sensational performances of state and war had any reality in them, or whether they were the dreams of a long bygone past."

From that 18th day of March, 1871, until May the 29th, 1871, the Commune ruled. For the first time in all history the workers as a class were definitely in control. In spite of all the lurid stories which have been peddled about the terrors of the Commune, the fact remains, as has been attested to by hundreds of people; that during those weeks Paris was extraordinarily free from acts of violence. In spite of the many serious blunders committed by the men at the head of the Commune, still serious efforts were made to better conditions for everyone. A readjustment of society was attempted, wherein the workers and producers of the goods were also to be the possessors of it.

On the Commune were, all in all, seventeen members of the First International—the first international organization of the revolutionary working class. They were in a minority, but at that, they were undoubtedly more capable and had a better grasp of the problems confronting the newly established government than had the others. Many of the men at the head of the Commune possessed greater abilities as orators than as organizers and statesmen. To be sure, under the circumstances, and with less than ten weeks in the saddle one cannot judge too harshly. Their attempt, futile though it was, and resulting as it did in mass executions of men, women and children, was nevertheless a great step forward. From the experience of the Paris Commune we have learned many lessons. Their heroism is unquestioned.

The men and women of Paris, who fought in that brief combat, and who ruled but for a moment, were the pioneers of the many other revolutionary attempts which have since been made. They blazed the way, and the record of their failures is a valuable one for us. The revolutionary workers of all the world have learned much from them. Our Russian comrades admit freely how they profited by the lessons of that brief victory of the workers. Let us, too, as we stand on the eve of the eclipse of capitalist society, take courage and inspiration from what they did and how they did it. If we can but profit by their mistakes as well as to equal them in fervor and heroism, then we may rest assured that where they failed, we shall succeed. The revolutionary movement is now world wide, and crumbling, tottering, decaying capitalism, world-wide, too, will soon give way to the rule of the workers,—the first faint dawn of a new day, not of the Commune, but of Communism.

"Working men's Paris, with its Commune, will be forever celebrated as the glorious harbinger of a new society. Its martyrs are enshrined in the great heart of the working class. Its exterminators, history has already nailed to that eternal pillory from which all the prayers of their priests will not avail to redeem them."

SECOND CONGRESS OF R. I. L. U.

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Germany, the reports showed to be the only country which had not lost in trade union membership. However this need not necessarily be ascribed to any greater potency of the unions or better leadership. It was mainly brought about by two factors. First the great pressure upon the workers by the terribly increased exploitation brought about by the process of depreciation of the currencies, the constantly decreasing real wage and the increased cost of living. The workers were compelled to remain in the unions. Secondly, by the judicious application of the tactics of the Red International by the German militants. When the German capitalists, after the war, again attempted to regain their equilibrium the yellow socialist trade union leaders made their compact with the old imperialist structure upon the ruins brought about by the war and the Versailles Treaty, at the expense of the workers. All obstacles had to be removed and a campaign of expulsion of communists was launched, often leading to expulsions of whole unions who supported them. However these expelled members immediately began

a struggle for reinstatement. No dual unions were allowed to be established, nor were the expelled unions allowed to disband. They refused to recognize the expulsion and appealed to the rank and file over the heads of the officialdom for reinstatement.

These tactics were a great success. Most of the expelled unions have been able to force their way back into the mass organizations in this manner and also to check the campaign of expulsions. But it has become a great lesson to the rank and file and greatly strengthened the communist militants throughout the German trade union movement. At its last congress the metal workers industrial union, numbering 1,800,000 members, definitely went on record against expulsions.

The extent to which the communists have gained support within the German trade unions can best be illustrated by the movement for the establishment of workers' control in the industries. This movement is expressed by the shop councils (Betriebsräte) and led by the communists. It has been given special impetus by

eliminated. Similar experiences were related at the congress from most of the European countries. Only in Soviet Russia the trade union movement is making great strides forward, strengthening the morale, discipline and understanding of the tremendous tasks of their members. They are working energetically to build and perfect the economic structure of the country, for only there is it possible for the workers to better their own conditions by increasing production.

Under the slogan of political neutrality, which in reality would mean nothing but neutrality in the class struggle, even the standard bearers onslaught upon the communists who were active in the unions. Ideologically their furious attacks became linked up with that of the yellow reformists and the capitalists, despite the fact these revolutionary phrase mongers at the time of the organization of the Red International adhered to it and professed full support to the Russian revolution.

Against this dastardly betrayal of the trade unions, the Red International congress held forth the slogans of the united front and trade union unity. By practical plans these slogans were worked out to fit the realities of the moment. The con-

gress again went on record against the immediate formation of new international federations, despite the fact that the doors of the federations controlled by the Amsterdam crowd have been closed to many unions throughout the world. However it decided to strengthen the international industrial propaganda committees so they may work for the realization of complete unity on the international field.

No secessionist tendencies were tolerated at this congress. Irrefutably the fallacy of such methods were brought home to the delegates. The strengthening of the existing mass unions was considered as the first duty of the militants; thereby strengthening the working class and the social revolution. Yet it was made clear that the revolutionary workers before unity can be realized must be guaranteed at least a minimum of protection. And the congress stated its readiness to realize trade union unity on condition that the liberty of propaganda be guaranteed to the minority, reformist or revolutionary, on the basis of strict discipline during actions against the capitalists.

The question of relations between the Red Trade Union International and the Communist International was

solved to the satisfaction of all, by a resolution offered by the delegates of the French C. G. T. U., practically the only opponents of the former organic relations between the two internationals. Henceforth these relations are to be of a voluntary character.

Many special problems peculiar to the various countries had to be settled at the Second Congress and where conflicts between certain tendencies prevailed they were handled firmly and decisively. All adherents of the Red International in the United States, whether being minorities within the larger unions or organized in the smaller independent unions, were told to do their utmost to strive for harmony of all revolutionary trade union activities. According to the program of trade union unity it was pointed out to these independent unions that the campaign of amalgamation could only become complete when they enter actively in the struggle for unity of all unions and attempt to re-enter the A. F. of L. as organized groups. When some of their advocates held that this body was too conservative for them and could not be reformed, they were told: "If that is true it merely indicates that you must give up for the

time your hope of social revolution, since without the masses in the trade unions the revolution is impossible."

That the Trade Union Educational League has become a real factor in the American labor movement was acknowledged at the Second Congress. Its work was highly commended. Although no shortcomings were overlooked, it was pointed out that its policies were correct and all militants and revolutionists, including those in the independent unions were urged to put their shoulders to the wheel and make an ever more aggressive campaign for the complete realization of its policies. The league was made the official representative of the Red International of Labor Unions in the United States.

On the great fundamental principles there were no differences of opinion at this congress. It adjourned with unanimous decisions on all important points. The delegates from Japan, China, the Dutch India, America and the European countries departed pledged to work for establishment of real unity, of all workers against the growing capitalist exploitation and to re-invigorate the existing trade unions with a true spirit of understanding of their mission—the liberation of the working class.