

# PULLMAN REAMERS REFUSE TO DESERT THE STRIKE

## No Hope For 115 Victims of Steel Trust Mine

### Exposing \$60,000,000 Fish Steal Scares Hoover Into Weak Denial of Charges

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has made a general and unconvincing denial of the charges that he has assisted the Salmon Trust in stealing the \$60,000,000 yearly fishing rights on the Alaskan coast.

Hoover pleads that the big salmon companies are operating under privileges obtained during former administrations and that he has no authority to practice conservation and to safeguard labor conditions. He pleads that he is trying to get a law passed which will give his department such authority.

Hoover's Denial Unconvincing.

### INJUNCTION LAWYER OUT OF HIS JOB

#### Association Economizes By Canning LeBosky

When 43 garment strikers face Judge Charles H. Foell in Superior Court on injunction proceedings this morning they will miss the familiar figure of the Chicago Association of Dress Makers, Lee LeBosky, prosecutor for the Chicago Association of Dress Manufacturers.

LeBosky, former attorney for former union manufacturers, is largely responsible for the present strike by the pressure he brought to bear on his clients to abandon their agreement. Since the strike began he led his clients into the anti-labor association and was rewarded by Dudley Taylor with the lucrative job of injunction attorney.

Association Short of Funds.

Now Taylor has been compelled to drop LeBosky. Association expenses, some of them admitted, have become too heavy. The strike is harder than they were led to expect by LeBosky. It is costing them too much and there is no sign of the workers being defeated.

### MANY PROBLEMS UP TO CONGRESS OF COMINTERN

#### The Main Questions For Discussion Announced

- (Special to The Daily Worker)
- MOSCOW, April 29.—The questions to come before the Fifth World Congress of the Communist International have now been agreed on. They have been announced as follows:
1. Lenin and the Comintern.
  2. The general economic question.
  3. The report of the activities and tactics of the Comintern.
  4. World Program.
  5. Tactics in Trade Unions.
  6. The National Question—(the position of the Communist Party on the National problem, the revolutionary movement in the Orient, and the Negro problem in the colonies.)
  7. Immigration.
  8. Fascism.
  9. The question regarding the intellectuals.
  10. The Farmers.
  11. The International and the Youth Movement.
  12. The question of the individual sections.
  13. Election of Executive Committee.

### Georgia State Is Made Big Prison For Working Class

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Georgia state federation of labor, in convention, has protested against a recent Georgia law forbidding the workers in that state from leaving it except when the state labor commissioner is officially informed that this labor "can well be spared."

No direct move to repeal the law or to defy it was made by the convention; it simply denounced the law as a vicious attack on the liberties of the people. The organized labor movement in the state is extremely weak.

### Labor Can't Help Smiling



From the London Daily Herald.  
A British View of Fascism.

### PRESIDENT PARDONS BIG BOOTLEGGER

#### Criminal Never Served Day In Jail

WASHINGTON, April 29.—President Coolidge pardoned a Chicago saloonkeeper charged with violating the Volstead act after the late President Harding had twice denied clemency in the case, James A. Finch, pardon attorney in the department of justice, today told the Senate Daugherty investigating committee.

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, now czar of organized baseball, who sentenced Philip Grossman, the saloonkeeper, to a year in jail, was immediately subpoenaed by the committee.

### Harding Denied Plea.

Altho Grossman lost his appeal to the higher court, Finch said, the saloonkeeper never served a day in jail. Two attempts were made to get a pardon for Grossman, Finch said. The late President Harding, in July, 1923, wrote on the papers in the case that no consideration could be given the case until after part of the sentence was served, he declared.

Later, Finch said, Attorney General Edward J. Brundage of Illinois wrote to Attorney General Daugherty on Grossman's behalf, stating that the complaining witness in the case had been discredited and Grossman should not serve his sentence.

### A Letter was also written for Grossman by C. W. Middlekauff, special assistant to the attorney general, Finch said.

"Is Middlekauff the man who was protecting the brewers and bootleggers in Chicago?" asked Wheeler.

"I do not know about that," replied Finch.

Finch produced a petition for Grossman's pardon signed by Fred Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, and Homer Galpin, chairman of the Cook county Republican organization.

### CAL TRADED DAM SITE TO FORD FOR AID

#### Telegrams Are Said To Be Startling

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Chairman Norris of the Senate agriculture committee promised today to produce more startling telegrams bearing on Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals nitrate plant.

Norris has a half dozen more messages that passed between James M. Miller, former employe of the "Dearborn Independent," Ford's publication, and E. G. Liebold, the auto magnate's secretary, and W. G. Cameron, an employe of the Independent.

Norris refused to say what the messages contain.

Liebold Has Telegrams.

Liebold, who was subpoenaed Saturday, has been ordered to bring with him all correspondence relating to Muscle Shoals, Norris announced.

### He explained that Miller was no longer on the Ford payroll. Miller, Norris said, had several differences with Ford and was let out. He now has a suit in the courts for recovery of salary due.

### Pinchot Hits Ford Scheme.

Agriculture and industry in the south would be "hamstrings" if Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was accepted, Gov. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, told the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

Pinchot said Muscle Shoals "is the key to the farm and industry situation in the south" and should not be turned over to Ford because "his offer guarantees nothing."

### N. Y. Bakers to Strike.

AUBURN, N. Y., April 28.—Auburn bakers will walk out on May 1, if their demands for a salary increase are not met. Bakers demand an increase of \$1 to \$6 a week. They are now getting \$5 a week. Some foremen are receiving \$40 and \$45.

### 275 CHILDREN LOSE FATHERS, 87 WOMEN WIDOWED IN DISASTER

BENWOOD, W. Va., April 29.—Fifty bodies had been removed from the Benwood Mill mine here, where 114 men were entombed by a gas explosion Monday morning, it was learned from officers of the Wheeling Steel Corporation, the firm operating the mine, this afternoon.

Thirty other bodies found in the workings by rescue squads, have been brought to the level at the Benwood entrance of the mine and will be raised to the surface tonight.

Rescue workers continued to fight their way onward thru underground passageways in an attempt to locate other victims of the disaster, which was one of the worst in the annals of West Virginia.

At least 87 women were widowed and 275 children were made fatherless by the disaster, according to Mayor John Cox of Benwood, who is directing relief measures for families left destitute.

### PIT MOUTH YIELDS ONLY DEAD BODIES

#### Women, Children Wait in Rain in Vain

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BENWOOD, W. VA., April 29.—No hope was held out today for rescue alive of the 114 miners entombed in the Benwood Mill mine of Wheeling Steel Corporation 24 hours ago by a terrific gas explosion that tore down mine supports, letting loose tons of earth on the trapped men.

Officials of the mine admitted that it would be a miracle should any miner be rescued alive.

Fifty-four crushed and burned bodies were brought to the surface today from the workings. One of them was identified as the body of George Holliday, Jr., son of the mine superintendent.

### Brothers Die Near Exit.

Clasped arm in arm, the bodies of Rocco and Michael Capabianco were found near the Brown's Run air shaft today. The two brothers had escaped the roof falls and fire that followed the blast, only to be overcome by fire damp within a few hundred yards of fresh air.

Isaac M. Scott, president of the open shop Wheeling Steel Corporation, today issued a statement saying:

### "Sunny California" Gloomy—Business Hurt By Quarantine

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 29.—According to the latest Dun report, California "Banks are showing a slight tendency toward contraction." Real estate has fallen off tremendously, building is on the downgrade and retail trade is "punk." The long expected "hard times" have set in. Thousands are out of work and the Chamber of Commerce is so worried that they are trying to smuggle workers to other states on the plea that there is work elsewhere. The "hoof and mouth" disease is helping to throw the "hibble jibbies" into the business men of this golden state.

### Workers Lured to Chicago From Many States Charge Scab Herders Lied to Them

Good union men from many parts of the country were besieging the employment office of the Pullman Plant today, demanding their transportation money back and threatening legal action against the Pullman Company for hiring them under false pretenses.

Labor agents and officials of the Pullman Plant hired men in Detroit, Mich.; Columbus, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Lockport, Ill.; Davenport, Iowa, and many other places, telling them on their word of honor that there was no labor trouble of any kind.

The Pullman plant showed its first signs of weakening under the splendid picketing of the strikers, when officials tried to entice the reamers to desert the strike by offering them almost their complete demands.

The reamers decided at yesterday's strike meeting, that any reamer who goes back to work is a scab, and the reamers will not go back to work until the strike is completely won.

Late yesterday more than one hundred policemen, packinghouse guards, private Pullman Company thugs, and plain clothes men came out in autos and threatened strikers who were selling the DAILY WORKER with arrest.

The case of Nick Spynow, who Monday was fired on by a drunken policeman, officer Minton, who threatened to hit children who were playing in the streets, was set for jury trial May 5th, in Municipal Court Branch 38. Minton, whose number is 4864, turned up drunk. His clothes were bedraggled and torn, and policemen around the court room said he had been out boozing and joy riding and had upset in his fivver.

Alderman Sees Policeman Fired

Alderman Sheldon W. Govier read the circular entitled "The Kept Government of the United States," and said there was no cause to arrest a man for distributing this hand-bill.

Alderman Govier declared that, in his belief, Nick Spynow was within the law, and that if Spynow is found not guilty in the trial, Officer Minton's is very likely to find himself on an involuntary strike.

"No Strike," Says Agent

Five men from Detroit, told the DAILY WORKER that a man named Baxter, who has offices in the Front-anc Hotel, Detroit, assured them on "his word of honor" that there was no strike or no labor trouble of any kind. Thomas Doig and Archibald Caldwell, two of these men, signed affidavits declaring that the Pullman Company had under false pretenses made them pay their own transportation to the plant from Detroit. They have given these affidavits to the strikers, and legal action will be taken. The matter will probably be brought before the corporation council by alderman Govier.

Representatives of the DAILY WORKER were roughly handed by the police last night. Jack MacCarthy was threatened by several plain clothes thugs, and told to leave. Anna Todday was shoved from one gate to another by the drunken policemen. But the DAILY WORKER representatives continued to sell the paper.

### DEMAND FOR DAILY WORKER GROWS SPITE OF POLICE THREATS

The demand for the DAILY WORKER increased yesterday, in Pullman, in spite of threats of the policemen made to DAILY WORKER salesmen. Several plain clothes officers tried to scare Nick Spynow, Miss Anna Todday and John Harvey, who were assisting the strikers in selling the DAILY WORKER in front of the many Pullman Company gates. Nick Spynow, who was arrested Monday for selling the DAILY WORKER, was again threatened by the police yesterday.

Spynow was selling the DAILY WORKER in front of the gate to the employment office at 110th street, when several uniformed policemen shoved him down to 103rd street. The DAILY WORKER representative called on Desk Sergeant 432 and on acting captain Wheeler and told them that the DAILY WORKER would continue to sell the DAILY WORKER and others out to sell the DAILY WORKER. Both men admitted that there is no law preventing the sale of newspapers on the streets. Alderman Govier told the DAILY WORKER representative to go ahead and sell the paper, as there is no law against it.

### WAR MEET THANKS GOD FOR GOMPERS

#### Woll Urges Plutes To Block Labor Party

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, April 29.—Thanking God for the co-operation of Samuel Gompers and the high officials of the American Federation of Labor, speakers at the 24th annual convention of the National Civic Federation which was held in the Laurel room of the Astor Hotel, denounced pacifists and pacifism, urged better relations between capital and labor, and demanded a larger army and navy.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected vice-president of the federation. The aged labor faker endorsed the Fascisti scheme of unionism and Matthew Woll, one of the vice-presidents of the A. F. of L., implored the capitalists to offer a few sops to the workers and farmers in order to block the growth of the farmer-labor party movement.

Alton B. Parker, chairman of the convention declared, that churchmen and educators were willing to do their share in the next war.

These Christian churchmen generously denounced pacifism and pacifists, particularly those accepting the pledge "never again to give financial or moral support to any war," as traitors, serpents and agents of Bolshevism. These epithets were wildly applauded by the audience whose average military age was around 60.

A general angry murmur arose when the somewhat unpleasant views

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# No Issue of The Daily Worker, May 2

There will be no issue of the DAILY WORKER, May 2nd. This means that Thursday, May 1st, will be a holiday for the DAILY WORKER. But it will be a holiday for greater work for the DAILY WORKER staff and the whole Communist movement in the United States.

Practically all the members of the editorial and business office, as well as the mechanical departments, will be active in May Day meetings, either as speakers or in the arrangements.

All workers should make a real working class holiday of this international May Day, Thursday, May 1st. Get an inspiration from the workers in union machine shop of the Winkler-Reichmann Co., at 4801 S. Morgan St., Chicago. The men employed in this shop, of a half dozen different nationalities, will not be at their work benches on May Day. They have announced that they will spend the day distributing copies of the DAILY WORKER and union organization literature. The shop will be closed and all those who do not join in the celebration of May Day, thru the distribution of literature, and other activities will be fined \$3.

Workers! Remember that if it is absolutely impossible for you to get off the job for this one day, the appeal issued by the Workers Party is that you contribute the day's wages to the DAILY WORKER. Workers! Forward for International May Day, 1924.









