

FOSTER OPENS COMMUNIST DRIVE

SONS OF TOIL



CHORUS OF COOLIDGE, DAVIS AND LaFOLLETTE:—"We must try to look like a turnip, to make the farmers think we are the sons of toil."

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

GEORGE L. BERRY, president of the Pressmen's Union, was given a raw deal at the democratic convention, according to Chester M. Wright, chief publicity man for Samuel Gompers and former editor of the New York Call. It is unlikely that the A. F. of L. would see any more virtue in LaFollette than in Davis had the latter decided on Berry as his running mate rather than Charles W. Bryan, governor of Nebraska. John W. Davis was as reactionary when Berry was voted on for vice-president as he was when the A. F. of L. endorsed LaFollette, yet it is evident that had Berry been given the nomination Gompers would now be praising Davis and denouncing LaFollette for his war record.

THERE is no trouble in Spain, says King Alfonso, at a luncheon given to an American newspaper correspondent, in the presence of Alexander B. Moore, American ambassador. The King said the alleged crisis was manufactured by the newspapers that wish to see the old regime back again because the government subsidies to the press were cut off by the present dictatorship. Primo de Rivera, the King said, had a clean-up job on his hands and would stay until the job was finished. There was no truth in the stories that Alfonso would leave the throne.

HIS MAJESTY expressed the greatest regard for the American ambassador, Mr. Moore. It appears that Moore and Alfonso are very chummy. The former calls the King "chief" and addresses the Duke of Abba, "Jimmy." The Duke is heir to the throne, and is planning to attend the international polo contest in Long Island, which will also be honored by the presence of the Prince of Wales and the Prince of Norway. In spite of Alfonso's protestations, there is trouble in his kingdom, and it would not surprise us to learn that he has decided to become a permanent guest of the British government. The British workers are already paying the laundry bills of half a score of titled gentlemen who have fallen from grace in their own countries.

EVERYTHING is not running smoothly in the Socialist-LaFollette-Left wing Tammany Hall com- (Continued on page 3.)

Tokyo is Terrorized.
TOKYO, Aug. 15.—Fifteen heavy earthquake shocks rocked Tokyo early today. The tremors were heaviest in the district north of here.

CHARLIE HUGHES LEADS CHEER FOR SILENT COOLIDGE

Bearded Baptist Gets Quite Excited

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—So pleased with himself was Charles Hughes, secretary of state, on the good work he has done for his master, J. P. Morgan, in putting across the Dawes plan at the London conference, that he actually unbended his bearded austerity long enough to lead in a cheer for the sphinx of the White House, "Silent Cal" Coolidge, at the notification ceremony here today.

Rah! Rah! Rah!
The two thousand morons who were present to hear Coolidge being informed that he was selected to run the race for the presidency on the back of the elephant, were almost knocked out of their clothes when the dignified secretary suddenly rose from his seat and yelled out like a college boy on a rampage: "Three cheers for President Coolidge!"

No sooner were they given than he stepped back into his shell, where he will probably remain until the heat strikes him again.

Back to Papa.
After the ceremony he reported back to Coolidge on the work he had accomplished for American capitalism on his short trip abroad.

WAR RUMBLINGS HEARD IN EGYPT AS BRITISH WARSHIP STARTS SCRAP

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, August 15.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail, a plot aiming at the seizure of the Egyptian government has been uncovered in Cairo. Elaborate police and military precautions are being taken.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 15.—A British war ship arrived here today, sent because of British unrest. Fighting has broken out at Port Sudan, upon the arrival of British troops.

CAIRO, August 15.—Sever intertribal fighting with heavy casualties was reported today from Trans-Jordan. Warabis attacked and burned villages of the Beni-Sakis. The latter tribesmen, assisted by the British military airplanes, are chasing the Warabis.

RUHR DEADLOCK ENDANGERS THE DAWES REPORT

Ambassador Kellogg on French Side

(Special to The Daily Worker)
BERLIN, Aug. 15.—It was learned from excellent authority that the German delegation at London is almost certain to sign the French terms for Ruhr evacuation, unless there is an eleventh hour hitch. President Ebert, it was learned, told the Ministerial Council that Germany's rejection of the London terms would mean the overthrow of Premier Herriot, which would be disastrous for Germany.

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
LONDON, August 15.—The German delegation met this afternoon at 2:30 to consider an important communication just received from Berlin. Copies of Germany's reply to France's Ruhr evacuation proposals were handed to the French and Belgians at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Germans did not finally accept the French proposals on evacuation of the Ruhr yesterday evening as reported. Instead they got in touch with Berlin and while President Ebert was conferring with leaders of the various political parties, except the Communist Party of course, Chancellor Marx, was attending services at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and praying for divine guidance while Herriot was soothing his atheistic soul by taking a walk in the park. Premier MacDonald conferred with the Roumanians regarding the claim to German indemnity. The small nations of Europe who were on the side of the allies in the war are hovering around the London conference, waiting for whatever scraps the big fellows may throw at them.

Due to the deadlock in the allied reparations conference, President Calvin Coolidge's speech received scant attention in the London press today. While the message received by Chancellor Marx from Berlin has not yet been made public, it is rumored that Germany will make further concessions on the issue of Ruhr evacuation, meanwhile reaching a tacit understanding with Herriot that the actual evacuation shall begin sooner than the formal protocol calls for.

WORKERS GAINING IN AMALGAMATED BOSTON STRIKE; 20 ARRESTED

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
BOSTON, Aug. 15.—Twenty workers were arrested in the clothing strike now being carried on here by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. It is an indication of the feelings of the bosses at the success of the strike that they are obliged to resort to the usual brutal police tactics.

I. W. W. OFFICES LOCKED UP BY COURT ORDER

Judge Takes Possession in Faction Fight

Offices of the Industrial Workers of the World were locked up Friday with great big padlocks on the doors, and deputy's from the county court in charge.

The application for an injunction against Tom Doyle and Joe Fisher, secretary and general organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, filed in the court of Judge Hurley by James Rowan, Bowerman, and others, in the factional struggle for possession of the general headquarters, was put over until next Tuesday.

In the meantime an order was issued by the court that the headquarters building should be locked until the application is heard and a ruling made on the injunction application.

Everything Quiet Until Tuesday.
Judge Hurley left the city yesterday for a week-end at South Bend, Ind., and will not return to the city until Monday.

Attorney William A. Cunnea's office knew nothing about the case except that Cunnea is expected to return from Roosevelt, Wis., on Tuesday to appear in court.

JACKSONVILLE PACT SCUTTLES MINERS' UNION

Unemployment Councils Should Be Formed

The widespread unemployment, which has impoverished at least 100,000 working class families in Southern Illinois bituminous coal fields, makes it imperative that Unemployment Councils be immediately formed among the miners, and that the Illinois Miners' Union demand the payment of unemployment funds by the coal operators.

Frank Farrington, president of district 12 of the Miners Union, put his stamp of approval on the selling out of the membership when he refused to take a definite stand for the payment of unemployment funds by the coal operators and by the government. Farrington admitted his failure to aid the miners on May 13, in his report to the convention of the mine workers of Illinois in Peoria. "One hundred and fifty Illinois mines were completely closed on the first day of May," Farrington admitted. "And there is no immediate prospect of resuming operations. There is every indication that as time advances more mines will suspend. Fully 30,000 of our men are now idle. Very few of the mines that are now open are working more than half time and the great majority of them are not working that much." Instead of advocating unemployment benefits Farrington wanted the miners to speed up their work and aid the operators by cheapening benefits. John L. Lewis and the officials of the mine workers union sold out the miners by signing the Jacksonville agreement, on Tuesday, February 19, 1923.

The capitalist papers immediately complimented the mine officials for being "sensible" by aiding the coal operators to bring on unemployment. "The Jacksonville agreement was a move to deflate the mine industry," said the New York World. "The result will be the closing down of the mines, the officials of the United Mine Workers admit, and the releasing for other industries of perhaps 200,000 men."

WORKERS PARTY SETS QUOTA OF MILLION LEAFLETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY MEMBERSHIP

The first million leaflets of the Workers Party containing the platform upon which William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow have been nominated are now on the printing press.

"This leaflet is to be distributed by the party units between the first and tenth of September," said Joseph Manley, campaign manager, "in the shops, in union meetings, house to house in working class sections and everywhere the workers can be reached."

"Every party branch must help distribute these leaflets. We must increase the number of leaflets from the quarter of a million we have been distributing to at least a million. We must mobilize the whole membership for this work, so that we can reach the workers with our message."

The leaflets, which contain Robert Minor's powerful cartoon on present-day American institutions, will be sold to the branches at \$1.75 per thousand in lots of 10,000 and \$1.50 per thousand in larger quantities. Remittance must be made with the orders so that the printing can be financed. In those cities where there are City Central Committees, the distribution should be organized thru the City Central Committees and branches should place their orders with the City Central Committee.

It is expected that every single member of the Workers Party will get into this campaign for literature distribution with all energy and help across at least the quota set by the party, a million leaflets. It is pointed out that it is relatively easy to distribute leaflets during election campaign time.

The Workers Party has the big task this year of work for its Communist candidates and against the Coolidge-Davis-LaFollette bunch. In this work it expects and will receive the full active support of its membership.

MOROCCANS IN FIGHT AGAINST SPANISH AND FRENCH IMPERIALISM

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
MADRID, Aug. 15.—Abdel Krim, who formerly led the Moroccan rebels against the Spanish, is now leading a revolt against the imperialism of France and Spain combined, advices from Tangier today confirmed. Additional forces today left for Morocco where a new outbreak of fighting with the rebel tribesmen has extended over a large section of the battle front.

Premier Primo de Rivera is meeting with his cabinet in an effort to find ways and means of suppressing this new struggle against imperialism.

STRIKE THREAT GROWS LOUDER IN SOUTH BEND

Studebaker Men Rebel Against Wage Cut

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 15.—Possibility that a strike of the men employed at the Studebaker automobile plant here would take place was seen today by the groups of workers that gathered grumbling about the new situation that has developed in the factory.

Huge numbers of men are unemployed in South Bend, having been laid off from the big factories like the Studebaker, the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and the Oliver Chilled Plow concern.

Wages Are Cut.
To make matters worse, new machinery has been installed in the Studebaker plant, which has displaced still more men. And the condition has been considerably aggravated by the fact that not only have men been driven out of jobs, but even those who were taken back have been put on a piece work allotment basis and have had their wages cut.

The workers are angry because the employers have taken advantage of the prevalent unemployment to cut wages. Many of them are talking about striking, and the only difficulty in the way is their total lack of any organization.

Communists to Take Action.
The City Central Committee of the Workers Party, which meets tonight, will take up the entire situation and consider ways and means of directing the discontent of the workers into profitable channels. The activity of the Workers Party and the Young Workers League in the strikes at Pullman and Hegewisch has set the mark for the Communist units in all other parts of the country, and not only have they learned the value of such tactics, but they are ready to take advantage of the experience gained in participating in the struggles of the workers.

Shoe Workers Reject Cut.
HAVERHILL, Mass., Aug. 15.—The sole leather workers rejected a proposition of the cut sole manufacturers' asking a wage reduction of 15 per cent and the restoration of teh five and one-half day week Aug. 23, when the present agreement expires.

COOLIDGE SPEECH PROGRAM FOR SUPPRESSION OF WORKING CLASS IS WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S COMMENT

NEW YORK CITY, August 15.—"A program of suppression of the working class and a free hand to the capitalists, a fitting accompaniment to the platform adopted at Cleveland and to the record of the republican party." This was William Z. Foster's summarization of Coolidge's speech of acceptance. "As LaFollette is the representative of little business and more or less unconsciously a tool of Wall Street, as Davis is the liveried servant of Morgan, so is Coolidge the very embodiment of the dictatorship of the exploiters. His every word is an arrogant insult to the working class. It has, however, the merit of being frank. No one can make a mistake about Coolidge; to support him means to support domestic exploitation and foreign imperialism."

SPEAKS TWICE ON SUNDAY IN YOUNGSTOWN

Steel Workers Rally to Our Party Standards

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Aug. 15.—With the rousing battle cry of "Communism against Capitalism!", William Z. Foster opens the campaign of the Workers Party of America in the very heart of capitalism's stronghold, Mahoning Valley, on August 17.

Foster, the candidate of the Communists for the presidency, will rally to the red standards the thousands of steel workers whom he led against the octopus of the Steel Trust in 1919.

Will Expose Labor Fakery.
The complete collapse of the so-called organization drive of the steel workers with the money left over from the 1919 strike, which showed so clearly the bankruptcy and betrayal of the workers by the labor fakery who are now trying to drag the workers, bound hand and foot, into the camp of LaFollette, will receive their due at the hands of Foster.

LaFollette Discredited.
The steel workers, who still remember LaFollette as the man who kept his mouth carefully shut while they were being terrorized for striking against Gary, will attend the two Foster meetings by the thousands, it is announced. Arrangements have been made to accommodate both the night and day shifts. Foster will speak Aug. 17 at Avon Park, Girard, Ohio, 2 p. m., and again in the evening at Ukrainian Hall, 525½ West Rayen Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, 8 p. m.

Fear to Debate Foster.
Wallace T. Metcalfe, leading the party drive in this district, has challenged, on behalf of Foster, the fake labor leaders here who have endorsed LaFollette, to debate with the Communist candidate the issues of the campaign, but not one of them has dared to take up the challenge. The LaFollette forces here are the curious mixture of labor fakery, pseudo-socialists, business men and the reactionary Scripps paper.

Foster will appeal for support solely to the workers on the basis of the platform of the Workers Party of America.

Revolts in Brazil Outcome of a Naval Mission Sent by U. S.

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15.—The whole South American press is pointing to the United States government's sending a delegation of naval officers to superintend the upbuilding of Brazil's fighting fleet as the cause of the Sao Paulo uprising. The government of Brazil is expressing its indignation in no small terms at Washington's action.

Refuse to Pay Oil Taxes.
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15.—The oil companies are refusing to pay the Mexican government the oil taxes on exports for the last quarter. They say since these taxes were destined for payment on the debt to American bankers and since payment has been suspended, that they, too, will not pay.

HEGEWISCH CAR COMPANY CAN'T BREAK STRIKE

Carmen Turn Back 25 Imported Workers

Twenty-five car builders from Hammond, Ind., were yesterday turned back from the gates of the Western Steel Car and Foundry Co. plant at Hegewisch, Ill., by the striking carmen who were picketing in front of the factory.

It was later discovered by the strikers from the Hammond men, who were very sympathetic, that the company had advertised for men in the Lake County News, a newspaper published in Hammond. The men were offered 42c a car which is 7c more than the men were getting before the strike and 2c more than they are demanding now.

Try to Break Strike. The obvious purpose of the advertisement was to get men to start breaking the strike, which is getting too effective for the bosses, and later to cut their wages also.

The campaign to organize the car builders of the Calumet region took another step forward Thursday night at the meeting called in Hegewisch, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. The meeting was attended by those striking car builders who have decided to organize a local of the union in Hegewisch. E. K. Hogan, organizer of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, was chairman of the meeting. The meeting was addressed by Tom Bell, and M. Goret of the South Slavic Federation of the Workers Party.

Organization Growing. This is the second meeting in the campaign to organize locals of the Carmen's Union. Both in Hammond and Hegewisch a good basis has been laid for strong locals. In the near future a meeting will be held in Pullman. E. K. Hogan stated to the DAILY WORKER that he is of the opinion that the campaign will be successful, and result in the organization of the car builders of the entire district.

The latest development in the strike at the Western Steel Car plant is the shutting down of the entire plant. It is said that the plant will open again on Monday and that an attempt will be made to hire men either from the ranks of the strikers or by importing them from other places. For the last few mornings the employment agent of the plant has been busy among groups of strikers urging them to return to work. His idea is that if he could get a few men to desert, that this would cause a stampede.

Strikers Won't Yield. But the strikers are hardly likely to give in now when it appears that they have gotten the better of the company. Material for over 700 steel cars has been lying in the plant since the strike started, and it is calculated that this means that the company has \$400,000 tied up in this way. Besides this, the overhead is piling up, and they are faced with the prospects of cancellation of their orders unless they get them out in the near future. The strikers are confident that if they can stay out for another week that the company will be willing to grant their demands.

Mailers Gain 100 Per Cent. MILWAUKEE, Aug. 15.—With the signing of Hearst's Milwaukee Sentinel, the Mailers' union, a division of the Typographical union, is able to report a 100 per cent increase in membership in the Milwaukee local in three and one half years. They have 51 members, comprising all the English language newspaper mailrooms in the city and most of the foreign language ones.

WORKERS PARTY IN CAPITAL CITY HAS EXCURSION PLANS

At a recent committee meeting of representatives from the Washington (D. C.) Branch of the Workers Party and Young Workers League it was decided to run an excursion to Marshall Hall, Md., Aug. 24, and while there to sell tickets for the Gitlow lecture, scheduled for Pythian Temple, August 25.

FIRST BLOOD IN BIG PARTY FUND DRIVE

Two Branches Send in Their Contributions

The first response to the Party appeal for \$100,000 Campaign Fund to carry on the fight for Communist principles in the election campaign reached the National Office in the form of a contribution from the Rural Ridge, Pa. branch of the Party, and the Inwood, L. I., N. Y. branch.

The secretary of the Rural Ridge, Pa., branch, B. M. Schultz, writes as follows: "You will find enclosed a money order for \$75 which we raised at a picnic held for the purpose of boosting the Workers Party Campaign Fund. We are sending \$25 to the District Office."

The Inwood, Long Island, Finnish branch writes as follows: "Enclosed please find money order for \$55 for the Workers Party election campaign fund from the Inwood Finnish branch. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the above."

Set Good Example. These branches have set the ball a-rolling in work to build up the \$100,000 campaign fund. If all other branches of the party go to work with the same vim and vigor, we will be able to carry on the greatest campaign for Communist principles that has ever been made in the United States.

The campaign fund raised by the party will be divided between the local organization, district organization and national organization in the proportion of 25 per cent for the local, 25 per cent for the district organization and 50 per cent for the national organization, so that every unit of the party will benefit and have funds for its work in support of the Communist candidates and Communist principles.

HINDOO PRINCE UNDER MACDONALD RULE SAYS HE HAS NO OPINIONS

Maharajah Rajendra Bahadur, a Hindu Prince from Jim, India, on a tour thru America to study educational institutions and hospitals, stopped at the aristocratic Blackstone Hotel while visiting Chicago. The DAILY WORKER reporter tried to get an interview with this prince to get his views on the present MacDonald government in England and the Soviet Government of Russia. The prince was unavailable.

Mr. John Nevins, the Cook Tours representative and a member of the prince's party, told the DAILY WORKER reporter that the prince never expresses an opinion on any subject.

"But he may have an opinion on how his people should be governed," the DAILY WORKER reporter protested.

The prince never expresses an opinion on anything at all, was all Mr. Nevins would reply.

DEVER JOINS WAR MONGERS' DEFENSE DAY

Y. W. L. in Counter-Demonstration

Taking a verbal position on Defense Day which will satisfy no one, Mayor Dever succumbed very easily to the demand of the state committee for Defense Test day and appointed a committee of forty-one for the purpose of planning a city demonstration on September 12.

"In so far as the demand for a Defense Test day is being used to influence larger appropriations from the public treasury for the benefit of munitions makers, thus increasing the taxpayer's burdens, or to quicken the glory or fear of war in the hearts of our people, I am opposed to it," said the brilliant mayor.

Kidding Himself. And while he added that "just now when the world is war weary and broken after the most deadly war in history, the appropriateness of choosing this particular time for a Defense Test day may be well questioned," he did absolutely nothing that might be construed as a defiance to the plans of the militarists and munition makers of the country to mobilize the strength of the country in peace time for war preparations.

The 65th reserve cavalry division, which has about a thousand reserve officers in Chicago, thru its Lieut. Col. Lee Alexander Stone, announced last night that a "voluntary mobilization" of 10,000 civilians would be held in Grant Park the afternoon of September 12.

Will Counteract Militarists. With the intention of counteracting the capitalist war preparations, the Young Workers League of Chicago, along with units in all other parts of the country, will hold its International Youth Day celebration. The place and time of the meeting will shortly be announced.

WORKERS LAWS TO BE FOUGHT BY EMPLOYERS

Legislation which curbs the rights of the powers of the employers in time of strike will be presented at the Illinois General Assembly beginning January, 1925. Some of the pro-labor legislation which will come before the Assembly, includes an anti-injunction bill which gives the employees his fundamental right to strike for a living wage; increased workmen's compensation; eight-hour day and minimum wage legislation; old-age pension and state insurance acts; one-day rest in seven bill; bills providing for adequate train crews on all freight trains; and a bill denying the power of the court to obstruct activities of labor unions.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has issued a circular declaring they will fight both the humane and economic labor reforms advocated in the bills. The manufacturers declare they fear "the legislation will turn business upside down."

LaFollette Notified by A. F. of L. That He is Their Friend

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette was formally notified yesterday of the indorsement of his presidential candidacy by the American Federation of Labor.

LaFollette received the labor committee, consisting of Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation; James O'Connell, president of the metal trades department, and Martin F. Ryan, president of the Railway Carmen of America, in his office at the capitol.

Morrison acted as the spokesman for the executive council of the labor federation in the absence of Samuel Gompers, who is at Atlantic City.

N. Y. Baker Locks Out Amalgamated Food Workers Men

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The Bakery Shop going under the name of Harry Markowitz, 108 First Ave., between 6th and 7th Streets, New York, has declared a lockout.

The workers are picketing the shop and five arrests of pickets have already taken place—all released without fine.

FIFTH ARTICLE IN THE LOVESTONE SERIES IN OUR MONDAY'S ISSUE

The "Big Three" candidates of capitalism, Coolidge, Davis, and LaFollette, are now vying with each other in a sort of a purity contest.

That Coolidge and Davis will convince the country that the republican and democratic parties are steeped in hopeless political corruption, there can be no doubt.

But what about LaFollette? Is his record as lily white as he would have us believe? Do graft and good government mix in LaFollette's barony? Is LaFollette's machine free from corruption? How clean were LaFollette's skirts when he was governor of his model commonwealth?

And who owns and controls the state legislature and senate under the "Wisconsin plan" which LaFollette is asking the workers to apply on a national scale?

These are a few of the pertinent questions the fifth article in our LaFollette series will answer. Get this story in full in Monday, August 18th, issue of the DAILY WORKER. It will be timely and convincing.

MUSICIANS OF CHICAGO STRIKE ON LABOR DAY

According to the capitalist newspapers, the managers of the Chicago theatres, headed by Harry J. Riding, representative of George M. Cohan, and John J. Aggity, western representative of the Shuberts' theatre, declared a lockout on the musicians in the Chicago theatres because the Chicago Musicians' Federation Local No. 10 put in a demand for a 10-per cent increase in wages.

At the offices of the Musicians' Union at 175 W. Washington street, James C. Petrillo, president of Local 10, told the DAILY WORKER reporter quite a different story.

"We are going out on strike on Labor Day because the theatre managers after conferring with us for ten weeks, refused to grant us a 10 per cent raise in our wages, which we consider absolutely necessary. Mr. Riding says we are the best paid musicians in the world, in a statement he made to the Chicago press. Well, if we are, then it is about time musicians did something to get better wages.

"The public doesn't know what the musicians are up against. Our rate of wages is \$60 per week. Out of the 52 weeks in a year we never average over 35 weeks of work, very often much less. Come around here any Monday morning and you will see the line of musicians waiting for a chance to work. A musician does not know what it means to have a steady job. Today he works, tomorrow he may be looking for work.

"When a new show comes to town sometimes the musicians wait from 12 to 14 weeks until the music is written and all the time the show is going on.

The picture houses such as Balaban & Katz and all the two-day picture houses have granted the musicians' demands. Grand Opera house gave us a 25 per cent increase. Only the musical comedy shows and drama theatres are holding out on us.

"There will be about 700 men involved in this strike and we will stick until we win because we have a just demand—a decent living wage—to which every worker is entitled."

Every time the workers make an attempt to better their conditions they are given an opportunity to learn how the capitalist press lies to help the bosses. This time it is the musicians.

This morning's papers were carrying stories about the very unjust demands of the musicians, who were going out on strike for bigger wages when they already were commanding the very best wages paid musicians in this country. They particularly stressed the statement of the managers that they would be forced out of business if they gave the musicians a 10 per cent raise.

Italy Is No Piker.

ROME, Aug. 15.—Being no piker compared to the bigger powers, Italy is also to have its "defense day." For the first time in 14 years Italy's navy is starting consolidated maneuvers in the Ionian Sea today.

SHALL DAILY WORKER PRINT MARKET REPORTS FOR FARMER READERS?

The DAILY WORKER has received a communication from a Northwestern farmer asking that market reports be printed in the DAILY WORKER. What do the other rural readers of the DAILY WORKER think? Would the space which the daily market reports would occupy in the DAILY WORKER be wasted?

The DAILY WORKER would like to hear from its farmer readers, telling us whether or not they want daily market reports printed in their paper.

Every Cent Given Away Must Return Increased in Size

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

TODAY, the Rockefeller Foundation is planning to send a check for \$5,000,000 to Japan, the money presumably to be spent on a "health institution."

That is good business for John D. Rockefeller and his Standard Oil trust.

"John D." spends some of his surplus millions on "health" in Japan, China and other oriental countries.

Carnegie spent his on libraries. Rosenwald offers donations for Y. M. C. A. buildings. Morgan specializes in art institutes.

Kahn and McCormick go in for the opera.

Ward and Weeghman offered baseball teams.

All their offerings were and are merely the missionaries of their separate business ambitions.

If John D. Rockefeller, senior or junior, were at all concerned about the health conditions among the masses, they could best start work among those who toil around the Standard Oil wells or refineries at home.

Out in Elk Basin, Wyoming, men labor incessantly under the worst possible conditions, 12 hours per day, seven days per week. John D., Jr., sheds tears about revolting horrors in Pennsylvania's coal mines, or the Southern cotton mills, and weeps over benighted Orientals, but for his own slaves he hasn't a single tear.

No effort has ever been made to better the life of the serfs in the Standard Oil refineries, at Bayonne, N. J., for instance. When the workers have sought to do this themselves, thru wage demands reinforced by strikes, their efforts have been crushed with the full brutalizing force of capitalist "law and order."

The Rockefeller Foundation, with its hundreds of millions in resources, has an entirely different and sinister purpose for that always advertised by the kept press.

Standard Oil believes in expansion. It goes into every land. China and Japan, with other oriental lands, offer rich fields of exploitation. But orientals are prejudiced against the accident. That prejudice must be beaten down. Hence the riches wrung from the oil slaves of Bayonne, N. J., and Elk Basin, Wyoming, and everywhere else that Standard Oil has secured its position, are used in part as gifts to other peoples, not yet under "John D.'s" grip, in order to overcome their fears.

Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears, Roebuck & Co., reaches the same goal thru donations to prospective buildings of the Young Men's Christian Association, especially in small localities. It is good advertising. He surrounds the Sears-Roebuck name with the popular glory that accompanies philanthropy, and small town and rural prejudice against this monster mail order machine vanishes. Rosenwald specializes in Negro Y. M. C. A. buildings. The 10,000,000 Negroes of the nation make good prospective customers.

Andrew Carnegie, with all his millions spent on libraries, was never able to wipe out the blood that smeared his name as a result of the Homestead massacre of workers, and other barbaric attempts to keep steel labor in a 100 percent state of serfdom.

What John D. attempts on an international scale, Ward, the "Bread Trust" king, seeks to accomplish nationally. New cities invaded by the bread trust resent the coming of the outsider. Local business must be protected.

Business, however, recognizes no obstacles. Numerous have been the methods used by the bread trust to overcome this local prejudice.

Ward finally hit upon the idea of using the baseball approach to the public. The Federal League was organized in competition with the National and American Leagues. Ward had his own Brooklyn team. Charles Weeghman, who had plans, and still has, of covering the nation with a chain of one-arm lunch rooms, took the Chicago team.

An effort was made to build the name of "Ward" as big as that of "Babe" Ruth, in baseball. But at the same time the Ward "open shop" policy was pressed ever more viciously in all cities where Ward bread factories already existed.

The big bankers do not resort very much to this sort of subterfuge. Morgan donates an art gallery to the city of New York, to divert popular attention from his latest war making maneuvers. Otto Kahn, Wall Street banker, keeps in the public eye as a supporter of Metropolitan Grand Opera, at the same time issuing literature attacking labor at every opportunity.

The Orientals, especially the Japs and the Chinese, will do well to ponder these facts when "John D." comes bearing his gifts. When the oil business is firmly established in the Orient, "John D." will take every cent back again, not only in extortionate prices, but in imposing the worst possible conditions upon the workers in the Far Eastern countries, even as he does in the United States. "John D." or any other big capitalist for that matter, never gave a cent away without expecting it to come back home very much increased in size.

LOEB, LEOPOLD TRIAL TORN BY GLAND WARFARE

The war of the glands continued in full force yesterday at the amusing trial of the two youthful pervers, Loeb and Leopold, murderers of the Franks seion. The defense stood four square for the proposition that the ductless glands of the slayers were not up to batting average and that their pineal glands were suffering of late with a severe attack of neuritis.

Endocrinologist on Stand. This statement was scornfully rejected by the prosecution which summoned none other than an endocrinologist, Dr. Rollin Woodyatt, who went into long explanations as to why he was of the opinion that while it was barely possible that their thymus was defective, he was certain that their endocrines were functioning as well as they might, hot weather considered—alho, he asseverated, he had never had the good fortune to examine any of the slayers' glands.

Dickie Loeb yesterday welcomed Kid McCoy into the circle of Dispatchers of the Living with a congratulatory telegram.

The capitalist-newspapers last night spread the important news that Clarence Darrow had bobbed his hair.

Nine Killed in Train Crash. LISBON, Aug. 15.—Nine persons were killed and many injured today by a collision of the Madrid and Oporto express trains.

W. P. SPEAKERS AGAIN PINCHED BY CICERO COP

Communist Candidate Is Held on \$52 Bail

"Tell it to the captain," was the reply of the Cicero cop to Frank Pellegrino, Workers Party candidate for Congress, when the latter read the first amendment of the constitution as proof that he needed no permit to speak on the corner of 14th Street and 51st Avenue.

Pinched by Army of Cops. Both comrade Pellegrino, and D. E. Earley, who had preceded him on the soap box were picked up by a squad of 7 policemen, 3 detectives and 2 motorcycle cops.

They were then escorted to the new familiar police station in Cicero, accompanied by a hooting crowd of almost 2,000 men, women and children, who shouted acrimonious phrases at the uniformed gentry.

The Evidence. In the hoosegow, the detective presented the police captain with a copy each of the DAILY WORKER, Il Laboratore, Italian Communist daily, and the paper upon which the first amendment to the constitution had been written, as evidence of the insidious criminal intentions of the Communist speakers. Both comrades were then released on a \$52 bail each, a decrease of 50 per cent since the last arrest on that corner a week ago.

The Workers Party, far from being deterred by these petty tactics of the Ciceroian defenders of law and order, will continue to hold meetings on that same corner every Thursday night until the cops have finally learned that they can't pull the same stuff for too long.

BALDWIN PLANS BIG FIGHT FOR MINERS' RIGHTS

Findings of Commission Exposes Owners Control

Efforts to get action on the findings of the recent United States Commission to stop "the denial of civil liberties in the soft coal fields" were started today by the American Civil Liberties Union in a circular letter sent to hundreds of attorneys, ministers and local officials in the non-union soft coal districts.

The letter says in part:

Civil Liberties to Insist on Action. "The findings of the U. S. Coal Commission, for which the government spent over half million dollars, will go their way into the archives like other government reports, unless somebody gets busy to put them into effect. We are opening a campaign in the non-union soft coal districts which we trust will result in restoring those communities to the right of exercise of ordinary civil rights of American citizens."

The conditions which the Commission points out are:

"Complete ownership of the coal towns by the companies; ejection of miners and their families from company-owned houses at a moment's notice; the payment and arming by the coal operators of deputy sheriffs who beat up and evict union organizers and sympathizers; 'yellow dog' contracts which forbid workers to join the union or discuss unionism; injunctions which forbid strikes, picketing, and meetings; and the use of state constabulary or the national guard to crush strikes."

The districts chiefly affected are western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Alabama and Utah and include a population of almost a million.

The Civil Liberties union plans to organize committees in these districts to work for the Coal Commission's program.

Tom Bell Speaks to Chicagoans Monday for North Siders

Tom Bell, former editor of the Maritime Labor Herald and organizer for the Communist Party, will speak at Imperial Hall, corner of Halsted and Fullerton, Monday, August 26, at 8 p. m., on "The Development of Communist Trade Union Activities in Canada."

Participant in the latest struggle of labor and aiding in the application of its policies, the speaker has a most interesting story for the trade unionists of Chicago.

The usual discussion, for which the North Side branch has been receiving much merited attention, will follow the main speaker.

Visitors are invited and the meeting begins promptly at 8:15.

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Mexico's New President Addresses A. F. of L.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—"I have been selected president of Mexico thru the expressed will of the working class of my country because from the beginning of my political campaign I said I would look for help only in the working classes and that I desired that in the political campaign the reactionary elements should remain my enemies and fight my candidacy," said President elect of Mexico, General Plutarco Calles, according to the text of his speech to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor which recently met at Atlantic City.

"I said this was necessary because I wanted to know from the beginning where I stood," continued Calles, "and that the two candidates remain very distinct. On the one side the vindictive program of the working classes and on the other the retarding program of the reactionaries. The fight began. I have won thru the will of the workers, and my government is due to them and will be helped by them so long as I fulfill my obligations, because the working class of Mexico is waiting and watching what its leaders are doing, and will give help to those authorities that know how to guard the interests of the Mexican workers."

Supported By Communists

Calles' candidacy was supported by the organized communist movement in Mexico. The Communists, while they called upon the workers to vote for Calles, warned them that they would later find that Calles would not be able to solve any of the problems of the working masses and would finally prove traitor to their interests. They called upon the workers to support him, however, because he represented a class that was engaged in a struggle against the capitalists of Mexico, at the same time pointing out that only the workers' revolution would free them from the chains of native and foreign exploiters.

American Legion to Back Mobilization Plan of Militarists

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 15.—Whole-hearted co-operation of the American Legion with the war department and with civic and patriotic organizations in the test of the national defense, which is to be made on Sept. 12, is pledged by John R. Quinn, national commander of the Legion.

In a letter to Secretary of War John W. Weeks, made public here today, Commander Quinn declared the whole machinery of the Legion will be used to make a success of the test.

Price of Bread Goes Up in Italy.

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 15.—Municipal authorities here have decided to increase the price of bread 10 centimes (2 cents) a kilo (2.2 pounds).

Back Communist Election Campaign With Big \$100,000 Campaign Fund

By C. E. RUTHENBERG, Executive Secretary, Workers Party.

The Wall Street Candidates.

WALL STREET and the Big Capitalists have named their tickets. They are playing safe with two candidates—Coolidge on the republican party ticket and Davis on the democratic.

The capitalists—Morgan, Gary & Co.—want to keep things as they are. They want the industries to be run for their profits. They want to maintain their right to pile up fortunes of hundreds of millions of dollars out of the toil of the workers and farmers.

The capitalists want the government to continue to be the dictatorship of Wall Street. They want to use the government to loot the country's natural resources in the Teapot Dome fashion. They want the government to fix legislation so that they can roll up more profits. They want to shift the burden of taxation on the backs of the workers and farmers. They want high tariffs for their enrichment.

The capitalists want to use the government to protect their investments in other countries. They want a big army and a big navy so that they can fight for the right to exploit other countries.

The capitalists want the government, too, so that they can use it directly against the workers and farmers. They want to fight workers and farmers on strike with injunctions and soldiers. They want to legislate to make the farmers pay high freight rates, high interest and high costs for marketing their goods.

That is what the capitalists are fighting for. The Wall Street tickets—Coolidge, republican; Davis, democrat, stand for these things, and that is why the capitalists will fight to elect them.

The Little Business Men's Candidate.

BIG business has its candidates—Coolidge and Davis. Little business has a candidate of its own—LaFollette.

The little business men don't like the way the Big Capitalists hog the profits. The big corporations and trusts are driving them out of business. They don't like the way the Big Capitalists shift the burden of taxation. They don't want to pay the costs of a big army and navy to protect the financial investments of the Big Capitalists, nor do they want to fight for new fields of exploitation for the Big Capitalists.

LaFollette stands for the interest of these little business men—the independent manufacturer, the independent banker. With these little business men there are allied the professional men and some of the aristocracy of labor.

The LaFollette platform is not a

platform in the interest of the workers and farmers. It is a platform in the interest of the little business men.

LaFollette wants to "bust the trusts." If the trusts are busted, then the little business men would flourish. But the great corporations and trusts can't be destroyed. It has been tried for twenty years and failed. They should not be destroyed, if that could be done, because they represent a higher development of ability to produce wealth.

LaFollette wants to go back to 1776. We can't go back; we must go forward.

The interests of the workers and farmers are not in what has been in the past. Their program is not to try to "bust the trusts," but to nationalize them and use them in their own interests.

The Communist Ticket.

THE Workers Party has nominated against the candidates of the Big Capitalists and the Little Capitalists a Communist ticket—William Z. Foster for president and Benjamin Gitlow for vice president.

The Workers Party ticket stands for the interests of the workers and exploited farmers. The Workers Party is for a workers and farmers' government. The Workers Party declares that the great organization for production of wealth must be taken over by the government of the workers and farmers and operated for service and not for profits of the capitalists. The Workers Party declares that the rule of the workers and farmers must be expressed thru a Soviet government and that there must be a dictatorship of the proletariat in place of the present

dictatorship of Wall Street.

The Workers Party will fight for immediate relief of the unemployed. The Workers Party is for recognition of the first government of workers and peasants—the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

The Workers Party is fighting for the creation of a great mass party of workers and farmers for the struggle against capitalism.

Against Coolidge and Davis, the agents of the Big Capitalists—against LaFollette, the agent of the Little Capitalists and the misleaders of the workers—the Workers Party raises the slogan of a revolutionary class party to fight for the workers and exploited farmers.

Help in This Fight. TO MAKE this fight the Workers Party is asking the members of

the party and those who sympathize with it to raise a \$100,000 campaign fund, to tour speakers, to print literature and place the Communist message before the workers of this country.

Subscription lists for the Communist Campaign Fund are being sent to all sympathetic workers, who are asked to circulate them among their friends and fellow-workers.

Branches of the Workers Party are being supplied with Communist Campaign Fund stamps. These stamps come in books of \$10.00 each, and each branch will be assigned a quota to raise thru its members in accordance with the strength of the branch. The stamps are to be sold to members and sympathizers. They are printed in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00.

Help make the Communist fight. Back up the Communist challenge in the first nomination of candidates who stand for the proletarian revolution, the Soviets and dictatorship of the proletariat with this \$100,000 campaign fund.

RUSS COMMUNIST DAILY PUSHING RED CANDIDATES

Federation Back of the Campaign

The Russian Federation is conducting a vigorous campaign thru the columns of the Russian daily Communist organ, the Novy Mir, to secure a large vote for the Communist presidential and vice presidential candidates and for the success of the drive to secure new members in the Workers Party. Every day a special campaign article appears in the Novy Mir, emphasizing the slogan, "Vote for Communist candidates." Editorials also appeal to the Russian workers to vote the Communist ticket.

Join the Party. Another slogan that may be seen daily in Novy Mir is, "Every reader of our paper must be a member of the Workers Party." The Russian Federation is vigorously conducting the membership drive in conjunction with the election campaign.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 15.—The average age at death of printers in the Intl. Typographical union is 54. Twenty years ago it was 45.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

(Continued from page 1)

plenty of capital, money rates are low. What is the matter with the calamity howlers? Nothing the matter except that there are a couple of millions of unemployed who cannot get a job and are therefore worrying about the prospects of supporting their families. They cannot eat on the money that is stored up in the banks and if they go to the bankers for a loan at a low rate of interest it is probable they will land in the psychopathic hospitals if not in an undertaker's parlor. Outside of that trifling evidence of "pessimism" everything is alright.

BRITAIN sends warships and troops to the Sudan to keep the workers from hurting themselves with crazy notions about independence. This kind of thing is what the noble Allies declared war on Germany for but now that the war is almost over, they are

THE socialists have endorsed LaGuardia for Congress but also endorsed two socialists for the state senate and the assembly. The petty bourgeois and middle class supporters of LaFollette were up in the air over this, believing that the socialists were trying to put one over on them by trying to sneak over the tape on a wave of LaFollette popularity. It is reported that LaGuardia will support the anti-socialist candidates in the fight. The American Labor Party convention which is a duplicate of the socialist party, endorsed the socialist party candidates but the LaFollette business men threaten to upset the apple cart unless they are withdrawn.

WE did not know there was a socialist party in Idaho, until a copy of the Pocatello Tribune came to hand, with the news that the socialist party of that state endorsed LaFollette. A state chairman discovered himself and got his name in the papers by coming out for the Badger State senator. The socialist party did not go back on its revolutionary principles. Oh no! It merely went along with the crowd. Couldn't possibly miss the opportunity to be in the same boat with Samuel Gompers.

TOO much pessimism! That is the trouble with the business situation, says Mr. George W. Hinman, reactionary financial columnist for the Hearst press. The banks are bursting with wealth he tells us (some of them are busting without it) there is

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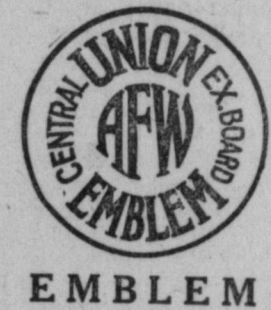
beginning to change their minds. Freedom may be good for Poland because Poland is a willing agent of the big capitalist nations. It may be good for Checho-Slavia, Jogo-Slavia, Bulgaria and the other nations whose people changed masters after the armistice but for countries under the rule of the victorious nations, self-determination was not the word.

THE Egyptians did not properly appreciate having a pacifist premier in England. They thought that a man who was so anxious to bring about peace between the capitalist nations of Europe would be equally unwilling to shed the blood of exploited colonists in the Sudan. But they know better now. And those who expect that pacifists can bring peace have another opportunity to change their minds. MacDonald sent his warships to Egypt just as readily as Stanley Baldwin or Lloyd George would. He is the servant of the rulers of Britain. Until the British workers establish the Soviet Republic in Great Britain and unhorse the capitalists, the capitalists will have no reason to be afraid of so-called labor governments.

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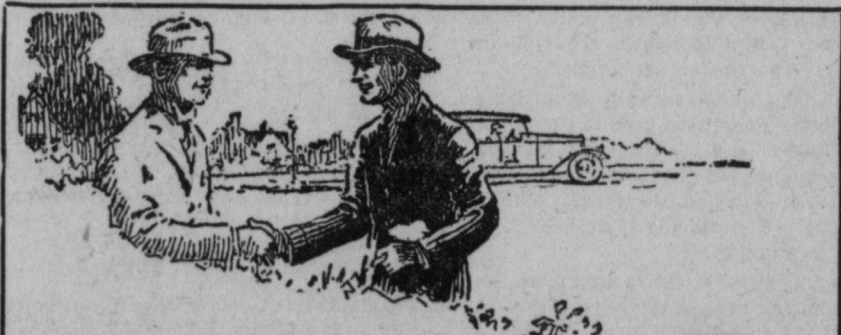
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Foster Speaks Tomorrow

William Z. Foster opens the Communist presidential campaign tomorrow afternoon in the heart of the Steel Trust realm.

After the workers have been fed up on the plati-tudinous Coolidge, who points with pride to his wage-cutting, injunction-issuing, labor-baiting ad-ministration;

William Z. Foster enters the presidential cam-paign under the banner of Communism. There will be no bunk given to the workers that they can emancipate themselves by voting for Foster.

Exit the New Majority

The New Majority is no more. Its place has been taken by the Federation News, under the editorship of James Bruck, formerly an employe of Denny Lane of malodorous stockyards memory,

Such are the laws of life. For a living thing to continue to exist, it must continually justify its existence. It must make itself necessary. It must be something. It must stand for something.

Coming into being at a time when the Chicago Federation of Labor, its sponsor, was the foremost exponent of independent working class political action along the lines of a federated Farmer-Labor Party, the New Majority exercised quite an in-fluence and acquired a reputation of militant pro-gressiveness.

The scrapping of the New Majority is the final seal on the re-entry of these former insurgents into the camp of their taskmasters. It is the outward sign that the change is complete, that the moral breakdown of July, 1923, has been followed by a complete invasion of the Chicago Federation and all its works by the agents of Gompers, Lane, Quesse, Olander, Neery & Co.

At the Shrine of Coolidge

Coolidge's speech of acceptance was a combina-tion of plain talk and plain lies.

As the standard bearer of the blackest of the re-actionary capitalist groups in the country and as the present incumbent in the president's office, Mr. Coolidge could deliver no other address. He has fully lived up to all our expectations.

"Cautious Cal" minces no words in serving notice upon the political doubters and skeptics that he stands for the two party system of govern-ment oppression of the working men by the employ-ers. Of course, he hides his brutality behind a thin but enveloping smoke screen of diplomatic verbiage.

With the army of unemployed increasing by hundreds every month since he has thrown his hat into the ring for the presidency, Coolidge certainly

is taking a lot unto himself and working his imagi-nation overtime to talk of the "great revival of in-dustry" that has taken place under his regime of oil and scandal. Restricted immigration, fake pro-tection, and equality of opportunity is all the President can offer the working men.

The Chief Executives' speech abounds with the perennial balderdash of high tariff being a pan-acea for the workers and poor farmers. Mr Coolidge has in this case a weakness for accuracy in numbers. He forget to tell the country that the vicious Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act has levied an additional tribute of more than four billion dollars on the masses.

And to boast of the Washington Conference as a peace gathering is to build out of cannons and war victims' skulls a monument to international peace. This is precisely what Coolidge did in his speech. His wholehearted indorsement of the Dawes plan to enslave Germany is another sample of the peace the capitalist war makers can bring to the world.

On the whole the Coolidge address is a notable contribution to the brazen declarations of the Yankee imperialists. He promises to "encourage American citizens and resources to assist in restor-ing Europe, with the sympathetic support of our government" and talks "of the mighty influence which our moral influence exerts throught the world."

The biggest capitalist imperialist interests can stand securely on Coolidge's platform of gold and force.

The Canal Zone Celebration

American governmental, naval, military and commercial authorities are now celebrating the tenth anniversary of the official opening of the Panama Canal.

This is an historical event of the finest order. The Panama Canal has undoubtedly proved of great service to enhance the development of in-dustry and commerce in the Latin-American coun-tries. It has also brought closer the millions of the American continents to Asia the greatest labor market in the world.

But there is another phase in the role of the Panama Canal in history. It is significant that so great a monument to human progress, that so marvelous an engineering feat as the cutting away of thousands of miles of nature's obstacles should also serve as an agency of destruction and oppres-sion. The Panama Canal is one of the first lines of defense and offense in the strategy of ag-grandizement adopted by our imperialists. The Culebra Cut is serving as a short cut to the im-perialist ambitions of our ruling clique in Asia and the Latin-American republics.

It will not be out of place at this time to re-count some of the other "achievements" of Amer-ican imperialism. The working men in the Canal Zone are not permitted to organize. Low wages and de-grading working conditions are the lot of these. Then the treaty concluded between Panama and the United States after the fake revolution en-gineered by Theodore Roosevelt in Colombia en-ables the American government to gobble up the small republic any time it sees fit to do so. Only two weeks ago the Coolidge administration grabbed another stretch of land covering twenty-two miles belonging to Panama. The oil companies, hiding in the folds of the stars and stripes, are also cele-brating the tenth anniversary. Millions of acres belonging to Panama have been gobbled up for oil by the Sinclair company, the Gulf Oil, and other American groups of exploiters.

American capitalists are clinching their hold on European resources. They have a firm grip on the South American industries and markets. They are making great strides in Asia and the near East. The tenth anniversary of the opening of the Panama canal should serve to remind our working class of the brutal aggressiveness being developed by their bosses.

Frost and Corn Prices

Reactionary politicians see, or at least they pre-tend so, great relief to the suffering farmers in the recent advances in the price of corn and wheat. Loud rejoicing about the predicted return to con-servatism by the restless agrarians has filled the capitalist press. What justification is there for this? Have the farmers gotten relief in the new grain prices?

It is buncombe! The farmers on the whole are as bad off as ever. Prices for wheat and corn have gone up because the farmers have less of these commodities to put upon the market. Corn advanced in price yesterday above the dollar mark—but why? Because of frosts and general unfavor-able conditions for the corn crop! There will be less corn than was expected—the price goes up. But to say that the higher price for a smaller pro-duct is going to help the farmers out of their hole is the rankest kind of nonsense.

The strangest thing about such propaganda is the uselessness of it. It does no good to convince the workers in the city that the farmer is all right. The farmer knows better, or at least he will know better when he cashes in on his crop. The truth of the matter, known to the capitalist class also, is that agriculture has been brought to a crisis by the capitalist system under which it must operate. And the capitalist system has no way out except the expropriation of hundreds of thousands of farmers, throwing them into the cities, there to take their place among the propertyless workers in the factories. And the only way the capitalist system has of doing this is thru the process of bankruptcy. Advance in corn prices is the response to frost, not to the needs of the farming population.

All Ready for the Industrial Registration

By JAMES P. CANNON, Ass't. Executive Sec'y, Workers Party. ALL the material for the new regis-tration of the party members is now in the hands of the branch sec-retaries, with complete plans and directions for carrying it out. On ac-count of some delay in the printing the time limit for completion of the registration by the branch secretaries has been extended until September 15. A large part of the value of the registration depends upon its com-pletion within the time set. Septem-ber 15 is the "dead line." No real active branch of the party will go over it.

The Central Executive Committee is laying great stress on the Party In-dustrial Registration and is depending upon the information which we will thus gain about the composition of our party to enable us to correctly lay out our plans and measure our forces for a number of important activities.

During the election campaign it will be our duty to raise the campaign issues in every single labor organiza-tion where we have one or more party members. It is necessary to know where our members are in the various trade unions in order that we may get in touch with them and co-or-dinate their activity with the other comrades in the same union. The In-dustrial Registration will give us the information necessary to expedite this work.

But that is only one illustration. The Communist work in the unions must be multiplied ten times over. The Communist International in its last letter to our party told us this plainly. The work must be developed, concrete and practical, as well as general programs worked out for each trade and industry, and the whole party membership in the unions or-ganized into a single fighting machine. The Industrial Registration, which

will inform the party about the trade union affiliations of the party mem-bers, is the basis upon which this work of organization must be calcu-lated.

The plans made for carrying thru this registration call for the active participation in the work of all the units of the party.

1. The branch secretary receives the material from the National Office. He supplies each member of his branch with a registration card and has it filled out and returned to him. He then copies the information on triplicate forms provided for this purpose and sends them to the party of-fices, designated on the forms.

It orders from the National Office a supply of registration material to take care of the needs of larger branches whose initial supply from the Na-tional Office is not sufficient.

3. The Industrial Organizers, for whose work the Industrial Registra-tion is a first necessity, push it for-ward all along the line and do not allow it to be sidetracked until the job is finished.

4. District Organizers supervise and direct the registration thruout every district. They make it an item in every communication to the branches during the coming month and put life into the work by means of confer-ences and personal discussions with the comrades responsible for the regis-tration in their respective units.

The completion of the registration by September 15 will be a real achievement for the party. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and accomplish it.

LaFollette Hands Bunk to Negroes

By KARL REEVE. ENTIRELY as an afterthought, LaFol-lette comes out with a weak statement regretfully denouncing the Ku Klux Klan, and this statement is immediately followed by the appoint-ment of G. Victor Cools as National manager to round up the colored vote for LaFollette.

LaFollette, in glaring contrast to the Workers Party, prattles about relig-ious tolerance instead of treating the Negro as a worker fighting side by side with his white brother for eman-cipation from the capitalist class. La-Follette does not specifically take a stand on the vital problems of dis-crimination which face the Negro workers. LaFollette does not men-tion, let alone, offer a constructive solution for the discrimination against Negroes in housing, the use of Ne-groes by capitalists as strike break-ers, the lower economic standards imposed by capitalists on the Ne-groes, the discrimination against Ne-groes in reactionary trade unions, the exploitation of the Negroes on the cotton fields of the South and in the industries of the North. LaFollette, harking back to his trust busting, democratic ideas, treats the Negro problem as a moral one, and does not point out that the oppression of the Negro in America serves to divide the working class and keep the capitalists in control of the government.

LaFollette is obviously guardedly "denouncing" the Klan in a belated attempt to garner votes from the Ne-groes. As a good politician he weighed the Southern White vote with the Ne-gro vote and decided to cast his lot against the Klan as a more effective political move. Even so, the 15,000, 000 Negroes have nothing to gain from LaFollette, and those of them who are acquainted with his past rec-ord know this.

LaFollette does not advocate a con-structive program which would in any way advance the welfare of the Negro Workers. LaFollette's Wisconsin plat-form, which dispenses with the labor question in exactly 61 words, does not consider the Negro worthy of mention. The eight resolutions passed by the National and Illinois Conferences did not bring up the Negro question in any way.

LaFollette's statement to the Cleve-land Conference for Progressive Pol-itical Action and his Wisconsin Re-publican Party platform, which he de-clared were the basis of his candidacy for the presidency, completely ignored the Negro question. LaFollette's past record regarding the discrimination against Negroes is unsavory. In 1920, when the Farmer Labor Party was considering him for candidate for President, LaFollette refused to in-

dorse a Negro plank passed by the Farmer Labor Convention in Chicago.

Dr. Jay Peters told on the floor of the convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association last week how "William Pickens, the Negro au-thor, went to the LaFollette progres-sive convention with a bunch of res-olutions denouncing the Klan and was insulted and turned down by LaFol-lette's agents."

"The Illinois state convention of the C. P. P. A. in the Auditorium Hotel, Sunday, July 27, completely ignored the problems of the American Ne-groes.

When asked whether there was any declaration in the Illinois State plat-form on the Negro question, Dennis McCarthy, state secretary of the Con-ference for Progressive Political Ac-tion, asked: "What Negro problem? We don't recognize any necessity for a Negro problem."

After further questioning, McCarthy said the C. P. P. A. did not recognize the necessity for discrimination against the Negro.

"Do you state that in your plat-form?" he was asked.

"No," McCarthy replied indignantly.

LaFollette in his anti-Klan state-ment says, "The one, dominant, all-embracing issue in this campaign is to break the combined power of the private monopoly system over the po-litical and economic life of the Amer-ican people. To this issue, in so far as I am able, I shall hold the attention of the voters of this country. From this position I shall not be turned aside. HENCE I DEEM IT MOST

UNFORTUNATE THAT QUESTIONS INVOLVING RELIGIOUS OPINION AND OTHER QUESTIONS UNRE-LATED TO THE VITAL IS-SUE OF RESTORATION OF GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RAISED, I AM UNALTER-ABLY OPOSED TO THE EVIDENT PURPOSES OF THE SECRET OR-GANIZATION KNOWN AS THE KU KLUX KLAN AS DISCLOSED BY ITS PUBLIC ACTS." LaFollette bases his objections to the purpose of the Klan on the grounds of liberty loving, of tolerance, and of freedom of religious opinion.

Victor Cools, following LaFollette's Klan statement, has been made Na-tional Manager of the Independent Colored Voters LaFollette for Pres-ident Club. In his first statement, Cools cites LaFollette's statement, "I must wrong no man," and LaFollette's recent Klan statement as proof that, "LaFollette gives the colored voters the first opportunity for a square deal, because he has openly challenged the right of the Ku Klux Klan to rule the country."

In direct contrast to the weak, lib-eral, religious gush of LaFollette, are the revolutionary, working class state-ments of the Workers Party on the Negro problem. The Workers Party attacks the Negro problem on the ba-sis of "a primary demand for full so-cial, political and industrial equality of all races, and the solidarity of the working-class."

The Workers Party suggests "A drive to open the doors of all labor

unions which now discriminate to the full and equal admission of Negro workers, with the demand for equal wages and no discrimination in ob-taining work, and for the complete or-ganization of Negro labor with the white workers in the same unions. This involves the need of educating the white workers to eradicate the in-fluence of capitalist propaganda which purposely plays each race against the other. We stand uncompromisingly which will wrest control from the capitalists and take over the indus-tries for the use of the workers who

While LaFollette harps on moral-ity, and the days of free competition, the Workers Party stands for the soli-dification of all workers—both white and black—into one mighty power produce all wealth.

ELECTION LICKS.

By WILLIAM SIMONS.

Sam Simp pleads that presidential nominees should be allowed at least six months before being notified of the choice. Otherwise, complains Sam: "How can they have their speeches ready?"

If Sam weren't Simp, he'd know who writes the nominees' speeches.

A Communist candidate has an easy job. He stands for a program he believes in. But the others wiggle, and wiggle, and are quite uneasy.

No capitalist program is so involved, that a Communist cannot see through it.

For sale: A lotion which transforms conservatives into progressives. Only one application necessary. Davis, Cool-idge and LaFollette applied it, and now listen to them.

LaFollette didn't have to be notified that he was nominated by the Simp C. P. P. A. at Cleveland. He notified them.

LaFollette needed no extra time for his acceptance speech. It was read to the Conference before the nomination.

Wouldn't it be hell if Morgan and La-mont, and their political puppies, Mellon and Hughes, stay in England so long that they lose their vote at the coming election? Catch them losing anything!

With out leading "economist and boot-legger" and "diplomat and oil hound" on the other side, why doesn't the coun-try go to the dogs? Because they are already in control.

To try to get away from the toboggan, the S. P. are grabbing on to the tail of LaFollette's political kite. As the bad book says, "Folly rises but to fall."

Prominent socialists have been noticed practicing kissing King Bob's hand, and kneeling before him. They say it would be adding to the impressiveness, if court costume were allowed.

They have already received some point-ers from their fellow socialists and la-borites across the sea.

For retrogressive Hamlets. To bolt or not to bolt. That is the question.

All's right with the world. The League of Nations Labor Bureau is still gather-ing information.

And who is so qualified to solve the labor problems of China as the yellow socialist, Albert Thomas?

The electoral college, a relic of the medieval Holy Roman Empire, will in-evitably be scrapped in our unholy In-dustrial Empire, in favor of the business college.

The Big Show

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Announcing the world's greatest contest. Modern style. Guaranteed bloodless. Both mem-bers of the House of Morgan. Greatest Punch and Judy Show of the age. Dan-dified Davis vs. Calculating Cal. Ad-mission free. Costs you absolutely nothing NOW. Step right up, ladies and gentlemen. Last show for four years.

Davis announced himself as a Joffersonian Democrat. We prefer Coolidge, who countered with "I am a Jungle Ape."

Campaign by Radio is the cry. And safe, too. The polished gentleman and aristocrat, Davis, must not be shown. And as for Coolidge, if an attempt were made to compel him to make a speech in person, the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Immature Politicians would immediately interfere.

MR. COOLIDGE—NEXT TO NOTHING

"Up to the adjournment of Congress last June, there was not a single day when, if the full and exact truth had been told about him, he would not have been revealed as a rattled and ridiculous person who would have been less out of place as a county judge than he was as President of the United States. To every close observ-er it has been clear that instead of a wise, strong, silent man in the White House what we really have there is as close to complete futility as any man in his position can ever get."

"In the three years he was vice-Pres-ident he made neither friends nor foes. Socially and politically, he was considered hopeless. He was as near nothing as any man we have ever had in that office, and it is no secret that had Mr. Harding lived the plan was not to renominate him. That single fact is the most revealing index of the intellectual inanitation and forceless-ness of the man."

And yet this man "too weak and nondescript to run again for the vice-presidency" suddenly was "pitchforked into the presidency.

"As Governor of Massachusetts and as Vice-President he had been a laugh-ing stock for those who watched him function—a thoroughly commonplace, col-orless person with a neat little one-cylinder intellect and a thoroughly pre-cinct mind. A docile product of the Murray Crane machine . . . in the matter of the Boston police strike, he had to be forced to act and did not deserve the credit he got."

"Not in the memory of any one now living has there been a President who leaned so heavily on this newspaper tendency to praise and protect, who profited by it so much, who would shrivel so quickly if he lost it, as Calvin Coolidge."

"Regularly, the insignificant, insipid, almost meaningless remarks of Mr. Coolidge are vitalized by the corre-spondent so as to seem human, forceful and thoughtful. The inanity and inadequacy of the man are never re-vealed."

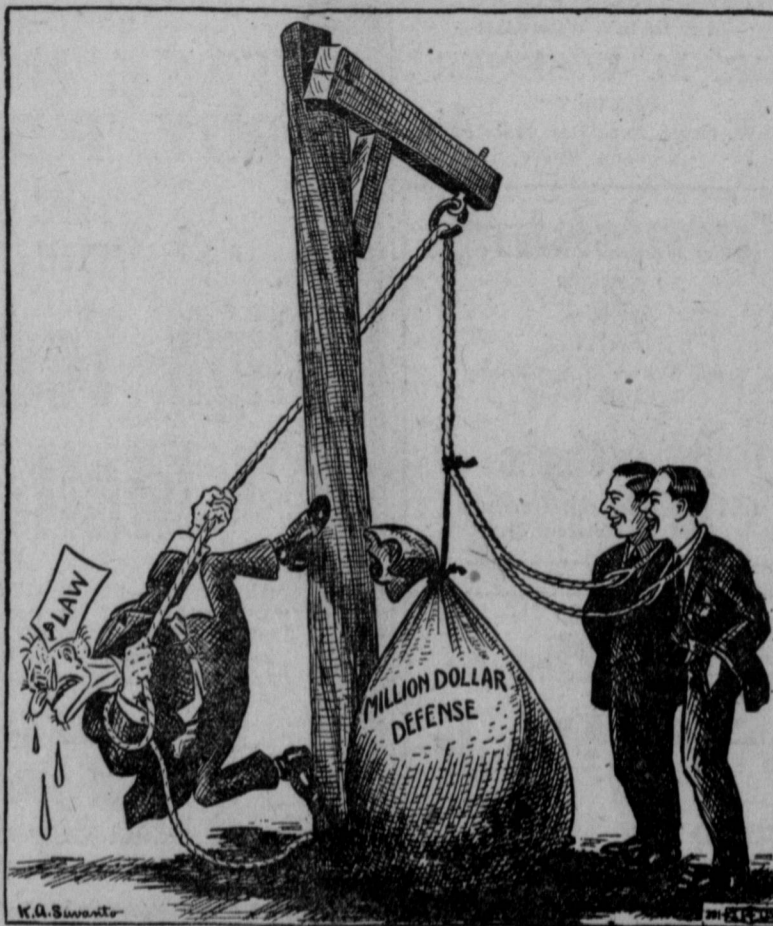
(From "Mr. Coolidge" in the "Amer-ican Mercury," published by Alfred Knopf, for August; written by Frank R. Kent, explaining the legend of the "strong, silent man" in the White House.)

"For Plymouth, Vermont, and for Calvin Coolidge, the individual is the thing that must do the real walking and the trade union and the govern-mental bureau are mere possibly nec-essary occasional crutches . . . The remedy for poverty is early hours of rising, long hours of laboring, and the personal acquisition of personal pos-sessions . . . The thought that with-out them (the trade union and govern-mental bureau) a man may remain poor has no terrors for an antique Vermont."

"Calvin Coolidge's politics is a polit-ics professional in the extreme . . . training in the Murray Crane school of politics in Massachusetts. Senator Crane was one of the greatest known practitioners of noiseless and in vis-ible successful politics. He seldom addressed the Senate. His speeches were speeches into the ears of indi-viduals . . . In his school Calvin Coolidge was an apt pupil."

(Mr. William Hard, in "Heart's In-ternational" fails to stress the speeches into Coolidge's ear which show in his subsequent stand on leg-islative or administrative matters. He mentions Mellon's advice on the tax bill, which Coolidge took.)

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