

COOLIDGE WOULD VETO PAY RAISE FOR POSTAL MEN

But the Cabinet Boost Embarrasses Him

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Coolidge has told voters that he is considering Postmaster General Noyes on the postal wage and revenue bill which is about to reach his desk. He is impressed by the fact that the treasury will have to carry \$275,000,000—the amount of the wage increase for the 300,000 employees from Jan. 1 until April 15, when the higher charges for postal services to the public come into effect. The intention is given that he may veto the bill. He can do this by simply failing to sign it, and congress will not be here to pass it over his veto when his ten days period of deliberation has expired. This pocket veto has been used in past administrations against postoffice workers' wage raises.

One circumstance favoring the chances of his signing the bill is the fact that at the same time he must consider the bill increasing by \$300,000 the pay of cabinet officers and by \$150,000 the pay of congressmen and senators. He cannot easily veto the latter wage bill without also vetoing the entertainment bonus for the higher-paid.

Polish Soldiers Invade Soviet Russia, But Hastily Retire

MOSCOW, Jan. 19.—(By Mail)—Kharov reports that on the night of January 5, a detachment of the Polish regular army some forty men strong, suddenly and without apparent reason crossed the frontier of the U. S. S. R. and opened fire on Soviet soldiers in the vicinity of the small frontier village of Yampol. Having entered into Soviet territory, assault came upon the local commandant's office which they bombed with hand grenades and opened rifle fire upon. The Soviet guards replied to this shooting by the assault being killed in the ensuing fusillade; after this the attacking body was forced to retreat into Polish territory. Immediately upon the receipt of this information the government decided a special commission to investigate the whole affair on the spot.

Claim Death of Sun Yat Sen is Nearer

PEKING, Feb. 26.—Sun Yat Sen, dying South China leader of the national revolutionary movement, was rapidly approaching the end today, according to his attending physicians. He is gradually growing weaker.

Reject "Cain" Farm Scheme. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—By a vote of 203 to 155 the house today rejected the fake cooperative market legislation sponsored by the president's agricultural commission, and substituted the pending bill introduced by Representative Dickinson of Iowa.

LaFOLLETTE REVOLUTION MAY SUE FOR AN INJUNCTION TO KEEP "EMOLUMENTS OF OFFICE"

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The federal courts may be called upon to determine the legality of the ouster order drafted by the republican leadership of the senate against the LaFollette Insurgent today. The LaFollette group is contemplating an appeal to the courts for a writ of injunction to keep them from moving against the ouster proceedings. The insurgents are Senator LaFollette, Wisconsin, and his followers, Senators Brookhart, Iowa; Ladd, North Dakota; and Pranter, North Dakota, all republicans.

Proceeds With the Spanking. In the face of this threat, the republican leadership committee is going ahead with plans to bring the insurgents from all further senatorial services as republicans by depriving them of their majority committee assignments. Communications have been sent to each of the insurgents asking them whether they desire to be assigned as independent members.

SNR communications were stopped by Senator Watson of Indiana, chairman of the republican committee.

Some of the insurgents has an opportunity for Emoluments. The insurgents meanwhile considered filing a suit in the district of Columbia supreme court, asking a restraining order against the republican majority. If such a suit is filed the insurgents will charge the republican majority is depriving them of the rightful emoluments of office without due process of law or without authority by law.

Some of the emoluments lost by the insurgents if permanently ousted, would be political prestige and the right to succeed to chairmanships of important committees. "Fighting Bob" Shows no Fight Yet. Filing of a suit in the district of Columbia supreme court, asking a restraining order against the republican majority. If such a suit is filed the insurgents will charge the republican majority is depriving them of the rightful emoluments of office without due process of law or without authority by law.

Ward Finds Churches Have Freedom of Religion in Russia

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Professor Harry Ward of Union Theological Seminary, who accompanied with the American Civil Liberties Union, finds that in Russia there is freedom of religion in the Russian republic. In spite of false propaganda to the contrary, the report of the committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is the weekly information bulletin. Ward after a lengthy stay in Russia reports that most of the government leaders have a deep and even passionate conviction that religion is necessary to social progress, while at the same time they believe that individuals should have freedom to believe and practice their religion or abstain from it except when it menaces the existence of the state.

Ward reports that the anti-religious convictions of leaders of revolution are the reaction of the old Russian church and in the fact that the new leaders were nurtured intellectually in the teachings of the old church. He says that the position of one of the impressive statements of the czar's regime.

Expect Coolidge to Decide Dispute As Hughes Leaves Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Presidents from all the South American countries have not brought from President Coolidge, thus far, a decision of the Canal Zone boundary dispute which the secretary Hughes has taken to the White House now hints that a decision may be made as soon as Secretary Hughes leaves the cabinet on March 4. Hughes has had the responsibility of preparing the case for Coolidge in a dispute to which Hughes' findings have led.

This boundary dispute has led to numerous protests between the two republicans on the Pacific slope and South America, and whether the dispute will end the republican majority coming from the Pacific slope has been one of both Coolidge's and Secretary Hughes' reports made known.

CHILDREN AND WOMEN SLAVE IN CHINESE MILLS

In Shanghai 18,000 Girls Under 12 Work

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 25.—A commission appointed by the admiralities here investigate conditions of child labor reported that there are 4,500 boys and 18,000 girls under 12 years of age in the 275 factories investigated here in Shanghai. Of the remainder, 44,000 are men and boys above 12 years of age, and 106,000 are women and girls above 12 years of age.

The children are accepted in the factories when they are six years of age. Of the 28 of the largest industries 7,500 children under 12 and 61,000 women are employed. In the silk industry 75 per cent of the children employed are under 12 years of age. The conditions of work are very severe. The factory hours, including women and children, work over twelve hours a day. Women and children do night work as well as the men.

Flag Voters Sore at Success of New York Lenin Meeting

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The red baiting "United States Flag Association" in which leading republicans are interested, at a meeting in Carnegie Hall, attacked the Communists, and read a message from President Coolidge wishing them well in their drive to "secure a million patriots to defend the flag in the next war". Coolidge said in his message that there must be "an eternal readiness to apply to the defense of our institution."

Mrs. Grace Vanamee, who made one of the speeches at the meeting, spoke against the "red propagandists" who defend the flag in the next war. Coolidge said in his message that there must be "an eternal readiness to apply to the defense of our institution."

The differences between all of these capitalist lackeys, from Branting, the "socialist," to McCormick, elected to the United States senate by Wall Street's favorite, the republican party, is so small, the class of principle is so infinitesimal, that they can be put on the shelf at will, or wiped out over night.

Cleveland Youth Attend Classes in Communism

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 26.—The first session of the class in "A. B. C. of Communism" will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 10:30 a. m., at 3025 Euclid Ave. All comrades who joined the Young Workers League after Jan. 1, 1924, must be the class members of the local C. E. C. members are welcome to join.

Officers of all branches, and C. E. C. and C. E. C. members of the Young Workers League must join the functionary class which will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 Euclid avenue. This is also a decision of the C. E. C. The first session will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Young Workers League members are exempt from all other work during the month of February and March, and must attend. Comrade C. Weissberg, local educational director, will instruct these classes.

Jury Has Senate Strike. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 26.—Marion County Prosecutor Nemy, at the request of republican members of the state senate, today ordered the county grand jury to remain in confinement until witnesses could be subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury regarding the "strike" of the entire senate democratic minority.

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Branting and McCormick, Two Birds of a Feather to World's Capitalists

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH

TODAY, capitalism bestows its eulogies upon two of its dead: Hjalmar Branting, former "socialist" premier of Sweden, and Medill McCormick, United States senator from Illinois.

Let the workers for the moment study the manner in which all sham differences under capitalism are laid away as these ghouls; resulting in anti-labor spokesmen of all breeds pouring out their fulsome praise of the services of the Swedish "socialist" and the Illinois republican on behalf of the profit system.

Branting fought Communism with all the bitterness of one of the chief leaders of the Second (socialist) International, who was also a high priest of the league of nations—the black capitalist international; while Theodore Roosevelt, in 1918, urged McCormick's election to the United States senate pledged against "social and industrial Bolshevism."

The New York Times laments that in Branting, "Europe has lost a sincere democrat and an ardent champion of international peace, meaning, of course, the democracy that seeks to keep the world enslaved to capitalist imperialism, and the peace that is advanced with the same ambition."

White the Times, democratic in politics, and one of the most loyal spokesmen of Wall Street, thus lauds Branting, while Vice President Charles C. Daves, the Chicago banker, author of the Daves-Morgan plan for carrying out the peace of Versailles, that gave birth to the league of nations, also sheds tears over McCormick's "distinguished public services."

It is heartily, with his chief echo, Arthur Brisbane, who heaps flowers upon McCormick because he helped keep the United States out of "foreign entanglements," while Vice President Charles C. Daves, the Chicago banker, author of the Daves-Morgan plan for carrying out the peace of Versailles, that gave birth to the league of nations, also sheds tears over McCormick's "distinguished public services."

The mourning hysteria of the money lords doesn't have a difficult time of it in bridging the chasm between Branting and McCormick. Branting was a boon collaborator with Ebert, Bauer, Richter and other German "socialists" involved in the Barmat financial scandal, that is shaking the German republic to its foundations. McCormick, one of the owners, and former editor of the Chicago Tribune, stood side high with the financial interest of LaSalle and Wall Street. He voted with the "millionaires' bloc" in congress, and with the "Newbery senator" putting his "C. O. C." on the seating of the Michigan multi-millionaire, Newberry, who bought his election to the U. S. senate, the "millionaires' club" of the American capitalist state.

So the workers and poor farmers may save their tears. Better unite their numbers and build the power that will not only combat those who take the place of Branting and McCormick but that will declare victorious war against the social system of plunder and pillage for which they stand.

The fact that both Branting and McCormick attacked Communism should be assurance enough to all workers and poor farmers that they ought to join hands in energetic support of it.

Bankers Want Ancient Whipping Post for Bandits, Not Bankers

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 26.—As a result of the murder of the manager of their sixth St. branch, the National Bank of Tacoma will close all their branch banks. Holdups of small county banks, of branch banks, and elsewhere are getting more and more common.

As a result, the legislature considers legalizing the whipping post; the clergy demands the bible be read in the schools; the press assails the moral depravity of the present day. Needless to say all these legal measures of capitalist propaganda never mention the economic forces, the unemployment, the low wages, which drive men into bandits.

Join the Workers Party!

EMPLOYERS WORK FOR POLICE TO BREAK STRIKES

Exert Big Pressure for State Police Bill

The Illinois manufacturers' association and the Illinois chamber of commerce renewed their drive to force a "state police bill" through the legislature which would assure them a force of mounted constables to break strikes that may occur in their factories. The drive is being concentrated on the Chicago and Cook county constables, most of whom voted against the constab bill at the last session of the Illinois legislature.

Thirteen downstate senators out of thirteen voted for the police bill at the last session, said Harvey T. Hill, secretary of the Illinois chamber of commerce. "While only five constab constables out of fifteen constab constables were elected."

Bosses Want Returns. The Chicago representatives in the assembly the bill, which was placed on their list of campaign funds. The business interests have organized a club of those who have been robbed, the aim being to show that the city police force in Chicago is not adequate to check crime.

The opponents of the bill point out that in the states which have mounted police forces, such as Pennsylvania and New York, crime has increased as in Illinois the police have increased. The opponents of the bill give as evidence of the real purpose of the state police the 1919 steel strike, when the constables were used to prevent strikers from picketing.

Refused to Break Strike—Morgan is Hounding Owenby

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Colonel James Owenby, who testified before the judicial committee of the senate against the appointment of Harlan F. Stone to the supreme court of the United States, has left Washington, declaring that the Morgan and Rockefeller interests are hounding him out of his country.

Owenby said that Stone was unfit to serve on the supreme court because of his previous connections with the J. P. Morgan interests, which he intimated have not been severed. Owenby told how he previously worked for Morgan, amassing a million dollars as part owner of the Colorado, Land and Fuel company in Colorado. Morgan had, however, left Owenby bankrupt and then took over the entire ownership of the company in 1912. Owenby said that he had handled this transaction, Owenby said.

Try too with the Morgan and Rockefeller people composed when I refused to join in the movement to raise money to shut down strikers in the Standard Oil mines of Colorado," Owenby declared.

Blacklist of Textile Barons Forces Slaves Back to Accept Cut

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The strikers of the Utica Steam and Mohawk Valley mills get no string, have had up those mills completely shut down by barred slaves, including bosses and second hand slaves, who left the Mohawk Valley mill.

Testimony of several girls shows that workers, who left one mill when the wage cut was put into effect, to go to work at another mill where the cut had not been announced yet, are being blacklisted and given a quantity as identified.

This act proves that the cotton manufacturers' association is playing one set of workers against another, beating them one mill at a time, and that it has a blacklist system to prevent the slaves that is all one can call them—then even changing masters. They are being forced to go back to their "own" boss and what wages are offered.

NEW YORK, ATTENTION!
Paris Commune Pageant
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Sunday, March 15, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
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BRONX, N. Y., ATTENTION!
VETCHERINKA, CONCERT & DANCE
SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28
at WORKERS' HALL, 1347 Boston Road, Bronx
Audience, Workers Party and Young Workers League, 108 East 14th Street, New York City.

LABOR DEFENSE COUNCIL, PHILADELPHIA, PREPARING FOR BAZAAR, APRIL 3-4
Philadelphia Labor Defense Council is preparing for a huge Bazaar that will be held Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4 at the New Traymore Hall.
Friends and sympathizers are requested to bring their own or help collect articles. Already a variety of portable typewriter, several oil stoves, a mandarin jacket, a number of other valuable articles have been donated.
The Labor Defense Council meets every Thursday at 8 P. M. at 523 York Ave. and is already showing signs of real activity. A number of interesting and attractive features will be arranged at the bazaar among them a Costume Ball, that will be held on Saturday, April 4. For further announcements watch the DAILY WORKER.

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SOVIET RUSSIA PEASANTS HELP STARVING IRISH

Famine Horror Growing, Says London Herald

(Continued from page 1) "The people," said Mrs. Crawford, "seem to be cut off from the rest of the world, and live like starving rats in a hole. The contraband is black and without timber. The crops have failed, and the peas, on which the peasants depend for fuel, has been submerged."

"Extensive operations of traveling syndicates have destroyed the local fisheries, the main source of the people's living, and the result of it all is that these poor souls are literally and absolutely starving."

"In one place we visited, a woman lay dying of dropsy. There was food in the house and no food. It was almost dead."

"Mrs. Crawford went on to describe the efforts of the Workers' International Relief to alleviate the awful situation."

"I want to emphasize the fact," she said, "that with this organization it is a case of the workers helping the workers in their sufferings. We give relief first and investigate afterwards."

"Our aim is to help the workers, regardless of religious or political views."

"Over Depots Opened. "Food in Ireland," Mrs. Crawford proceeded, "we have succeeded in opening food depots in the various villages we have visited."

"We have taken meat, flour, tinned milk, tea and coal to a number of villages. The goods have been cooperative products."

"This, however, has been but a beginning. The need will be great for months to come."

"We have established an Irish committee of the W. I. R., which sits at 100 St. James Street, Dublin. We are making wide appeals for help. The suggestion has been made that the miners of Great Britain should give coal. The Union of Russian Land Workers is making an effort to help."

"Mrs. Crawford is addressing a letter to all labor. M. P.'s, asking for their immediate help in the work of organizing meetings with a view to securing gifts of clothing, food and money."

"The national committee of the W. I. R. in Holland, the U. S. A., Germany, and Russia have already made substantial grants."

"Send in Contributions. The workers and farmers of the United States are urged to send in contributions and collect funds for the Irish famine stricken. All contributions should be sent and all checks made payable to the Irish Workers and Peasants' Famine Relief Committee, 19 South Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill."

"Kansas City, Mo., Notice! KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—(Special) In order for the Kansas City Workers Party dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 24, at 1516 Grand Ave., for the benefit of the Labor Defense."

"Walk it up in your union—the members will subscribe."

"FOR SALE: 40 Acre Fruit Farm 6 cows; chickens; new 6-room house; cheap. Call to Muakagon, Mich. Cite Directory 923 or write—304 West St., Chicago, Ill."

"ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE (Given by The North-West English Branch, W. P. and Area Branch No. 6 of the Y. W. L. BUNDAY, MARCH 15, 8 P. M. WORKERS' LYCEUM, 3733 Hirsch Blvd. ADMISSION 25 CENTS."

AS WE SEE IT BY T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

(Continued from page 1) must international because of his refusal to abide by its decisions. To those who criticized the C. I. because of its alleged "heresy hunting" proclivities we submit the following evidence of the justification of its action from the pen of Hoeglund; a subject of the traitor Bramante: "Locality of style, logic of thought and weight of opinion were his qualities as a writer, while his political judgment, theoretical knowledge and devotion to his cause gave him his position as leader." Bramante was about as much of a radical as "Hell-an' Maria" Dawes. In fact, Dawes is the idol and perhaps the paymaster of the Second International.

THE Chicago Tribune's British liar John Stee, picked out the written report of the labor leaders who recently visited Russia and chuckled gleefully over them. But they are not so glib about all. We are happy to know that this literary glib has lost his wits. The fact is that the report is favorable and even the paragraphs that would not sound good to the ears of Anthony Comstock or Henry Ford do not set us very excited.

ACCORDING to the excerpts called by Stee, the report says that the dictatorship of the workers' and peasants is exercised through the Communist Party. This is old stuff. "A woman can procure an abortion by an authorized physician in a state hospital provided she can give the medical board satisfactory reasons why she should not have a child. Necessary reasons are inability to bring up a child or ill health." It is whispered that abortions can be procured in "these United States" provided snuff money is available to overcome the doctor's fear of landing in the can.

THE report says that the Soviet system is no more Jewish than it is German, but that the Jews through their intelligence and competence have secured high positions in the government. Considerable propaganda is also carried on against the religious dope joints. For all these things we give thanks, as they betoken that the Soviet government is treading faithfully along the high road of property and a better life for the workers and peasants of Russia and thereby giving aid and comfort to the movement for freedom in all lands.

Reverse Comrades Plan Red March Membership Drive

REVERE, Mass., Feb. 26.—The Revere branch of the Workers Party will celebrate the month of March in the following way:

We will open the month with a pot-parade party on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p. m. at Eagle Hall. There will be food, song and dance. A humorous wall paper will be read off and new unto the poor workers in the branch.

This affair will be followed by a lecture by Schachno Epstein, writer of the Freiheit on Sunday, March 8, at 8 p. m.

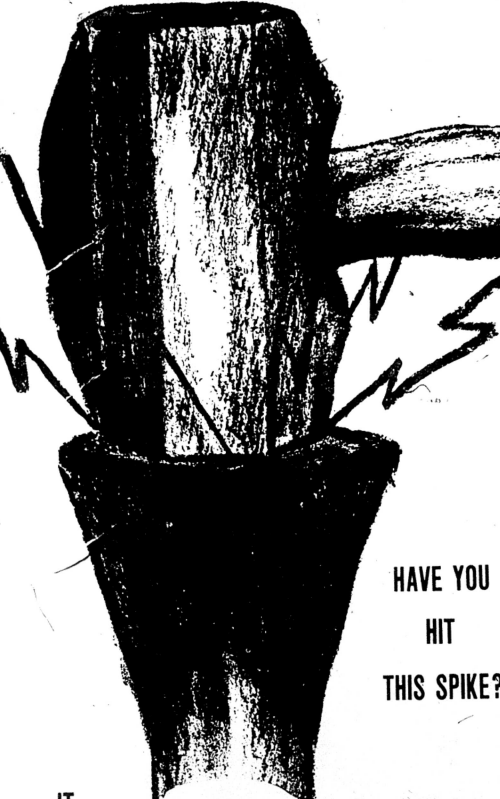
During the entire month an intensive effort to house drive will be carried on for new subscribers and members. All members will be mobilized to spend every Sunday between 10 and 12 for the drive.

The Paris Commune celebration on Friday, March 27, at 8 p. m. at Eagle Hall will wind up our March activities. There will be a high class concert and entertainment and speaker.

The Mothers' League is arranging a sociable time for Sunday, March 16, at 8 p. m. and the Y. W. L. a lecture on Friday, March 12, at 8 p. m. Comrade Weisbord will be the principal speaker. All affairs will take place at Eagle Hall. Our slogan is 50 members by April 1. We now have 30.

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MONSTER BLOW DEALT SPIKE!



Letters From Our Readers

Miners and "Do-nothing" Policy. To the DAILY WORKER: The headline "Nothing to Do, Say A. F. of L. Heads" but still drawing their salaries in this town walking the streets but out of work with many on the brink of starvation.

One hears the cry of complaint and bitterness everywhere. Our line of industry grows worse from day to day. Daily more mines close down. Many are on low production. The situation is desperate.

There was some little hope of improvement when a low power contract about 7 miles from here was applied to open up. Some 70 men were applied for work and were told the rate of pay was to be 25 cents an hour and a 10 hour day. Many refused to start walk others driven by absolute necessity, the Super Power, when all the holdings are squeezed out of the small holders and merge the coal, water and gas units. And if the miners should go out on strike the water power will be of great assistance in beating the miners.

At this time with so many men out of work and in desperate circumstances with the bosses taking every advantage of the men and forcing down their wages. "Nothing to Do" is the cry of the F. I. heads. There is much grumbling at leaders of labor who find nothing to do when labor serious problems confront the workers.

Yours truly, Harry Dondary, Morgantown, W. Va.

A Conversation. To the DAILY WORKER: On Ashland Ave. a Negro worker asked me for a match and having this opportunity I started a conversation with him. He proposed to be an ex-convict worker and after acquiring a stiff limb, and this gave us a good start as I was in somewhat of a predicament. We walked along and soon the city street turned into a rebel turnpike for here was one driven to mental rest and ready for action by life as he found it. In contact with his fellows on the sea and in deep water ports he had acquired an ideology something like this:

This cursed system must go and to the worker the chief thing is to get white and black workers united with that end in view. A standard of living here that almost equals that of some of the "best people" in China, Egypt and other places he had been to was all to the mustard because the workers here would fight before losing out on that very far and that was just what the present capitalist system could not provide for very long.

"Just from work." I was detaching his home going so we shook hands for the last time and he sang out, "Follow Russia, that is what we will do when our time comes and to those who oppose us," but there was a world of sincerity back of it that one would need to hear to appreciate.

"Can't say he had read such a lot, but after being told about the Workers Party and receiving the promise of some literature his enthusiasm increased.

"Can we not more and more (as Lenin, our leader did all these years) force this change coming down upon us and make as few chances as possible (even in a small way) to prepare for it?" Fraternalism, Leo Fillmore.

Capitalism in Joliet. To the DAILY WORKER:—On Jan. 21, 1925, an election was held in Joliet to increase the school tax rate from \$2.75 to \$4.00 per hundred valuation. Due to the activities of organized labor the proposal was defeated by over 5000 votes.

On Jan. 24, 1925, the school board held their regular meeting and there were voted to punish the workers' children by abolishing three kindergarten classes and to stop the feeding of daily of 30 undernourished boys and girls.

One of those poorly fed boys has an aster working in Mr. Gerlach's great plant. She is 16 years old and is vainly trying to help feed her numerous brothers and sisters. She is assigned to printing little cards and until one week ago, was receiving one cent per week, or \$1.00 per business day.

Generous Mr. Gerlach set a new rate of 40 cents per hundred or a flat 25 per cent reduction. He gave as his reason that one very skilled and able worker earned \$25.00 a week and that it was the brutal truth. Such is capitalism in Joliet. (Signed) Martin P. Morriway, Joliet, Ill.

A Letter to the Los Angeles Times. To the DAILY WORKER: The following is a letter to the Los Angeles Times, which that paper, of course, didn't print. Did you hear you say that southern California has been viciously laid out? How could that be possible unless it would be to get the workers good about it?

Of course, I speak of southern California business, and the conditions in general more particularly of your attitude toward the tourist and a word about the tourist. As to your attitude toward the tourists, well, I had a room out on W. Hill on the first of December it was notified that the rent had gone up. It was explained that the tourists would soon be putting in a week and get \$2 in a night or \$10.50 a week until spring—but the tourists are not coming, are they? It is written and the editors absolutely indifferent, is it to get it mildly.

Work 12 Hours Underground. As to the working man and the conditions under which he is forced to work in "southern California," do you know that men are working underground in the 8th street tunnel 12 hours a day? Is it possible that California has no eight hour day for underground work if not, why not, since it is shorts like yours that control the politics of the state?

You have a law in this state and I wonder how you ever consented to its enactment except that you knew it would never be enforced to the effect that unless a man works seven days, I believe it is on a job the fee paid to a private employment agency these fees are not returned as they should be—the authorities turn deaf ears to the pleadings of the men for a return of this fee according to law. Rob Tourlet.

Where there is a smoke there must be a fire smoldering somewhere. All the way from New York to California I find that the road is now crowded with them—in automobiles, raving, cursing, and gnashing their teeth—they had been to California and claimed that they had been cheated, robbed and in some cases abused the same as the animals with the mouth disease. Yes, California is all right. It has some good soil and some nice climate. The tourists and workers were not condemning the soil. They were condemning the croakers. Jesse T. Kennedy, New York City.

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Explaining the Sullivan Disaster
 The federal government can and does send troops to aid the employers in breaking strikes, but it has not the power to enforce safety regulations for workers.
 This is the only conclusion that can be drawn from a statement recently issued by the department of the interior dealing with the Sullivan mine disaster. The bulletin says:
 "It is reported that this mine disaster, the greatest in the history of Indiana, was caused by open lights, and ignited gases in the mine. If so, the Sullivan catastrophe emphasizes the great hazard to the lives of American coal miners in the continued use of the open flame lamp in mines. . . . Records compiled by the bureau of mines of this department covering a period of 17 years, show that open flame have been the contributing cause of numerous fires and over one hundred explosions in mines, with a death toll of 1,000 men. . . . Such explosions are preventable."
 The bureau of mines has a number of specific recommendations for the kind of lamps that are safe and according to the statement, those recommendations have been given to all coal mine operators. Those recommendations are as follows:
 "In all coal mines the portable lamps for illuminating should be permissible, portable, electric mine lamps.
 "In places where fire damp and black damp is liable to be encountered, a permissible magnetically locked safety lamp for gas detection and equivalent permissible device, should be supplied to at least one experienced employe in each such place.
 "Any employe before being supplied with a permissible flame safety lamp should be examined by a competent official of the mine to assure the man's ability to detect gas.
 "In places where, whether classed as non-gaseous or gaseous in any part, should be supplied with magnetically-locked, permissible, flame safety lamps, properly maintained and in sufficient number for all employes.
 "There comes a statement that every coal mine should paste up where he can read it every day:
 "The acting director of the bureau of mines has announced that the attention of the bureau's recommendations depend on securing the cooperation of the industry and the state government, since it is well known that the bureau has not authority to make regulations requiring the use of permissible lamps in coal mines."
 In 1919 the federal government, of which the bureau of mines is a part, rushed troops into every mining district where miners went on strike if the losses asked for them.
 The government issued an injunction against the United Mine Workers of America and tied up its strike funds.
 Yet this same government, which 31 miners' argument to their death by the coal lords of Indiana declares it has no means of preventing a similar disaster. It would never do to interfere with the right of the coal capitalists to rob and murder their workers for the sake of a few dollars.
 Our 100 per cent labor leaders claim that American government is a "government of all the people."
 Will the coal mines and the families of the murdered men of Sullivan believe this much longer?

M'ANDREW'S NEW SCHOOLS EXPOSED AS FIRETRAPS

Building Commissioner Orders Them Scrapped

That architect representing building company interests and Superintendent Andrew the economy expert, who had been appointed to examine new school buildings came out when Chief Deputy Building Commissioner Robert Knicht visited the plans because they do not comply with the fire regulations. Knicht's veto threw out the plans for the eight elementary schools that the board has been working on for the last three months.
 The plans were worked up from a standard type of elementary school building prepared by Supr. McKen-drew's staff of building experts. Upon recommendation of the superintendent they were approved on the drawings and the details worked out in the architect's department and approved by Edward L. Martin, supervisory architect.
 To make the buildings acceptable under the building ordinance, there must be two exits from each classroom and wood shops. Exits from gymnasiums, assembly halls and libraries must be increased in thickness from four to six feet. In addition the health department has ordered to the ventilating system.
 We venture to add that if a committee were appointed on what teachers would serve many other shortcomings in the plans that sacrifice comfort and health of pupils and teachers would be discovered.
 When it is to say what kind of new schools will be built in this city of Chicago. The architects and managers who can see only economy of cost, make no mention of the needs of the material of the teachers and pupils who are concerned with the health and the welfare of the children.

Labor Fakery and Priest Join Forces to Trick Workers

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 The DAILY WORKER could be disappointed in the fact that the labor leaders were sold in the hallway. White tried to explain by saying that the labor leaders were "not in the party" literature would make people talk and that it was "facinate the really afraid workers. Do understand
 When asked to point out where the labor leaders were sold in the hallway, the labor leaders of the Workers' Party opposed the strike. White would not answer. He could not answer, but he tried to dodge by saying that "people don't understand it and it will be bad for the labor leaders." Apparently he had the really afraid workers do understand the labor leaders too well to suit him.
 However, both the DAILY WORKER and the Workers' Party leaflet "Strike Against Wage Cuts" have been read by many workers, and, far from White's evasive lies, they all agree that the DAILY WORKER and the Workers' Party are the only labor organizations that have ever seen the light.

Illinois Has More Bonus Bonds

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 26.—The state has approximately 470,000 of the Illinois bonus bond with which the state has been fighting its way pending claims. It became known here today, following a conference between the revenue commission board and Governor Len Small in which it was decided to offer to the street holder, March 15, \$2,500,000 in bonus bonds, the unpaid balance of the \$5,000,000 bond issue voted by the people in 1922, the bonds are to bear four per cent interest and are payable in twenty years.

Tired Rebels

We are in receipt of a letter from a comrade who says we don't give enough credit to Daniel DeLeon and that Communist defendants stand on their constitutional rights—whatever they are.
 He ends his letter with the following sentence: "There is no hurry about me—when the workers see the need of organization and show a little hope I will be there with both feet."
 This reminds us that the man he speaks of has lost what faith he ever had in the working class. This is neither DeLeonism, Communism, socialism or anything but defeatism.
 Criticism from comrades who have this state of mind springs from the fact that the Workers' (Communist) Party is a party of action. We are disturbers in that we make it impossible for the tired rebels to sleep until the rest of the working class awakens.
 Coolidge is impartial. He is against the raise of \$2,500 gasoline hose bands themselves and also against the raise of the underpaid postal workers' wages.
 Was it Anable France who said that "capitalism gives rich and poor alike the right to sleep under bridges?"
 A news item in the capitalist press tells a story of the life led by Russian exiles in Paris. Four Americans, two men and two women, were arrested in a den by the police. There were also arrested four Russians who were giving an exhibition entitled "Art Spectacle." Ninety-nine per cent of the exhibit consisted in the complete absence of clothes. Besides the four Americans there were thirty six other spectators. This is the degenerate class that Abramovich is here to defend!

Ammunition for the Workers' Arsenal
 By MANUEL GONZALEZ

Working Yourself Out of a Job

Coolidge "prosperity" is a monstrous, two-faced thing feeding on misery and bitter woe. It is a cross contradiction, which every day becomes more hopelessly involved.
 The United States Department of Labor sent out a report last week calling attention to the relatively stagnation of business activity, as evidenced in whole prices, in the fact that the steel industry is operating around 50 per cent of capacity, etc. but the report concluded with the rather puzzled remark "SPRINGS OF INCREASED BUSINESS ACTIVITY, EVERY ONE OF THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTS HAS CONSIDERABLY MORE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS THAN A YEAR AGO."
 The explanation of this strange phenomenon is now revealed in tabulations published by two different government agencies, the Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Commerce. The Reserve Board figures show that the "expanding needs of the country due to the increase of population are being met largely without giving employment to the increased number of workers who are growing up." The ranks of the army of more or less permanently unemployed have been swollen by 1,600,000 as compared with the pre-war years.
 WHAT THE CENSUS FIGURES SHOW.
 Now let us examine some figures just made public in connection with the Department of Commerce's biennial census of manufactures for 1923:

Value of manufactures (at factory price)	1923	1921	1919
Price	\$90,481,135	\$43,853,238	\$2,041,730
Average number of wage earners employed	7,743,233	6,946,590	9,500,000
Total wage payments	10,882,895	8,200,324	10,441,737
Horsepower of prime movers	241,168,602	(not data)	219,518,152

*) 000 omitted.
 Thus relatively fewer workers in 1923 produced considerably more goods. Labor is steadily becoming more productive, piling up greater and greater surpluses of material energy. Under capitalism this is an unbroken blessing. The markets for merchandise are limited, even in the present imperialistic epoch, and only a certain amount of labor can be absorbed with satisfactory profit to the boss. The rest goes to swell what Karl Marx called the "industrial reserve army" of unemployed, whose existence is a weapon in the hands of the capitalist to keep down wages.
 While the combined factory prices increased 38.5 per cent between 1921 and 1923, total wages increased only 34 per cent. That is, however, as regards TOTAL wages. But inasmuch as the number of wage earners increased 12.2 per cent during this period the 1923 total wages had to be divided among 1,618,663 additional workers, which means that the individual worker received very much smaller proportion of what he produced.
 Even these striking figures fail to reveal the full extent of what has been taking place. A correct measure of the actual value created by manufacturing process is not the aggregate value of products as given above (which includes the same value counted several times) but the value added in manufacture, namely the difference between the cost of raw materials, fuel, etc. and the factory price of the finished products. This amounted to \$25,853,151,000 in 1923 as compared with \$18,666,000 in 1921, AN INCREASE OF 41.1 PER CENT. Moreover, an important part of the value created by labor are still unrecorded in the totals; they are incorporated in the industrial process itself for the benefit of future generations. An inflection of this can be gotten from the fact that the rate of horsepower capacity of engines, water wheels, electric motors, etc., used for primary power in manufacturing establishments, was increased 14.4 per cent as compared with the boom year 1919.

SUMMARY
 To sum up: The figures show: (1) increasing productivity of labor; (2) larger surplus; (3) decreasing share by the workers in the product of their labor—increasing rate of surplus value, % of exploitation; (4) increase of the "industrial reserve army."
 Substantially the same trends can be noted at the present time, for the most part greatly exaggerated. That is Coolidge "prosperity." That is capitalism.

N. Y. TEACHERS UNIONS FIGHT NEW SALARY BILL

Gives Too Much Power to Superintendents

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—An appeal to all teachers to unite in opposition to the Downing bill was issued by Dr. Henry R. Livelle of the Teachers' Union who said it was a menace to everything the teachers have fought for.
 "This bill nullifies the policy for which the teachers have fought for many years, namely, the control of salaries by the state legislature. It makes the various groups of teachers the football of local politics. This will divide the teachers into warring camps. It places them in the mercy of the board of superintendents, a body for the most part of political appointees. Even if teachers receive an increase because of an approaching majority campaign, what will prevent these same authorities from taking away what they have given?"
 Strong support of the Kleinfield bill prepared by the joint salaries committees of teachers' associations was announced by the New York Principals Association, the Assistant Principals' Association and the Teachers' Union.
 The Downing bill gives the board of superintendents power to revise salaries every five years. The Kleinfield bill gives the board of superintendents the power to revise salaries by legislative action at higher rate of pay than are now in force.

If You Own Part of the Philippines, You Can Worry Over This

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Philippines are "very vulnerable and could be taken away by an enemy." Rear Admiral Hiram P. Jones, chief of the navy general board, today told the house aircraft committee.
 "Of course, we all realize that the Philippine Islands could be taken by an enemy before America could get a word in edgewise," frankly admitted Jones.
 The committee previously had been told by Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, that the Philippines, Hawaii and other American Pacific possessions, "could be captured by Japan in two weeks."

Coal Miners Face Crisis

The coal operators have assembled their forces and are determined to revise the Jacksonville agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.
 That such a move would be undertaken by the coal barons has been evident for some time. In all the coal fields there has been a steady but unobtrusive revision of the agreement on striking conditions which have been changed to benefit the operators and such changes have had the same result as a reduction of wages, the miners dig more coal for less money.
 These changes have been carried out with the full knowledge of the Lewis administration. In some instances the officials aided the coal operators to carry out the revisions. While exact figures are lacking there is little doubt that thousands of miners are working under what practically amounts to a revised agreement. In districts like the anthracite fields, where there has been mass strikes against unauthorized changes the Lewis administration has revoked charters and otherwise aided the operators.
 The unemployment in the industry and the stealing of working conditions that is already an accomplished fact has outraged the coal owners to open war on the wage agreement. The miners must now fight or accept a cut in wages that is only the beginning of a series of slashes intended to wipe out living standards they have fought for years to obtain.
 Here is the final proof of the utter bankruptcy of the Lewis policy. He has deliberately weakened the union by revoking charters and expelling whole districts. He has urged the miners to have faith in the word of the coal capitalists. He has named, slandered and expelled Communists and members of the Trade Union Educational League, the most active members of the union. He has said time and time again that the progressive miners were enemies of the union and their program of struggle the road to ruin.
 But it is Lewis and his payroll gang that has led the United Mine Workers of America far on the road to ruin. It is not too late to turn back. The program of the Workers' (Communist) Party and the Trade Union Educational League, their call for action against wage cuts and unemployment meant, points the way.
 The United Mine Workers of America face a great crisis. They are at the turning point. If they submit to the demands of the coal capitalists they will have lost the fruit of years of effort.
 It must not be too late to turn back. The left wing program they must repudiate the defeatist policies of the Lewis officialdom, they must utilize this issue to build a rank and file movement so strong that both the treacherous bureau crats and the coal barons cannot prevail against it.

Street Cleaners' Strike Continues

The Chicago city authorities, like all other employers are willing to spend thousands of dollars for seals and police protection for seals rather than settle with the striking workers who in this case are the men who do the hardest and most unpleasant of all tasks: keeping the city clean—members of the Street Cleaners' Union.
 The commissioner of public works has told the union that its members must be back to work by Tuesday or their places will be filled. This means that 2,500 strikebreakers will be recruited if the union does not surrender. It means that the striking street cleaners will have to fight for their right to work at decent wages.
 Municipal ownership as a solution of the work city's problems is urged by many reformers. It has been a pet project of the socialist party for years. It was popularly supposed that city authorities would be much more friendly to wage earners than private capitalists. If anything is municipally owned it is the streets and alleys of the city of Chicago—the whole sanitary district is a municipal undertaking.
 The city authorities appear now in the same role as in other cases. They talk glibly of strikebreakers and police as means of whipping the striking workers into line. They have tried to divide the strikers by offering a small increase to foremen, etc., as employers always do. If and when wages are used and the seal begins to pocket, the heads of the members will be broken just as if the city was a private concern.
 It is only a small section of the city employees that are striking. There would be a different situation if the city workers were organized in a municipal workers' union and striking as a unit. There would not be such a defiant attitude on the part of the city officials nor could enough seals be put together to break the strike.
 If the street cleaners and other municipal employees are to cease being beggars at the door of city bureaucrats they must organize a union of all city workers.
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The famous movies, "Polkushka," a novel story made by the Moscow State Film Studio, and "Lenin" showing the life and funeral of Lenin, and a Russian comedy, "Salome," will be shown at the German-American Home, 665 Grand Ave., Kenosha, Wis.
 These pictures have been drawing large crowds in New York and other big cities. They will be shown in Kenosha ONLY ONE EVENING, FEBRUARY 28, at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, FEB. 28, from 4 to 11 p. m. at the German-American Home, 665 Grand Ave., Kenosha, Wis.
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