

# WHEELER CASE IS THROWN OUT OF U. S. COURT

## Department of Justice Persecution Ends

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Indictment of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in obtaining oil and gas land permits, was thrown out of federal court here.

The court held that Wheeler should not be tried on this indictment as he had previously been acquitted in Montana on identical charges of misusing his senatorial influence to gain favors for Campbell at the department of the interior here.

This action of the court brought to a close one of the most sensational cases instituted in recent years by the department of justice as a reprisal against someone who had been able to "get" the goods on the department. Wheeler was honored for his part in the Teapot Dome oil scandal investigation and his exposure of Attorney General Daugherty and his brother, Banker M. Daugherty and a number of cabinet officials for their roles in stealing the oil oil possessions.

After getting an indictment against Wheeler in Montana, these special attorneys were hired to prosecute the case in Washington.

Will Not Appeal.

It is not believed that the department of justice will prosecute the case as the attending publicity and the trial might disclose a few facts which would be damaging to the government.

The two indictments against Wheeler grew out of his relation to Campbell and the oil oil work. Wheeler, who took him before federal departments, Wheeler insisted that the government maintain the case. Wheeler had represented Campbell at the interior on this charge, Wheeler was not indicted.

To Get More Oil Land.

In the second indictment, the government charged that Wheeler, through his friendship and influence with Booth, was to get for Campbell more than the legal number of prospecting permits. Money to be derived from the land thus secured was to be split three ways, between Campbell, Wheeler and Booth.

The government contended that Campbell, with Wheeler's knowledge, sent in the "bogus" applications to the interior.

Because the permits and land in Montana are the same in Wheeler's case, he was not indicted.

Wheeler submitted a plea of former acquittal as chief basis for throwing out the second indictment. He insisted that the alleged overt acts in Montana were the same in Wheeler's case.

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## German Peasant Finds Message of French Political Prisoners

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Some days ago a peasant in Kamberg in Thuringia found a little French department case hidden containing a letter from the political prisoners in Strasbourg.

The contents of the letter were as follows:

"Dear greetings from the Strasbourg prison to all comrades who have the look of looking at the prison of capitalism from the outside—the political prisoners Georges Schreckler, Charles Fischer, Adolphe Scherbat, Emilie Scholtz, accused for indictment of members of the army 600."

The comrades whose greetings made such a long journey thru the air, have since been sentenced by the French military justice to several months of imprisonment.

## RESUME THE ANTHRACITE DISCUSSION

### New York Meeting Has Uncertain Future

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 29.—The conference between the anthracite operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers representing the 158,000 striking miners, was held today in New York City.

The operators were preparing their program to present at the opening of the meeting late in the day, when Major Lewis of the operators indicated clearly that it was Lewis' first move and settlement depended on the union representatives.

Passes the Buck.

"Whether the strike is settled depends on the attitude of John L. Lewis," said Inglis, seeking of course to lay the burden for continuance of the strike upon the union.

"I am not optimistic nor pessimistic," Everything in the conjunctural stage as it is, the leading success as it is the possibility that the miners may return to work within two weeks at their old wages.

The possibility that the operators will agree to a joint board to investigate their ability to raise wages. This may well turn into a possibility also of lowering wages, and represents a step forward more definite class collaboration than has yet been practiced.

The possibility that argument over the check-off may result in a reforming New Year's Day.

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## TO MAKE AN RUSSIA

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, U. S. A., Dec. 29.—(By Impression)

In a report by Leon R. Karmay on the activities of the central committee of the Russian Communist Party, he points out that the aim of capitalist propaganda is to prevent the League of Nations from working and destroy the Soviet working class.

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## EVERY LEFT WINGER OUT TO THE NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL!

When the Italian Mail, 643 North Clark street, opens up on Thursday night, many well-known militant trade unionists will be seen entering the hall.

There will be garment trades militants, who headed Mrs. Sigman of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, then there will be Amalgamated members, who have given Sam Levin many a sleepless night, and there will come many other workers from various trades all determined to see that the New Year is met in a militant manner.

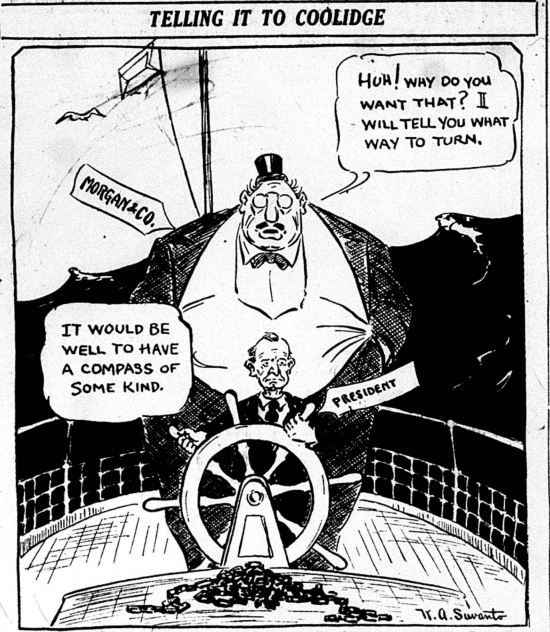
They will all come determined to aid the left-wing papers carry on a real fight in the new year. Every worker should come to the Fourth Annual Trade Union Educational League Ball! It will start on New Year's Eve and end up at 2 in the morning New Year's Day.

## PACKING-HOUSE WORKER! HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS OF THE DAILY WORKER AS YET?

PACKING-HOUSE WORKER, have you answered that list of questions that appeared in a previous issue of THE DAILY WORKER on the conditions of the packing plant you work in? Have you mailed it in as yet? THE DAILY WORKER wants you to answer every question that you possibly can and to write in a story of the conditions that start Monday to be used in the special packing-house drive that starts Monday, January 4.

Are your wages enough to live on? Can you make both ends meet? What are your living conditions? Not only does THE DAILY WORKER want letters from the packing house workers themselves, but also letters from the wives of the packing house workers. Let THEM tell their story.

THE DAILY WORKER fights for the workers at all times. It is their mouthpiece. You can and should help it. Send in a story; and then arrange for a bundle to be distributed at your factory. In this way you will aid greatly in bringing about a better understanding among those whom you work with and make it easier to win your demands for shorter hours, better pay and better living conditions. Get on the job!



## FARMER-LABOR PARTY FIGHTS FOR PROGRAM

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BISMARCK, North Dakota, Dec. 29.—The newly organized farmer-labor party in North Dakota is now carrying on an active organization drive to convince the farmers and workers of the necessity of a party that will fight for their class interests.

The program adopted by the conference at which over 100 delegates from farmers' co-operative, economic and political organizations and workers' organizations were present which calls for the nationalization of the mines, abolition of child labor, the repeal of Cullen-Commins law, nationalization of water power of the nation, revision of Versailles treaty, for a foreign policy based upon the unity of nations instead of war, opposing military conscription and denouncing the policy of imperialism pursued by the government as dangerous to the best interests of the nation.

The committee elected by the conference to call a north-west meeting in Bismarck for the other part of March, 1926, is working hard to bring about this conference at which the farmer-labor candidates in the congressional elections will be chosen.

Want National Defense Day.

The Spanish War Veterans' Day at head, in order to show his loyalty to the master class, calls upon congress to set aside April 16—the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord—as national defense day.

He also urges congress to let the veterans' organizations "turn out the civilian mobilization."

## PRIESTS ATTEMPT TO STAMPEDE ANTHRACITE STRIKERS TO WORK AND ACCEPT ARBITRATION PLAN

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—The action of the sixteen non-English speaking priests who recently addressed a communication to John L. Lewis and Major Inglis giving their views on the present situation and advising the miners and operators to settle the strike by "impartial arbitration," has created a furor in the anthracite field.

The letter of these salvation soldiers reads as follows by Lee Roy or Major Inglis was its author. It is word for word the position of the operators.

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## BRAND HOLDS HIS CABINET WITH LOCARNO

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Premier Brand now another political victory today. The premier met his cabinet and successfully surmounted difficulties within the ministry, the reported cleavage between the premier and the radical socialist members of the cabinet failed to develop.

"I invoked the spirits of Locarno and everything went well," said the premier as he left the cabinet meeting.

The cabinet gave approval to Finance Minister Doumer's proposal for balancing the 1926 budget and authorized him to submit the projects to the chamber of deputies.

M. Doumer plans to raise 1,000,000,000 francs by an increase in the price of tobacco, 500,000,000 francs by an export tax, 300,000,000 francs by a provision of special funds and more of direct collection of taxes, and 100,000,000 by a one per cent tax on all horse operations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The alleged "alarming symptoms" of General Pershing's health, which have caused his removal as head of the presidential commission in the dispute over the Tacna-Arica region between Chile and Peru, is possibly due to a diagnosis by political doctors who have determined that Pershing, whose teeth are reported bad, has bit off more than he could chew in handling South America like conquered territory.

South America Angry.

The decision to remove Pershing comes at a moment when all South America seemed to be awaking with resentment at the arbitrary management in the Tacna-Arica problem by Pershing and his staff.

So strong had the protest become, particularly in Chile and by Chile, that American interests generally were being menaced with the indignation of the whole Chilean people.

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## GIGANTIC MORGAN MERGER BACKED BY DILLON, READ

To Have 1,300,000,000 Dollar Resources

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Dillon Read & company, which a few months ago acquired the Morgan estate for the Dodge Motor Car company, is now backing one of the biggest mergers that have ever taken place in the country. Six of the biggest banks in New York City are to combine their resources in something over a billion dollars.

Proceeding at Rapid Rate.

The consolidation which is now proceeding at a rapid pace takes in the Chemical and Metals National, the Chase National, the Chatham and Phoenix, the National Park, the Chemical National and the Central Trust company. The resources of this consolidation will amount to more than \$1,300,000,000.

Rumors are current in the Wall Street district that the National Park and Trust company may jump into the consolidation and add many more millions to the resources of this gigantic banking trust.

To Take Place In Year.

It is expected that the entire process of consolidation will be completed within the next year. It is planned to first unite the banks in pairs and after a period of readjustment to effect greater consolidation of the paired banks.

The pairings are reported to be as follows:

Chemical National with the National Park; the Mechanical and Metals National with the Chase National; the Chatham and Phoenix with the Central Union Trust company.

When the heads of the different banks were interviewed as to the impending merger all attempted to hide any knowledge of the transaction except the fact that the banks are in negotiations, where the president admitted negotiations were under way and that the Morgan estate was a part of the prime mover in this consolidation.

When the Dillon Read & company acquired the Morgan estate it paid the Dodge Motor company less \$146,000,000 in cash and the firm made \$100,000,000 in stock and bonds in exchange to keep thru of the merger.

Following the news of the impending merger the bank stocks owned by these companies rose to new highs.

Underwrite Many Loans.

The Dillon, Read & company for the past year has been financing industrial projects in Japan, where it has sent millions of dollars to be used to develop the electric power and its industrial system. It has underwritten a large volume of domestic and foreign bond issues, many of them in competition with powerful American and British financial institutions.

Most of the investments that Dillon, Read & company has made in the past year is contemplating the development of natural resources in undeveloped lands, such as China, Japan, Africa and South America.

To Open New Branches.

Branches of these banks that operate in different parts of the world will also go thru the same process that the other banks are going thru and in different parts of the world. It is also expected that a number of the smaller and weaker banks of the country will be brought into this merger.

Three Killed in Train Crash.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—Three persons are dead, and three others seriously injured as the result of a train wreck here today. The engine in which an Illinois Central passenger train struck a motor car.

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**NEW YORK**







# News

## THIS STORY OF NEW YORK CITY DOWN AND OUT

### Recruiting Sergeants Haunt Missions

By A Worker Correspondent

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 28.—In these a city institution in New York City that helps the down and outers.

There they asked me my life's history. Where and whom I worked for in the last few years, etc. If then went into the dining room and had my supper of stew, bread and coffee (without milk).

After eating I had to go downstairs and hand all my clothes to be disinfected. After taking a shower bath, they made me take up on the elevator.

Before we were allowed to sleep a doctor examined us all to see if we had had a disease. An army recruiting sergeant was on duty in the doctors' office. All those the doctor thought could pass an army physical test he sent over to speak to the sergeant. I didn't care to speak to the sergeant.

We all were woken up at daybreak and had a breakfast of oatmeal and milk without milk and army physical test. I was hungry the meal had no taste so I did not eat much.

Before getting out we had to check out at the office. An office doctor gave you a slip you can't get out of the building as a guard is at the door to inform.

As I could not get a job and was homeless I was forced to come back to this house for five days, as the weather was very cold at night. The third day I was there they kept me in the morning and made me work for three hours cleaning and mopping up floors, taking up sheets from beds, etc. all of course I did not get pay for this.

I was told they allow New York students five days a month to stay at this institution and out of town people one day a month.

I feel sorry for anyone who is down and out in this system of society. During the month I was a down and out servant winter. I found out how a poor man is down he is also out. All the missions and Salvation Army did for me was to preach religion but that did not get me a meal or a bed to sleep in.

The municipal lodging house and the missions will be crowded more than ever this year as unemployment is increasing. The prisons are also getting filled up because of unemployment, poverty naturally following. Workers will have to submit more money and fill them themselves.

As a worker I know that condition for the class are getting worse and worse. It is only in the Russian revolution where the workers' conditions are the best. Long live Soviet Russia! Know the time will come when we in this country will have a workers' government like in Russia. When? As soon as all the workers in this country know and know that their real enemy is this capitalist war.

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# Workers' News

## MEDITATIONS BY A STEEL WORKER

By a Worker Correspondent.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The sun has just risen and the air is full of ozone. That just makes you hate to leave your bed.

There goes the alarm clock!

What an awfully good body does need more rest! You are a steel worker and you have got to get up. None of that "Just one more minute. That damned whistle is going to blow before you know it." The boss hired you to make profits for him didn't he? Yeah, you want to sleep some more. Well, the bed is not for you. That whistle!

"GET UP and MAKE IT FAST." You'll lose your breakfast if you don't hurry. Ah, breakfast—coffee, now that will help.

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## MASSACHUSETTS WAGE BOARD AIDS T H E BOSSES TO EXPLOIT CHILDREN AND WOMEN WORKERS

By H. SIDNEY BLOOMFIELD, Worker Correspondent

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—After a year's experience in candy factories, a minimum rate of 10 cents a day is recommended by the Massachusetts Wage Board for the candy industry.

The minimum wage commission has provisionally approved this report and arranged for a public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, at 3 p. m., in the commission's office, room 472, State House on New Street.

It will go into effect March 1, 1926.

According to the new rates, a worker will be paid a minimum rate of \$1.50 for women and girls after a year and a half minimum rate for men and boys after a year of \$3.00 for beginners. This is the terrible exploitation the women and girls in the candy industry have been subjected to in this industry.

The new recommendations require a learning period of one year and an increase of a measly 50 cents to experienced employees. The candy industry in an industry which has been so liberally developed that the employees are mere machine feeders and it does not even require a few months to become an experienced "cog in the wheel," but this requirement of a learning period of one year is a punishment of the labor of the candy slaves converted into profits for the bosses. This is the penalty for being organized.

Stationary Workers.

Another example of the brutal exploitation of the women and girls workers in the stationary goods and envelope occupation. A minimum rate of \$1.75 for women and girls after a year and a half minimum rate for men and boys after a year of \$3.00 for beginners. This is the terrible exploitation the women and girls in the candy industry have been subjected to in this industry.

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He is writing this just to illustrate what the reorganization is accomplishing and that perhaps these fine articles in the DAILY WORKER are the result of the new organization and newly organized units in achieving similar results.

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# SOVIET UNION DOUBLES NUMBER OF ITS SCHOOLS

## Take Steps to Cut Down Illiteracy

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 28.—During the scholastic year 1924-25 the number of children in the schools of the Soviet Union has increased by almost 200,000 as compared with the year 1923-24. During the coming scholastic year 1925-26 it is proposed to open 5,000 new schools for 2,000,000 children.

During Sept. 1925, 15,000 stations for liquidating illiteracy were set up as against 3,500 during the preceding year. During the year 1925-26 the number of these stations will be brought up to 34,000.

According to the plan of the people's commissariat of education it is intended to liquidate illiteracy during the year 1925-26 among the adults to the extent of 50 per cent and juveniles to the extent of 92.3 per cent.

The number of schools where the Ukrainian language has now reached 78.2 per cent of all schools and 83 per cent of the village reading rooms have been Ukrainiated.

The budget of the Ukrainian educational commissariat has increased from 10,100,000 rubles in 1923-24 to 13,900,000 rubles in 1924-25 at the center and from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 rubles with regard to the local budgets.

For the year 1925-26 the educational commissariat is making a budget grant of 2,000,000 rubles at the center and 2,000,000 rubles on local budgets.

## Lenin Laboratory Conducts Experiments on Short Wave Radio

LENNINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Dec. 28.—The "Lenin" Laboratory at Nizhn-Novgorod is conducting radio transmission experiments on short wave radio. Information according that Russian messages can be very well heard from Moscow by a wireless line. The Bureau of the Union of Soviet Republics is also conducting experiments on short wave radio.

Recent Russian accomplishments in the field of short wave transmission include the invention of a special method of attracting directed antenna and a new kind of antenna with great capacity.

Work on short wave transmission has a great future in the Soviet Union. It shows the low cost of short wave transmission and the low power of transmitters.

Kuhn, Lusk & Co. Reformer.

The inquiry was given notice to reformer that the road was deliberately driven into bankruptcy to give the financial house of Kuhn, Lusk & Co. the fat rick that goes with large-scale wrecking of companies. In fact there was an uncomfortable minute or two when the witness had to admit that not only had he been present while the road was crumbling, and not only had an obliging report made him one of the recipients, but that in addition, he had bought 1,000 shares of preferred stock of the road at a nominal sum after he had become a stockholder. This investment has already almost doubled.

## Barbusse Nails Lie of Rumanian Boyars

BUCHAREST, Rumania.—(I. R. A.) (By Mail)—Henry Barbusse spent a few days in Rumania to inform himself about the shameful actions of the Rumanian terrorists in the Kishinau district. He has returned with a whole bagful of papers to print an accurate statement of Barbusse that "It cannot be denied that the spirit of revolt penetrated into Besarabia from the shore of the Dniester (I. R. A. from St. Louis).

Barbusse requested us by telegram to publish the following correction:

"The news spread by some Trotsky agencies according to which I have declared to Bucharest press representatives that it cannot be denied that the spirit of revolt penetrates into Besarabia from the other shore of the Dniester is a senseless and malicious invention. I have never made such a statement. My investigations have in reality had quite different results. The news mentioned above has been apparently invented abroad by interested circles, because these circles are in a position to know from which it could have been taken."

While Barbusse was in Bucharest he was assaulted by a gang of fascists in the pay of the Rumanian bourgeoisie who were trying to assassinate Barbusse's lecture in one of the workers' halls refused to protect him from the fascist thugs. He was severely beaten by the fascist gang.

## Firemen's Union IS CONFIDENT OF WAGE INCREASE

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## Electrical Workers Win Wage Increase; Lose Right to Strike

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## WHY NOT ENGLAND?

By Leon Trotsky

What the capitalist press says about it

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126 pp., 25¢.

## UNEMPLOYED WORKER Begs Police to Send Him to Jail Workhouse

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Police arrest me, officer. I want to go to the workhouse. I will be better than going hungry, unable to find work.

Joseph Zaric addressed a policeman who attempted to remove him from the front of the workhouse downtown St. Louis business house.

Zaric admitted he purposely took a walk to the workhouse to get into the store as a means of getting himself arrested. In city court he brought a motion for a writ of habeas corpus and renewed his request for a workhouse term, "where I can get better work."

He will live it! Give your union a good fight. Sub to The DAILY WORKER.

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