





SOUTHERN FRONT WEAKEST SECTOR OF U. S. WORKERS

Labor Disorganized and Living Standard Low

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

A vast population forced by haste to adjust itself to an extremely low standard of living is revealed by the United States bureau of agricultural economics in a report on the cost of living among colored farm families in the south.

Here is maintained a reservoir of cheap labor that employers are increasingly drawing on to undermine white labor standards.

The study covers colored and white farm families in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas during the year 1919. The families fell into 3 groups, owners, tenants and croppers.

The cost of living for colored families owning their farms was found to average \$682 for the year, contrasting with \$1,635 for white families in the same class.

The bureau shows the average expenditures of colored and white families as follows:

Table with columns: Average Family exp. for 1919, Colored Farmers, White Farmers. Rows: Food, Clothing, Rent, Furnishings, Health, Advancement, Personal, Insurance, Miscellaneous, Total.

The national industrial conference board, an open shop employer organization, determined the minimum cost of living for a textile worker's family at this time to be \$1,386 and, on a slightly more liberal standard, \$1,658.

Expenditures for food by the southern farm families averaged as low as \$284 for colored croppers compared with \$500 for white croppers.

The bureau's figures show the contrast between the living standards of actual families. But they imply an issue which labor cannot dodge—the inevitable sapping of higher living standards of the worker by the lower.

Pick Leahy as Wheeler Prosecutor.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—W. E. Leahy, who was special prosecutor in the Nicky Arnstein case, has been employed by Attorney Gen. Sargent to assist in the prosecution of Senator Wheeler in Washington.

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF COMMERCE PAID EXPENSES OF EX-SOLDIERS CONVENTION, BUT NOT ENOUGH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 5.—The annual convention of the Disabled Veterans Association was wondering today how and why it had come to Springfield.

Representative Thomas L. Fekete, Jr., of East St. Louis, member of the Illinois legislature, charged on the floor of the house that Springfield "was not fulfilling her promises to the

Strike Against Unit System.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 7.—Weavers of Salt's Textile Manufacturing Co. are striking against the introduction of the unit system of production in the plant.

Moses Defies Dawes' Scheme.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Sen. Moses, president pro tem of the senate, again gave warning of a fight to a finish against Vice-President Dawes' proposal of a gag rule for the senate.

NATIONAL DEMOCRAT "A MYSTERY"

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Mystery deepens and thickens around the National Democrat, weekly organ of the Democratic national committee, published in Washington by a recent "lockout" for the Ku Klux Klan, and edited by Oscar Underwood's late campaign publicity manager.

Before Eirod took hold, Col. Winfield Jones, a veteran republican publicity man and press correspondent for G. O. P. papers, controlled the National Democrat for a time.

ITALIAN BAKERS MAKE PROGRESS IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Wages Are Determined by Volume of Work

NEW YORK—(FP)—The Italian bakery workers of Brooklyn, Local 12, Amalgamated Food Workers' Union, are following the successful example of their brothers in Newark and are gaining better conditions.

Above 6,000 loaves first baker is paid 70 cents and second 60 cents per hundred loaves. For setting sponge 50 cents, if worker is called from home, or 25 cents if he is in the shop.

The fight of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Bakery Local No. 3 against Bohack bakeries continues. The chain store concern failed to get an injunction restraining the union from its organization work.

TO EXPLOIT THE SOVIET COPPER AND GOLD FIELDS

MOSCOW, —(By Mail)—An important contract was concluded yesterday when Piatakov, president of the Supreme Concessions Committee, in behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Messrs. Brown and Gwynn, representatives of the Lena Gold Fields company, signed a preliminary agreement providing for the exploitation by the company of the Lena gold enterprises.

The contract grants a three months' term for the ratification of the preliminary agreement by the company, whereafter the Soviet government has another month for ratification.

Push Italian-Soviet Trade

MOSCOW, —(By Mail)—Odessa reports that a representative of the union of Italian farmers' co-operative societies, Mr. Trimarchi, has arrived there to negotiate the organization of a mixed company for trading with the Union of Soviet Republics.

GERMANY HOUSING WORKERS IN THE WORST HOVELS

Families in Rooms and Even Piano Boxes

BERLIN, June 5.—Finding living quarters for her people is one of the most serious questions confronting the German nation.

During the war years there was no building and since, with the treaty of Versailles and the inflation period, the little that has been done is a drop in a bucket.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the English branch of East Liverpool, O., steel sub-district of District 6, Workers Party of America, fully approve of the course taken by the Carpenters' Union of East Liverpool in their present strike.

Fear Mexican Treaty Raises Bars Against Spokesmen of Labor

WASHINGTON, —(FP)—Mystery in official quarters concerning the terms of the frontier-regulation treaty which was discussed in the joint meeting of Mexican and American government officials at El Paso, May 15-25, has raised suspicions that a new scheme of secret espionage upon persons moving to and from Mexico is involved in the plan proposed by the Washington spokesmen.

In all municipalities dwellings are rationed according to the list of applicants. People in better circumstances in apartments are limited in the number of rooms they may use, but this does not reach the owners of mansions and the very wealthy.

San Francisco Cooks and Waiters Stage a Neat Little Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The entire staff of waiters at the fashionable St. Francis hotel, 100 strong, walked out for 24 hours because their union agent was discharged.

The Cooks' Union has a new agreement with the St. Francis and the Palace, San Francisco's two most exclusive hotels. It provides for a minimum wage of \$30 instead of \$25 for cook's helpers, and \$55 instead of \$45 for cooks.

Coast Guards Quit Service.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A number of coast guardsmen employed on Staten Island are planning to leave the service at the end of their enlistment, charging that they have not had enough shore leave during the drive against rum runners.

Get a sub—make another Communist!

WORKERS PARTY AIDS CARPENTERS STRIKE IN OHIO

Resolution Supports Liverpool Walkout

(Special to The Daily Worker) EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, June 7.—The East Liverpool branch of the Workers (Communist) Party has sent the following resolution to the striking carpenters' local here, this week:

WHEREAS, The employers of America, thru a legalized profit system; and also because of an absurd and chaotic method of production and distribution, are now depriving the workers of an average of five-sixths of the wealth which they produce, thus leaving them only one-sixth of the result of their labor, upon which to maintain themselves and their families, and

Exploited and Robbed WHEREAS, The said profit system results in a waste of life on the part of the workers, who by its means are exploited and robbed, and

Solidarity of Workers WHEREAS, Any attempt on the part of the workers to better their condition, and to obtain for themselves a larger part of the product of their labor should be upheld and encouraged; and

Indorse the Strike BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the English branch of East Liverpool, O., steel sub-district of District 6, Workers Party of America, fully approve of the course taken by the Carpenters' Union of East Liverpool in their present strike, to obtain for themselves a living wage; and that we hereby pledge to them our comradely support, influence, and allegiance as Communists, confidently expecting the day to come when all men shall be workers together for the common good living in peace and happiness, without prejudice, without fear, and without exploitation.

(Signer) Mary Waters Sec'y, City Central Committee

GREED OF COAL BARONS CAUSES UNEMPLOYMENT, WASTE AND ALL MISERY IN BLACK DIAMOND FIELDS

By LELAND OLDS (Federated Press Industrial Editor)

The social waste accompanying development of basic industry for private profit instead of public service is revealed in a study of the Illinois coal situation by U. S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics Ethelbert Stewart.

Stewart's analysis is based on statistics of the Illinois department of mines for the year ended June 30, 1924. He says the bituminous coal situation in Illinois may be taken as a fair picture of the industry as a whole.

This means, he says, "that 254 of the 338 principal mines in the state represent an unnecessary expenditure of money so far as the capital invested in the mines themselves is concerned; that they simply prevent the adequate number of mines from producing an adequate amount of coal on a reasonably efficient basis; that the railroads must distribute cars to 254 unnecessary mines in a single state. It means that the industry wastes not only the money actually invested but the time and energy of the officials and clerical help that must be on hand the year round even when not producing unnecessary coal."

The average number of employes, number of days worked per employe, average daily production per employe and number of men necessary to secure the same production on a 300-day basis for the 338 mines, classified according to tonnage, was:

Table with columns: Illinois Mines producing (Under 10,000 tons to 900,000 and over), Number actually employed, Average days worked, Tons per man-day, Employees required on 300-day bas.

The 84 mines producing 300,000 or more tons in the year ended June 30, 1924, employed more than half of all the miners and produced nearly two-thirds of the 70,328,322 tons of coal. Operated steadily on a 300-day basis they would have produced 77,743,800 tons in the year.

BOSS IS HARDBOILED FIGHTING WORKERS BUT AN EASY MARK FOR HIS FELLOW SKINFLINTS

By CARL HAESSLER (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

He may be hardboiled and flintshelled toward the worker but he's P. T. Barnum's own easy mark when it comes to extending credit to the confidence men in his own line.

"He" is the collective American business man and financier. He has gathered together one million from his clan in 12 American cities and put it at the disposal of the National Association of Credit men.

Bay District of San Francisco, Cal., Picnics on June 21

SAN JOSE, Cal., June 7.—Local San Jose, Workers Party, will give a picnic Sunday, June 21, at Congress Springs, near San Jose, (a mile or so from Saratoga). This is a beautiful and well-known park.

Speech making or other program features have not been promised, but doubtless there will be some surprises in this line. If the Young Workers League of San Francisco and Oakland should decide to attend with their international chorus and other musical and dramatic features there will be entertainment for all.

It isn't even necessary to come along. The institute cites instances where unknowns have ordered large consignments of goods by wire or credit and have obtained the stuff, only to sell it and skip before the collector could make an appearance.

Machinery to Put Typists on List of the Unemployed NEW YORK June 7.—The photostat machine, or photographic method of reproducing records, will put an end to typists' copying of records.

Relief Money Still Needed; Finnish Send \$21.59 Thru League The Finnish Federation of the Workers Party, in answer to the call of the T. U. E. L. published in the DAILY WORKER, for aid for the Nova Scotia miners, sent in a contribution of \$21.59 to the Strike Fund of the Nova Scotia miners.

LABOR FAKERS QUARREL OVER UNION CONTROL

Local President Asks Brindell Be Jailed

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK, June 7.—An affidavit by Charles Johnson, present president of Local 1456, Dock and Pier Carpenters' union, sent by Samuel Untermyer to the New York state parole board formally charges Robert P. Brindell, former president of the union, with violation of the terms of his parole in seeking to regain his hold on New York building activities.

Johnson relates how Brindell attempted to persuade Johnston into accepting Brindell's dictation and tells subsequent threats to use "strong arm methods" when Johnson refused the offer to make money by following Brindell's methods. Johnson states that Brindell received \$2,000 from a contractor for ending a strike since his release from Great Meadow Prison after serving three years, nine months of a five to ten year sentence for extortion.

Johnson says Brindell failed to regain control of his union but formed a social club rival and that Brindell's son William is receiving \$75 a week from the Sandhogs' union for negotiations. Brindell promised Johnson \$25 weekly salary increase and said that he (Brindell) was reputed to have made \$2,000,000 out of the labor movement, Johnson states.

Yellow Cab Driver Victimized by Boss for Talking Union

Yellow Cab Driver Victimized by Boss for Talking Union

NEW YORK.—Driver Gilmore, Seniority No. 6184 50 demerits. Agitating. Discharged.

What was driver Gilmore agitating about? Driver Gilmore was agitating for the right to organize a union so he and his fellow workers in the job, could get more wages, the abolition of the sweating and commission system, respect from the hands of their exploiters and for the hope of a better future.

Yellow Taxi drivers, wake up! The only way to get better wages and better conditions is to organize. Once you are organized you could tell your boss Mr. McGuire to go to hell.

Strike Against Wage Cut. NORWALK, Conn., June 7.—Fifteen hat finishers employed by F. Berg & Co., are striking against a wage cut.

GET IT! The June Issue of THE WORKERS MONTHLY Now On Sale

GET IT! The June Issue of THE WORKERS MONTHLY Now On Sale

The Workers Monthly advertisement listing articles, stories, cartoons, and international review. Includes names of contributors like Anise (Anna Louise Strong), Tom Bell, Roger Baldwin, Michael Gold, T. J. O'Flaherty, Jim Waters, Robert L. Wolf, Gregory Zinoviev, William Z. Foster, Earl R. Browder, and G. Silzer.





