

BIG UNION UNANIMOUS FOR LABOR PARTY

ALABAMA MINE BLAST MURDERS 61 MINERS; CAPITALISM AND RELIGION PARALYZE PROTEST

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11—Of the estimated 61 dead coal miners blown to pieces and burned to death in the non-union Overton mine owned by the Alabama Fuel and Iron company, the bodies of six white men and 44 Negro miners were recovered yesterday. The known dead number fifty-three, the other eight being yet not found in the lower workings.

AS WE SEE IT

BRITAIN'S steel war dogs are growing in the Mediterranean Sea and ready to bark if the Turks continue to place obstacles in the way of the British oil magnates who are anxious to get their paws on the Mosul oil deposits. Only a few days after the Locarno pact was signed amidst hallelujahs from pacifists all over the world! It need not surprise anybody to see a nice little shindy kicked up in the event of hostilities between Turkey and England. Just now France is co-operating with England against the Turks, in return for English co-operation against the Syrians. For the moment both pirate powers are putting up a united front for the sake of "civilization." But one can never tell how long this holy unity may last.

GENERAL FENG, who needs no introduction to you, is pounding at the gates of Tientsin in Chihli province, formerly a stronghold of Wu Pei Fu, who is now looking around for a faction to line up with. Chang Tso-lin is between two minds whether to take a short sea voyage or stay at home and commit suicide. The odds are in favor of the journey as he is credited with having made his yens while the sun shone. With the likely fall of Chang Tso-lin Feng should not have much trouble cleaning up the rest of the Chinese tuchuns in the pay of the foreign capitalist powers. The imperialist press feels very distressed over the civil war in China, tho they are not shedding any tears over the bloodshed in Morocco and Syria. Which is easily accounted for:

THOSE of you who were inclined to sympathize with Andrew Mellon for his laborious work in the treasury department should read Senator Couzen's report on the operation of the taxation experts of the treasury and save your tears for a worthier purpose. It appears that one oil company of which Mellon is the principal owner pocketed over four million dollars unpaid taxes which a corporation not in such a friendly standing with the treasury would be compelled to fork out. Between bootlegging his distilleries and

NORTH CHINA STILL BOILS IN CIVIL WAR
(Special to The Daily Worker)
PEKING, Dec. 11—After eighteen hours spent in going eighty miles the international train from Tientsin arrived under guard of various imperialist troops.

The Alabama Fuel and Iron company is a gigantic and rich corporation connected with the steel trust and New York banks. It owns 36,395 acres of coal lands in Alabama alone, and 1,628 acres in the Kentucky scab coal fields. It operates on \$6,397,723 capital and in 1922 made a gross profit of \$748,622.

Interested in Child Labor!
But Mr. Macy has also an "interest in labor and philanthropy," as may be seen—not by his indifference to whether or not the white or black coal miners of Alabama are blown to bits so long as dividends roll in, but in his opinion the fact that he is vice-president of the Civic Federation, the leading institution of formal class collaboration composed of capitalist, labor and "public" representatives.

EDISON ELECTRIC STRIKE TIES UP CICERO FACTORY

Metal Workers No. 115 Has Fighting Pickets

After a number of workers had been fired for union activities, a strike has been declared against the Edison Electric Appliance Co., on 52nd and 19th Sts., Cicero. The company operates two shops, one on 54th and Taylor Sts., and the plant mentioned above, which manufactures electric ovens and employs mostly sheet metal workers.

Saturday Night GAMES — DANCING
And, Freiheit Orchestra, Soloists, Dancers and Russian Balalaika Tea.
Ukrainian Juvenile Quartet.
Other Features—Lettish, Jewish, and Polish.
COME EVERY DAY

Messages Announce the Release of Ben Gitlow

NEWS of the release of Benjamin Gitlow from Sing-Sing penitentiary in New York came to The Daily Worker yesterday at press time thru dispatches from William F. Dunne and Jack Johnstone, now in Philadelphia attending the convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union as representatives of this paper.

The Santa Claus of the Anthracite



Rewarding "Efficiency"

THREE VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORKER CORRESPONDENTS' PAGE

Three valuable prizes will be offered for the three best Worker Correspondents' stories sent this coming week, beginning Monday, Dec. 14th. These will be published on the Friday, Dec. 18th, Worker Correspondent's page of THE DAILY WORKER. The first prize is the much valued book by Nikolai Bukharin, "Historical Materialism"; the second prize, "Whither England" by Leon Trotsky and the third prize the original of the cartoon by R. Logan, framed, the reproduction of which will appear in this page.

International Labor Defense Bazaar

Saturday Night—Sunday Afternoon (2:30) and Night,
NORTHWEST HALL, North Ave. and Western Ave.
December 12 and 13, 1925

Lots of Fine Articles. Exhibit of Articles made by Class-War Prisoners.—Do Your Holiday Buying. BEST REFRESHMENTS

PRIZES — AUCTION — BARGAINS
HELP THE ZEIGLER MINERS

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS TURNS BACK ON OFFICIAL A. F. OF L. POLICY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 11—The biennial convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union assembled here unanimously adopted a resolution for a labor party. This is the second big international within the past few weeks going on record for the formation of a labor party. The first one was the recent Boston convention of the International Furriers' Union.

MOTHER OF 12 IS WANTONLY SLAIN BY SCAB TRUCK
Penn. Coal Town Scene of Tragedy

LIBRARY, Pa., Dec. 11—A striking miner's wife and mother of twelve children was killed and another woman fatally hurt in this little mining town when a company truck dashed into a group of women. The woman killed is Mrs. Timka and the woman now in the hospital with four broken ribs and broken arms is Mrs. Susie Besek, aged 53. There is very little hope that she will live. Two deputy sheriffs were also hurt.

Victims Result of Wage Cuts.
The mine in this little town owned and controlled by the Pittsburgh Coal Co. closed down early last spring. Recently it was announced that the mine will be reopened at the 1917 scale. The men refused to accept this outrageous wage cut, and the company began to import scabs under the protection of armed guards and deputy sheriffs. Most of the imported men were not told that a strike was in progress and when they learned the real situation and wanted to leave the mine they were threatened with guns and bullets. Despite of all this, only few scabs remain at work.

Papers Spread Lies.
As soon as the news of the killing spread the capitalist sheets came out with big headlines that a riot took place, that the women caused the driver to lose control over the machine and the women were responsible for the cold blooded murder. Fifty warrants were issued for the arrest of the wives and mothers of the men on strike. The company officials who are really responsible for the murder are still at liberty.

LABOR DEFENSE BAZAAR DRAWS LARGE CROWDS
Hear the Story of the Zeigler Frame-up

The second night of the International Labor Defense Bazaar, held in North West Hall, corner of North and Western Aves. for the benefit of the framed-up Zeigler miners brought out a record crowd. While on the opening night most of the visitors came for "business," that is, to purchase some of the tempting articles offered for sale, last night's crowd came for pleasure as well as business.

Principal Breaks Boy's Arm for Calling "Scab" at Strikebreaker's Son

Sunday Afternoon (2:30)
Danish Costume Dancers
Andrew Torrence, Soloist.
The Charleston—South Side Branch "Sextette"
SUPPER AT SIX served by Jugo-Slav Branch.
Night Entertainment—Games, Auction, Prizes.
Dancing Afternoon and Night

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE

UNION OFFICIAL ATTACKS YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE

Youth Organizes Miners to Fight Lewis

By GEORGE PAPCUN.
(Worker Correspondent)

REPUBLIC, Pa., Dec. 11.—A so-called trade union official by the name of John Kurtz who is supposed to be an organizer for the United Mine Workers of America attacked the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Workers (Communist) Party at a meeting held here recently. He charged that the leaders of the Communist movement were "damn fools" and "nuts"—and why?

Because the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League won the confidence and the leadership of the coal miners in the coke region where the trade union officials failed.

There was an opposition to the miners' union during the strike in the coke region. Did the officials do anything to break the opposition against the union? No! They did not even try. It took the party and the league to break this opposition.

When we took the situation in hand it convinced over 40 miners that they must join the union and got the other miners convinced that they must not oppose the union but must get inside and fight against such fakers as Kurtz and Lewis. When Kurtz got up in the meeting and said that Feeney was coming to speak at their next meeting, there was big uproar and the fellows shouted they did not want to hear the betrayer of the coke region miners.

The miners joined the union at its last meeting and when asked why they joined they say the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League tells us to join and not because the union officials tell us, which is a blow against the fakers and they will not be able to fool the rank and file in the coke regions as they are doing in some of the other places.

Another big blow to the fakers was the Pat Teohy meeting in Cardale, Pa., which is near Republic. Over a hundred non-union miners attended the meeting where the question of joining the union was put to the fore. The meeting was held under the auspices of the mine nuclei and two new members joined the nucleus.

Green Notices Negro Workers Who Turn Red

By A Worker Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 11.—The Inter-Urban Association is circulating the trade unions with questionnaires regarding Negro labor. Among the questions one finds such as: Are there any Negro workers in your trade, if so how many are in the union? Are you opposed to Negro workers in the union? Have Negroes acted as strikebreakers in your union? The letter accompanying this questionnaire asks the unions to cooperate with the above organization and is signed by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

EAST CHICAGO TEACHERS FIGHT WAGE REDUCTION

Educators Call Protest Meetings

By HENRY VICTOR.
(Worker Correspondent)
Student of Chicago Class.

The teachers of the East Chicago, Ind. public schools are putting up a battle against the sweeping reductions in the salaries of teachers proposed in a schedule submitted by J. W. Ashbury, superintendent of schools.

A number of meetings have been called at which the teachers indignantly protested against the proposed cut in wages, which will practically reduce them to starvation.

The new schedule introduced by Superintendent J. W. Ashbury, and which was framed without consultation with a single teacher, provides a normal increase in salaries of teachers over a period of 45 years in service—in other words, teachers will be permitted to eat after a number of years of starving. Teachers, under the new schedule, will begin their teaching at \$1,000 the first year; at the end of 10 years of teaching experience their salaries would be \$1,850.

Personal Favoritism.
The above plan of increase applies only to "good" teachers; "poor" teachers may be employed the second year without any increase, while "superior" or "excellent" teachers may receive double salary increase, a fact so indignantly denounced by William Ballou, president of the Teachers' Association, maintaining that personal tributes by teachers to school officials are not within the obligations of a teacher, and "personal favors and powerful friendships have proved to be of more worth in making an advancement than real merit in the classroom."

Many of the teachers are preparing to move to Chicago and other cities where teachers' salaries are said to be higher. They fail to realize that their only duty is to remain and fight it out for by running away they will only meet with a similar situation elsewhere.

Davis Store Workers Receive No Pay for Their Overtime Work

By JACK REED.
(Worker Correspondent)
Student of Chicago Class.

The department store employees are unorganized and as a result are working under very miserable conditions.

I was employed in the groceries shipping room of the Davis company. There the workers work 60-hours a week. The wages are \$18 for beginners and \$22 for old hands.

From a week before Thanksgiving until after New Years the workers are compelled to work overtime as late as 10 p. m. for the price of a supper. When the straw boss came up to me and told me that I would have to work overtime I refused. The following day, I was fired. I was told by some of workers that when the company takes "stock," which is usually on Sunday when the store is closed, they have to work for just the price of a dinner—no extra pay.

The American Federation of Labor never made a real effort to organize the workers in the department stores. It is up to the workers themselves to join the Retail Clerks' Union in order to better their conditions.

AS WE SEE IT

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dodging his own tax experts poor Andy leads a fast life.

IT was a mean trick the Farmers' Federation played on Calvin Coolidge last week. The "Sphinx" came all the way from Washington to help elect a conservative after his own heart, to the presidency. Cal told the banker-farmers, that their profession was an art, that he handles a pitchfork occasionally—when there is a cameraman in the vicinity—that a farmer's wife is about the most valuable piece of animated protoplasm on earth, because she supplies the wars with the best cannonfodder, as the industrial workers are either too hungry or too saturated with factory poisons to make satisfactory repositories for bullets. He said the farmers were a manly lot and should fight on the barricades rather than allow the government to help them. This would be paternalism, and perhaps alright for railroads, who were brot up on such fodder, but it would rob the farmers of their sturdy manhood and independence. The farmers showed their appreciation by burying Cal's friend, who ran for re-election under a truck load of manure and electing one who branded Cal's speech as hokum.

THE Russo-German trade alliance doesn't look good to the Literary Digest. Neither does anything Russian—since November, 1917. Not being content with reprinting digests of articles from various papers hostile to the treaty, it reprinted a cartoon from the Montreal Star, depicting Soviet Russia as a hairy and tattered bum, passing the hat to world capitalism, saying: "Help, please! It is impossible to get along without you." Needless to say, this is about as far from the truth as even a lying capitalist sheet could get. Only a few weeks ago a Soviet commission was here to purchase American sheep for breeding purposes. They spent several million dollars on sheep alone.

SINCE the trade treaty with Germany was signed, Berlin bankers granted Russia a credit of \$100,000,000. Curiously enough, the Berlin bankers borrowed this money from Wall Street bankers, whose government has not yet recognized the Soviet regime. Russia has already used up three-fourths of this credit which means that German manufacturers have sold \$75,000,000 worth of goods to the Soviet buyers since then. In general Russia is far from being the beggar she is represented to be by her enemies. The workers' standard of living is improving, while that of the workers in every capitalist country is going down. That is what counts. Of course the Russian aristocrats who are flopping all over the world are not getting along so well.

RUSSIAN economists estimate that the country needs goods to the value of \$1,500,000,000. How this figure will make the teeth of American manufacturers water! They hate Soviet Russia as the devil is supposed to hate holy water, but a Russian ruble looks much better to them just now than the franc of capitalist France, or the zloty of capitalist Poland. Both currencies are going down as fast as a plummet. With Senator Borah's resolution for Soviet recognition before the senate and all this Russian business rushing by America's door Silent Cal may have an awful hard time to keep his mouth shut, when the manufacturers begin to ask questions.

Militarism's Heavy Tax Burden Knocks out White Government in Finland

By J. LOUIS ENGBAHL.

TODAY, the Tuleheimo government in Finland topples into dust. This event is important because Finland, with its 3,000,000 population, is capitalism's frontier on the north-western border of the Union of Soviet Republics. The present demise of the Tuleheimo government is directly due to its efforts to fulfill its functions as an imperialist bulwark against Bolshevism. But the masses refused to endure its program of militarism.

The news reports do not state just what the "defense" program of the government was. The special radio to the Chicago Daily News declares that the government had "advocated an ambitious naval program." The records show that the Finnish navy at one time consisted of two broken ships stolen from Russia when the white terror managed to hold Finland against Soviet Rule. Later, reports had it, these ships were dashed to pieces on the Swedish coast in a storm that swept the Baltic Sea.

The Finnish terror, however, had paid much more attention to its army. The soldiery has stalked thru Finland, since the Bolshevik revolution, pretty much after the fashion of the Russian knout wielders and saber rattlers in the days of czarism. There is also nine months' conscription and a so-called "voluntary" white guard. The goose-step of militarism is firmly and heavily fastened upon the Finnish masses.

The workers and farmers of Finland, drawn into the world war under the czar, had fought valiantly for their liberation following the Bolshevik triumph over czarism. In the white terror, supported by the German kaiser before his fall, it is estimated that from 20,000 to 30,000 martyrs gave up their lives on the gallows for the revolution. An equal number died in the bullpens from hunger and exposure. A score of thousands more were held in prison for long terms. There are still nearly a thousand political prisoners in Finland.

The Communist Party is illegal in Finland. The Workers (Socialist) Party, organized in sympathy with the Communist movement, was also declared illegal and hundreds of its most prominent spokesmen thrown into prison. Very recently another terror drive was launched against the Young Socialist League of Finland, its crime being that it was also sympathetic to Communism.

All this, however, has not prevented the masses, both in the cities and on the land, from sending their spokesmen into the Finnish diet. The gallows, prison and police torture have not succeeded in silencing protest nor liquidating discontent. The growing taxation burden, to meet the mounting costs of militarism, has been the most effective lash in spurring the masses to fury against the government. So effective has been their attack that even the "socialists" have deserted the government, refusing also to take any part in the organization of a new one.

The agrarians joined the city workers in undermining the government that has been so energetic in its efforts to organize the Baltic bloc against the Soviet Union. As the agent of west European capitalism, it has tried to unite Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and even Poland in an alliance that had for its purpose new attacks on Workers' and Peasants' Rule. Now it finds itself discredited and deposed at home. Truly the capitalist dike against Bolshevism is crumbling. Finland today. Some other sector of capitalism's front against Workers' Rule on the morrow.

Edison Electric Strike Ties Up Factory in Cicero

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Our fellow workers and when the men protested this action the superintendent called the men together, first promising them all the privileges in the world, bonus and what not, but the next minute threatening them with violence and abuse if they would dare to strike. He very boisterously boasted about the powers that were behind the company, such as the General Electric Co., and stated: "If you men attempt any darned picketing around this shop, this company has enough money to hire hundreds of sluggers to deal with you." The next move was to fire 11 more men. This finally resulted in calling the strike.

Strike Grows Stronger.

The successful picketing and the militant spirit of the workers have had the results that a number of men are coming out every day and joining the ranks of the strikers and production has been completely paralyzed. All the highly skilled men who have been working here for many years have joined the strike.

The company, however, has made good its threats of hiring all the plug-uglies, pimps and sewer rats in town to try to intimidate the men. All these professional strikebreakers have been sworn in as special deputy sheriffs and each scab is accompanied home by one or two of these skunks, who even have the audacity to threaten violence on elevated trains and street cars when they see the strikers attempt to talk to the scabs.

Should Be Time to Unionize.

All this intimidation, however, has only resulted in greater solidarity among the strikers, who are determined not to be bluffed by a bunch of professional scabs posing as special police, and they are determined to carry on the fight until the company has been forced to recognize the union and pay a living wage.

The workers employed in the electrical industry are all paid a miserable wage and this strike ought to be the signal for a general organization campaign to bring into the fold of organized labor every man and woman who is working in this great and important industry.

Take this copy of the DAILY WORKER with you to the shop

Large Crowds Turn Out to Bazaar for Defense of Labor

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look good to the eye and are of exceptionally good workmanship. But the hair hand bag is a wonder. It contained, 529 hairs, each 27 inches long.

"I would gladly give you all the goods for the defense of those miners if I could" said Barnett. "But under this system even a class war prisoner needs a dollar or two occasionally." Class war prisoner Barnett, likes the DAILY WORKER and insists that that part of the process be devoted to the purchase of a year's subscription. "I want the paper" he says "so please don't forget."

The program given out for the bazaar guarantees an enjoyable time for everybody, from those who come to purchase to those who come to dance. In addition appetizing viands will be served.

The bazaar program is as follows: Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 p. m.—Russian Balalaika Orchestra, soloist, costumes and tea; Ukrainian Juvenile dance quartet in Russian dances; Lettish Dramatic Club in a working class prisoners' tableau; Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra; Special night for, and features by, Polish, Jewish and White Russian groups. Dancing, good orchestra.

Sunday, Dec. 13.—Afternoon—Danish costume dancers; Andrew Terrence—soloist; South Side Branch "sextet" in the Charleston; The South Slavic Branch as hosts for a fine supper at six; Special day for Czech, Slovak and Scandinavian; also English and Youth groups. Dancing.

Sunday Night—Dancing entertainment.

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I. G. L. W. Convention Votes Unanimously for the Labor Party

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the International Labor Defense resolution May 1st had been made a compulsory holiday for the industry. Call Sigman Bluff.

In addition to the acrimonious debate on the International Labor Defense resolution, another clash occurred between the left wing and the Sigmanites. The convention was held in the Eagles Hall, smaller than the Lu Lu Temple, which is located across the street and was available for the convention, and the machine had made no proper arrangements for seating the delegates, Sigman took advantage of the irritability generated by the uncomfortable quarters to continue his deliberate policy of insulting the left wing at every opportunity by blaming them in the most provocative language for the slightest disturbances.

He utilized every opportunity to threaten the convention and visitors with executive sessions—something the machine has been trying to engineer, in order to get away from the hundreds of union members who attend, ever since the convention opened.

After a particularly insulting performance of Sigman's, Zimmerman took the floor and delivered another ultimatum: "You are deliberately and constantly insulting the progressive delegates to this convention, in line with your general policy of expulsions. We have been very patient but we warn you that we will stand no more. This is not Boston but Philadelphia."

Sigman then declared a half-hour recess but no one left the hall. When the convention resumed Sigman's tactics had obviously been changed and the discussion proceeded in a calmer atmosphere. The convention has gone on record against citizen's military training camps, instructed its American Federation of Labor delegates to fight against them at the convention of that body and endorsed all the movements directed against militarism, especially among the youth, that are under way in the country.

In allowing such measures to pass without opposition and with their open support the Sigmanites are demonstrating the difference between themselves and the cruder reactionary machines in other A. F. of L. unions.

This support to class struggle measures is given with tongue in cheek and in the most cynical manner imaginable but the record is kept fairly clear. The watchword is to steal the issues from the Communists, but to keep out of power any group which would really follow a class struggle policy.

Arturo Giovannitti, appeared before the convention in behalf of Il Nuovo Mondo, the new Two-and-a-Half International daily. Giovannitti, who spent most of his life fighting such elements as the Sigman machine, is now the best supporter it has. He told how he wept after the Boston convention when the expulsion policy was put in force but in the next breath chided the left wing for "standing the chosen officials of the union."

The depth to which Giovannitti has sunk can be estimated by the fact that while he mentioned the French and American revolutions he was unable to remember such a thing as the Russian revolution. The convention pledged support to Il Nuovo Mondo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge sent to the senate for confirmation a list of more than 500 nominations for offices from judgeships to minor postoffices.

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JAPANESE LABOR FOR UNITY WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Russian Metal Trades Applaud Proposal

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., (By Mail)—A storm of applause greeted the Japanese delegate, Kavaai, who in an impassioned plea before the conference of metal trades workers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics called for the formation of a Russo-Japanese committee of action, which would bring the labor movements of those two countries closer together.

Kavaai, who is a member of the Japanese delegation that is now in the Soviet Union declared, in the name of the Japanese metal workers, that the persecutions of the police against the Japanese working class because of their demonstrations of solidarity upon the arrival of the Russian trade union delegation, had not intimidated the Japanese workers.

"The Japanese workers are determined to establish a firm connection with the European proletariat despite all difficulties," declared Kavaai. "They are further determined to acquaint themselves with the situation in the Soviet Union."

Kavaai then pointed out that the lack of a united trade union federation was one of the weaknesses of the Japanese proletariat and reduced its possibilities of resistance against capitalism.

"Revolutionary ideas are penetrating ever more deeply into the Japanese working class which is losing its belief in the labor protection of capitalist law," stated the Japanese delegate. "The Japanese workers are in favor of the national revolutionary movement for freedom in China. They will do everything possible in order to prevent a new imperialist invasion of China."

Kavaai then closed his speech amid stormy applause with the proposal to form a Russo-Japanese committee of action.

Swedish Delegate Present.

The Swedish metal workers' delegate, Eckmann, who is also attending the conference expressed great pleasure in seeing representatives of the Asiatic working class at the metal trades workers' conference and declared that heretofore the European labor movement has always excluded the Asiatic workers.

Pastor Uses Dynamite Instead of Chewing-Gum

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Rev. Clarence M. Goodman, clergyman and contractor, told a judge that he chewed dynamite because it was good medicine. He was fined \$25 for possessing eight sticks of the explosive without a permit.

Chicago City Council Gets Plans for New "Thru Traffic" Streets

Plans were submitted to the city council by the Chicago plan commission calling for the creation of forty-four "thru traffic" routes of which twenty-five would permit a freer and faster traffic service east and west and fifteen running north and south and five diagonally.

At the present time there are forty-two "thru" streets of which thirty-six are incorporated into the new plan. The six streets that are not incorporated are to be abolished.

Chicago has had considerable traffic difficulty and the streets that were laid down mean to break the congestion of traffic. The plans call for their immediate construction and maintenance as boulevards with the customary safety devices.

Texas Prison System Makes \$1,000,000 on Its Cotton Crop This Year

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 11.—The press is talking a great deal about the soft-heartedness of "Ma" Ferguson for her pardoning of a number of bootleggers, but the prisoners that are forced to labor on the cotton fields that the state runs have a different story to tell.

During the past year, the convicts have been forced to work harder than ever and today as a result of the slave-driving methods, the prison system boasts that the cotton crop will bring over \$1,000,000 this year. It is stated that the debt of the prison will be met and that a neat cash balance will result, when this cotton which was raised by involuntary labor will be marketed.

Chicago Mayor Urges Staging of Another World's Fair in 1934

The question of a centennial celebration which would be another World's Fair, in 1934 to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Chicago as a village or one in 1937 to celebrate the incorporation of Chicago as a city was raised in Mayor William E. Dever's message to the city council.

Along with Mayor Dever's message were letters of various civic heads urging the centennial celebration and pointing out that Grant Park and the ten-mile strip along the lake front which includes the Art Institute, the Field Museum and Municipal Pier and Soldiers' Field can be made the pivotal point for units of display.

The suggestion was turned over to the committee on city planning for further action.

Bandits Get \$1,658.13.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 11.—Three bandits held up the offices of the Monarch Gasoline and Oil company here and escaped with \$1,658.13 in cash.

RAILROADS NOT SATISFIED WITH 15 PCT. BOOST

To Demand 20 Pct. From Commerce Body

A fight to determine whether the interstate commerce commission or the Illinois commerce commission has the last word on rates within the state was in prospect as railroads serving the Chicago suburban districts prepared to refuse a raise of 15 per cent granted by the state body.

Their plea for a 20 per cent raise would be carried to the federal commission, it was said. That body recently granted the Chicago and North-western a 20 per cent increase, ignoring the state commission. Railroad officials testified before the state body that they required a 32 per cent increase to break even on suburban passenger traffic but would be satisfied with a 20 per cent increase. The commission's order for a temporary 15 per cent increase was not satisfactory.

Pershing Postpones Plebiscite, But Cal Gets a Chance at It

ARICA, Chile, Dec. 11.—Chile has taken its appeal against General Pershing's ruling postponing the plebiscite to a place of cold comfort for Latin-Americans. She is appealing to Coolidge against the postponement from February 1, the date proposed by Chile, to April 15, the date proposed by Pershing.

Chile claims she has obeyed all the orders of the plebiscitary commission and thinks that the voting should proceed. Peru and Pershing together have overruled Chile. Pershing's idea being apparently based on the policy of keeping American armed forces as long as possible in South American cities, since it will be good for U. S. imperialism to have Latin-Americans get used to seeing Yankee soldiers around.

Fourth Annual T.U.E.L. New Year's Ball Will Draw Chicago Crowds

Every militant worker, man or woman, who misses the Fourth Annual New Year's Ball of the Trade Union Educational League will be lonely that evening, because all the rest of the revolutionary and progressive workers of Chicago are going to be there.

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Ridicule Hell 'n Maria Dawes as Modern Don Quixote in U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The attack of Vice-President Dawes upon senatorial rules drew fitting reply in the senate when he was hazed by senator Pat Harrison.

Harrison described Dawes as "Don Quixote's only counterpart in history," derided him as a "bold bad man" and jeered his "gymnastic rhetorical outbursts."

Nine Coast Guards Convicted of Aiding Cuban Rum Smugglers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Nine members of the U. S. coast guard have been court-martialed and convicted of assisting a Cuban rum runner to smuggle liquors into Key West, Fla., it was announced.

To Demand Right to Preach Birth Control in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—In an effort to break the restriction put on the public discussion of birth control by Mayor Curley of Boston, a meeting is being arranged to be addressed by Margaret Sanger before the mayor's term expires in January.

Millionaire Murderer Is Released on Parole

Discovery that Ira D. Perry, Jr., son of a millionaire manufacturer, has been released on parole October 31, from Joliet prison where he was serving a life term on a plea of guilty to murder during a holdup, has led to reinstatement of five charges of robbery with a gun against Perry.

Perry, when he was sentenced in 1922, said laughingly that his life term was "An April fool sentence" and that he would be out shortly.

Ladd's Successor Is Contested in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate this afternoon adjourned until Monday to give the senate elections committee time to file a report upon the seating of Senator-Designate Gerald P. Nye, (rep), of North Dakota. Announcement was made by Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican floor leader that he expected a decision in the case Monday.

Losses Clothing.

Robert K. Caldwell, of Wheaton, Ill., reported to the police the loss of clothing and suitcases valued at approximately \$5,000. The clothing was taken from his automobile as it was parked in front of the home of a friend last night here.

Build the DAILY WORKER.

BOSSSES EMPLOY PENSION SYSTEM AGAINST UNIONS

Research Board Shows Value to Bosses

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The national industrial conference board, research body for United States Rubber company, American Telephone and Telegraph, E. I. DuPont de Nemours company, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Bethlehem Steel and similar big employers, as issuing a study of the company pension problem with comment that industry can take care of the situation, and that over \$30,000,000 was spent by American industries on employees' pensions last year. The board's study covers 243 formal pension plans of 245 companies, affecting 2,515,512 employees. The 35,953 employees receiving pensions got an average of \$506 each for the year. The board warns that "sound financing on a scientific basis" is necessary but adds that industry can work up from present experimental schemes.

The American Bankers' Association publicity director, Gordon Edwards, discusses company pensions in the Annualist, financial magazine published by the New York Times. Edwards frankly admits that "only a relatively small percentage of workers remain with one company long enough to complete 30 years of service and attain 65 years of age. Therefore, the number of employees who reach pension status is a comparatively small percentage of those who enter the employ of the corporation." Government figures show less than 1 per cent of the workers employed under company pensions ever get the pensions. Edwards advocates companies setting aside \$1 yearly per \$100 of payroll as sufficient to cover possible pensions.

Edwards notes that most company pension schemes carry no legal obligation for the company granting pensions to continue them indefinitely, or to apply them under all conditions, "since in most cases they contain clauses reserving the right to change or withdraw them at will." He attacks present schemes for mounting costs with increasing numbers of workers in industry. He points out that workers in industrial employment have increased nearly 125 per cent in the last 30 years but ignores the likelihood of much slower increase of possible decrease in the number of industrial workers in future.

Union complaints against company pensions are not considered by the writers for big business but the usefulness to employers of pensions as a weapon against aggressive labor and union organization is implied in the articles. Pensioned engineers of Western Maryland railroad, where union engineers and firemen are now striking, feel the pinch of company pensions with railroad President Byers trying to force them back as scabs or lose their pensions. Railway carmen pensioned by the Pullman company lost pensions when they refused, as the engineers are, to scab on striking car builders in Pullman, Ill.

Workers remember the bitter experience of Morris and company packing house workers who lost their pensions when the company was taken over by Armour and company. Beth-

LEONARD WOOD IS WALL STREET'S AGENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood is Wall Street's chief agent in the Philippine islands. Incidentally, he is governor general of the islands, having been appointed by "our" president as a man who could be depended upon to oppose every aspiration of the Filipino people for national liberation. His brutal policy of suppression has united the Filipinos solidly against American imperialism. "Complete and immediate independence for the Philippines!" is the demand voiced by all sections of the population. Whereupon Wall Street's favorite general answers that the Filipinos would not know what to do with liberty if they had it. And the bloated American magnates of rubber, sugar, tobacco, hemp and shipping shout their approval. The Chicago Daily News recently published a whole series of slanderous statements against the Filipino people, given out by Gov. General Wood in an interview with Edward Price Bell. A recent article, written in reply by one of the best-known figures among the local Filipino colony, gave the readers of THE DAILY WORKER an opportunity to see what American imperialism rule looks like to the Filipinos.

lehem Steel scrapped the Steelton Steel Works company pensions when it took over the company. Shopcrafts workers of Pennsylvania railroad complain that company pensions, in which Pennsy line leads are no benefit when workers have no control over them. Ward Baking company, big anti-union machine bread and cake makers, take away all pension privileges from workers who leave voluntarily or "under stress of influence inimical to the company or when their services are required by the company" as in time of strike or attempts at union organization.

Private Firms Want the Unemployment Insurance Business

NEW YORK—(FP)—Needle trades unions have led the field in organized unemployment insurance but big insurance companies are eager to corral the market. Haley Fiske, president Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., told the annual convention of the Assn. of Life Insurance Presidents that he expected insurance legislation to be modified so that the companies might write unemployment insurance. That the old line life insurance companies make profits out of all proportion to the service they render is shown in a recent study proving that policy holders pay twice as much into the company treasuries as their beneficiaries take out in benefits.

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Unity Impelled by Fear

Britain and France at the league of nations council in Geneva have reached a deadlock over the interpretation of article 16 of the league covenant. Britain refuses to bind herself to any specific form of military aggression to defend an aggrieved power against another. Her conflict of interests against France in Europe and Asia makes such commitment inadvisable.

Altho the league council decided that Greece pay indemnities to Bulgaria for the recent border warfare, Greece, backed by England, is defiant and insists upon a reopening of the case at which time she will present counter-claims. Turkey, backed by the United States Standard Oil concern and French oil interests, defies the league decision on the question of the Iraq boundary dispute. Differences, deep and profound, prevent unity within the league council.

But on one point there is unity, a unity forced by mutual fear of the growing national consciousness of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples living under league mandates. Britain was prepared to propose the revocation of the French mandate in Syria because of the widespread warfare in that territory and it is probable that she had a hand in instigating some of the disturbances.

But the people of Syria are not pliant pawns of imperialism. The outbreaks of fury against French imperialism after the savage storming of Damascus were directed against the whole mandate policy of the league. England expected to gain by the disorders, but instead of being able to capitalize the situation in her interest she is now confronted at Geneva with a representative of the Syro-Palestine independence organization in the person of Ihsan Djabir Bey of Damascus, demanding not only the withdrawal of the French mandate in Syria, but the British mandate in Palestine. This is the political situation changed by the agents of the oppressed peoples. This challenge forced France and England to adopt a unified policy based upon mutual fear of losing both league mandates. If the liberation movement is powerful enough to evict them, neither nation will have the mandate. The formerly oppressed nations will establish their own governments.

When Djabir arrived and sought an audience with Sir Eric Drummond, secretary-general of the league, he found that France and Britain were united to prevent a hearing of his complaint. No such hearing will be granted because the British realize that as soon as the question of the French in Syria comes up the demand will also be made for freedom of Palestine. This retreat of Britain, forced by the natives of Syria and Palestine, is veiled in the customary hypocritical expressions of amity. Britain now asserts that she will support France in this affair because France supported her in refusing a hearing to the Egyptian representatives who resented the arrogance of Britain after the murder of Sir Lee Stack in Cairo last year.

All revolutionists rejoice in the defiant statement of the Syrians that they "demand the complete independence of Syria and will not accept any other power assuming a mandate."

Coolidge's Chicago Repudiation

Coolidge's trip to Chicago for the purpose of disseminating poison gas to the farmers of the middle west reacted as a boomerang. Instead of convincing the farmers who are forced to sell their corn crop at 50 cents a bushel he failed even to convince the aggregation of petty bourgeois business men and well-to-do farmers who attended the conference of the American farm bureau federation.

S. H. Thompson of Quincy, Illinois, who openly opposed the nostrums proposed by Coolidge and who is considered the radical spokesman of the conference was elected president of the bureau, defeating the incumbent, O. K. Bradtute, of Xenia, Ohio, who was instrumental in arranging for the Coolidge address.

Coolidge came to Chicago to save the conservative faction in the American farm bureau federation. His speech was so reactionary it furnished the best weapon with which to defeat his friends. Coolidge has never made much of a hit with the middle westerners. While vice-president of the United States in 1922 he journeyed to the Minnesota state fair where the crowd booed and hissed him until he had to refrain from speaking. An accident of death made him president, and the Wall Street gang had to make the best of a bad bargain and proceed religiously to manufacture a Coolidge myth. Like the late Harding, the president should confine his campaigns to front porch activities, for when he appears in public he queers the game.

For a Labor Party

The resolution of the Philadelphia convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in favor of a labor party indicates a definite swing away from the treacherous Gompers policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" within the old party political machines. This is the second convention within a few weeks to go on record for a labor party. The first one was the Boston convention of the International Furriers' Union.

A good start is made toward the calling of a national conference that ought to set up a permanent committee to carry on intensive campaigns in all the central labor bodies and local unions in the country in order to crystallize the mass sentiment that unquestionably prevails for a labor party, a sentiment that has steadily grown since the close of the war.

The creation of such a party will be the greatest forward step possible for American labor at this time, and those militants who initiated the resolutions should see to it that they are not sabotaged by the officials who support progressive measures in words but are slothful in deeds.

Senator Pat. Harrison of Tennessee excoriated Vice-President Dawes the other day, calling him a "Don Quixote, tilting with every adverse element from geese to windmills." The democratic senator shows poor historical and literary insight in his use of analogy. Dawes is not a Don Quixote. His verbal outbursts are far more reminiscent of Sancho Panza's jack ass.

Get a member for the Workers Party and a new subscription for the DAILY WORKER.

Long Live the American Workers (Communist) Party

The manifesto adopted by the convention of the Finnish section of the Workers (Communist) Party in regard to the party situation was as follows:

COMRADES: The convention of the Finnish section of the Workers Party which convened from Nov. 23 to Dec. 3, 1925, in Chicago, Ill., in order to clarify the situation that was created in our federation in connection with the bolshevization crisis of our party. This crisis, which many comrades were apt to take as merely a factional fight between the leaders, had its roots deep in the fundamental questions of the class struggle of the American working class. During the party convention this fall, it was clearly shown that there really was a right wing in our party against which non-Communist elements of the party convention took energetic action in expelling Lore. However, thru this action the right danger was not totally avoided and our party must further be careful against opportunistic deviations.

Things that have taken place after the party convention, especially Comrade Cannon's withdrawal from the Foster group, have shown that the Communist International, by its interference, has correctly helped the party out of the crisis—and from the factional dangers that have manifested themselves in connection with this crisis. The unity resolution of the Central Executive Committee, which was unanimously adopted by the Finnish convention, is another step forward to unify our party. Altho remains of former groupings may still manifest themselves, we can be confident that our party in following the correct policy in everyday action will completely overcome the tendency to groupings. It is especially important to find the correct line in our trade union policy and the proper way to handle the labor party matter in order that we may encourage the rising class movement of the American working masses. It is also important to follow a correct policy in the relations of the workers' class movement and the movements of farmers. It is our conviction that the action of our party, within a short period, will show the millions of exploited workers that our party is to become the uniting,

guiding influence in their struggles and show them the way to carry on their fight against capitalistic exploitation and against the imperialistic oppressions and war policy.

The bolshevization process of our party, which in America, as well as in other countries, has created a crisis, caused also confusion in the Finnish section and created a crisis, and as in the party, so in our federation there have been occurrences of which every class conscious proletarian and Communist must take serious notice. There have been tendencies that show either conscious or unconscious efforts to draw away from the world's Communist Party and its American section, the Workers Party. There have been more open and veiled right wing tendencies than we were aware of. Opportunistic tendencies manifested themselves thru exaggeration of practical difficulties in the reorganization and using these exaggerations in order to create distrust of the party and its leadership. We must not close our eyes to the fact that in connection with this there has appeared pessimism and skepticism regarding the ability of the Communist International to help Communist parties of different countries to solve their problems.

Our convention, conscious of its Communist responsibility has closely examined the situation, has analyzed for itself all the tendencies and their objective meaning. Thru a thoro discussion, with the assistance of representatives of the party, it has analyzed the causes of the crisis in the party and in our section and has clarified misunderstandings and errors where they have developed. We note with satisfaction that comrades are sincerely trying to find and correct weaknesses, mistakes and are glad to inform the members of the party and the Finnish section that in all fundamental problems we unanimously come to the same conclusion. This is a guarantee to members that we will be able to solve our crisis and clear our way for future actions.

It is natural that there should appear occasional social-democratic and other non-Communist petty-bourgeois tendencies among branches which are made up of such a variety of elements as ours, but we are confident that the class conscious proletarian vanguard who have been the pioneers of our

movement and won their way thru many crises and struggles to their present position, as the largest group in the American party, will make a sincere and strong effort to achieve a clearer Communist understanding and are ready to make the greater sacrifice in the actual class struggle which the present period demands from every worker and farmer.

The strong conviction of the proletarian masses of our section gives us definite assurance that we will be able to overcome the difficulties before us and the Finnish comrades thru-out the country will find their right place in the front rank of the class struggle.

Comrades, a historical change has taken place in our federation. The vanguard of the Finnish laboring masses in this country has already taken practical steps and shown its willingness to discontinue its national separation and to connect itself with the workers of other nationalities in America in their organizations and struggles. In our reorganization activities in locals, districts, and now in this convention, we have come nearer to our party, its other membership, and leadership. Confidently working together in all party activities we can go forward on the road to bolshevization, eliminate misunderstandings and possible errors.

In order to further this unification and perfect our party activities, we have with the agreement of the representatives of the C. E. C. in this convention, also planned necessary organizational steps, such as the organization of former Finnish branches into workers' clubs, etc., and put them into action upon a new basis so that they will continue, even more than before, to serve their purpose as organizations of workers and farmers

and its American section, our Party, and a struggle against all attempts to upset this conviction. The convention appeals to all Party members and to all exploited Finnish workers and farmers in America urging them to strengthen the fraternal union so that we may be able to realize the great final end, freedom for all laboring masses. The convention greets the Central Executive Committee of the Communist International and our Party leadership and thru them sends its fraternal greetings to our Party membership and to fraternal Communist Parties, especially the Communist Party of Finland and also the struggling workers and farmers of Finland.

We are confident that the American Finnish revolutionary proletarians are willing to fulfill their tasks in the common fighting front.

Long live the Communist International!

Long live the American Workers (Communist) Party!

Long live the struggle for freedom of the exploited workers and farmers thru-out the world!

The Convention of the Finnish Section of the Workers (Communist) Party of America.
Signatures:
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work done has fallen miserably and upon the administration rests the full responsibility for the debating society into which the convention has degenerated.

The convention this morning gave unanimous consent for the introduction of a resolution by Zimmerman denouncing the ku klux klan. Resolutions endorsing recognition of Soviet Russia, the sending of a trade union delegation and putting the convention on record against legislation against the foreign-born were adopted.

No Education for Workers.
The report on educational activities by Fannia Cohn was severely criticized by the left wing delegates, who pointed out the middle-class and scholastic character of the education conducted. The left wing meeting held here last night in Garden Hall was attended by 1,000 needle workers who cheered Hyman, Rubin, Toohy and others who spoke. The meeting marks the revival of the left wing here and the beginning of the reorganization which will rebuild the Philadelphia union, badly shattered by the Sigman expulsion policy.

Alabama Coal Mine Blast Kills 61 Miners
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From the condition of the children of the miners who were killed by the (verton explosion. Nevertheless, Mr. Macy is treasurer of the National Child Labor committee and vice-president of the New York state child labor committee.

Of the 81 miners underground at the time of the explosion, only 20 escaped death. Company officials seem to think that they are making a great concession when they announce that before mining operations will be resumed—and the profits be resumed with more wage slaves to take the jobs of the dead—all the bodies will be removed.

The blast which shook the windows many miles away in Birmingham, brot terrible scenes to the bereaved wives and children around the pit mouth. When the first bodies were brot out there was a rush to identify them. The crowd was in an angry mood and was threatening to riot as protest against this mistreatment when, as usual, the intervention of religion came to serve as an opiate. A Negro preacher, who like all preachers here to make the workers satisfied with heaven hereafter and hell on earth, mounted a large rock and began to sing:
"Swing low sweet chariot,
Coming for to take me home."
This paralyzing influence of superstition, which in the form of a song additional to the colored race, took of the load of responsibility from the Alabama Fuel and Iron company for failing to sprinkle the mine dust, provide proper timbering, and load all responsibility onto god, set the crowd of impressionable workers to weeping and praying and their food for battle against the company and the brutal police was gone.

Office Workers Who Are Y. W. L. Members to Hold a Meeting
All office workers, who are members of the Young Workers (Communist) League will meet Monday Dec. 14, Room 302, 1113 W. Washington Blvd. at 7:00 p. m. Here the question of the activities of the office workers in connection with trade union work will be taken up and every member working in an office is instructed to attend this meeting.

HOLD MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN THE DISTRICTS FOR UNIFICATION AND PARTY TRADE UNION WORK

Meetings of the District Executive Committees of the various districts as well as membership meetings in the main party centers on the two vital questions of unification of the party behind the Central Executive Committee, and the intensification of the party's trade union work, are being arranged.

The following are the arrangements for the meetings to be held:
PHILADELPHIA—D. E. C. meeting, Dec. 14, at 521-York Ave.; membership meeting, Dec. 15, at 1626 Arch St.
PITTSBURGH, PA.—D. E. C. meeting, Dec. 16; membership meeting, Dec. 17, Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.
CLEVELAND—D. E. C. meeting, afternoon of Dec. 19; membership meeting, evening of Dec. 18, at Gardinia Hall, 6021 St. Clair St.

CHICAGO—Membership meeting, Tuesday, December 22, 8 p. m., at Schoenhoffen Hall, 1224 Milwaukee Ave. (Milwaukee and Ashland Aves.). These meetings are of the utmost importance and the comrades in the various centers must see to it that the maximum attendance is obtained.

SIGMAN PAPER MAJORITY VOTES DOWN WORLD TRADE UNION UNITY IN PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION

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The Russian unions could join Amsterdam if they would accept it program. He, Hochman, was "opposed to Communist domination."

Willing to Discuss.
Hyman, speaking, said—"Hochman uses the excuse of Communist domination, but the real reason is because the Red International has ideals and principles and a program, while you have none."

"Do you agree with the Red International?" asked Hochman.
"No," said Hyman, "Not on everything, but I am not afraid to meet and discuss with them the problems of the working class."

Hyman pointed out that Hochman claimed 21,000,000 for Amsterdam, but that England with 6,000,000 was leading the fight for world trade union unity and that in all countries there were large sections favoring world trade union unity and we must unite internationally.

Besides our immediate demands, all accomplishments can be set aside by capitalism by simply a declaration of war, Hyman said, which destroys the soul of humanity. A declaration of war must be answered by a world-wide strike.

Delegate Di Moln was against world trade union unity because, so he said, he "did not want to be dictated to by the Communist International."

Profintern Enemy Laughed At.
Lefkowitz, chairman of the committee on international relations, accused the Red International of being a "dual union" and the Communist International with destroying the German Metal Workers' Union. He said that Purcell only "represented himself" and that Hyman and Zimmerman were doing "likewise." He said that he "voiced the opinion of the membership." He spoke seriously but even his own supporters laughed at him.

Pasquale Cosgrove spoke for the International Labor Defense, and especially for the Gitlow case. He stated that Gitlow was convicted on a law made at the time McKinley was assassinated. The motion to donate \$1,000 was laid over to a committee.

Expose Class Collaboration.
Resolutions on labor banking and the life insurance plan of the American Federation were endorsed by Sigman's thirty per cent delegation. The left wing exposed the machine's class collaboration policy which is

leading the organization away from the class struggle. The left wingers pointed out that Sigman's administration that more of business that they did than of the problems of the workers. The vote was 135 for to 105 against.

The resolution providing that unemployment insurance be taken out of profits and administered by the union, was adopted unanimously.

Members Demand Action.
The sentiment of members is shown in the resolutions from the majority of clothing centers demanding an organizing campaign and a general strike to remedy evils of the industry. All these passed unanimously, the incoming executive board being instructed to carry them out.

Sigman is seemingly trying to hold up the convention by unfair rulings, demagogic speeches and provocative and insulting methods against the left wing delegates. But in spite of his bravado, he evidently has no set plan to handle the left wing and backs down whenever the left wing becomes militant. The voting down of the progressive resolutions is not taken as seriously as they would be if Sigman really represented the membership.

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Convention Reaches Impasse.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 11—The International Ladies' Garment Workers' convention has now reached an impasse. Afraid to bring the report of the General Executive Board, with its denunciation on the left wing before the delegates, the Sigman machine is wasting time on unimportant matters.

None of the important committees except that on resolutions has reported, altho the convention is supposed to adjourn Saturday and it is physically impossible to finish the work in the specified time.

Sigman Wants No Fight.
Private proposals have been made by certain machine delegates to the left wing that an agreement be reached for an extension of the convention sessions to next Tuesday.

The hope of the Sigmanites is that an agreement on the incoming General Executive Board can be reached with the left, and that the complete exposure of the machine, which will be made in the debate on the officers' report, can be avoided.

Excuse Falls Flat.
The Sigman plan of blaming the left wing for the delay in getting