

GET 8 JURORS IN ZEIGLER TRIAL

GERA WORKERS JOIN PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKE

1,300 Down Tools; Resist Wage Cuts

By J. O. BENTALL.
(Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 4.—Thirteen hundred workers in the Gera mill walked out in response to the picket line that marched in front of the shop—half of them going out in the morning and the second shift at two in the afternoon.

The picket line that called out the Gera mill started early in the morning and got the first crew out at once. The afternoon attempt resulted in the complete tieup of this mill. The new recruits marched to the Glida hall and filled it to overflowing.

The announcement that the Gera mill was out made at the two mass meetings, one in Glida Hall and the other in Belmont Hall where Organizer Weisbord and J. O. Bentall were speaking aroused great enthusiasm among the thousands of assembled strikers.

Conditions Rotten.

"We could not stand it any longer," said one of the new strikers. "The conditions are simply rotten and the cut took the last crumb out of our mouths."

The enthusiasm reached the climax when a large mass of young workers marched to the front of the hall and began to sing. "We ain't gonna work no more 'till we get our wage cuts back."

"They did not all come at once," said Organizer Weisbord, "but one after the other has joined and now we have all Passaic out. That is the way to do it. Always a little increase, always a little stronger. Now we have the hardest battle fought. If we could hold out, we will win all our demands and come out with full victory."

"You have a just cause," declared Bentall. "You have asked for so little. You have been imposed upon by the bosses and should consider them the wrong doers that they are."

Organized to Hold Demands.

"You have demanded your wage cut back. That is very fair. You are demanding time and a half for overtime. All workers in organized shops have that. If you win these demands you have still the greatest to win—the recognition of the union. Unless you organize and get power the bosses will lick you sooner or later. Remember that the organization of your industry is the biggest thing to work for."

Lena Cherneko and Nat Kaplan spoke yesterday and urged the workers to organize first of all. "The women in the industry can never expect decent conditions till they together with the men are completely organized," said Cherneko. Nat Kaplan of the Young Workers (Communist) League urged the young workers (Continued on page 2)

113-Year Old Widow Appeals to Charity; Son Can't Find Work

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—After surviving life's ordeals for 113 years, Mrs. Henrietta Gilland of St. Louis, appeals to charitable agencies for aid. She is blind and makes her home with a grandson who has been unable to find a job or any traces of the Coolidge-Dawes prosperity.

TRADE UNION EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE PLANS FIGHT AGAINST NEW COMPANY UNIONS AND CLASS COLLABORATION

By GERTRUDE WELSH.

How recent industrial developments affect the left wing of the American labor movement in its fight against class collaboration policies of union officials, on the one hand, and the capitalists' company "unions" on the other, was the subject of discussion at Wednesday night's regular monthly meeting of the Trade Union Educational League in Northwest Hall. Militants representing Chicago's principal unions packed the hall, making the T. U. E. L. decide to hire a larger one for next month's meeting.

Reporting on the present situation in the anthracite strike, Alex Reid, secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee, stated that 40,000 of the 150,000 striking miners have come out in an open repudiation of President

ANOTHER BLACK TORCH



Drawn by William Gropper. Fascisti Gain Control in Greece.

NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS FOR CLASS PARTY

Pick Candidates for the Coming Election

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

WILLISTON, N. Dak., Feb. 4.—The opening guns were fired by John G. Soltis of Minneapolis and Sen. Taylor of Montana for the farmer-labor party at two large meetings here.

While the weather was bad, the Court House was filled to its capacity. The speech of John G. Soltis will be remembered by all as one of the ablest ever delivered in Williams county. Both speakers showed the fullness of the leaguers staying in the republican party and urged all to come over to the farmer-labor party and go down the line in a unit for a class party. Outside of a few office seekers the audience was unanimous for the farmer-labor party. Organization is under way. A committee has been selected and legislative candidates for this district have been chosen.

MINERS' GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES DEMAND JOHN LEWIS STAND BY TRI-DISTRICT MEET DECISIONS

By PAT TOOHEY.
(Special to The Daily Worker)

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 4.—The miners assembly, composed of all general grievance committees in district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America meeting in special session in Wilkes-Barre took several decisive steps which is of interest to every anthracite miner at the present time.

For Tri-District Demands.

The special meeting was called "to consider more fully the question of relief and to consider the latest developments of the negotiating conference meeting in Philadelphia, particularly in regard to the new offer of the miners' proposals to the operators." This question was discussed for two hours by all delegates present, including the delegation of the workers at the Pennsylvania Coal Company which the general grievance committee recently affiliated with the assembly. Many delegates brought out point after point that the "plan" of Lewis as proposed to the conference, calling for a five year agreement, voluntary check-off, voluntary arbitration, etc, were detrimental to the miners and could not be sanctioned by the rank and file who have struck so long for the demands formulated at the tri-district convention.

The policy of Lewis was severely scored by the delegates for his repudiation of the demands and his weak attitude in the Philadelphia conference. Delegates made no bones by stating their exact sentiments in relation to the conduct of the strike by the

higher officials and demanded a drastic revision of strike policies.

Pro-Lewis Delegates Beaten.

Pro-Lewis delegates attempted to defend the actions of the leaders but did not succeed very well. After a long and thoro discussion on the part of the three elements in the assembly, the conservatives, the mildly progressives and the radicals, a motion was unanimously adopted to "instruct John L. Lewis and the anthracite scale committee it is the position of this body to stand by the demands as formulated at the tri-district convention." Several delegates attempted to cave and not be recorded but the assembly passed a motion that no delegate leave until adjournment. In this manner the assembly succeeded in registering every delegate.

Their action in this respect is a direct slap at Lewis and his handpicked scale committee. It is a direct notification to Lewis from this rank and file body that no monkey business will be tolerated. The miners, now on strike over five months are in no mood to go back to work at the old scale of wages. Lewis repudiates the demands of the Scranton convention, Lewis wants to drive the miners back to work at the old scale of wages after striking for five months, and have them tied down to a five year contract. As soon as the press carried the "plan" of Lewis, immediately the call for the special meeting was sent out. If Lewis terms are accepted (Continued on page 2.)

LECTURE ON CHINA BY ANNA LOUISE STRONG SUNDAY NIGHT

WHAT HAS BECOME OF FENG?
HAS HE GONE TO MOSCOW?
HAS HE WITHDRAWN FROM THE FIELD OF ACTION?

ANNA LOUISE STRONG had an interview with him just before she left China in which he told her a number of remarkable things. She will relate her conversation with him and tell of the situation in China at Bowen Hall, Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

NEW FILIPINO MISSION IS ON WAY TO AMERICA

Oppose 'Pussy-Footing' Osmena Methods

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MANILA, Philippine Islands, Feb. 4.—President Coolidge's message to congress recommending still more tyrannical powers for Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood in the Philippine Islands, has roused the Filipino people to a sense that more militant struggle is necessary if they are to win their independence. Considerable complaint is voiced here as to the "pussy-footing" methods of Senator Sergio Osmena's mission in the United States.

Quezon Coming to U. S.

A new group of leaders is about to leave for America to strengthen the Osmena mission. At its head is Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate and leader of the nationalist party, who will be accompanied by Speaker Manuel Roxas, Resident Commissioner Isuro Gabaldon and Senator Juan Sumulong, leader of the opposition (democratic) party.

Despite the limitations that these elements may have, the makeup of the group is nevertheless significant. It includes the leaders of both the Philippine parties, who have been welded together in a remarkable coalition to fight the tyranny of Gen. Wood and American imperialism.

The leaders of the Nacionalista and Democrata parties have signed an agreement to resist "any backward steps" in the matter of Filipino independence. The program agreed upon provides for the organization of a supreme national council to direct an independence campaign and to act as final arbiter between the two parties.

"President Coolidge's recommendations to congress," declares the joint statement, "aimed at strengthening the powers of the governor general, is the best proof of an anti-independence campaign which may result disastrously for the country. Unless this campaign is checked immediately thru the united efforts of all political parties, the imperialist drive will gain ground and will soon see the hopes of the nationalists blasted."

Oppose Imperialist Rubber Scheme.

Quezon made it plain that he would oppose any action by the United States congress amending the Philippine land laws to make possible the granting of abnormally large tracts of land for American-owned rubber plantations. He points out that American rubber interests advocate permanent retention of the Philippines as indispensable to their projects.

NEW YORK LAWMAKERS DISCUSS BILL MAKING HYPOCRISY A CRIME

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—A bill which would make hypocrisy a crime was introduced in the legislature by assemblyman Hackenburg, New York democrat. The measure defines as hypocrites "persons who solicit and collect funds for the purpose of promoting measures restraining the exercise of personal liberty."

Russia to Send 100 Workers to Detroit; Study Auto Production

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 4.—The Soviet government is sending 100 workers to Detroit for a year of practical training in automobile and tractor plants. The Soviet Union at present has 7 schools in the Caucasus and Siberia for the training of mechanics for the 20,000 tractors that are to arrive in the union in the spring.

FORTY MINERS ENTRAPPED IN BURNING MINE

Company Fails to Warn Men of Danger

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 4.—Over forty miners were trapped and probably killed in a terrific gas explosion in the Horning mine, No. 4, of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company, near Castle Shannon, 10 miles from Pittsburgh.

Three bodies were taken out. The explosion followed a fire in the mine which began at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Six hundred men continued to work in the mine while the fire raged as they had not been informed of the danger by the company officials. The men came out of the mine shortly before the explosion, having finished their day's work. A large rescue crew is trying to break thru to save the entombed men. No steps were taken by the company officials to warn the miners of the danger. Two miners, William Yelmicko and Louis Paul, were still working in one section even after the explosion. They discovered they were trapped only when they attempted to leave the mine at the close of the day's work and were taken out and rushed to the hospital.

CLEVELAND FORMS COMMITTEE TO AID STRIKING ANTHRACITE AND WEST VIRGINIA COAL MINERS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 4.—The conference called by the Workers (Communist) Party for relief of the striking anthracite miners was a splendid success. Thirty-six delegates representing 24 organizations—trade unions, sick and death benefit societies, educational clubs, etc., came to the meeting full of enthusiasm for the work that stood before the conference.

Brother William Richards, the oldest member of the United Mine Workers of America, was asked to address the meeting, and told of the struggles carried on in Cleveland.

Delegate J. A. Hamilton then proposed that the main activities of the organization should be to run some large mass meetings leading up to a (Continued on page 2)

ZEIGLER MINERS' TRIAL IS ATTEMPT OF FARRINGTON MACHINE TO CRUSH CLASS COLLABORATION OPPOSITION

By TOM BELL
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker.)

COURT HOUSE, BENTON, Ill., Feb. 4.—The trial of thirteen of the twenty Zeigler miners charged with assault with intent to kill D. B. Cobb, vice-president of the Franklin county sub-district of the United Mine Workers of America is on before Circuit Judge Kerns. The great interest of the miners in the case is demonstrated by the crowded court room, the swarms blocking the stairway and overflowing onto the "square" all eagerly discussing the case and the possible outcome.

The prosecuting attorney is Roy C. Martin, assisted by special prosecutors Judge Neeley and Robert Smith. The defense lawyers are I. E. Ferguson, H. E. Morgan, Judge Ward, and George B. White.

Refuse Separate Trials.

At the opening the defense moved that separate trials be given each of the thirteen defendants on the grounds that no jury would be able to follow the evidence concerning thirteen defendants at the same time. This was refused by the judge.

The task of selecting a jury occupied the rest of the day. It was rec- (Continued on page 2)

LEWIS OFFICIALS AND PROSECUTOR CONFER ON JURY

Collaborate to Imprison Zeigler Miners

BULLETIN
Get Eight Jurors.

BENTON, Ill., Feb. 4.—The third day of the coal miners' trial here has resulted in the securing of eight jurors. Indications are that the full jury will be selected soon. The prosecution is still being openly aided by union officials of the Lewis-Farrington machine in the selection of the jury. The interest of the miners has not slackened since the first day. The courtroom is crowded every minute of the sessions.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BENTON, Ill., Feb. 4.—Constant conferences on the selection of jurors, in the Zeigler miners' trial, between the state's attorney's forces and the reactionary machine officials of the United Mine Workers of America shows the unity of the state and the union bureaucracy in the prosecution of the Zeigler defendants.

No prospective juror is selected until a conference is held between the attorneys for the prosecution and Lon Fox, sub-district president, Del Cobb, vice-president of the sub-district, Hezlie Hindman, secretary treasurer of the sub-district, Darby Babington, a district board member, and Lige Walker, the notorious field appointee of the Farrington crew. The prosecution acts only after consulting them.

A Farrington-Frame-Up.

The brazen collaboration exposed the whole trial as an attack of Farrington and his henchmen upon their opponents in the union. The Farrington machine is obviously conducting the prosecution against the union miners who are on trial for their liberty, simply because the latter have been militantly fighting for progressive policies in the organization, and have refused to go along with the shameless hobnobbing between the union officials, the coal operators and the ku klux klan.

This is significant since the whole struggle grew out of the fact that the officialdom gave a union decision to the operators as against the miners in Zeigler, in the checkweighman controversy at the Ball and Zoller mine. The unity of Farrington with the operators goes to the extent of using the union machinery, funds and officialdom for the prosecution of any opposition to his class collaboration policies in the United Mine Workers of America.

Miners Fight for Rights.

The entire incident arose out of the fact that the company in Zeigler refused to allow the men to have an assistant checkweighman at the scales so that the men might get an honest weight for the coal they were mining. The company had been running the cars so rapidly over the scale that it was impossible for one man to keep accurate count of the pounds recorded. When the regular checkweighman threw up his hands in despair and refused to be party to this robbery of the miners any longer, the men struck their jobs spontaneously and returned only upon the urgings of Henry Corbushly, then president of Local Union 992, who promised to have the case taken up by the sub-district officials.

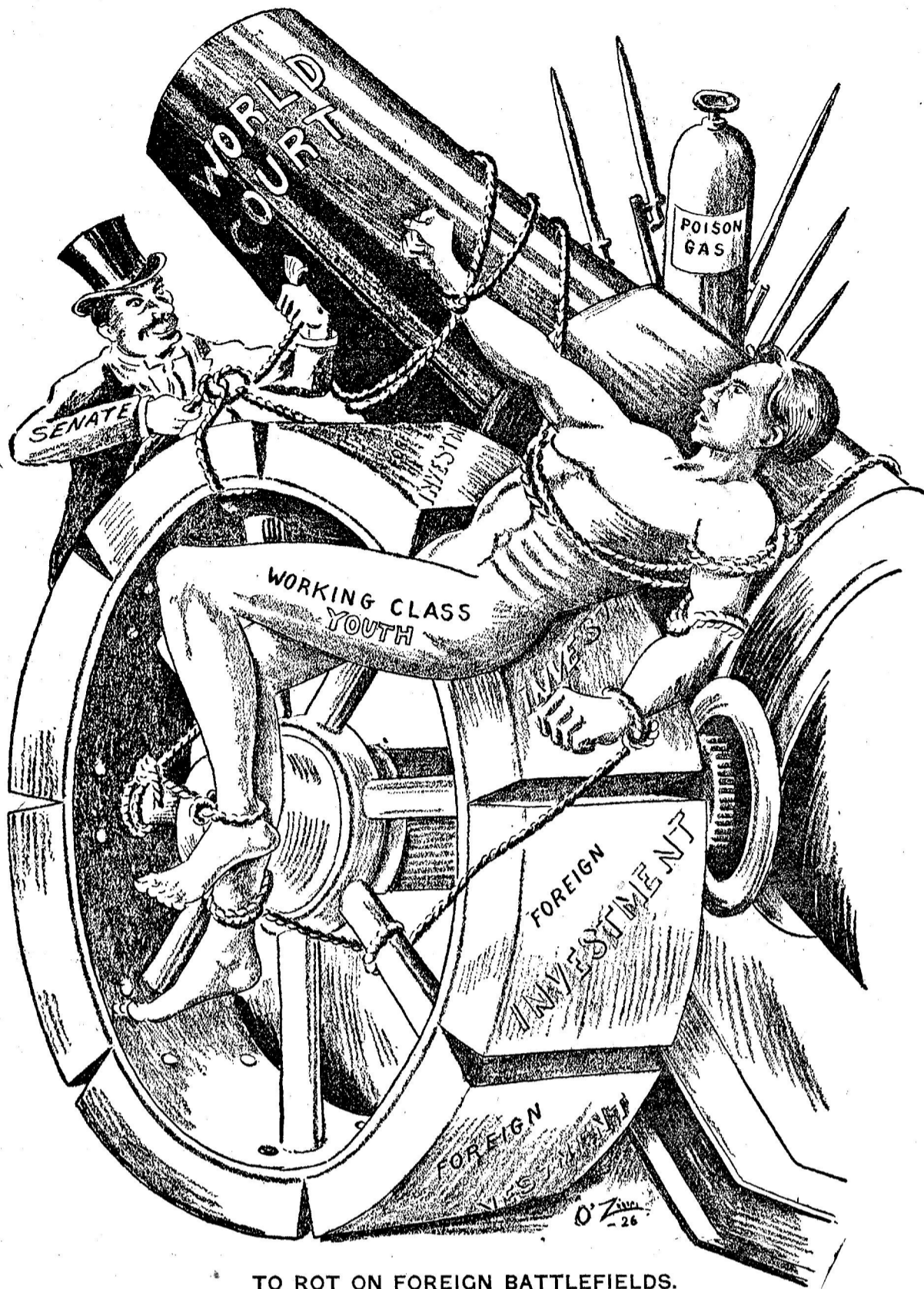
The sub-district officials, Cobb and Fox, rendered a decision in favor of the company, which enraged the cheated miners. Another spontaneous strike took place. At a union meeting a short time later, a fight started by a (Continued on page 2)

CHICAGO LABOR DEFENSE PLANS BIG CAMPAIGN

Many Demonstrations Will Be Held

I. L. D. News Service. The Chicago local of the International Labor Defense, now has 55 branches composed of 1,500 individual members and 16 affiliated organizations representing 3,500 workers.

FORCE BEHIND THE COURT



TO ROT ON FOREIGN BATTLEFIELDS.

COST OF LIVING IS CLIMBING, FIGURES SHOW

House Rent Has Risen 83 Pct. Since 1913

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. It cost a wage earner's family 2 1/2 per cent more to live in December than in June, 1925, and 4 per cent more than in December, 1924, according to the semi-annual report of the U. S. department of labor.

WAGES OF AMERICAN WORKERS AVERAGE ONLY \$24.73 WEEKLY

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. Is the United States becoming a nation of capitalists? Judging by U. S. department of labor figures on payrolls for 1925 the answer is no.

Table with 4 columns: 1925, Employees, Payroll, Avg. It lists payroll data for various months from Jan. to Dec. 1925.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE ARRANGES TOURS

I. L. D. News Service. The following tours have been arranged by the International Labor Defense:

FORUM IS STILL UNABLE TO FIND SPEAKER TO UPHOLD NEGATIVE IN DEBATE ON RUSSIAN RECOGNITION

The speakers' bureau of the Chicago Forum Council has wired, sent special delivery letters, visited individuals, telephoned locally and long distance and has asked the aid of the Chicago Association of Commerce and other bodies of that nature for a speaker to uphold the negative in a debate on the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States.

12,000 TRACTORS LEAVE SEATTLE FOR RUSS FIELDS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—Twelve thousand tractors will be shipped thru Seattle to Vladivostok, during the month of February. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamship Co. will load in its vessels the entire cargo to Kobe, Japan, and from there it will be shipped to Vladivostok according to announcements made.

Only a Few Copies Are Left! The historic reports of the 5th CONGRESS of the Communist International

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AUTONOMOUS INDUSTRIAL COLONY Kuzbas Operating coal mines, a chemical plant, coke-ovens, a steel mill and farms in Kuznetzky Basin, Siberia. Will Need for the Spring the Following Skilled Personnel: Master mechanics and toolmakers...

Co-Operative Made Limburger Cheese for Union-Made Coal

Co-operatively ripened limburger cheese is being sent to the farmer-labor exchange, 179 W. Washington street, Chicago, by the Hasty (Mtn.) Co-operative Cheese Co. and in return the co-operators are ebuying union coal.

Business Jubilant Over Trade Resumption

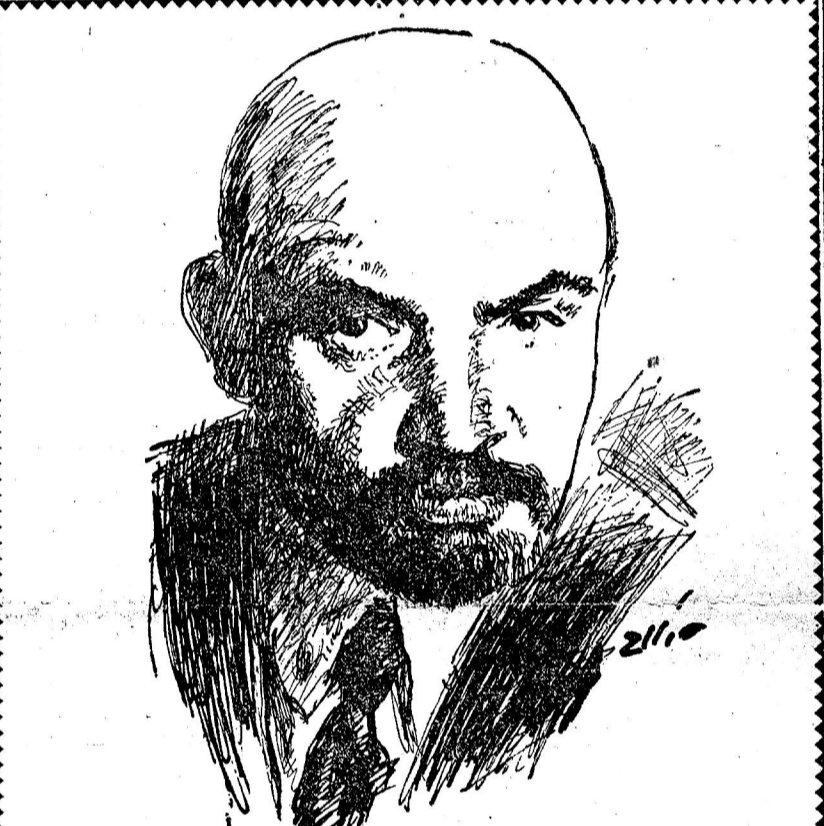
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Manufacturers Bribe Legislators, Says Union

NEW YORK—(FP)—Flower and feather manufacturers are charged with attempting to bribe members of New York state legislature to block the efforts of organized labor to put artificial flower and feather making on the prohibited list of homework products.

Roumanian Fascisti Assault Costa Foru

BUCHAREST (I. R. A.)—(By Mail)—Costa-Foru, the secretary of the Roumanian league for human rights became the victim of a shameful attack of fascist and police agents.



THE LENIN DRIVE For Five Thousand New Subs to THE DAILY WORKER Ends February 15

The Daily Worker is now well on the way of having three thousand new readers—three thousand more workers to join the ranks of fighting labor who have chosen the road that Lenin pointed out as the road to power. The readers did not all come to The Daily Worker without being told—without being SHOWN—that this paper is THEIR paper.

28th Anniversary Festival and Ball given by Frauen Kranken-Unterstuetzungs-Verein "FORTSCHRITT" SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1926 at WICKER PARK HALL, 2040 W. North Avenue.

