

LEWIS GANG THREATENS OPPOSITION

ANTI-FOREIGNER PROPAGANDA OF STATE'S ATTORNEYS SECURED CONVICTION OF ZEIGLER MINERS

By TOM BELL.
(Special to The Daily Worker)

BENTON, Ill., Feb. 15.—The conviction of eight of the thirteen Zeigler miners on trial for attempting to murder D. B. Cobb, vice-president of this subdistrict of the United Mine Workers, is the result of the systematic anti-foreigner propaganda carried on by the prosecution attorneys during the trial. The evidence submitted by the prosecution does not implicate these miners. The prosecution knew this, and consequently relied upon poisoning the jury of American farmers against foreigners as a means of securing a conviction.

Attack Foreigners.

In the closing arguments for the prosecution, Judge Neely, R. Smith and State's Attorney Martin simply set out to scare the jury. They even went the length of reviewing the "assassination" of President McKinley by a foreigner to show the awful danger that would result to everyone in Franklin county if the accused were freed.

The names of the foreign-born defendants were mispronounced and ridiculed. They loudly declared that no "American man" would have attacked Cobb. The fact that the membership of Local 992 at Zeigler is 80 per cent foreign-born and that they had selected Henry Corbushley as their president was held up to the jury as evidence against him.

Altogether the case for the prosecution depended on rousing anti-foreigner prejudices among the jury. The defense at the conclusion of (Continued on page 4)

LEWIS SELL-OUT BOOSTS ISSUES ON WALL STREET

Gamblers Gain Through Workers' Misery

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Stocks of the coal companies and coal roads made an immediate response today to the winding up of the coal strike over the holiday, but bullish operations were not confined to them. The high priced industrials and specialties, the "toys" of rich speculators and bullish pools, whirled upward impressively as an expression of the confident spirit of the professionals in the market.

The coal roads made the most impressive response to the better outlook for business consequent on the ending of the strike. Lehigh Valley jumped 4 points to 67; Delaware and Hudson was up 5 points at 169; Lackawanna 4 and Reading 2. Philadelphia and Reading Coal sold up 2 points and gains of 2 to 6 points were recorded by the coal lists actively dealt in on the New York Curb Exchange.

Snow Shovelers Strike for Increased Wages

SALEM, MASS., Feb. 15.—One hundred snow shovelers in the local freight yards struck for \$1 an hour instead of 50 cents when the second big storm hit New England. The contractor paid them off at the old rate and tried to find other workers.

American Bankers Loan Over a Billion Abroad

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Foreign loans to the extent of \$1,097,627,000 were floated in the United States in 1925, according to the federal reserve board. This was nearly \$200,000,000 under the figure of the previous year. It is estimated that \$250,000,000 additional was invested abroad by American capitalists.

ONE KILLED; NINETEEN COALDIGGERS INJURED IN OHIO MINE EXPLOSION

PITTSBURGH, Pa. Feb. 15.—One miner was killed, 19 were injured and 600 others escaped unhurt when an explosion occurred near the shaft of the Cleveland & Western Coal company's mine at Powhatan, Ohio, at 8 o'clock this morning, according to word received at the U. S. bureau of mines here today.

FURRIERS' UNION PREPARES FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Bosses' Lockout Does Not Scare Militants

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(FP)—"The Furriers' Union is not disturbed and will continue with its plan to strike at the most strategic moment," the workers' joint board answers the lockout of from 3,000 to 4,000 members by the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc. Negotiations for a new agreement between the employers' association and the union failed, followed by a favorable strike vote by the workers.

There are about 11,000 fur workers in the New York market. Negotiations between the United Fur Manufacturers, Inc., the Greek employing group, and the union are still going on but union officials expect that a general strike will have to be called. Full preparations for the strike have been made and a strike committee is ready to function upon a few hours' notice. The majority of fur manufacturers are independents, taking their lead in dealings with unions usually from the employers' associations. The Associated declaration that it will attempt to reopen its shops on a non-union basis is not intimidating the workers. The employers' group indicates its intention of employing an army of private guards in fighting the union. Union demands which employers refused to concede include the 40-hour week, equal division of work and no discharge.

CONFERENCE IS TO FLEECE NOT AID PRODUCERS

Big Business Is Bluffing Workers and Farmers

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—The various farmers organizations, the labor organizations and other employe organizations in Missouri are meeting at this time with the bankers, chambers of commerce, real estate sharks, merchants associations, presidents of railroads, mine operators, and other exploiters too numerous to mention, in this city.

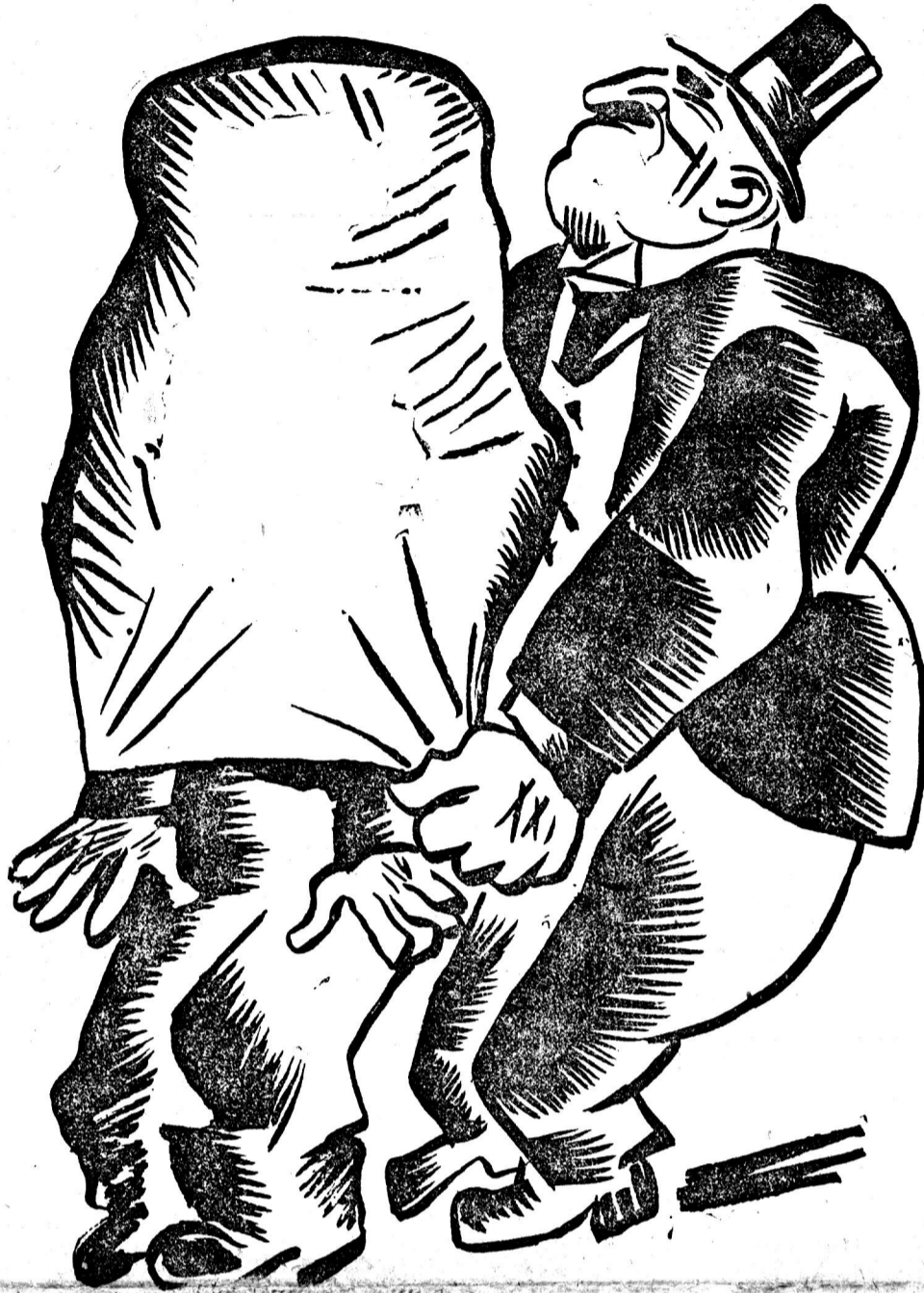
Economy is being preached to the workers, the farmers and the professional people by the big business interests. Christmas saving societies are springing up and the bank windows tell, in glowing terms, of the wonderful advantage in saving the wages in a Christmas fund.

Seal Bonds for Steel Plant. Meanwhile full page ads appear, sponsored by the same groups of exploiters, mentioned above, offering to the public "ground floor" bonds of a great steel plant to use up the scrap iron of the west and make "our town" steel products at home. The steel plant is only in the mind of its pro- (Continued on page 2.)

Austria Denies She Signed Secret Pact with German Rulers

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—Official denial was made of reports that Germany and Austria had signed a secret treaty for a union of the two nations.

NOW WE GOT HIM!



The Miners Are In the Bag of Big Capital.

POLISH RULERS MURDER MANY UNION WORKERS

Chicago Labor to Hold Protest Feb. 26

The Polish, Ukrainian and Lithuanian branches of the International Labor Defense and White-Russian Society to aid political prisoners in Poland, are organizing a mass meeting to protest against the white terror in Poland. The terror in Poland against workers, peasants and national minorities is growing. Every day there are mass arrests in some part of the country.

American workers cannot be silent when their brothers are jailed and murdered in Poland. The protest meeting will be held in Schoenhoffen Hall, corner Ashland and Milwaukee, Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock. Prominent speakers in English, Polish, Lithuanian and Russian will address the meeting.

Women Protest Double Standard of Morality in Cathcart Exclusion

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The National Women's Party has filed with Secretary of Labor Davis a protest against the exclusion of Vera, Countess of Cathcart, declaring that by this action the government "would be setting up an arbitrary single standard of morals for women while permitting a double standard for men." The delegation of women who presented the protest asserted that there was no law allowing the immigration department to bar a woman from the country for "moral turpitude" while her companion in the offense is allowed to remain in the country. The Earl of Craven, with whom the countess eloped to South Africa while still divorced from her husband, has been in the United States for some time.

Briand Gets Set-Back on Export Tax Project

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Premier Briand received a set-back in the chamber of deputies today when his export tax project was returned by a vote of 295 to 175 to the finance commission. This tax was calculated to produce an annual revenue of 720,000,000 francs (\$24,000,000).

INVESTIGATE VETERANS' HOSPITAL FOLLOWING MURDER OF PATIENT

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—The United States veterans' hospital in this city will be investigated by federal authorities following the death of Hubert L. Bero, a frail psychopathic patient. According to the coroner's report death was caused by a concussion of the brain, multiple fractures of the jaw and complications.

BOSSES WEAKEN WHILE WORKERS GROW STRONGER

Passaic Merchants Feel Strike Pressure

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

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 15.—The first signs of the weakening of the textile bosses in the present conflict with the striking workers appeared in the local press this afternoon when streaming headlines announced that "East Side Merchants Want City to help Settle Woolen Mills Strike."

This came as no surprise to the strikers who have put up a more solid front than has been known for many years in industrial conflicts, wherein the picket line has not been made up of a straggling dozen or two, but regularly consists of from one to two thousand starting at 5:30 in the morning and keeping it up till the last man on the night shift at the mill had been pulled out.

Realize Defeat.

Now come the "merchants" and call for help. But the strikers are wise to the game and know that it is not so much the merchants as the mill barons who are behind this move. The mill owners know that they are licked and realize that it would be a mistake to carry the struggle any further, but they do not like to show the white feather and admit that they (Continued on page 2)

OHIO EMPLOYERS WANT COSSACKS TO CRUSH UNIONS

Workers Fight Bill to Form State Police

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—The industrialists of this state are clamoring for "state police." They declare that the rural communities are unprotected from the attacks of bandits and thieves and that state constabulary must be instituted. They are carrying on their agitation among the farmers, to induce them to demand protection in these days of the "crime wave." If the farmers of the state demand the state police, the manufacturers will be pleased.

The manufacturers point to the achievements of the New York state constabulary, to their protection of the farmers from marauders. They never mention the state cossacks in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, who are not stationed in the farming communities, but in the steel and mining towns. They never mention the attacks on steel workers and coal miners, or the efforts made thru the state cossacks to break up meetings of the miners, to destroy the union, etc. They never mention the murder of workers at the hands of these state cossacks.

All of this is kept in the dark. But the workers of this state are on the alert. They know what the state police are, and will fight the inauguration of the state police with all their power. Governor Donahey may continue to ask the farmers to demand it, but state police are state police—cossacks are cossacks. The workers will fight the bill and its sponsors as enemies of the working class, no matter under what form the advocates of the bill will masquerade.

UNEMPLOYED WORKER STEALS FOOD; MUST SPEND YEAR IN JAIL

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—"I was hungry and had no job nor money," declared Jasper Arnold, an unemployed worker who was arrested for stealing some food, to Judge Henry Bray. "I saw food in a restaurant window at 1831 Welton street and could not resist temptation to break in. The judge sentenced Arnold to jail for one year.

THOUSANDS REPUDIATE BETRAYAL AS TRAITORS STRIVE TO PACK SCRANTON MINERS' CONVENTION

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 15.—The deep undercurrent of discontent that exists thruout the entire anthracite region as a result of the Lewis betrayal has risen to the surface in District No. 1 where thousands of miners have already repudiated Lewis and on every hand there is the most violent denunciation of the monstrous betrayal of the "Black Friday" Philadelphia betrayal.

At the Hazleton headquarters of District No. 7, the Lewis henchmen are boasting that the opposition to the anthracite pact will be ruthlessly crushed and that the operators will be enabled to reopen the mines at once under the incredible terms of the five year sell-out.

Approximately six hundred delegates will attend the "ratification" convention in Scranton tomorrow and the meetings of local unions to select representatives to the convention are still in progress today. In many locals no effort is made to get out all the membership and only a handful meet and approve the delegate, while reports from other places, especially in District No. 7, indicate that no meetings are held and that those local officials who are part of the Lewis-Cappellini machine simply sign credentials without any authority whatsoever from the membership of the locals.

Lewis Has Bodyguard.

So widespread is the hatred on the part of the rank and file of the miners of the anthracite against John L. Lewis that that unprincipled traitor is compelled to maintain a bodyguard whenever he ventures upon the street. Rinaldo Cappellini, who aided the police and courts jail militant members of his own organization is in the same predicament and if his district were to hold an election today with the miners free to express their will he, like Lewis, would be overwhelmingly repudiated.

Editor Holds His Nose. Yesterday many of the preachers and priests thruout the anthracite region commented upon the incompetency of Lewis and others openly referred to the betrayal, while the Scranton Daily Telegram, edited by a former member of the Typographical Union, brands Lewis a "quite deplorable failure as a leader" and declares that Lewis "has scored the biggest victory for the anthracite operators that has ever been enjoyed."

Ordinary servants of the anthracite barons hold their noses in disgust at the performance of Lewis, as they feel that he has accomplished more to enslave the workers to the coal barons at one strike than they can ever hope to achieve in the next hundred years.

"Pacifist hypocrisy," asserts Radek, "is a necessary political instrument for all bourgeois governments, and besides this, none of them are against the attempt to decrease the armaments of the others."

"In this respect, the United States occupies a uniquely advantageous position. It is the greater power, and therefore the general tendency of its policy is to reduce the armaments of the other powers. This ambition is not merely platonic."

"The reduction of armaments in Europe would increase the American economic hegemony. The United States has the most developed industry, the basis for quick mobilization, and for arming great masses of the population rapidly. Military experience has shown that the Americans are in a position to arm a great number of soldiers in a short period."

"If we take into consideration the French as well as the English armies, then in comparison with the other powers, the red army is the smallest armed force in proportion to the tremendous territory which it has to defend. Nevertheless, the Soviet Union, not aiming at any conquests, would be prepared for a further reduction in order to economize her means for the development of her industry, agriculture and cultural institutions."

Not in Switzerland, Tchitcherin's Demand

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 15.—George Tchitcherin, commissar of foreign affairs, in reply to a telegram from Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the league of nations, notifying the Soviet Union that five nations desired to postpone the conference on disarmament, reiterated Russia's refusal to send delegates if the meeting were held in Switzerland. He explained that the Soviet Union preferred the gathering take place in some country with which it had diplomatic connections, pointing out that the Swiss government had never made the slightest move to offer restitution for the murder on its soil of the Soviet representative, Vorovsky, nor to negotiate for the establishment of normal political relationships.

Prepare For Big Day. SEATTLE — (FP) — Ninety-two members of the local Plattsburg officers training unit recently listened to a report dealing with local rail and port facilities. Charts have been prepared and placed on file ready for instant use in "time of emergency."

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Represents the Left Wing of the Labor Movement. Its Purpose is to Strengthen the Labor Unions by Amalgamation of Existing Unions, Organization of the Unorganized, and by Replacing Reactionary and Class Collaboration Policies with a Unified Program for the Transformation of the Unions into Organs of Revolutionary Class Struggle for the Overthrow of Capitalism and the Establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Government.

TRAIN SERVICE WORKERS SUFFER SEVERE WAGE CUTS SINCE 1920; UNIONS DEMAND HIGHER SCALES

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. The attempt of the railroad management to prove to the public that the demands of the train service brotherhoods for better wages are without justification falls to the ground before interstate commerce commission figures.

The average 1925 earnings of yard brakemen and helpers, the largest single group in the train service department, amounted to \$1,856. This is less than 60 per cent over 1914. The cost of living now stands 78 per cent above the pre-war level.

The increases over pre-war in the case of the other groups are, freight conductors 75 per cent, yard conductors 76 per cent, passenger brakemen 97 per cent, freight brakemen 101 per cent and baggage men 114 per cent.

The 1925 earnings of the various groups now seeking increases, placed side by side with their earnings in 1923, 1920 and 1914-15, were:

The 1920 averages represent the wartime wage peak only to the extent of 8 months of the year. In the first 4 months lower rates were in effect.

Compared with the peak established by the board's 1920 decision the wages of certain groups have been cut as follows: Freight brakemen 16 per cent; freight conductors 13 per cent; yard conductors 19 1/2 per cent and yard brakemen 23 per cent.

The new basic day rates reported asked by the brotherhoods include: Passenger conductors \$7.75, passenger brakemen \$6, baggage men \$6.16, local freight conductors \$7.74, local freight brakemen \$6.24, thru-freight brakemen \$5.84, yard conductors \$7.64, yard brakemen \$7.16.

Your Union Meeting

- Third Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926. Name of Local and Place: No. 21 Bricklayers, 912 W. Monroe St. Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, 735 W. Madison St.

COMPANY UNIONS ORGANIZED IN MANY INDUSTRIES

Over Million Workers in Boss Organizations

By ROBERT W. DUNN (Federated Press)

Company unions or employer-controlled shop committees, works councils and employee representation plans are among the most significant developments in American industry.

The American Federation of Labor company-union questionnaire to its 2,000 volunteer organizers brings replies indicating the toll company unions take among regular trade unions.

PORTERS LEAVE COMPANY UNION; FORM OWN BODY

Wage Increase Means Little to Workers

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Not a single change in the agreement between the Pullman Co. and its company union for porters resulted from the so-called wage conference held to forestall bona fide union organization among the workers.

No Change in Basic Pay. The Pullman Co. did offer the porters an 8 per cent increase in the basic wage, now \$67.50 per month.

Two delegates refused to sign the company union agreement despite the prayer sessions with Perry Parker, grand chairman of Pullman Porters' Benefit Association, the Pullman company union.

Seventeen company union delegates were those recommended by company agents, as ballots from 16 districts marked according to recommendation proved.

DELEGATION TO SOVIET RUSSIA IS WORKERS' AIM

Hold Conference in Pittsburgh District

New York Police Help Taxi Owners Speed Up Drivers

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—New York taxi drivers are now required by police regulation to present on demand of the license department a full record of all trips made for 60 days past, giving name and address of driver, time of beginning and termination of each trip, and location for first and last stop of each trip.

Chinese Seamen Hold Convention at Canton

CANTON, Feb. 15.—The First All-China congress of seamen was convened here January 5. It was attended by over a hundred delegates and lasted for three days.

High Salaries Not High Wages Cause of Heavy Phone Charges

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.— High salaries, but not high wages, are a heavy charge on the American Telegraph & Telephone Co. and are partly responsible for the subsidiary New York Telephone Co.'s fight to raise rates 35 per cent.

A. T. & T. is divided into three branches, Heiss testified: a holding company of \$900,000,000 worth of permanent securities, a second furnishing service to license contract companies like the N. Y. Telephone Co., which pay 4 1/2 per cent for service and the third the long distance section.

CONDITIONS OF BRITISH LABOR GROWS WORSE

Millions of Workers Walk Streets

By TOM MANN. (Special London Letter.)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—As the British parliament opens its sessions, once more the stream of tedious talk commences, and fresh efforts made to show that the British Empire is the highest form of civilization and sets the example to the rest of the world.

Hartford Salesgirls Work Long Hours; Get Small Pay; Need Union

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 15.—(FP)—Hartford, Connecticut, boasts of its open-shop tendencies and is now trying to tell its working girls that without any union they are not so poor as working girls once were.

Clerks, or saleswomen and salesmen, make \$20 to \$30 instead of \$10 to \$15 and may receive 1 to 2% commissions on sales.

How glorious conditions are in this happy land may be realized when a few facts are stated. There are more than 1,500,000 in enforced idleness out of a total population of 48,000,000.

In many areas there are 50,000 children and young persons with hardly a playground other than a converted churchyard.

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"The leaflet states the purpose of the meeting is as follows: 'To unite all existing Negro organizations, social, economic and political equality between Negroes and whites, 'Equal pay for equal service. 'Admission into all labor unions of colored men. 'For a labor party. 'Abolition of Jim-Crowism, black-beltism, segregation and lynching. Fear Unionism. 'Another purpose of the meeting, however, we are told is to build up the Hod Carriers and Building Trades Local of which Jackson is business agent. He it is said will advise the colored men that if they belong to the local they will have an opportunity of earning not less than 80 cents per hour and possibly \$1, and that only colored men will be permitted to work as hod carriers or building trades laborers. Stir Race Hatred. 'In this connection, we call your attention to a statement made today by an applicant (a white man), saying that he applied for a job as a hod carrier or mason tender and was told by a foreman that it would be necessary for him to have a card. He then applied to the business agent, Jackson, (a colored man) who informed him that he must have a job before he could obtain a card and that practically all jobs were now filled by union members, mostly colored. Applicant further stated that colored men are being brought here and given jobs with the understanding that their dues shall be taken out of their wages when paid and that no hod carrier or laborer will be allowed to work for less than 80 cents per hour. Take this copy of the DAILY WORKER with you to the shop

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