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LEGION HEADS IN ANTI-STRIKE ROLE

POLICE RAID FUR WORKERS' HEADQUARTERS

Arrest Strike Committee at Beethoven Hall

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Mar. 26.—The New York Police Industrial Squad together with sluggers and gunmen hired by the bosses made a raid on the strike headquarters at the Beethoven Hall, 210 E. 5th St. The entire strike committee was arrested at this hall. The entire committee, consisting of twenty workers were packed into a patrol wagon and taken to the police station. The total bail amounted to eleven thousand dollars.

Four detectives entered in a sneaky way and asked for a certain Mr. Dickler and when they were told that there was no man by that name in the headquarters the police told everybody in the strike headquarters to stand up. After everybody has been searched they were told to march out into the street where three police wagons were waiting for the strike committee. When they were brought to the police station they were put under charges of disorderly conduct, preferred by one of the agents of the manufacturers who tried to make trouble at the Beethoven hall.

Agents Seek Scabs

During the past few days scab agents were seen coming into the hall and approaching strikers and asking them to go out of town to work where they will be protected by gunmen and police. They told the strikers not to be afraid to go and scab as they would get "many good things." When this was reported to the strike committee he was told to immediately leave the hall. He then attacked one of the strike committee. This enraged the strikers and they led the scab agent out of the hall. In a few seconds he came back with the police and arrested the entire strike committee at the Beethoven hall.

It is no surprise to the strikers. They realize that the bosses are desperate in their last stand, and will not stop at anything to provoke the strikers so as to break their solid ranks. They are now resorting to the use of the police more than ever, since the hired thugs and gunmen proved a failure and were unable to break the solid ranks of the fur workers.

Sell-Out Blows Up

The negotiations that they had with the Sorkin, Winnig and the Forward machine also blew up in the air altho Sorkin and Winnig were promised \$100,000 to carry thru a plan to break the strike of the fur workers. The strike committee nipped the plot in time.

The manufacturers held a meeting in the Hotel Pennsylvania to discuss the strike situation and from the information that we get from some of the manufacturers the meeting nearly ended in a riot. A large part of the Manufacturers Association is dissatisfied with the policies of President Samuels.

Bosses Bewail Loss of Profit

By not starting negotiations for a settlement the manufacturers point out they are losing thousands of dollars which will drive many into bankruptcy. The scabs that were promised by Samuels are not to be gotten and samples are not being

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PHILADELPHIA FORMS COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN-BORN

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—A local Council for the Protection of the Foreign-Born Workers was organized at a conference here. The conference was opened by the temporary chairman, with a few remarks on the anti-foreign-born bills pending in congress. The conference then immediately got down to business. The credential committee reported 30 organizations represented. Among them 11 branches of the Workmen's Circle, one branch of the Independent Workmen's Circle, eight unions, eight beneficial associations, the Mothers' League and the Workers (Communist) Party. The following are the unions which are represented: Cap Makers, Fruit and Grocery Clerks, Amalgamated Food Workers, Bakers No. 201, Knitters Union, Federation of Textile Workers, Carpenters No. 1073, Suit Case and Bag Makers' Union, Painters No. 1083, and Paperhangers No. 306.

The resolutions committee brot in a resolution condemning all the bills pending in congress aimed against foreign-born workers. They keynote

CAPITALIST JUSTICE IN NEW JERSEY



By William Gropper.

The strikers in Passaic have learned from experience that the police and the government are used to keep labor down.

SENATORS WILL TRY JUDGE FOR MISDEMEANORS

Set Date for English's Impeachment

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26 — Impeachment of federal district Judge George W. English, East St. Louis, Ill., was asked in the house today on five basic grounds of tyrannical conduct, favoritism, misbehavior, corruption and indecency in office, centering about treatment of lawyers and the conduct of bankruptcy cases.

The report of the judiciary committee to the house, recommended adoption of an impeachment resolution as follows:

"Resolved, that George W. English, United States district judge for the eastern district of Illinois, be impeached of misdemeanors in office; and that the evidence heretofore taken by the special committee of the house, sustains five articles of impeachment which are hereinafter set out and that said articles be adopted by the house."

The house agreed to consider the impeachment recommendation next week.

Detailed Charges

The first article accused English of unlawfully disbaring Thomas W. Webb, East St. Louis Attorney, altho no charges had been preferred against

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DURANT-STAR MOTOR WORKS FEAR WORKERS MAY ORGANIZE UNION

By H. M. WICKS. (Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, March 26. — Morton Green and Abram Zuray, two young workers, were arrested in Elizabeth, a near-by city and held under exorbitant bail of \$5,000 each for the "crime" of distributing before the Durant-Star motor works a shop nucleus bulletin containing an article on the back page concerning the Passaic textile strike and asking for aid for the strikers. The paper also urged the underpaid and overworked employes who produce the Durant and Star motor cars to organize.

The hearing is set for next Wednesday tho no one knows as yet what "crime" these young workers are to be charged with.

Volunteers Needed to Care for Daily Worker News Stands

NEW YORK, March 26.—Volunteers are needed to help collect for the DAILY WORKER from the newsstands in New York, as the circulation has grown beyond the ability of the comrades that have been handling this work to handle it. Both men and women can be used. If you have a few hours to spare each week that you are willing to devote to the up-building of the DAILY WORKER report to L. E. Katterfeld, manager of the New York agency, at 108 East 14th street.

New York Workers, Keep July 3-4-5 Open!

NEW YORK, March 26.—Organizations in New York friendly to the DAILY WORKER are requested not to arrange any conflicting affairs for July 3, 4 and 5, as the DAILY WORKER will hold an encampment on those three days in which not only the readers of the DAILY WORKER but the workers in general will become interested.

Fall of Rock Buries Two Illinois Miners

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., March 26.—Two miners were smothered to death in a fall of rock which occurred while they were timbering a passage in the Peabody Coal mine No. 5 yesterday.

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

SENATORS FEAR INQUIRY INTO TEXTILE STRIKE

Edwards Launches New Attack on Strikers

By LAWRENCE TODD, (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, (FP)— March 26 —Sen. Edwards of New Jersey, determined that any inquiry by the senate committee on manufactures into the Passaic textile strike shall be blocked, has issued a new attack on Albert Weisbord, leader of the strikers. His statement is in the form of a letter to Rabbi Stephen Wise of New York, who had asked whether Edwards had been correctly reported as saying that the Passaic textile workers were well paid and their conditions satisfactory. Wise had offered to debate this issue with Edwards in public.

The democratic senator's announcement came just after Chairman McKinley of the manufacturers' committee had agreed to try to get his committee to meet Saturday morning, March 27, to consider the LaFollette resolution of investigation.

Edwards Back-Waters

Edwards told Rabbi Wise that he had never made any statement that the Passaic mill workers were well paid or their conditions satisfactory. Yet he quoted from his own speech to the senate, opposing any federal "interference," the following:

"I happen to have been an alien property director in one of the mills in which the strike took place, and I know of my own knowledge that the employes in any manufacturing industry were never better treated."

He repeated what he said he had wired to the Civic Club, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the Passaic Hotel Ware Co., Albert Weisbord, strike leader, and to the secretary of the Passaic chamber of commerce, that "present conditions in the Passaic textile industry is a matter for the attention of the state of New Jersey and the city of Passaic, and until these matters get out of control of the state and city authorities the federal government has no jurisdiction whatever to interfere."

Fear Federal Investigation

To this declaration he added the sentiment: "New Jersey is a free and untrampled commonwealth capable of taking care of her own affairs in the city of Passaic and needs no interference from the Washington government to bring about sane and healthy rule in her industry."

After praising Gov. Moore, Edwards declared that he understood Weisbord to be a foreigner, neither a citizen of the United States nor of New Jersey — "and as long as the Passaic strikers; for whom I have great sympathy, are willing to permit outside agitators to come to New Jersey for the purpose of creating dissension and incipient revolution, just so long must they be ready and willing to accept the consequences."

Press correspondents who have talked with Sen. Edge, who claimed he was willing to have an investigation by McKinley's committee, now are of the opinion that Edge will do nothing to aid the inquiry and will be pleased if his fellow-reactionaries veto it. They gain the impression also that both New Jersey senators believe the mill owners are wholly opposed to any inquiry, and that Col. Johnson of the Botany mills, in sending a telegram urging that an inquiry be had, was not acting in good faith.

If the senate committee refuses to hold or recommend the investigation, it will do so because organized business is hostile to any disclosure of the wages and labor conditions in the most highly protected of tariff-favored industries.

Sen. LaFollette, sponsor of the resolution, is now busy daily with the investigation of the tariff commission. Sen. Wheeler is engaged on railroad measures in the committee on interstate commerce. Sen. Reed of Missouri is ill. These men on the manufacturers' committee were counted upon to develop the facts when the promised inquiry should start.

Churches Walloped

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26.—Breeding places of hate and prejudice. Fully fifty per cent of America's churches are just that and should have been closed long ago, Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, Akron, Ohio, declared at the opening session of the south central division of the Illinois State Teachers' Association.

FORMER GOVERNOR ON TRIAL

Davis, of Kansas One of Our Honorable Patriots

TOPEKA, Kans., March 26.—Prospects that a jury will be completed before the afternoon session of court were bright yesterday as the second trial of Former Governor Jonathan M. Davis and his son, Russell, accused of conspiracy to sell a pardon got under way.

The former governor was acquitted at his first trial more than a year ago. The son has never been tried.

The state charges that Russell Davis and the governor conspired to grant a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, former banker of La Cygne, Kansas, for \$1,250.

Young Davis is accused of delivering the pardon in a Topeka hotel after receiving the money from Pollman, while representatives of the Kansas City Journal-Post listened in on a dictaphone and burst into the room as the money changed hands.

STOCK MARKET HITS LOW AS LOANS CALLED

Federal Reserve Board Calls \$81,000,000

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, March 26.—The federal reserve board, in its weekly report of brokers' loans, showed another contraction of \$81,000,000 for the week ending March 17, representing a total decrease of \$337,000,000 from January 1. The last loan contraction of the board, which has been holding up for some time now is the cause of the bearish market. Stocks have fallen millions of dollars in the last few days, yesterday's quoted values of securities on the exchange being reduced by \$500,000,000.

The situation in the stock market is a reflection of the condition in which most of the world's gold is concentrated in the United States, thus having made the call money rate as low as 2½ per cent a number of months ago, and even as low as 1 per cent at times in the outside market. This cheap money situation led to a flood of investments, which brought about an inflation of capitalization in industry. The resulting tremendous capitalization led to increased industrial activity, greater production programs, as was particularly shown in the automobile industry, which planned an unprecedented year of production for 1926.

Federal Reserve Moves In

This inflation has alarmed the big banks, which have complete control of most of the important industries, and the federal reserve board began the calling of its loans on banks, and the latter on the brokers. Money is now at twice and three times the rate it was a few months ago, and the frantic chase towards unloading stocks threatened to knock the bottom out of the market for a while.

The bear movement which began about a month ago, and which recovered for a time, has now become very swift and strong in the last few days. Financial experts predict the bottom (Continued on page 2)

DAILY WORKER BUILDERS PLAN HIKE ALONG HUDSON RIVER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, March 26.—The first hike of the season is arranged by the DAILY WORKER Builders' Club of New York for Sunday, April 4. The route will lead across the Hudson river and along the wonderful Palisades for several miles. All readers of the DAILY WORKER around New York are invited to come along. Meet at the DAILY WORKER office, 108 East 14th street at ten o'clock and bring your own lunch.

Proletarian Poet Will Address Harlem Forum

NEW YORK, March 28.—Simon Fishin, well-known proletarian poet, will discuss "Literature and Revolution" at the Harlem Forum, Sunday evening, March 28, at 64 East 104th street, the Harlem headquarters of the Workers (Communist) Party, New York Section.

100 PER CENTERS TRY TO DISRUPT STRIKE MEETING

Seek Excuse to Close Strikers' Halls

By H. M. WICKS. (Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, March 26 — Officials of the American legion, endeavoring to play the role of fascists, have come to the rescue of the mill owners in the strike here.

A group of individuals claiming to be members of the legion came into the hall where a strike meeting was in progress carrying a large American flag and walked up to the platform from which Albert Weisbord was addressing the meeting and asked him whether he would hang it in the hall.

Recognizing this cheap, tawdry stunt as a plain piece of provocation, and an attempt to befog the issues involved in the strike by raising the fake issue of patriotism, the speaker surprised these flunkeys of the mill owners by taking the flag and placing it on the platform.

Then one James H. Donnelly, fourth-rate ward healer who holds a political job as overseer of the poor, tried to get the platform to make a "presentation speech" and explain that the legion was for Americanism but against Communism and other things that did not exactly fit in with his disordered conception of jingoism. He was gently, but firmly, told that he would have to get permission to speak from the committee having the selection of speakers in hand.

After a few futile attempts to argue the question the self-appointed brigade left the building, evidently to report to the mill owners and the other scabby agencies of Passaic that their little scheme did not work.

Try It Again

However, they tried to again raise the question by coming to strike headquarters and demanding to see Weisbord. There Donnelly and his group that made such a miserable fiasco of their provocative effort at the hall demanded that flags be displayed at all halls where strike meetings are held. Weisbord told them that if they desired to furnish the flags there would be no objection to displaying them, but that the committee would use its money for relief for the striking workers who are in need of food instead of for the purchase of flags.

John F. McCarthy, commander of the local legion post, spoke up and said that the committee of strikers would be forced to buy them and put them up.

"And what if we don't?" asked Weisbord.

Take Law into Hands

"Then we'll see that there are no meetings," belligerently declared McCarthy.

"You mean you'll take the law into your own hands?" queried Weisbord. "Yes, we do.—We will do the same thing the legion posts have done throughout the United States," was the report.

Soon the room was filled with strikers listening to the altercation and the gallant legionnaires began to tame down a bit. The atmosphere was not exactly comfortable for them. They evidently thought some of the workers would resent such an uncalculated invasion of their property and throw them out.

The representative of The DAILY WORKER told the legion gang that in his opinion they were simply provocateurs and agents of the bosses and suggested that the strikers pay no attention to them, but contemptuously ignore such cattle.

Weisbord, who had to leave to address a meeting, started to walk away from them and told them that in his

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GERMAN PRESIDENT IS MASS MURDERER, STATES COMMUNIST LEGISLATOR

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BERLIN, March 26 — The reichstag was the scene of tumult today when the Communist Deputy Koenen called President Hindenburg a "mass murderer," referring to his war record as field marshal. The speaker immediately called Koenen to order and minister of the interior Kueiz rose to the defense of the president.

The reichstag approved a salary of 60,000 marks for the president and expenses of 120,000 marks, (approximately \$30,000).

