

Current By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY

PREMIER POINCARÉ, representing the most reactionary element in France, that element that looks with favor on the fascist, is again at the helm in French politics.

THE masses of France are the greatest sufferers in this period of declining currency. Yet it is not at all unlikely that millions of them will rally to the idea of a dictatorship under the direction of the big capitalists.

SOMEbody with a flair for concocting tantalizing tales of the doings of our wealthy great has delved into the history of the Vanderbilt family to traditionalize the action of Cornelius, Jr., in breaking with his family.

THIS would be hard to bear, but the tenderhearted reporter assures us that the Vanderbilts do things in the Vanderbilt manner. They quarrel, but they again make up. So what's there for America to worry about?

CORNELIUS started out at the bottom alright, and he is still there, tho his father loaned him over one million dollars to start with. We know several people who could make a million last much longer, tho they are not Vanderbilts.

GARY Steel Company New Orders Break Previous Records

GARY, Ind., July 23.—The Illinois Steel company, it is reported, received more new orders for immediate delivery last week than during any similar period in history of the steel company.

FURRIERS' STRIKE A VICTORY IN SPITE OF RIGHT WING SABOTAGE; UNION SHOWS PROOF OF VICTORY

ONE of the most peculiar angles to the ending of the New York Furriers' strike is the desperate effort on the part of the right wing (socialists) to prove that the strike was lost. This is a new development in the American labor movement, but one that will become quite common as the left wing develops and takes over power in the unions.

POLICE TO STOP MASS PICKETS

'Neutrality' with a Proviso Attacked

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, July 23.—Louis Hyman, chairman of the General Strike Committee, representing 40,000 striking cloakmakers, visited Police Commissioner McLaughlin to protest the wholesale arrests of pickets in the strike zone.

It was stated that Mr. Hyman advised the police commissioner that the strikers intend to hold another mass picketing demonstration next Monday in the garment zone. McLaughlin disapproved "any demonstration likely to obstruct traffic, but assured the strike leader that several parades during the strike would not be objected to.

Commissioner McLaughlin, it was said, tried to have union leaders abide by Capt. Carmody's decision as to what would constitute a sufficient number of pickets at a given shop, but Mr. Hyman refused to give his consent, saying that it was beyond anybody's judgment to fix an adequate number.

Manufacturers against whom the strike has been called, are unwillingly contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to the strike cause thru the industry's unemployment insurance fund. To date, since the beginning of the strike, more than \$750,000 has been paid to 20,000 strikers in unemployment benefits, each man or woman averaging \$35.

Argentine Flight Continues. RIO DE JANEIRO, July 23.—Bernardo Duggan, the Argentine aviator, and his aides hopped off from here at 10:14 a. m. today, continuing their airplane journey from New York to Buenos Ayres.

YOUNG WORKER SAVES SELF BUT LOSES SIGHT AND MAY DIE AFTER FALL INTO SULPHURIC ACID VAT

Francis Ryan, 19, today had a fighting chance for life after the terrifying experience of swimming thru a tank of sulphuric acid. Ryan, employed at a Calumet City chemical plant, fell into an 18-foot tank of the acid, of 47 per cent solution. He swam unaided to the edge where he was yanked from the burning fluid by fellow workers.

DAILY WORKER STRIKE BULLETIN MAKES APPEARANCE IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK, July 23.—A special strike edition of THE DAILY WORKER called the Greater New York Weekly Strike Bulletin made its appearance yesterday in the meeting halls and on the picket line of the I. R. T. strike, the Passaic strike and the strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

LESS COAL AND MORE FUNDS TO BRITAIN ASKED

British Miners Plead with International

(Special to The Daily Worker) LONDON, July 23.—At the meeting of the International Miners' Federation here, A. J. Cook made an impassioned plea that the national delegations do all in their power to stop or decrease the present shipments of coal to Great Britain, as well as to contribute financially to the relief of the British strikers.

Facing this situation, the British miners' leaders urge that at least greater financial aid be sent from countries where miners are working to aid the British to hold out on strike for several months, but that the brother unions must do all in their power to stop or decrease the coal shipment to Great Britain.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID SENDS \$1000 MORE TO BRITISH MINERS

The International Workers' Aid at 1553 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill., yesterday forwarded another THOUSAND DOLLARS for relief among the women and children of the British miners who were locked out on May 1st after refusing to accept the 10% wage reduction and an increase of an additional hour in the working day.

Some of the large donations for the past week received by the International Workers' Aid came from labor unions, workmens' sick and death benefit societies and Jewish Workmens' Circles.

Bakers Local 164 of the Amalgamated Food Workers held a July 4th celebration and decided that the most appropriate manner in which to celebrate Independence Day was to donate \$100 for British miners' relief. The check has been received by International Workers' Aid.

SEND IN A SUB TODAY TO THE DAILY WORKER.

MINERS IGNORE INJUNCTION IN WEST VIRGINIA

Enforcement Hits Snag as Officers Are Held

(Special to The Daily Worker) MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 23.—Picketing in Scott's Run coal field continues at all mines on strike despite the injunction issued by the circuit court against the men at the Gilbert-Davis mines.

According to Sheriff Rodeheaver the miners are not violating any law. "Yet if this (meaning picketing) is a violation of the law I am ready to enforce the law," says the same sheriff.

At the same time the miners continue to organize in the Fairmont district. An application for permission to hold a parade in Monongah was refused by the United Mine Workers by Mayor Lee Jones.

DAMP SENATOR ASSAILS DRY IDAHO SOLON

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—Senator Edwards of New Jersey threw the books into Senator Borah of Idaho for his speech in Augusta, Georgia, last Sunday, in which he bunched up Bolsheviks, fascists and anti-Volsteadites as enemies of constitutionalism.

TOBOGGAN TRIP OF FRANC SHOWN FROM 1914 UNTIL TODAY

The value of the French franc has decreased steadily since 1914 at the outbreak of the war. The normal exchange rate is 1930. Average quotations during succeeding ministries have been:

MEXICAN RAILWAY UNION MAY CALL GENERAL STRIKE

(Special to The Daily Worker) MEXICO CITY, July 23.—A general railway strike looms in Mexico. The Federation of Railroad Unions has declared its intention of declaring a walk-out unless a dispute of railwaymen in Tehuantepec is settled favorably to the men.

FIVE INJURED IN BLAST IN CLIFTON PLANT

PASSAIC, N. J., July 23.—One worker was badly burned and four seriously injured at the Standard Textile Products company plant in Clifton when accumulated gases of linseed oil and naphtha were ignited, causing an explosion.

OPENLY URGING DAWES PLAN IN FRENCH CRISIS

World's Big Bankers in Secret Meeting

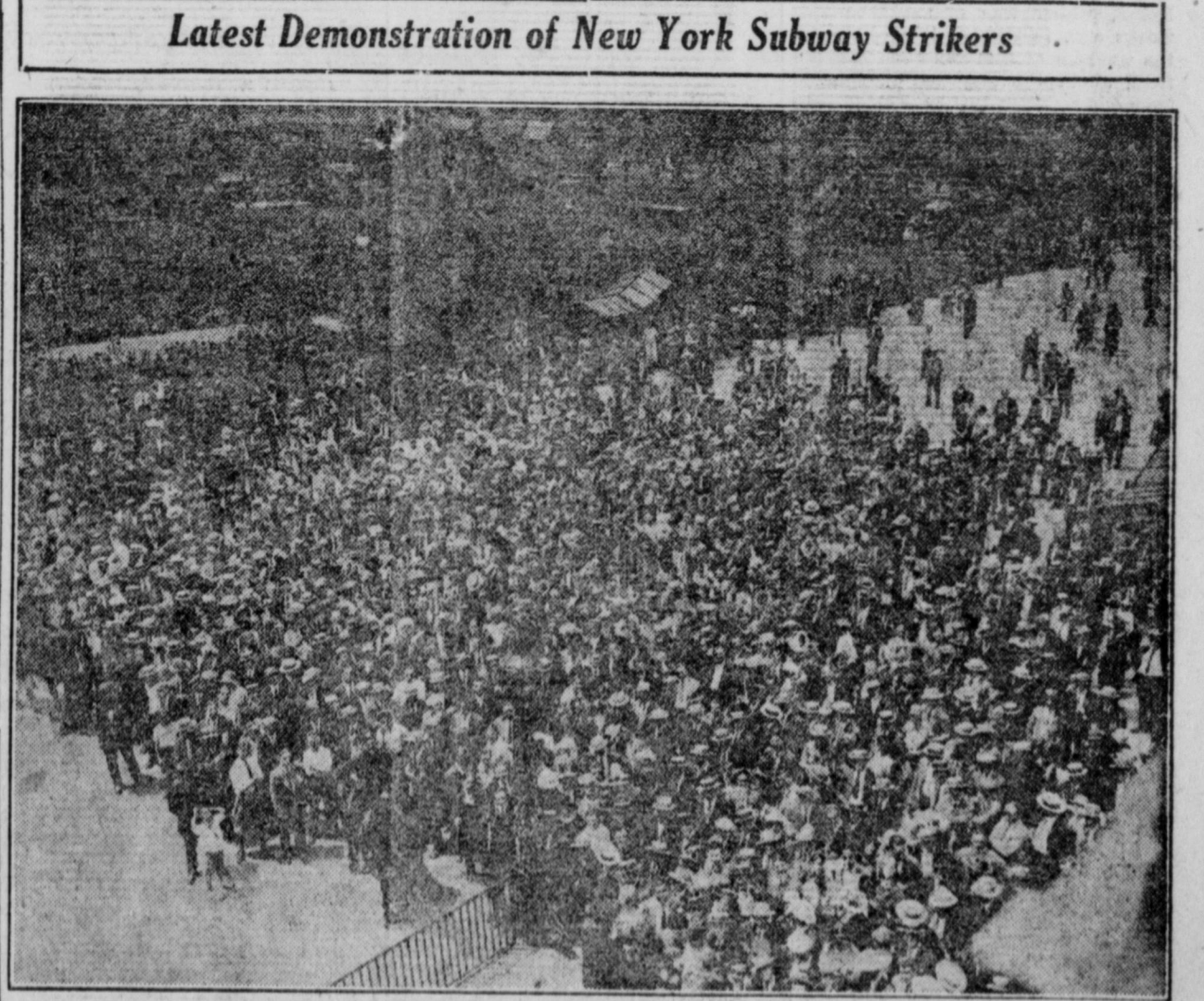
(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, July 23.—It is a "Dawes Plan for France" that now looms in the immediate future as a secret conference of bankers and government financiers is learned to be dated to take place before Monday.

The franc reached its lowest on this date—0.195.

Threaten to Tie-Up Mexican National Railway

The government is upset over the impending tie-up and Calles has declared he will take personal charge in an attempt to avert it.

Latest Demonstration of New York Subway Strikers



Here is shown a crowd of interborough Rapid Transit subway strikers gathered at City Hall, New York, while their leaders were inside conferring with Mayor Walker concerning the strike.

CHICAGO LABOR DEMANDS SMALL FREE PICKETS

Protest Against Use of Injunction

The use of injunctions against unions in their battles with the employers and the refusal of Governor Len Small to pardon the 1924 International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union strike pickets were bitterly assailed at the protest meeting arranged by the Chicago joint board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union at the Temple Hall, Marshfield Ave. and Van Buren street.

Speaker after speaker pointed out the menace of the injunction to labor unions and urged the workers to violate injunctions in mass whenever their organizations are faced with these restraining orders.

Dr. John A. Lapp, president of the Chicago Liberal Club and president of the National Conference of Social Welfare; William Z. Foster, Ida Rothstein, head of the women's department of the Chicago organization committee; Emf Arnold, vice-president of Painters' Local 275; Freda Russek, Oscar Simons, Max Novak and Florence Corn were the speakers at the meeting.

A resolution protesting the inactivity of Gov. Len Small to free the king that he free them immediately and calling on the trade union movement of Chicago to join in a drive against the injunction pest was unanimously passed at this meeting.

A telegram of greeting was sent to the prisoners that are still in jail. A telegram was also sent to the 40,000 militant garment workers in New York City congratulating them on their militant fight.

SURFACE LINES MAY GO INTO RECEIVERSHIP

The protective committee of the Chicago Railways company first mortgage holders predicted that the major part of the city's surface lines might go into the hands of a receiver, in a letter to the bond holders asking them to deposit their bonds and securities with the protective committee.

The company franchise expires on Feb. 1. Street railways have always been considered juicy morsels for the juggling operations of financiers. While transportation in Chicago is perhaps the worst in the United States, the politicians who are the puppets of the bankers refuse to take the first step in providing adequate service—the municipal ownership of the elevated and surface lines.

Albert Weisbord, organizer and leader of the Passaic strike, will speak at the Engineers' Auditorium, Ontario and St. Clair, on Saturday, July 31, at 8 p. m. Albert Coyle, editor of the Locomotive Engineers' Journal, will also speak. Max Hayes has also been requested to speak. Tickets are 15 cents.

CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'Flaherty.

(Continued from page 1) noise with it than even young Vanderbilt. GEORGE BRENNAN, democratic candidate for United States senator is for the Haugen farm relief bill. George admits that he does not know what it is all about, but as the farmers are for it, he said, there is no good reason why he should be against it, since he has nothing to lose by being generous and many votes to gain. The ways of a capitalist politician are obvious to those who think, but, unfortunately for the polls, the number is few.

WHY delegates to the state conference of sheet metal workers in California were invited to dinner at the home of Mrs. Peabody, wife of a wealthy shirt manufacturer, was the subject of considerable discussion among the Oakland members of the union, according to a story in the Labor Journal of that city. Two delegates who partook of Mrs. Peabody's bounteous fare were not at loss for an explanation. The lady was once "even as you and I," an ordinary mortal. Her name was Katherine Burke, which proves she did not arrive on the Mayflower, even in a protoplasmic state.

KATHERINE heard her country calling her when the great war to abolish the French franc gave her the word. Being good to look at, she attracted the attention of doughboys "among whom were many metal workers." She must have been a communal charmer. How she got to be Mrs. Peabody the delegates did not divulge. He may have been an elderly or something in a hospital. Miss Burke was a Red Cross nurse. As the story goes, one of the delegates to the state convention went to renew acquaintances with Mrs. Peabody and a mass invitation resulted. Now, how can delegates lose sleep over wage scales, long hours and short pay, while basking in the ultraviolet rays of a millionaire beauty.

THO one million British miners have been on strike for almost three months and Britain is long over \$40,000,000 monthly in foreign trade, King George can afford to throw a nice party. Thirteen thousand guests gathered in the gardens at Buckingham Palace, drank the king's tea and guzzled his champagne. Many Americans were there and we are told that they were deeply impressed by the king's dexterity in negotiating his tea with a gloved hand. Labor representatives were there. So was Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard of New York, editor of the liberal-pacifist magazine, the Nation.

Thompson Plans to Suggest Changes in Philippine Government

MANILA, P. I., July 23.—A few changes in the form of government of the Philippine Islands will be suggested by Colonel Carmi A. Thompson, President Coolidge's personal representative investigating the economic situation in the Philippines. Thompson in his speeches has shown that he will not recommend independence for the island. He will probably recommend the substitution of a Filipino governor under the supervision of an American resident commissioner in place of the present American governor-general.

It has been made plain to Thompson the impossibility of making the island a vast rubber plantation for the American rubber interests without first giving the Filipinos a sop in the form of a gesture at independence.

Rail Mediation Board Establishes Permanent Offices

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(FP)—Permanent offices for the Railroad Mediation Board have been established in the Earle theatre building in Washington, just across the street from the headquarters of the Southern Railway. Furniture of the old Railroad Labor Board is being shipped from Chicago to outfit the rooms. Only 6 of the 50 employees of the old board have been retained.

FUR BOSSES THREATEN TO GO OPEN-SHOP

Association Members to Fight Union

The members of the Chicago Fur Manufacturers' Association are sending out letters to all of their striking workers threatening them with the loss of their jobs if they do not appear for work Tuesday, July 27. The letters also state that the bosses have decided to operate on an open-shop basis and will not have anything to do with the union.

This letter was sent by the Fur Manufacturers' Association to each of its members with the instructions that each boss was to have the letter copied onto his stationery, signed with his signature and mailed to each worker that left the plant to fight for better conditions.

"We have exhausted every possibility of getting together with your union officials on a wage and working condition basis that will permit this business to live. Thus, we feel that we have reached the point when it is necessary that we eliminate union interference in our affairs and we will soon be out of business and thereby unable to provide employment on any basis.

"We have, therefore, decided to operate on the open shop basis, which will be a protection to you as well as to ourselves, and will do away with the outsider who knows nothing of your needs and ours anyhow. We want you to come back to work, but we cannot longer submit to the dictation of outsiders. We are going to operate our shops at once, UNDER FULL PROTECTION, and we want to give you a chance to work for us. You are invited to return to the job you held before the strike. If we do not hear from you on or before Tuesday, July 27, we will be forced to consider that you have left us permanently and we will have to proceed to fill our shops with steady employees.

"This same letter is being sent by all members of the Chicago Fur Manufacturers' Association to employees who are on strike, because we want you to know that our association is together on this matter. Yours very truly, McElroy Company, 'O. J. McElroy."

Swift Gets Million for War Bacon the Soldiers Never Saw

Swift and company, packers, today brought home the bacon here—\$1,374,849 worth of it, to be exact. A check for that amount was received by the company from the government, in payment of a claim for bacon ordered but later refused.

Settlement of the claim closed a case which had been in the courts since shortly after the world war armistice was signed, November 11, 1918. It took the company that long to get the government to pay for something it never got—the nerve of the government!

"Sixth Sense" in Plant Life Is New Discovery

LONDON, July 23.—New revelations concerning the private life of plants, baring their habits, vices, vanities and even their hours of sleep, have been brought to light by Sir Jagadis Bose, one of Britain's greatest scientists and authorities on plant life, who recently startled the scientific world by announcing that flowers communicate and carry on family life not unlike human beings.

Now Sir Jagadis comes forth with the information that certain species of plant life possess a "sixth sense," a mysterious force which permits them to detect minute changes in the intensity of light, unnoticed by the human eye. He has found that plants react remarkably to certain light waves, far above the limited scale to which the human retina responds.

U. S. TOURISTS SEEING PARIS DISCOVER THEIR SNOBBY AIRS DETESTED

(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, July 23.—Parisian night life no longer has attractions for the timid American tourist. Auto-bus companies have suspended their "See Paris by Night" tours because last night, for the third successive night, there were demonstrations against sight-seeing busses carrying English and German tourists as well as Americans.

As busses passed thru the Montmartre districts epithets, such as only Montmartre and the dock districts of New York excel in, were hurled at the visitors.

"Carry on your spree at home, not here," the crowds yelled at the sight-seers. The demonstrations probably are due to bitter campaigns being carried on by a number of Parisian newspapers, which are violently attacking tourists for taking advantage of the slump in the franc, which is causing increased prices for the French.

Frenchmen are angered by the sight of these visitors enjoying the gay life and the champagne, which the natives cannot afford.

\$5 WEEKLY WAGE RAISE WON BY CHICAGO CUTTERS

Bosses Forced to Yield by Stoppage

All cutters in Chicago cloakmaking shops won a flat increase of \$5 a week thru a half day unofficial stoppage that was led by the left wing in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. The head cutters or the foremen are not included in this wage raise.

The union made a demand on the bosses for a 20 per cent wage increase. The bosses in the negotiations refused to listen to the demands of the union. The unofficial stoppage then followed. Under the old administration the business agents of the union in accordance with the agreement calling for the revision of wages paid to cutters were able to get increases only for those cutters that were not able to make the average wage. The increase amounted from \$2.50 to \$5 a week. This increase was received by only one-sixth of the cutters. The present left-wing administration in the negotiations following the stoppage were able to win a flat \$5 weekly increase for all cutters.

ARSENAL WAS UNSAFE STATES NAVAL CAPTAIN

DOVER, N. J., July 23.—The Lake Denmark naval arsenal was known to be unsafe before the explosion occurred and it carried ammunition far in excess that allowed by the New Jersey law, declared Captain Otto C. Dowling, commandant of the arsenal from his wheel-chair before the naval court of inquiry.

Four improvements in the types of arsenals were recommended by Dowling to the court of inquiry. He brought out that the capacity of arsenals should be reduced to one-quarter of what they are now, that the distances between magazines should be four to five times greater than at present, buildings should be built above the surface on a concrete foundation of hollow tile and the walls should be buttressed to withstand shock and that the roof must be absolutely fire-proof.

Morgan-Mellon Plans and Fascist Regimes Must Be Fought by U. S. Workers

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

ANOTHER "Dawes Plan" is offered as the solution of capitalism's woes in France. Mussolini urges a fascist dictatorship to save the franc and to do in France "what we have done in Italy."

But the first "Dawes Plan" has not proved a success in Germany. The German capitalist statesmen and financiers are waiting for an audience with Mellon and Morgan. They will urge that the Dawes plan be changed to lighten its burdens. As for Mussolini, the Italian lira continues falling along with the French franc in spite of the fascist tyranny.

These facts are all so simple that every worker and farmer should be able to understand the plight that faces the capitalist exploiters, not only in western Europe but thruout that part of the world that still flies the flag of profit.

Imposing a Dawes plan on France will not be as easy as putting this yoke upon Germany. The Germans had been "defeated" according to the Versailles peacemakers. The deposed kaiser's mark had gone the way of the late czar's rouble, but unlike Russia, the social-democrats in Germany successfully betrayed the German working class and defeated its efforts to inaugurate a Soviet Republic.

While German prisons were filled with the best fighters of the working class, the supporters of capitalism from the socialist, Scheidemann, to the war lord, Hindenburg, joined in grabbing the dollar-marked straws thrown into the German financial and industrial whirlpool. That was three years ago. For three years the Germans have given the Dawes plan "a chance," with the result that even the most reactionary elements now openly admit that it will be impossible for Germany to carry the increasing burden of reparations much longer.

But France "won the war." So the worker and peasant masses of France have been told. It has been drilled into them that "to the victor belongs the spoils." The latest franc statesman, Poincare, to be called to hunt up a cabinet, has been the loudest in his demands to "Make the boche pay." The nation that has been super-saturated with this psychology will not quickly, if at all, change its outlook to accept slavery to the House of Morgan. "Why should we?" the tens of millions of workers and peasants will ask, the great masses who were led to believe that the Hun was the greatest menace in the world, but who are now learning, where it has not already dawned upon them, that their real enemy is the exploiting

ALSACE-LORRAINE ASKS AUTONOMY; PARIS DENIES IT

(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, July 23.—Alsace and Lorraine are preparing to submit their request for a separate administration within France to the league of nations," says Dr. Ricklin, president of the Alsation diet, adding that this problem has caused wars between France and Germany from 843 to 1914.

The main object is the administration. All power is concentrated in Paris. This we consider as an infringement of our personal liberty. Under the Kaiser we had our own diet and president, and controlled the money collected from citizens, while the highly paid posts of administration were reserved for Alsations and Lorainians.

Tyranny from Paris. "After the war French officials were sent to occupy the high posts. Only meager salaries went to natives. The railroad company, owned formerly by Germany and now by France, is run by native railway men. It makes great profits, but the profits go to Paris.

BRITISH STRIKE HIT CAPITALIST INDUSTRY HARD

Wages Lost by Workers Shown to Be Small

LONDON, July 23.—According to Walter Runciman, leading banker of Great Britain, the British general strike and the coal strike to date have cost British capitalists \$567,500,000. The cost is distributed as follows among the different groups:

General strike, \$150,000,000; heavy industries, including coal, \$140,000,000; railroads, \$10,000,000; pig iron, \$25,000,000; steel, \$50,000,000; textiles and other light industry, \$87,500,000; home trade \$100,000,000. While capitalists lost \$567,500,000 according to Runciman, the workers lost only \$175,000,000 in wages, the 1,250,000 coal miners have lost \$125,000,000 in wages—or only \$100 each over a period of 12 weeks of strike so far. This shows very clearly that the miners' wages are at the minimum of human existence, as this makes an average of only some \$8.50 per week.

The support of the other industries to the miners when the miners began their strike against a wage reduction from this pitifully low scale, cost the other \$50,000,000 in wages for the nine days of strike, or a little over \$18 each, which is again a commentary of the low wages of British workers.

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Scott Charges Local Politicians Set Off Jail Bomb as Trick
DETROIT, July 23.—The recent jail bombing in Chicago was a political plot Russell Scott, condemned slayer, charges in a letter received today by his wife, Catherine, who is undergoing a public fast here.

Norfolk Southern Line Railway Clerks Get Wage Increase
NORFOLK, July 23.—(FP)—Clerks employed on the Norfolk Southern lines will get about 3 cents an hour increase in pay, under the terms of a new agreement negotiated with the company by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Seniority rights will now extend over the entire system, instead of being confined to a local office.

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