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## LEFT WING ISSUES LABOR DAY CALL

### Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THAT followers of the "meek and lowly Nazarene" are no longer meek nor lowly was again brought to public attention when the newspapers carried the report of an attempted steal of jewelry and bonds valued at \$50,000 from the home of Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia. Dougherty was one of the fat spiritual boys prominent at the eucharistic congress. His mission in life is to encourage his sheep to allow themselves to be shorn without a murmur so that they may wear golden wings in eternity. The cardinal is one of the shearers and as the thief learned he has a sharp pair of shears.

THE Irish Times, organ of the protestant ascendancy in that country is quite excited over the religious struggle in Mexico. The Irish catholics look on the Irish Times as an organ of the devil. Of course the wealthy catholics care very little whether one's god is Luther or the holy facker in Rome, provided material accounts can be squared. The Irish Times has not much love for the catholic church but it hates the working class movement more. Therefore on this occasion it kisses the papal toe as obsequiously as a K. of C. bootlegger and hops onto Callas with both feet.

"YOU won't get heaven when Communism comes in" pipes a reader who thinks we are a little bit too "narrow-minded" and bitter against everybody who does not wear the Communist badge. Well, who the devil wants a heaven anyhow? If the time should ever come that all the trouble makers passed away life would be a rather dreary purgatory. There is little danger of that. Communism will not come like a thief in the night and confront us with a ready-made world the following morning. Things don't change as rapidly as that.

OUR theory is that the reconstruction of society on a socialist basis will be a gradual process, after the working-class first take hold of the governmental power, after they become the ruling class, preparatory to abolishing all classes. This period will not sprout many wings, and beds of roses for the workingclass will be conspicuous by the number of thorns in them. It will be a period of strife and struggle. We cannot conceive of the capitalist class surrendering their luxuries without a struggle. Look at the society columns in the papers if you want to know the reason why. No! Heaven is a long way off but if the road to it is beset with dangers the scenery is splendid.

GEORGE E. BRENNAN is becoming the father of a big slice of his country because of his efforts in attempting to slake the thirst of his potential constituency. Brennan is candidate for United States senator (Continued on page 4)

### REGULARS HIT AT PREFERENCE GIVEN C. M. T. C.

### "Citizen Soldiers" Get Double Allowance

(Special to The Daily Worker) PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 3.—A soldier interviewed here today by a DAILY WORKER correspondent stated that enlisted men find a partial explanation for their scanty mess allowance in the fact that the "citizen soldiers" are allowed about 75 cents a day for food while the regulars get along on less than half of that.

Condensed Milk. The soldiers said: "Today's papers played up the fact that the C. M. T. C. rations include a bottle of milk each morning. We got along on the canned condensed variety. That special feed they put on when the president and the labor leaders were here was good publicity. We are fed like that only on New Years, Christmas and Thanksgiving Day."

Small Allowance. The subsistence allowance for the regular army totals about \$128.57 per year per man. The pay of a private is \$252 annually, less laundry, repair and tailoring expenses which make a big cut.

### WEISBORD GIVEN FAREWELL FETE BY MILL HANDS

#### Charter of U. T. W. is Delivered at Passaic

(Special to The Daily Worker) PASSAIC, N. J., Sept. 3.—Albert Weisbord, organizer and leader for the past seven months of the splendidly conducted strike of the 16,000 textile workers of Passaic and vicinity, officially relinquished his leadership of the big strike Thursday night when he delivered his farewell address to a mass meeting of strikers and sympathizers held at Belmont Park.

Also stepping out of the strike situation, Weisbord will remain in Passaic to fight the mill baron's attempt to railroad him to jail for his services to the workers. Since April 12 he has been out on \$30,000 bail in cases arising out of the attempts of the mill bosses and their judicial tools to punish him for his fight on behalf of the striking textile workers.

Deliver Charter. The charter of the United Textile Workers granted to the strikers was delivered by the Lauck Committee at the mass meeting. Gustav Deak, a striker from the Botany Mills and a committee of nine other strikers formally accepted the charter, which was signed on Monday.

Thomas McMahon, president of the U. T. W., will meet a delegation of members of New Jersey labor organizations to arrange a parade and speech-making program celebrating the entry of the A. F. of L. into the situation. The parade will probably take place Sept. 11. The speakers will include McMahon and possibly President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

Alfred Wagenknecht, strike relief chairman, in a statement issued today, warned organized labor that the Passaic strike was not yet over, as the mill barons had so far refused to deal with the United Textile Workers. He declared the strike was a fight against all bosses, as Rockefeller, Gary, Good-year, and all the other bosses, have their eyes on Passaic and are lending encouragement and aid to the textile barons in their savage fight against the workers' right to organize into real unions which would be able to protect them from the starvation wages and cruel wage cuts meted out by the mills. He urged upon labor the necessity of meeting the united front of the bosses with a united front of the workers.

Need More Relief. The relief chairman stressed particularly the pitiful plight of the strikers' children, all of whom are absolutely dependent for greatly needed milk and other nutritious food upon the solidarity of the working class whose support has hitherto saved these tiny tots from the starvation offensives of the mill bosses.

Strike relief should be rushed at once to the General Relief Committee, Textile Strikers, 743 Main Avenue, Passaic, N. J.

### Britain Opposes Any Tangier Mandate For Spanish Government

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Spanish proposal to establish a league of nations mandate on Tangier will be vigorously opposed at Geneva by Great Britain, it was stated authoritatively in governmental circles here today.

## American Trade Unionism Shown Road to Progress

The Trade Union Educational League, organ of the left wing trade unionists of America, around which rally the progressive workers in the struggle with the employers, has analyzed the conditions and needs of the American labor movement and, in view of the approaching convention of the American Federation of Labor, drawn up a program for building the trade unions and for building the trade unions and for their victorious advance against the present attacks by the employing class. This program has been issued as a leaflet and will be distributed thruout the trade unions of the country. The Special Labor Day Edition of THE DAILY WORKER includes it as one of the most significant declarations of the labor movement.

### Program For Building the Trade Unions

Proposals to the A. F. of L. Convention, Detroit, 1926

THE American labor movement is in a crisis. Everywhere the employers are attacking the workers' conditions of labor and standards of living and trying to destroy the trade unions. In nearly every industry wages have been cut, either directly by a straight-out reduction, or by speeding up the workers to a vastly increased production. Only in relatively few cases have wages been increased or hours been shortened. In most cases old gains have been swept away and the long hour day of unorganized industry is threatening the standards of the organized, while every scheme possible is enforced on organized labor to multiply the output of the work day, regardless of health or safety.

The employers are combining their forces in constantly more powerful corporations, and super-trusts. By intensification of exploitation they are wringing enormous and ever-growing profits from labor. Knitting together the great industrial enterprises, the financial trust rules thruout industry, dictating the lives of millions, piling up such great wealth that billions are invested in imperialist ventures overseas to get super-profits.

THE employers' combines are ruthless. They control the government, buying legislators and judges to do their will. Labor is outlawed in every effective action. Injunctions, police and troops are used to beat down any resistance to capitalist attacks. The open shop is enforced by the government, the right to strike is savagely attacked and trade unionism seriously menaced by company unions, a fraudulent substitute for real unions.

Against capital, labor is waging a losing battle when it does fight, tho if united in struggle it would win.

While capital is thoroughly organized, there are only 3,500,000 organized out of 20,000,000 organizable workers. The unions have lost more than a million members in the open shop war. Company unionism is gaining, with over a million workers bound up in these fake organizations.

THE trade unions, weakened by craft divisions and top-heavy with an official bureaucracy which refuses to fight the employers, have retreated almost everywhere under the employers' attacks. The bureaucrats have adopted a policy of surrender to and collaboration with the employers. For mere "recognition" the bureaucracy undertakes to get more profits out of the workers than they can get thru company unions.

In politics the bureaucracy trails behind the coat-tails of every capitalist politician of both capitalist parties, seeking "friends" by "non-partisan" politics, and thus reducing labor's political power to zero, instead of building up a powerful party of labor alone.

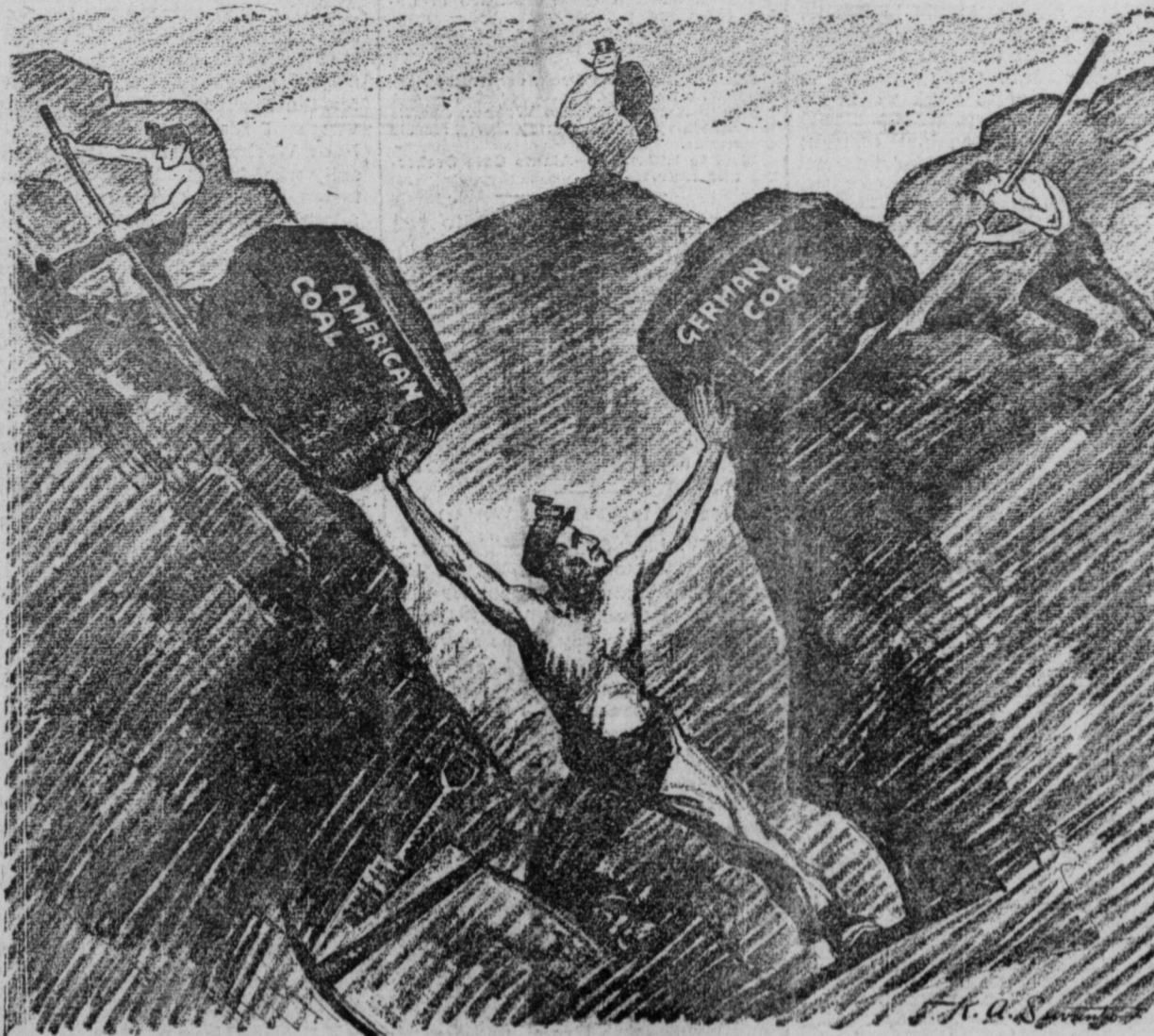
To remedy these conditions and to build the trade unions into powerful organizations the following measures are necessary:

### 1. Organize the Unorganized

Much of the weakness of the labor movement lies in the fact that only about 10 per cent of the workers are organized, and that these ten per cent are mostly skilled workers and in the light industries. It is therefore im-

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### Slogan for Labor Day: "No Scab Coal to England"



Help the British Mine Strikers Win!

### Daily Worker Greet I.L.D. Conference

THE DAILY WORKER extends fraternal greetings to the second annual conference of the International Labor Defense which opens its sessions tomorrow in Ashland Auditorium.

Within the short period of one year, this non-partisan, all-inclusive working class defense organization has accomplished much despite the handicaps it encountered, the most serious of which was the mutual jealousy existing between various sections of the labor movement and the several defense organizations that existed to defend their own particular victims of class injustice.

If the International Labor Defense had accomplished nothing else besides overcoming this competitive hostility between different defense groups it would have justified its existence. But it has more constructive accomplishments to its credit. It has proven by action that it is the defender of the class struggle regardless of what section of the labor movement they owe their first allegiance to. This is the necessary precondition to the accomplishment of the I. L. D. mission.

Among the high lights in the history of the I. L. D. was the national campaign against the Horthy government of Hungary to save Rakosi and Weinberger from the gallows. Horthy was compelled to call off his hangmen, tho he succeeded in sending Rakosi to jail for over eight years and his comrades to long terms of imprisonment.

Then came the re-arrest of Richard (Blackie) Ford and his trial. The I. L. D. jumped in, rendered assistance and organized a nationwide campaign of publicity in behalf of the worker whose life was threatened. Ford was a member of the I. W. W. A jury acquitted Ford.

For months the I. L. D. has moved every ounce of influence to save Sacco and Vanzetti from the electric chair in Massachusetts. This fight is still on. As these lines are written word comes over the wire that Governor Fuller grants a reprieve to a condemned murderer who confessed that he committed the crime for which the two Italian workers were convicted. The reprieved murderer will testify under oath that he committed the crime. Sacco and Vanzetti are philosophical anarchists.

No worker in whose soul the divine flame of rebellion has been lighted can fail to give his support to the International Labor Defense which is a shield of labor in the United States and stretches out its hand to aid the persecuted workers in all lands.

### LARGE DELEGATIONS COMING TO I. L. D. CONFERENCE FROM OHIO; DETROIT IS WELL REPRESENTED

From the city of Detroit, Michigan, will come fifteen or more delegates to the second annual conference of International Labor Defense which will be held here on September 5 and 6 at the Ashland Auditorium. This is the information received by the national office from Cyril Lambkin, secretary of the Detroit local of I. L. D., who will himself represent that section at the conference. Trade unions and fraternal organizations will be represented in

the Detroit delegation. In addition to those from Detroit, Grand Rapids will also have its own delegate to the conference.

The nearby state of Ohio will also be well represented at the conference. From mining towns, steel cities, rubber centers and metropolitan districts delegates will come in to lay plans for the next year of activity for united labor defense.

Yorkville, one of the mining towns in eastern Ohio, will be represented by a young miner. Akron, the home of the rubber tire industry, will have a

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# American Trade Unionism Shown Road to Progress

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perative that the A. F. of L. shall call upon the entire labor movement to embark on a general campaign to organize the many millions of unorganized, giving special attention to the basic and key industries, including steel, railroads, marine transport, mining, electrical manufacturing, chemicals, rubber, automobile, lumber, textile, etc. Emphasis must be laid on the organization of the unskilled workers.

The A. F. of L. convention shall create a general organizing committee to supervise the work of organization. Campaigns shall be initiated nationally in the various crafts and industries and locally on a general scale. A special organizing fund shall be created. The system of shop committees to mobilize the unorganized shall be established to induce them into the unions. The general organizing committee shall conduct a special campaign against the company unions, designed to convert them into real trade unions or to destroy them and to build up trade unions in their place.

To facilitate organization work the A. F. of L. should henceforth hold its conventions in big industrial centers, discontinuing the present practice of holding them in summer resorts, such as Atlantic City.

To facilitate the organization of the unorganized, a general reduction of initiation fees shall be recommended to affiliated internationals with high fees.

In those industries where no organizations exist, the unions to be established shall be based on the industrial form. In industries where a whole group of conflicting, weak unions claim jurisdiction over the mass of unorganized workers, the jurisdiction shall be awarded forthwith to the basic union of the industry, such as to the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in the steel industry, to the International Association of Machinists in the automobile and electrical manufacturing industries, to the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen in the packing industry, etc.

The campaign to organize the unorganized must be accompanied by a general demand for improved living standards of the workers.

## 2. Demands for Improved Living Standards

Through advancing machine production and the speeding up of the workers by all manner of "efficiency" schemes to increase output, the employers are reaping profits almost beyond imagination. The unexampled profits in the General Motors corporation, the United States Steel corporation and the record profits of the railroads, loaded with over-capitalization, show that the capitalist class is enjoying fabulous profits wrung from labor.

**BUT** Labor? Labor has been "deflated" since the war. The cost of living has gone up faster and farther than wages have increased. And the costs stay up while wages have been cut in many industries. The average wage is well below \$30 a week, a glaringly insufficient wage. The workers' health is undermined by the terrific speed-up.

To check this attack on the living standards of labor, the A. F. of L. must call upon the workers in the various industries to take advantage of the present active state in their industries to present demands for increased wages, decreased hours, and increased control over industry. All wage movements should be conducted jointly by related trades. Attempts to cut wages anywhere must be resisted by a militant strike policy.

## 3. A Policy of Militant Action

The most dangerous tendency in the labor movement is that hidden behind the pretty phrase of "co-operation with the employers," now current with trade union leaders. The attack of the employers upon the trade unions and the standards of labor, cannot be stopped by having the unions adopt plans for increasing production. This only surrenders them to the employers. It demoralizes the very foundation of trade unionism and poisons the workers with the false teaching that labor has a common interest with those who exploit it.

Labor must call a halt to the trade union bureaucracy's policy which leads the workers into such "co-operation" traps set by the bosses. The A. F. of L. must declare for an aggressive policy of action against the employers. It must condemn the so-called "co-operation" or class collaboration policy as expressed in the Baltimore and Ohio Plan and similar schemes. It must reject the Watson-Parker Law, which encourages company unionism, outlaws strikes on the railroads, practically establishes compulsory arbitration, permits civil courts to pass upon the merits of labor disputes and establishes a partnership between labor officials and railroad magnates, to be used by the latter to raise railroad rates.

The A. F. of L. must reject the "New Wage Policy" adopted by the last convention of the A. F. of L., and repudiate also the so-called "Monroe Doctrine of Labor." It must decisively condemn trade union capitalism, as expressed by labor banks, labor investment corporations, trade union life insurance companies, etc., and demand transformation of these institutions into genuine co-operatives. The investment of the workers' savings should be in the socialized industries of the Soviet Union.

## 4. A Labor Party

The present A. F. of L. policy of supporting candidates on the tickets of the republican and democratic parties is absolutely fatal to the interests of the working class. It checks the growth of class consciousness. It makes a unified, successful fighting front of labor against capital impossible and it destroys all real representation of labor in government. The civil effects of this policy are illustrated afresh by the exposures of political corruption in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

In place of this ruinous policy, the A. F. of L. shall declare for the formation of a labor party, which shall make a bloc with the organized farmers. To put this policy into effect, it shall immediately call conferences in the various cities and states for the purpose of establishing labor parties, and later hold a national labor party convention.

Labor should enter the November elections under its own banner. As the basis for organization the labor party there should be prepared a political program covering the pressing needs of the working class, which should contain the following main planks:

- Revision of the tax and tariff laws so as to take the burden of taxation and higher prices through the tariff off the workers and farmers. Higher surtaxes on the incomes of the great corporations and multi-millionaires.
- Legislation outlawing the use of the injunction, police and soldiers in labor disputes.
- The general eight-hour day in industry.
- Fight against all proposal to register, photograph and finger-print foreign-born workers.
- Industry to bear the cost of unemployment through legislation making compulsory the payment of trade union wages to all unemployed workers, funds to be raised through higher taxation of profits.
- The prohibition of the labor of children under 16

years of age, with provision to maintain the children of workers and provide for their education up to the age of 16.

(g) Relief for the farmers thru adoption of the principle of the McNary-Haugen bill and the addition appropriation of a half billion dollars to provide for the establishment of co-operative marketing associations controlled by the farm organizations and for the improvement of agricultural production.

(h) The nationalization of all large scale industry, including mines, railroads and the great manufacturing industries, food distributing organizations, etc. The establishment of workers' control and the participation of the workers in the management of these nationalized industries.

(i) Reduction of the army and navy and a fight against militarism and imperialism. The withdrawal of American soldiers from all foreign territory. Immediate independence for the Philippines and Porto Rico and the right of self-determination for all other American colonies and possessions.

## 5. Save the Miners' Union

The A. F. of L. in view of the deep-going crisis in the mining industry, and the reactionary leadership of the Lewis machine, which has already resulted in the collapse of the Miners' Union in many of the most important districts under the open shop attacks of the coal operators and thus is threatening the very life of the whole organization, should call upon the whole labor movement to lend its active support by furnishing men and money to help carry on the widespread organization campaign necessary to rebuild the Miners' Union in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Colorado and many other demoralized and disorganized districts. The fight must be to save the Miners' Union, whose threatened destruction menaces the progress of the whole labor movement.

## 6. Nationalization of Industry

The A. F. of L. must declare against the private ownership of industries vital to the life of society. It must demand the nationalization of coal mines, railroads, super-power plants, grain elevators, packing houses, etc., with workers' control in the management of these industries. The further development of organized labor depends upon taking this stand.

## 7. Against American Imperialism

One of the most outstanding features of world development is the rise of American imperialism, which is not only subjugating colonial peoples and the working classes of foreign nations to Wall Street bankers, but rebounding in its competitive effects against the American workers. It creates an ever-growing danger of war.

The A. F. of L. shall condemn the imperialist policy of the American capitalist class. It shall reject participation in the league of nations and demand withdrawal from the world court. It shall condemn the Dawes plan and the proposed war debt settlement plans. It must demand immediate and unconditional freedom for the Philippines and Porto Rico, and condemn the policy of American imperialism in China and other Far Eastern countries. Above all it must demand from the United States government a policy of hands off Mexico and other Latin-American countries.

The A. F. of L. shall act immediately to transform the Pan-American Federation of Labor into an instrument of struggle against American imperialism, now beginning in the Latin-American countries under the leadership of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. It must condemn the plan of the Pan-American Union to develop into an American League of Nations, and specifically condemn in detail, the growing militarism of the United States.

## 8. Company Unions

Company unions constitute a real menace to organized labor. They have spread into many industries, especially those of a basic and trustified character. The employers have established these organizations in order to increase production and to block the formation of trade unions. The A. F. of L. shall devote more attention to this important problem and it shall wage an active warfare against the company unions, with the aim in view of breaking them up and establishing trade unions. To this end it will often be necessary to work within the company unions and capture them.

The weapons that must be used against company unions are an active defense of the workers' interests in open struggle against the employers and a complete repudiation of the ideas and practices of collaboration with the employers in speeding up production and eliminating strikes, as expressed by the B. & O. plan and the Watson-Parker railroad law; a militant campaign to organize the unorganized; the amalgamation of the craft unions into industrial unions, and the systematic building-up generally of the trade unions into real fighting organizations to defend the class interests of the workers.

## 9. Fight Against Injunctions

The use of anti-labor injunctions in labor disputes is a stab at the heart of the labor movement, and the A. F. of L. shall call for a more militant fight against the issuance of injunctions. Such tyrannical action by the courts must be countered by a mass violation of the injunction by the strikers involved and by the labor movement generally.

## 10. Political Prisoners

The A. F. of L. shall initiate a vigorous campaign for the release of Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney, Billings and the many other labor prisoners. A special day shall be designated whereupon the various state federations and local central bodies shall hold meetings of protest, adopt resolutions demanding the release of political prisoners, and send delegations in co-operation with an A. F. of L. delegation, to the governors of California, Massachusetts and other states holding political prisoners, demanding the release of these prisoners.

## 11. Against Racial Discrimination

The trade unions must include wage workers regardless of race, creed, sex, age or color. The A. F. of L. must declare for the removal of all bars against Negroes, Japanese, Mexicans and other races and national groups which are being discriminated against in entering the trade unions. It must demand the abolition of all Jim-Crow laws, practices and discriminations, and the elimination of lynching.

The A. F. of L. shall initiate an active campaign to organize Negro workers, and demand that they be given equal pay for equal work, and extend them the utmost

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# MADEROS' STAY OF EXECUTION NOW SECURED

## Governor Changes His Decision

By S. D. LEVINE.  
(Special to The Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 3.—The defense attorneys for Sacco and Vanzetti will have an opportunity to present the confession of Costelino Maderos, confessed participant in the South Braintree murder and robbery for which Sacco and Vanzetti have been sentenced, at a hearing for a new trial on Sept. 15.

Following the refusal of Governor Fuller of Massachusetts to grant a respite for Maderos, who was sentenced to be executed on Sept. 5, the governor was prevailed upon to change his decision after the presiding judge in the case, Thayer, recommended a delay of execution. Attorney General Devlin concurred in Judge Thayer's recommendation to the governor.

### At First Denied.

The stay of execution to Maderos is for seven weeks and will permit him to attend the hearing on the 5th of the month in person to make an adequate record of his testimony. The governor had refused the stay to Defense Attorney Thompson on the occasion of his first request because he did not have Judge Thayer's recommendation. This was later secured and the stay granted.

Thompson claims that the confession that Maderos made in the penitentiary some time ago to Sacco and Vanzetti attorneys completely exonerates the two Italian workers and proves beyond question that they were railroaded to within the shadow of the electric chair.

## WCFL Radio Program

Chicago Federation of Labor radio broadcasting station WCFL is on the air with regular programs. It is broadcasting on a 491.5 wave length from the Municipal Pier.

### TONIGHT.

6:00 to 7:00—Chicago Federation of Labor talks and bulletins.  
7:00 to 7:30—The Florentine String Trio, dinner music.  
7:30 to 8:30—Marion and Jim Jordan, harmony; Clarence Sullivan, tenor.  
8:30 to 10:00—Hickey and Johnson, Hawaiians; WCFL Ensemble; Little Joe Warner.  
10:00 to 11:00—Dance music from the Municipal Pier Auditorium by Chas. Cook's Orchestra.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 1926.

3:00 to 5:00 p. m.—Band Concert, Municipal Pier Auditorium, Mauiella and his band.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 6, 1926.

3:00 to 5:00 p. m.—Band Concert, Municipal Pier Auditorium, Levitt and his band.

6:00 p. m.—Talk by Edward N. Nockels, Secretary of Chicago Federation of Labor.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1926.

6:00 p. m.—Chicago Federation of Labor talks and bulletins.  
6:15—Fable Lady—Stories for children.  
6:30 to 7:30—The Florentine String Trio, dinner music.  
7:30 to 8:30—Vella Cook, contralto; Nick Smith, baritone.  
8:30 to 10:00—Little Joe Warner, Charlie White, Harry Dream Daddy Davis, Harold Grossaint.

10:00 to 1:00 a. m.—Alamio Cafe Orchestra and Entertainers.

That worker next door to you may not have anything to do tonight. Hand him this copy of the DAILY WORKER.

## GARY PICNIC TO HEAR ENGDahl, PETRAS ON SACCO AND VANZETTI

(Special to The Daily Worker)

GARY, Ind., Sept. 3.—Fifteen labor and fraternal organizations in the Lake County Conference for the Defense of Sacco and Vanzetti are holding a Labor Day picnic and protest meeting on Sept. 6, Labor Day, at the picnic grounds, Pine St., East Gary. The speakers will be J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the DAILY WORKER, and Paul Petras, who will talk in Hungarian. Take Valparaiso car at 11th Ave. and Broadway to East Pine St., East Gary. Everybody invited.

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# Labor Day Good Time to Start Cleansing Unions of All the Farringtons

By J. LOUIS ENGDahl.

MONDAY, Sept. 6th, is "Labor Day." Not the International Labor Day, May 1st, of the militant world toil. It is the sterile "Labor Day" of the "class peace" between the reactionary labor officialdom and the capitalist exploiters who, together, seek to straight-jacket the whole working class into conformity with the profit-taking social system. Two developments are worth careful study on this year's Labor Day of the "class peace." They are:

First. In the trade union movement, the ousting of Frank Farrington as president of the Illinois Miners' Union.

Second. In the parliamentary arena, the exposure of wholesale corruption and the expenditure of huge sums of money in the primary elections, especially in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

These two developments cannot be taken separately. In fact, they must be studied together, if labor is to understand the crying necessity for the acceptance of class struggle principles in carrying on its war against its enemies.

It was Farrington, now an out-cast from the labor movement, who energetically supported Frank L. Smith, the candidate of Sam Insull, the multi-millionaire light, heat, power and traction magnate, for the United States senate.

It is a reflection, of course, upon the class consciousness of the Illinois coal miners, that they did not oust Farrington immediately he revealed his alliance, in politics, with labor's worst enemies, which has continued for a long period of years.

The DAILY WORKER ceaselessly pointed out the treason to the working class committed by Farrington in supporting Smith, Governor Len Small and their whole tribe of political agents of the great capitalists. It pointed out the necessity for a complete break with the capitalist parties and the development by the workers of their own independent political action thru a labor party. But the coal miners would not listen. Farrington was allowed to continue in this open treason.

Neither was the miners' district executive board stirred as the startling revelations were made showing that Insull "donated" \$200,000 to the Smith campaign fund, with Studebaker and Copley, two other traction magnates, donating \$25,000 each. This is the Studebaker of the "open shop" automobile concern that bears his name. The union was blinded to this treacherous alliance of Farrington with the Smith-Insull-Studebaker-Copley interests.

Evidently Farrington felt the next step was perfectly safe. He thought that he could sign a contract for \$25,000 per year as "labor counsel" for the Peabody Coal Co. while he was still president of the Illinois Mine Workers' Union. That is exactly what he did. He brazenly confesses to it, declaring to the coal miner, "You can't dictate to me where I will take my employment." He claimed that the \$5,000 per year that he received from the coal miners was not sufficient to provide for his old age and for the bringing up of his family. What, then, becomes of the families, the women and children of the coal miners, who must get along on one-fifth or one-tenth of that sum per year?

Yet this treason the coal miners could understand. Farrington has therefore been booted out of the organization. Even "Labor," the official organ of the railroad officialdom, refers to the charges as "sensational."

Efforts will be made in some quarters to show that the case of Farrington is an isolated one. The pious supporters of things as they are will "thank god that there are so few Farringtons."

But the coal miners must know better. They have too often been betrayed by their officials going over

to the employ of the coal barons. Farrington joins a procession that includes such former officials as Phil Penna, of Indiana; Tom Lewis, of Ohio; Thomas Haggerty, of Pennsylvania, to mention only a few, all of whom now hold lucrative positions in the pay of the mine owners, using the experience they have gained in the miners' union to betray the mine workers.

These traitor elements can only be fought on the broadest possible basis. This is on the basis of the class struggle.

Farrington became a marked man when his contract with the Peabody Coal Co. was made public. He should have been marked for expulsion from the miners' union when he first proclaimed his support of the capitalist political parties. Instead, the great rank and file of the miners' union permitted Farrington, Lewis, Van Bittner, Murray and their kind to expel the left wing militants, the greatest builders of an effective miners' union. But the tide turns. It must turn all the way.

Years ago the miners' union declared that no member of the organization could belong at the same time to the employers' National Civic Federation.

In the case of Farrington, the miners have declared that no member of the union can agree, while holding that membership, to enter the pay of the mine owners.

The next logical step is for the membership of the miners' union to put the stamp of traitor on those officials who use their position openly to give aid and comfort to the political parties of the mine owners.

The union official who uses his position today to advance the candidates of republican and democratic party candidates is the likely traitor of tomorrow in the industrial struggle.

It may be said that the miners' union in Great Britain has advanced that far. No liberal or tory supporter uncovered in labor's ranks in Great Britain could win any standing in the British coal miners' union.

Study the political affiliations of the labor officials in the different American trade unions and it will be easy to uncover crowded nests of prospective traitors, whole swarms of Farringtons.

John H. Walker, Victor Olander, John Fitzpatrick, Edward N. Nockels and hosts of other officials of labor, right in Chicago and Illinois, who are so enthusiastic in support of Insull's Mr. Smith, might profitably examine the case of Frank Farrington when they talk at great length of the advantages of supporting the parties of the greatest exploiters of labor.

The workers cannot dictate what employment an official will accept. But they can say that an official that accepts employment from an enemy of the working class, or supports an enemy political party of the organized trade union movement. This year's Labor Day, also it is the Labor Day of the "class peace," is a good time to consider the cleansing of the unions of all the Farringtons.

Why not a small bundle of the DAILY WORKER sent to you regularly to take to your trade union meeting?

## HOW FARES FASCISM?

The truth about the present status of Fascism and "who's who?" in the present black shirt government will appear in Wednesday's DAILY WORKER from the pen of G. Rossi, a specialist on the Italian political situation. Unlike journalists who visit Italy with a commission from the international bankers to boost Mussolini, the writer of the forthcoming article is a member of a workingclass organization that is under the iron heel of Mussolini's regime. Mussolini is only a figurehead—a prisoner, tho a voluntary one, of the big financiers, says our correspondent. Don't miss Wednesday's DAILY WORKER!

# TUMULTY FACES TWO ASPIRANTS FOR PRESIDENCY

## Fishwick, Farrington Man, Enters the Race

EDITOR'S NOTE: Today's installment of "The Shady Record of Frank Farrington" appears on page four. In view of the attempt of John L. Lewis to make political capital out of Farrington's \$25,000 contract with the Peabody Coal company our readers should not miss these articles and read of Lewis' complicity with Farrington in helping to betray the interests of the coal miners to the operators.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 3.—With the entrance of Harry Fishwick into the race for the presidency of the Illinois Miners Union in the elections which will be held next December, a lively three-cornered contest is promised.

The two other candidates are Joseph Tumulty, of Springfield, progressive, and William Sneed, of Herrin, reactionary, and friend of John L. Lewis, international president.

Fishwick is a close supporter of Farrington's and has filled the office of president since Farrington was ousted by order of the executive board after it was learned that he had accepted a position with a \$25,000 a year salary from the Peabody Coal company.

Members of the executive board say that the office of vice-president left vacant by Fishwick's elevation to the presidency may be filled soon but by whom is a question. It is reported that Sneed was offered the position but in view of his ambition for the presidency it is not believed he will accept.

Walter Nesbit of Belleville, secretary-treasurer will be a candidate to succeed himself.

The officers elected in December will take office on April 1, 1927, the same day on which the present wage scale with the operators expires.

### Lewis Posing As Angel.

John L. Lewis is taking advantage of the exposure of Farrington's sell-out to pose as the personification of purity in the United Mine Workers of America. The progressives however, have a list of crimes against Lewis just as lengthy as the list of Farrington's misdemeanors.

They point out that Farrington and Lewis made an alliance against the forward-looking elements in the Illinois Miners Union, when Farrington's machine was unable to stand up against the opposition alone. Farrington, who had supported Howat against Lewis, deserted his friend and lined up with Lewis against the Kansas mine leader at the Indianapolis convention.

### Now Come On Frank!

"When thieves fall out, honest men get an ear-ful," said a well-known progressive in the Springfield district to "The DAILY WORKER" reporter. "We are all anxiously waiting for Farrington's next blast against Lewis. Those boys know more about each other than they have yet revealed. But what they won't tell us will and before the ballots are counted next December every coal digger in Illinois will know that Lewis is just as crooked as Farrington; that in fact his conduct has been more inimical to the welfare of the union than even Farrington's because while Farrington was chiefly interested in wrecking District 12 in the interests of the Peabody Coal company Lewis wrecked the international in the interests of his own personal career and the operators in general."

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## Labor Day

We greet Labor Day even tho the official holiday of labor in the United States has been robbed of its revolutionary significance by the reactionary bureaucrats who use the occasion, not for the development of the spirit of class consciousness among the workers, but to instill into their minds the pernicious idea that the interests of labor and capital are identical and that the best interests of the working class can be served by co-operating with the employers instead of by fighting against them in order to win more of the products of their toil.

It is a rather ironical fact that the initiative for making the first of May an international labor holiday should come from the United States. Today the labor movement of every other country in the world excepting the United States recognizes May Day as its day of celebration and reckoning.

But the best-laid plans don't always work out as expected. The organized workers can take advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate on Labor Day. They can nullify the propaganda of the labor lieutenants of capitalism by bringing the burning issues of the class struggle in concrete form to the fore.

In the textile regions of New Jersey and New England the slaves of the mill barons are waging a long drawn out battle for better conditions and the right to organize. In New York City the I. L. G. W. U. is on the firing line. The bituminous coal diggers are battling—in a disorganized way—against the contract-breaking operators. The same is true of the anthracite miners. A leader of the Illinois Miners' Union has been exposed in the act of selling out to the enemy. The entire bureaucracy of th A. F. of L. has gone over to the master class, ideologically at least.

Internationally the biggest event of the year and the most magnificent gesture on the part of the proletariat since the successful Russian revolution was the British general strike in aid of the miners whose gallant struggle still continues.

Labor Day speakers must stress the importance of the British miners' strike, expose the treachery of the leaders of the Trade Union Congress who deserted the coal diggers and more important still urge the American workers to continue their assistance to their striking brothers and their needy families.

And last but not least class-conscious labor will hail the coming ninth anniversary of the Russian Revolution which today stands stronger than ever as a challenge to world capitalism and a tower of strength to the exploited workers of the world.

Labor has suffered defeats during the past year, but in the struggle it has gained experience. The ultimate triumph of labor is inevitable and every labor defeat is only a rehearsal for final victory.

## Whose Governor Is Al Smith?

Jovial Alfred Smith, governor of New York state, who is willing to take a foaming glass of not-so-near beer with the humblest ward heeler in Tammany Hall, back-slapping Al, the beloved of the drooling sentimentalist, friend of labor fakers and Wall Street bankers, praised by right wing leaders and vacillating centrists of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, has finally shown his hand. Governor Smith threw his influence on the side of the manufacturers at a crucial moment of the strike by throwing the blame for the continuation of the struggle on the shoulders of the strike leaders.

Under pressure of the left wing workers in the I. L. G. W. the leaders were forced to reject the governor's suggestion that the dispute be arbitrated. Arbitration always plays into the hands of the employers. The impartial arbitrator is yet to be born.

While the Sigman leadership of the I. L. G. W. U. docilely followed the genial Al's suggestions, the genial Al continued to shower praise on the union but nothing more substantial. Now that the left wing has asserted itself and refused to play the poodle to Al, the governor substitutes a frown for a smile and the uniformed thugs of his puppet, Mayor Jimmy Walker, get busy with their clubs. Needless to say there is no police hickory broken on the heads of the manufacturers.

The representatives of the master class can afford to be pleasant and agreeable as long as the workers are submissive. But when the latter assert themselves the sharp claws of the capitalist tiger emerges from the velvety sheath.

Which proves that there can be no lasting solution of the workers' problem until all capitalists, the smooth-tongued as well as the acid-tongued, the "good" as well as the "bad," are consigned to the dump heap of history.

## Wipe Out the Landis Crowd

The citizens' committee for the enforcement of the Landis award has sent a full crew of scabs into Chicago to finish the De Wolf building. It did not do this without warning. All thru the strike it has been threatening to supply strikebreakers. It did furnish guards on the first day of the strike. Now it is proceeding logically to break the strike.

It stands to reason that work cannot be stopped for any length of time on two or three buildings when the great aggregation of capital represented by the citizens' committee stands ready to support its open shop contractors. Ability to continue the strike on the De Wolf job depends on the readiness of the Chicago Building Trades Council to strike the rest of the thirty million dollars worth of building construction nominally classed as "Landis Award." Even the citizens' committee cannot find strikebreakers for that much work. There is a chance now to put the infamous Landis award crowd out of commission, if the council has the courage and the energy to carry on a fight on a big scale. If they are not willing to do this, the members of the unions concerned must find a way to compel action.

Now that Frank Farrington is exposed as a high-salaried company employe, even liberal labor journalists are ready to spank him. But Farrington is no more venal today than he has been ever since he became prominent in the affairs of the United Mine Workers.

## CHAMORRO SLAPS AT MEXICO THRU NATIONS' LEAGUE

### Nicaraguan Revolution Approaches Bluefields

GENEVA, Sept. 3.—The Nicaraguan government headed by President Chamorro who operates in close touch with the American bankers, has protested to the league of nations against alleged aid by the Mexican navy to revolutionists in Nicaragua. Mexico is not a member of the league but has been sent a copy of the protest. It states that the auxiliary cruiser Concon of the Mexican navy set sail from Salina Cruz with the full knowledge of the government officials and "engaged in a freebooting expedition against the peace of Nicaragua." More particularly, it is claimed, the ship conveyed arms and ammunition to the rebel army.

**League Little Use.** Almost any positive action the league of nations may take will be an infringement on the Monroe Doctrine. If the council of the league investigates and finds Mexico guilty, Nicaragua, which is a member nation, will be permitted by the league to wage war against her powerful neighbor with the full consent of the league, which may also help the attack by a commercial interdiction, the so-called, "economic blockade."

**Revolution Gaining.** BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Sept. 3. The town is under the domination of the United States cruiser Galveston. Bands of revolutionists are operating almost up to the city limits. Continued reports arrive from the center of the country showing that recruits are flocking to the armies marching against the Chamorro dictatorship, but that these armies are not yet sufficiently solidified to do more than make sporadic raids. They may take the field in force at any time. Gun-runners approach the Pacific coast ports and fight with the Chamorro coast guards and American aviators in the government service.

## CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'Flaherty.

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on the democrat party ticket in Illinois. He led a band of Jeffersonians to Springfield with a donkey-load of petitions carrying 400,000 signatures against the Volstead law. The inconsistency of things is shown when the government tries to tax citizens Druggan and Lake our most popular bootleggers.

**WHILE Brennan** is winning popularity by promising to do something for the thirsty, Messrs. Druggan and Lake are being sued for over half a million dollars, which is the sum they owe the government in taxes on their illicit business. It's a hard life for an honest bootlegger. He is hounded by the law for making money by supplying the citizenry with beer and he is hounded by the same law if he does not turn over his illegal profits to the government.

**M. ANTONOPOLOUS,** the Greek merchant who attempted to blow former dictator Pangalos' brains out with a revolver was born under a lucky star. Instead of stopping the bullets of a firing squad for his pains, he was given a vote of thanks by a court dominated by the new government. And Pangalos is scratching his head to see if it is still there. It seems that the most constant thing in life is change.

**MUSSOLINI'S** happy Italians must now eat black bread and forego many necessities in an attempt to keep the lira from hitting the bottom. The Fascist regime has been able to do everything except produce prosperity by decree and murder. Despite the efforts of American newspapers favorable to the Mussolini dictatorship, tourist traffic in Italy fell off thirty per cent this year and hotel keepers are cursing the black shirts way down their midriffs. To mildly criticize the Fascist government is to solicit a speedy demise. Nevertheless, in spite of persecution and terror the black shirts have not succeeded in completely smashing the labor organizations. There is reason to believe that Italy is nearing an economic crisis which the Fascist magicians cannot survive.

**THE** British government has denied M. Tomsky, chairman of the executive council of Russian trade unions, permission to land in England. Tomski had planned to attend the T. U. C. convention in Bournemouth, which opens next Monday. The presence of Tomski, leader of a trade union movement that has its heel on the neck of capitalism would encourage the British miners in their fight. It is most likely that the British government was no more anxious to exclude Tomski than the T. U. C. leaders who betrayed the miners by calling off the general strike.

Send THE DAILY WORKER for one month to your shop-mate.

## The Shady Record of Frank Farrington

THE following sketch of Frank Farrington's career in the United Mine Workers of America is a summary of a series of articles that appeared in THE DAILY WORKER in October 1924, under the title, "On a Labor Faker's Trail." Farrington's latest exploit in accepting a \$25,000 a year salary from the Peabody Coal company, while still president of the Illinois Miners' Union, makes it impossible for even his closest friends to condone his action. He now stands suspended from office by action of the district executive board.

### ARTICLE III.

Farrington's main function in the Miners' Union seemed to be dragging the members into agreements that gave the boss the best side of the bargain. In 1917 when ballots were sent out from the secretary-treasurer's office calling a special convention to consider the Northern Illinois machine agreement, Farrington was very angry. One day he walked into the board room of the district offices in Springfield and inquired if it was true that ballots calling for a special convention were sent out. He was answered in the affirmative. He then made the following remark: "If every God damn son of a b—— in the organization votes for a special convention there is not going to be any called. If those God damn bastards are trying to break up the organization, I'll break it up for them myself."

There were present when this statement was made: John L. Lewis, Springfield; James Piesman, Carrier Mills; James Box, Virden; G. J. Frick, Marion and C. S. Stohberg, Springfield.

When the miners who were tricked into this machine agreement went on strike Farrington again played the role of strikebreaker and brutally informed them that he would resort to any method to force them back into the mines.

In a letter dated Feb. 14, 1917 written to Peter Grubich, secretary of Local Union, 620, LaSalle, Illinois, Farrington threatened to revoke the charters of those locals who were on strike and that in the event of any members of the local dying inside of thirty days after the local charters were restored, their heirs would not be entitled to the \$250 death indemnity provided for in the district constitution.

### Uses The Blacklist.

The labor lieutenants of capitalism, always willing to see the boss' side of an argument, when the latter violate wage and working agreements. But with the union members the case is different. Any technical infraction of the rules is severely punished, unless the rules are violated by the henchmen of the labor fakers. The blacklist, which is the most deadly weapon at the disposal of the employing class for use against workers who have spunk and the rebel spirit, was used by Farrington on many occasions to get rid of progressives in the ranks of the union. But never did this arch faker prove himself a greater Judas than in 1919 during the period of the so-called outlaw strike.

When the late world war broke out in Europe in 1914, the coal industry was at a very low ebb. The war created a market for coal and production went up quickly. In 1916 the miners secured a slight wage increase. Another increase, very small, was granted in 1917. In the meantime the bosses were making millions on war contracts. The cost of everything that the miners had to buy went up. But the only commodity, they had to sell, their labor power, remained practically stationary.

When Woodrow Wilson placed his friend Dr. Henry A. Garfield in charge of the coal industry, this agent of the coal barons tied up the miners in a new contract, which introduced the "penalty clause" providing for the firing of miners who stopped work, the fines to be collected by the coal operators under threat of discipline.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO SUFFER NEW BLOW WITH WITHDRAWAL OF SPAIN

GENEVA, Sept. 3.—Spain is expected to make an announcement shortly of her withdrawal from the league of nations, it was stated semi-officially here.

The announcement of withdrawal will probably be made in Madrid and it is now doubtful whether Spain will send any note to the league, announcing her disinterest in the league.

The Spanish note had been expected as the result of the refusal of the committee or reorganization of the council of the league of nations to grant Spain's demand for a permanent seat.

The reorganization committee today completed its work, confident that it has "solved the problems" of council seats which created the crisis of March. The report of the committee was finally approved and will be forwarded to the council.

## No Issues on Sunday and Monday.

OWING to the Labor Day holidays, THE DAILY WORKER plant will not operate on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6. This means that there will be no issues dated Monday and Tuesday. The full report of the Second Conference of the International Labor Defense, meeting in Chicago, Sunday and Monday, will appear in the next issue.

## ARBITRATION REJECTED BY THE STRIKERS

### Leaders Get Orders in Entering Conference

(Special To The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 3.—The leaders of the garment strike have entered into conferences and the "independent manufacturers," meeting with Raymond V. Ingersoll, so-called "impartial chairman" of the industry. The outcome is not yet known. However, strike leaders were entering the conference with the specific instructions of the union, given thru a meeting of the shop chairmen a few hours before the conference opened, to oppose arbitration in any form in the present strike. In addition, the strike committee has decided that the crafty trick of Governor Smith to force arbitration upon the union will be answered with a letter flatly rejecting such a proposal.

Henry H. Finder, head of the "Industrial Council" of manufacturers, seeing the little game of sabotaging the directing dealing by conference in the hope of getting the machinery of the state government to force arbitration on the workers disappearing, is issuing wild accusations against the union, alleging its demands are "confiscatory" and again asking for outside arbitration. Direct dealing between employers and the union finds terms "trial by combat."

## MUSICIANS MAY STRIKE CHICAGO MOVIE PALACES

A strike will start in all Chicago motion picture and vaudeville theaters Sunday night after the performance unless a satisfactory wage scale is signed before then. James C. Pettillo, president of the Chicago Federation of Musicians, will issue the orders.

Joseph Weber, international president of the union, has already called a nation-wide strike in all theaters of the Orpheum circuit in all cities according to reports from Seattle, Wash. This action was taken in support of a strike in the Orpheum theater in San Francisco.

### More Pay, More Rest.

The union demands in Chicago an increase in pay from \$32.50 a week to \$36 for performances, with an increase in rehearsal rates from \$2 to \$4. It demands also a rest period of twenty minutes instead of fifteen, and a change of the Sunday seven-hour day to six hours.

## 17 MINERS KILLED IN PEABODY COAL CO. MINE IN OKLAHOMA

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 3.—Seventeen miners were killed in an explosion at mine number 29 of the Peabody Coal company at Pahoma, Okla., according to word received at the U. S. bureau of mines here this afternoon.

Pahoma is just across the state line from Ft. Smith, Ark., the bureau of mines was advised.

Several miners trapped by the explosion made their way safely from the mine, altho they suffered from the effects of after-damp, reports received here stated.

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