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THE left wing in the organized labor movement which supports the maintaining of the trade unions as fighting organizations of the workers, faces a bitter struggle against the reactionary bureaucrats, who have allied themselves with the employers and the government in the attempt to incorporate the trade unions in the machinery of the capitalist system thru compulsory arbitration enforced by law and agreements substituting arbitration for the right to strike.

This is brought out clearly in the statement of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party, exposing the conspiracy entered into by Sigman, Lewis, McMahon and Woll for a joint attack upon the left wing.

The left wing is fighting for the life of the organized labor movement as the instrument of the workers' struggles for a higher standard of life. The growth of the sentiment supporting the left wing among certain sections of the workers has frightened the trade union bureaucrats and they are preparing for an onslaught against this movement which aims to destroy it.

THE DAILY WORKER HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT FIGHTER TO MAINTAIN THE TRADE UNIONS AS FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORKERS. It has been untiring in its campaign to build up sentiment which would help to make the union organs of struggle for the workers' interests.

IN THE BITTER FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD TURN THE WHOLE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT INTO SOMETHING NOT UNLIKE THE COMPANY UNIONS WHICH THE CAPITALISTS ARE ORGANIZING, THE DAILY WORKER WILL BE A TOWER OF STRENGTH. It will be the militant voice of the workers who are ready to fight the class struggle, exposing the conspiracies and betrayals of their enemies.

WE MUST KEEP THE DAILY WORKER FOR THIS FIGHT.

To keep The DAILY WORKER as the spokesman of the left wing, daily expressing its views of the development of the struggle, we must complete the \$50,000 Keep The DAILY WORKER Fund.

The figures above show the need of harder work to keep The DAILY WORKER. In place of the weekly contributions to the fund increasing they have fallen off during the recent weeks. We must turn the tide again. We must work harder again and put new life and spirit in the struggle for The DAILY WORKER.

We must not permit our most powerful weapon to be taken out of our hands in a moment when we are going into a life and death struggle against reaction.

STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT TO KEEP THE DAILY WORKER.

STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE TRADE UNIONS AS FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORKERS BY KEEPING THE DAILY WORKER FOR THAT MOVEMENT.

EVERY PARTY MEMBER, EVERY LEFT WINGER IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT MUST SPRING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE DAILY WORKER.

Communist International Draws Lessons of Great British Strike

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 5.—The plenum of the executive committee of the Communist International under the chairmanship of Rennele listened to A. Lozovsky, secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, speak of the lessons of the British strike. Taking as his cue the report made by delegate Murphy of England on the strike, Lozovsky urged the necessity for all workers to carefully study its results—especially because it ended in defeat.

The strike, the speaker said, created a new correlation of forces within and outside of England: in regard to the foreign policy of British imperialism it had weakened the empire and within England had intensified class relationships, making more acute antagonism inevitable.

The labor movement in England is now entering a new stage, he said. The broad masses of the workers are moving to the left while the trade union leaders are passing over to the camp of the capitalists. The big bourgeoisie are launching an attack on all fronts to worsen the economic and political condition of the workers and the situation is consequently favorable for the Communist Party.

Communist Party Grows. The British Communist Party Lozovsky stated, has doubled its party membership and has a great influence on the masses who saw that the Communist Party alone had the correct line in the fight. The left wing minority movement is also growing in influence. The task of the Communists in England is now to consolidate their (Continued on page 3.)

Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

EDWARD L. DOHENY is having considerable difficulty in proving that his object in leasing the Elk Hill basin oil reserves was to serve the country by providing the government with a sufficient oil supply to fuel Uncle Sam's ships in the event of a conflict with Japan. Doheny is a democrat and Fall is a republican. But they were old friends and that it would be a fine thing to strike a blow for patriotism and profit at the same time. Fall got his \$100,000 and Doheny expected to make \$100,000,000. Fall got his in a satchel, but Doheny got his in the neck. Politics are treacherous.

NEVERTHELESS, Messrs. Fall and Doheny are lucky that they were not operating in the Soviet Union. Had a Russian Fall turned over government oil reserves to a N. E. P. Doheny, stars could be seen thru his body just as soon as a proletarian court went thru the formality of turning him over to a firing squad. And a Russian Doheny would not fare better. Here, in this land of the brave, a patriot is usually successful in pilfering from the public till as long as his pilfering does not cause a disagreeable odor to pervade the political atmosphere, jeopardizing the interests of the particular political group on which he depends for protection, to the greater glory of one (Continued on page 2)

NATIONAL COUNCIL, BACKED BY TRADE UNIONS, TO FIGHT FOR FOREIGN-BORN

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A National Council for Protection of Foreign-Born Workers has been formed here, with offices at 41 Union Square. Its object is largely to combat the proposed legislation aimed at foreign-born persons resident in this country, such as the Holiday bill, which has already passed the house, which, if passed also by the senate and signed by the president, would doom thousands of political exiles for deportation to certain death in the countries from which they fled; as also a bill introduced by Aswell of Louisiana, which provides

STRIKE LEADERS EXPOSE SIGMAN AS BOSSES' ALLY

Rally Membership to Fight Union Smashers

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Moving into the fight to balk the union-smashing conspiracy between the cloakmaker bosses and the right wing international officers of the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, supported by the Green-Woll-Lewis regime in the American Federation of Labor, the general strike committee of the 40,000 New York cloakmakers met in Manhattan Lyceum and threw down the challenge to Morris Sigman, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union who has launched a campaign to discredit the strike leadership and settle with the employers on the latter's terms.

Sigman Encourages Bosses. A well staged and thug-protected meeting of right wingers in Cooper Union on Wednesday had been addressed by Sigman who declared the strike of the cloakmakers was lost and that the left wing leadership was responsible for defeat and should be asked to resign.

At the same time that President Sigman was announcing the defeat of the union, the manufacturers, evidently taking his words at their face value, redoubled their attack on the union and threatened to lock out 20,000 cloakmakers unless the strike committee would accede to more stringent terms.

Answering Hyman's charge that the leadership of the strike had been irresponsible and negligent, Louis Hyman, chairman of the strike committee, showed that at every conference with the bosses, Sigman had been present and was one of the union's spokesmen. Sigman's adherents, Hyman said, had been put on all important strike committees and are, in effect, accusing themselves when they make charges against the strike leadership.

Seek Aid of Underworld.

Charles Zimmerman and Joseph Burochowitz charged the right wing with organizing the underworld in an attempt to oust the strike leadership and asked how it is possible to make a proper settlement with the bosses with Sigman crying defeat to the world.

As a test of the confidence that the mass of the members of the Cloakmakers' Union has in the present left wing leadership, the general strike committee declared it was willing to submit the matter of leadership to a referendum vote of the membership to be supervised by the labor movement or the American Civil Liberties Union. Only a very small portion of the membership still under the influence of the right wing leadership can be mobilized by Sigman and his aids in the campaign against the New York leaders. This portion is so small that Sigman finds it necessary to enhance his strength by hiring thugs and gangsters from the underworld, (Continued on page 4)

KOLLANTAY FORBIDDEN TO LAND IN CUBA ON WAY TO MEXICO CITY

HAVANA, Cuba.—To prevent demonstrations in honor of Madame Alexandra Kollantay, guards were stationed on the steamer LaFayette at this port, to prevent her landing. She is en route from Europe to Mexico City, where she will serve as ambassador of the Soviet Republic.

Her mission, she says, is to maintain the present friendly relations between the Soviets and Mexico and to stimulate further commercial relations. She adds that the United States too would benefit by entering into official relations with her government.

for the registration of all aliens at a fee of \$10, with \$1 to be charged for each renewal. The National Council says: "This legislation is a direct threat against the entire working class of this country. It is a threat against the trade union movement. It would drive a wedge between the foreign-born and the native workers. It would segregate the foreign born, and, under the threat of deportation, use them as a club to batter down the standard of living." The committee includes many of officials of labor unions. (Continued on page 2)

SLUMP HITS DETROIT

Kicking Over the Traces



FORD LAY-OFFS GIVE LIE TO 5-DAY WEEK PLAN

Detroit Labor Alarmed at Shut-Downs

By CYRIL LAMBKIN. (Special to The Daily Worker) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Six short weeks ago the Ford Motor company broadcast its decision to make permanent the 5-day week inaugurated, it alleged, as an experiment early in the summer. The language in which the announcement was couched tended to convey the impression that the workers would receive 6-days' pay for 5-days' work. It was a hoax!

The uninitiated employers had hardly time to recover their temper, the world barely had time to bate its breath from the shock of what seemed to be the most far-reaching benevolent concession voluntarily granted by employer to employe, and the workers themselves were as yet unable to make up their minds about the announced plan when it was turned into a grim joke to them.

Lay-offs Begin. Four weeks ago on Friday the more than one hundred thousand workers of the Ford plants were sent home after four and a half days' work. This was repeated the following week. Last week virtually all the workers were sent home on Tuesday, after two days' work, and the same happened this week. No one knows how many days the workers will work next week and later. There are many rumors afloat which cannot be verified as yet about the plants closing next week until after New Year's. But this is certain, that thousands of men are being laid off indefinitely, and reports are current that not only machine hands but also foremen and even superintendents who were drawing up to ten thousand dollars a year and more have felt the ax.

The official statement of the Ford Motor company that it would reopen next week has left people cold. It carried no conviction. No one believes the plant will remain open for more than a few days, if it is reopened. What is agitating people's minds, and particularly the minds of the Ford workers is, will it close only until New Year's or for a longer period? There is no definite information at hand.

Hard Times Expected. The specter of hard times is abroad in the city of Detroit. On all sides one hears complaints of the present and prophecy of worse to come. The reduced income of a hundred thousand wage earners of the Ford industries is enough to be reflected in the commercial life of the city. But there are more wage earners whose income is reduced or stopped entirely. Most of the automobile factories are laying off men. Others are working three or four days a week. Some are shutting down for several weeks. (Continued on page 2)

OPENS SHOPPERS IN BOYCOTT ON ILLINOIS COAL

Manufacturers Try to Break Union

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press.

Illinois and Indiana coal diggers who showed the world what it means to answer a strike call 100 per cent in 1922 have been worn down by what is virtually a three-year lockout. The punishment by big business of labor solidarity has meant loss of jobs to about half of these miners, while the remaining thousands got only two, three and four days work a week. The effect of this practical boycott of union mined coal is described by F. C. Harold, the leading authority on coal in the west, as the greatest mine shutdown in Illinois history.

When the United Mine Workers called the strike in 1922 there were about 100,000 union miners employed in Illinois and 30,000 in Indiana. Their production was about 11,000,000 tons a month. The strike was reflected in a drop in the production of these two states to a monthly average of 38,000 tons. A few strip mines turned out this insignificant scab tonnage.

Half Workers Laid Off. By 1925-26 Illinois miners had seen the number employed thinned to under 50,000 and scarcely 15,000 Indiana miners still held uncertain jobs. Illinois, with a normal production of 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 tons a month, was averaging only 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 tons. The two states formerly had a combined annual mine payroll of \$200,000,000. The lockout has probably lopped off at least \$75,000,000.

Manufacturers Discriminate.

How Illinois manufacturers brought this pressure on Illinois miners by showing preference to non-union coal is revealed in a Honold bureau report at the end of 1924.

Honold showed that Illinois normally consumes 80,000,000 tons a year and normally provides 75 to 80 per cent of this from its own union mines. But in 1924, he said, "of the total 80,000,000 tons of coal consumed within the state the mines of Illinois are providing only 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons—approximately one-half, because of the depression in the industry and the competition of non-union mines. Today the remaining requirements of (Continued on page 2)

OPEN SHOPPERS BEGIN COURT ACTION AGAINST CARPENTERS TO STOP CLOSED SHOP ENFORCEMENT

Legal action to enjoin the carpenters' district council of Chicago from penalizing its members for working with non-union mill workers will be begun immediately, it was announced today by attorneys for the Anderson and Lind manufacturing company, open shoppers.

"Enforcement of the union rule," said Attorney Edmund W. Froelich, "is in violation of the supreme court decree that it is a conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce."

Harry Jensen, president of the carpenters' district council, declared today the rule in question differs from that enforced when William Brims, former president, was enjoined by the supreme court.

More than 80,000 union carpenters are affiliated with the council.

SCRANTON MINERS HEAR BROPHY TODAY, SPEAKS AT WILKES-BARRE TUESDAY

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 5.—Brophy, For-President committees thruout the anthracite are busy with arrangements for the mass meetings to be addressed by John Brophy, president of District 2, United Mine Workers of America and candidate for international president, opposing John L. Lewis. Brophy will speak at two big mass meetings in the anthracite region this week.

Monday evening, Dec. 6, at 7 p. m. Brophy addresses the Scranton miners in the Labor Temple, 125 N. Franklin St.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p. m. the Wilkes-Barre meeting will be held in Moose Hall, 9-11 North Main St. Additional to Brophy, Paul W. Fuller, educational director of District 2, U. M. W. A., Wm. J. Brennan, former president of District 1, George Isaacs, former vice-president of District 1; Alexander Campbell, former international executive board member of District 1; Pat Toohey, Charles Aksomet, candidate for international auditor, Wm. Cooney, candidate for international teller, and many others will speak at the meetings.

SEND IN A SUB TODAY.

CANTON HOLDS BRITAIN GUILTY FOR PEKING ACT

Possible Murder of 14 Students Charged

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The British foreign office has received a sharp note from the Canton government of China regarding the arrest of fourteen members of the Kuomintang Party by the British legation in Peking and the subsequent delivery of the prisoners to officers of Chang Tso Lin's army. The British had excused their action in turning over the prisoners to the militarists by saying that the Peking government had demanded the extradition of the fourteen, all students and active members of the Kuomintang. In the meantime, Wellington Koo, minister of foreign affairs in the Peking government, officially denied that extradition had been requested by his government.

The Canton government's note states that the willingness of the British to comply with the demands of the northern militarists, "seems to indicate clearly enuf that the British authorities are deliberately giving assistance to the military and political adversaries of the Nationalist gov. (Continued on page 2)

LIBERALS CLIMB ON TO LABOR'S BAND WAGON IN BRITISH ELECTIONS



By switching from the liberal party to the labor party in England, Lieut. Commander Joseph M. Kenworthy was returned to parliament by a bigger majority in a recent by-election than he got from the same constituency as a liberal two years ago.

MICHIGAN MINE WILL BE SEPULCHER OF FORTY-ONE VICTIMS OF DISASTER

ISHPEMING, Mich., Dec. 3.—(Ins) —Indications today were that the bodies of the 41 mine cave-in victims still entombed in the Barnes-Hecker mine here would never be recovered and that the mine will be abandoned with its dead. Engineers estimate that it will be necessary to remove 3,000,000 tons of drift to enter the mine by way of the caved area, but all refused to bid for the job because of the danger of further loss of life in rescue work. Fifty-two men were killed in the disaster November 2.

RECALL CHICAGO LABOR TO MENACE OF INJUNCTIONS

Delegate Reports New Writ to Federation

The Chicago Federation of Labor was reminded that there is still an injunction menace in Chicago when Ida Rothstein, delegate of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union reported to the regular meeting of the body on Sunday that an injunction had been issued against her union in the case of a small shop in which a strike of dressmakers is being conducted.

Arrest Two...

A business agent and an organizer were arrested on a trumped up charge of trying to assault the manager of the shop, Rice, Turner and Rose at 326 Adams St. The injunction restrains picketing in front of the premises. Sister Rothstein also reported that the joint board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union was in conference with the bosses Sunday afternoon over new union demands for wage increases and a forty-hour week.

Six Window Washers Die.

Delegate Willis of the Window Washers' Union said that six building service employes had been killed in the past year due to the fact the city and state officers had not enforced safety laws. He urged that the federation send a letter to both Mayor Dever and Governor Small calling attention to the insufficiency of building inspectors and demanding enforcement of safety statutes.

A delegate from the Iron Workers' Union said that his organization waited on the mayor to demand similar action. The mayor, the brother remarked amid applause, was much too busy entertaining queens to give the matter his considered judgment. Dever also complained about the expense involved in having building inspectors on the job.

The newly formed union of city diagnosticians reported thru their delegate, M. J. Sullivan, that the doctors were making a formal demand of the board of finance for an increase in wages from the present \$100 per month to \$200 per month and \$75 for the use of their cars for which they are not remunerated.

Sullivan also assailed the capitalist press for the slurs it cast on the city doctors when the fact of their organizing into a union became news. Local papers had charged that the diagnosticians were not competent doctors. Sullivan said he and the members of the new union were proud to be part of the organized labor movement and that so far as doctoring was concerned, they could be classed with the best.

Most of Sunday's meeting of the federation was taken up with the question of the labor radio station and a full half hour was given over to listening to the radio performers sing jazz songs such as "I was Happy Because I Made you Cry." No labor angle was discernible in the performance. Secretary Ed. Nockels made a plea for support to the radio when he said that all the large radio stations were coming under the domination of big interests and that WCFL was now the only exception to this rule in the middle west.

Ford Lay-Offs Give the Lie to the Plan for Five-Day Week

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The Studebaker plants shut down for three weeks, the Dodge and the Hudson plants are working part time and there are rumors that they will soon close for the balance of the year. There are no accurate statistics available. This is the kind of information which the bosses are not eager to furnish.

Building Takes Tumble.

The building industry which flourished in Detroit for many years has during the last few weeks taken quite a tumble. Hundreds of carpenters and hundreds of painters and other building tradesmen are walking the streets looking for jobs. President Frank Martel of the Detroit Federation of Labor and Daniel Collins of the Bricklayers' Union are in Washington pleading with the Commissioner General of Immigration for more rigid enforcement of the immigration laws so that Canadian residents to the number of 15,000, according to them, would be stopped from crossing the Detroit river and working in Detroit, in competition with Detroit workers.

The situation would have been materially worse but for the thousands of former miners who shipped back to the mines which revived as a result of the British miners' strike. However, there are thousands of workers in front of the employment offices daily seeking work in vain. These are thousands who have made up their minds to expect nothing until after New Year's. They are going to watch and wait.

Such is the situation in the capital of the automobile industry in the month of December, 1926, a month during which more than a billion dollars in dividends will be distributed to the owners of the means of production and distribution.

Millionaire Doheny on Trial for Bribery



Here is a picture of Edward L. Doheny, oil magnate, taken in Washington where he is on trial with Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, who gave away United States oil reserves.

NAVY HEAD GAGS WITNESS IN OIL CONSPIRACY CASE

Wilbur Would Prevent Trial Testimony

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Secretary of Navy Wilbur is attempting to prevent the navy department's connection in the Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy being divulged in the trial here, it has developed. Government attorneys revealed that Wilbur had given orders to Admiral John K. Robison, defense witness, to refrain from giving any testimony on anything he learned in his capacity as an officer of the United States navy.

Gives Robison Letter

When Robison entered the courtroom to testify in the case he was met by Wilbur, who handed him an envelope, containing the following command: "You are hereby directed as a witness that you cannot disclose any confidential information that came into your possession as an officer of the navy."

May Be Defense Strategy.

Two possible reasons for Wilbur's action are seen by court observers. One is that Robison knows facts that will incriminate both Fall and Doheny, former secretary of navy. The other that this is merely an attempt of the defense to build up their case that the oil leases were granted Doheny because of the fear of war with Japan.

Claim War Scare.

The defense is basing most of its defense on the latter reason. They claim that Japan was arming against the United States, and development of the oil leases was necessary for the national defense. The defense has contended thruout the trial that Fall and Doheny were "patriots and should be given medals for their actions instead of being forced to submit to a criminal trial."

The government counsel scouted the war scare defense. It points out that the leases were signed after the senate had already ratified the Washington four-powers arms treaty for peace in the Pacific, and that the government had no fear of "war with Japan."

Made to Testify.

Judge Hoehling ruled that Wilbur could not prevent Robison from testifying, and said that it could not be claimed that the oil testimony would divulge "high state secrets." Robison testified that it was decided to give Doheny the oil lease because he promised "to come to the aid of the country and place oil in the Hawaiian Islands to be used in case of war with Japan."

Patriotism Profitable.

The government attacked this attempt to paint Doheny as doing a patriotic deed by revealing that the lease provided for huge profits for Doheny's oil company.

Robison answered questions in regard to the navy department's fears only under compulsion of the court. Judge Hoehling declared that the court would assume responsibility for divulging of "state secrets."

Wisconsin Insurgents to Refuse Conditions Imposed on Returning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The western insurgents in the house never will don the mantle of party regularity if they are forced to abide by the caucus system, members of the Wisconsin delegation announced.

This answer to intimations of republican leaders that the insurgents would be restored to committees from which they were expelled if they enter party caucuses, somewhat dimmed the possibilities of the impending senate armistice spreading to the house.

"I will never enter into an agreement to bind myself in advance on a vote," declared Representative Henry A. Cooper, the dean of the insurgent band.

"Moreover, I think that any man who does so violates his oath of office." The insurgents will demand their right to be considered as republicans, but will make no overtures to the majority, it was declared by Representative James A. Frear, also of Wisconsin.

Use your brains and your pen to aid the workers in the class struggle.

OPENSOPPERS IN BOYCOTT ON ILLINOIS COAL

Manufacturers Try to Break Union

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Coal originates at mines from 400 to 750 miles distant, and is available at an f. o. b. Chicago price at or below prices on Illinois coal.

Coolidge's Hand Seen.

Attention has been called frequently to the complexity of the Coolidge-packed interstate commerce commission in this anti-union movement. The commission established rate differentials favorable to the entry of remote non-union coals into markets normally belonging to Illinois miners. Thus the government has played a role second only to the wage-cutting tactics of the non-union operators.

Warns Against Tactics.

In July, 1925, against the Chicago Association of Purchasing Agents, Honold condemned the purchase of coal from other states as uneconomic. He said: "While you may at the present time, because of the excessive cost and unjustifiably high freight rates to which Illinois coal is subjected, be able to figure an equality of value, f. o. b. your plant, on outside coal as compared with the average Illinois coal, you are still the loser because you increase thereby the cost of Illinois and as a result the ultimate cost of all coal at your plant."

Lessens Purchasing Power.

"To the extent also that eastern coal purchases shall take money away from Illinois mining districts and send it to eastern non-union districts," he continued, "all Illinois business suffers, since all the large number of supplies that move to Illinois mines is reduced. The loss is direct and positive. The payroll disbursement at various Illinois mines showed a shrinkage in 1924 as compared with 1923 of slightly more than 25 per cent. In dollars and cents this amounts to something over \$35,000,000."

Still Exists.

The situation described by Honold still persists. Illinois production in the eight months ended Oct. 31, 1926, was 38,724,051 tons, a monthly average of about 4,891,000 tons or about half capacity. Honold, who belongs on the operator side, condemns the situation as uneconomic from the point of view of Illinois business.

The big purchasers of coal are following the dictates not of good business but of the open-shop movement, which aims at destroying the miners' union.

Soviet Puts Flag on Herald Island Near Alaska; Proclaims Sovereignty

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—The Soviet polar expedition, aboard the ship Stavropol, has raised the Soviet flag on Herald Island, near Alaska, and Soviet sovereignty has been affirmed over the island, the foreign office announced today.

The foreign office announces that a previous expedition had removed all foreign flags from the island and that the action taken by the present expedition excludes the possibility of future attempts by the United States or Great Britain to claim the island.

U. S. Passes Up Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The state department has no present intention of protesting Soviet occupation of Herald Island, which is near Wrangel Island, it was declared today. No Americans are on the island.

PARIS LABOR LEADERS ASK INTERVIEW WITH GOV. FULLER OF MASS.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, Dec. 3.—A number of labor and Communist leaders have written to Governor Fuller of Massachusetts asking for an interview, when they may present a plea for leniency in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti, alleged Communists, sentenced to die in Massachusetts. Governor Fuller is giving the matter his consideration, and may grant the interviews before he leaves Paris.

Labor's First Radio Can Be Made to Really Serve the Workers Effectively

By J. LOUIS ENGAHL.

THIS week, Saturday, December 11, will witness the dedication of WCFL, "labor's first radio station" in the United States. It is announced as "a notable event in the history of the labor movement."

The station itself has been established in one of the huge towers at the far end of the Municipal Pier that juts out into Lake Michigan. The dedication will be held at the Ashland Auditorium, the home of the Street Car-men's Union.

There should be considerable food for thought for Chicago's workers in the presence of Mayor William Dever at the dedication. It was Mayor Dever's police who beat up the pickets in the last strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, arresting many of them. Dever's friends, the bosses' judges, sent the pickets to jail, and Dever's friends, the north side jailers, kept them behind bars, the last of the prisoners being only recently released. This has been repeated on a lesser scale in every industrial struggle that has taken place in Chicago during the time that Dever has been in office. In Saturday's dedication, Dever typifies the ruling class taint that dangerously poisons the whole organized labor movement, tending to paralyze it against effective class action. The Chicago labor officialdom invites rather than fights this pernicious influence.

"WCFL" can only become an effective publicity medium for the working class when it develops into a "labor radio" actually fighting the battles of the workers. It does not do this at the present time. In fact, on listening in on the programs of the "WCFL" with its jazz and din, it is difficult to differentiate between what it has to offer and what is put on the air by any other broadcasting station. The advertised "Chicago Federation of Labor Hour," 6 to 6:30 o'clock, which is supposed to be given over to some message to the workers, is usually filled in with music or other attractions. It hardly ever gets beyond the printed program. It is usually a dead letter. When it is taken advantage of occasionally, the offerings are not such as to enthrall any numbers of workers. E. A. Brabandt, business representative of the Retail Furniture Salesmen's Union, for instance, is advertised for a talk at 6 o'clock, Thursday, Dec. 9. He is the only speaker announced for the whole week. It may be taken for granted that he will not say anything of interest beyond the immediate confines of his own organization, with the result that the busy housewife, preparing supper, or the tired worker returning from the day's toil, will switch on something lively from one of the other stations.

This does not mean that there are no messages of broad interest that organized labor has ready and eager for delivery to the broadest masses of the workers. But, first of all, it is necessary to develop a position separate and apart from that championed by the dominant ruling class.

This is especially true, for instance, in the parliamentary struggle. The officialdom now directing the fortunes, or misfortunes of labor's radio, are tied up to the capitalist parties. The only speeches made by officeholders, or office seekers over "WCFL" so far as we know, have been made by old party politicians. That is enough to make the ordinary worker gag. He can get enough of that from every point of the compass.

Labor's radio must become an instrument for developing the workers' independent political power—the Labor Party. It must attack all the vital issues confronting the workers from the workers' class standpoint. Instead of permitting Mayor Dever to speak at the dedication Saturday, some labor speaker might well open the spring mayoralty campaign with labor's attack on the crimes of the Dever administration. That would help make the workers realize that they have a fight of their own on their hands, and that they are not merely a tolerated appendage to one of the capitalist parties, sneered at and reviled.

"WCFL" did broadcast one speech by a representative of the striking British coal miners, and another speech by a spokesman for the Passaic strikers. The former event took place when the British strike was four months old, while the latter talk got on the air only after the Passaic struggle had been on for more than eight months. This shows a lack of support for workers' struggles that have engaged the earnest attention of the whole working class. On May 1 and ever since, the British general strike and the British coal strike have interested this whole nation. It was not until the latter days of August that it got on Chicago's labor radio. During the bitter hours of the Passaic strike the radio was silent.

Similarly in every labor struggle, no word is sent out, no "S. O. S." call issued on the Sacco-Vanzetti case, although Chicago labor officials speak at a Sacco-Vanzetti protest meeting. The other class-war prisoners, like Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, are unnoticed. The Chicago Federation of Labor takes a laudable stand against the visit to this country of the terror queen of Roumania, but does not use its only means of publicity to spread its viewpoint. It supports the campaign for the protection of the foreign-born, officially, but not actually. There is enough material to furnish daily a crowded "Chicago Federation of Labor Hour" if the radio is allowed to speak as it should.

The dedication of "labor's first radio station" Saturday will be an event in its way. The day will be notable, however, when this radio is developed into an effective weapon in the workers' struggle, and not until then.

To accomplish this change is the task of the mass of Chicago labor, that not only pays for the broadcasting station, but also purchases the receiving sets to get what "WCFL" has to offer.

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN SESSION TODAY

Not Much Expected of Lameduck Gathering

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—As lame a lame duck congress that has ever met will convene here Monday, the last session of the sixty-ninth congress. The session will last three months, being forced to adjourn by constitutional provision on March 4.

Wont Do Much. No great faith is placed in what the session will accomplish, a conscious effort being made by leaders of all factions to prevent anything of an important nature being done. Regular republicans and reactionary democrats insist that there is no time for anything except appropriation bills and consideration of the Coolidge-Mellon tax reduction proposals. They are attempting to steer clear of everything connected with farm relief legislation.

May Force Extra Session. Advocates of farm relief threaten to filibuster on the appropriation bills in case farm relief is blocked, in order to force an extra session. If the extra session is called the regulars will not have the excuse of "no time" to prevent discussion of farm relief.

Some of the matters slated for action, include appropriations, tax reduction, the alien property claims, waterways and harbors legislation, and prohibition.

Plan Coal Legislation. It is reported that an effort will be made to pass legislation to give the president power to act in case of a coal strike. This power is incorporated in a bill to be introduced by Sen. Copeland of New York. This bill has been approved by the committee on labor and education. A propaganda campaign is now being conducted to create public opinion in favor of such legislation.

Americans Are Given Concession to Hunt for Gold in Siberia

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—Four Americans have been awarded an agreement by the concessions commissariat of the Soviet government to explore for gold in a specified area in Eastern Siberia until March, 1928. It is stipulated that if results are satisfactory the Americans will be given a 20-year concession on terms requiring a minimum annual production of 360 pounds of gold.

The Americans are T. P. Lord, R. E. Elswald, D. A. Hammerschmidt, and E. C. Becker.

Canton Holds Britain Responsible for Lives of Students Arrested

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ernment, an attitude that seems contrary to the principles of international law and the rights of our people.

It assails the British action as a "crime against humanity and a willful and deliberate pronouncement by the British authorities in China against the national aspirations of the people of China."

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Support the I. L. D. Xmas Fund

Statement of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The executive committee of the International Labor Defense has issued an appeal for contributions to a Christmas Fund for relief of class war prisoners and their dependents.

The central committee of the Workers (Communist) Party, endorses the appeal of the International Labor Defense and urges all members of the party and all workers to give the effort of the International Defense to bring cheer to valiant fighters behind prison bars who have been singled out by the capitalists because of their part in the class struggle.

The fact that there are 50 workers behind prison bars because of their part in the class struggle in the United States is evidence of the nature of the struggle which the workers are fighting. It shows that the capitalist slogan of "peace and prosperity" is a myth. It proves that capitalists maintain their system of exploitation and oppression only thru force—thru throwing behind prison bars those who too openly challenge their robbery of the workers. Today capitalism singles out the most militant of the workers fighting in the workers' interests to stifle their voices behind prison bars. To morrow it may again, as it did in 1919, resort to mass arrests and persecution of those who lead the fight against exploitation and oppression of the workers.

For the class struggle fighters behind prison bars there is no greater

source of courage and strength to stand up under the persecution of the capitalists than to know that they have not been forgotten by those for whom and with whom they are fighting. To know that the struggle goes on, that others stand in their places carrying on the fight, this is what steels the spirit of the working class victims of capitalist persecution.

Thru sending to each class war prisoner some little means of comfort to brighten their hard and barren surroundings, thru contributions to the dependents of these victims of the class struggle, the International Labor Defense will give a concrete expression to working class fighters behind prison bars that they have not forgotten, that the fight for a better life for the workers goes on, that their

suffering and sacrifice is not in vain, because it inspires others to take up the struggle.

The greater the demonstration of support the more heartening it will be for our comrades, fellow-workers and brothers behind prison bars. The central committee of the Workers (Communist) Party therefore calls upon all workers to rally to the support of the Christmas Fund of the I. L. D., by making generous contributions to this fund.

Make the Christmas Fund an impressive demonstration of solidarity with all the class war prisoners.

Stand behind the I. L. D. in its fight for the class war prisoners. Central Committee, Workers (Communist) Party, C. E. Ruthenberg, General Sec'y.

Illinois Farmers Are Denied Electricity by Hogging of Franchises

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 5.—Illinois farms are being left without electricity because control of granting of franchise centers in the cities which are thus hubs of power distribution, witnesses told the legislative terminal commission in session here.

Wisconsin, with fewer farms than Illinois, has more rural electrification and in progressing more rapidly in extending current to farms because of its terminable permit law, Dr. E. A. White, Chicago, told the committee.

He estimated that an investment of from \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 would be required to electrify Illinois farms needing current, and this investment cannot be made, he said, without stability and continuity of franchise rights.

Hungarian Aristocrats Play Swords

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 3.—A sabre duel was fought in a lonely wood near here today at sunrise between Count Andreas Bethlen, son of former Premier Bethlen, and Count Paul Almay. Both duellists fought until Count Almay received a wound in his sword hand. The duel was the outcome of a recent brawl in a night club.

WORKING CLASS LEADS FIGHT TO LIBERATE CHINA

Comintern Discusses Chinese Revolution

(Special to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 5.—The question of the Chinese liberation movement is still being discussed by the enlarged executive committee of the Communist International meeting here.

Pointing out that the main task of the Chinese revolutionary movement was to consolidate the achievements so far won, he warned against the still existing danger of foreign intervention.

Proletariat and Bourgeoisie. During the further development of the national revolutionary movement, Tan Ping Hsiang said, there are two important existing tendencies:

One is the aspiration of the proletariat of China to continue the leading role and the other is the effort of the big bourgeoisie to seize this role from the hands of the working-class.

Capitalists Divided. The division of forces among the Chinese bourgeoisie, the speaker said, are the deeply conflicting interests between industrial and commercial capital on the one hand and the conflict between native and foreign capital on the other.

It is this correlation of forces, said Tan, which allows the proletariat to maintain the hegemony of the national liberation movement together with the common interests and aspirations of the city has with the peasantry.

The proletarian movement must come closer to the peasantry and together fight the landlords on the basis of agrarian demands, without which it is impossible to consolidate the revolution in China.

The Chinese delegate stated, to confiscate the lands of the big owners and reactionaries, lower leasehold rents, and seriously fight the money lenders.

The Chinese Communist Party must also formulate a clear economic program for industrial labor demands, intensive activity in the towns and villages and among the working youth and to forward the political education of the soldiers in the national armies, he said.

In conclusion, Tan Ping Hsiang welcomed the statement of the Kuomintang party of Wednesday, in which their representative declared the willingness of the people's party to cooperate with the Chinese Communist Party in a united front that will assure the success of the Chinese liberation movement.

Tchitcherin Arrives in Berlin to Confer on German Relations

BERLIN—Tchitcherin, the foreign commissar of the Soviet government, has arrived here for a conference with Foreign Minister Stresemann, the first since Germany became a member of the league of nations and since the peace of the world has been said to be guaranteed by the Locarno pact.

The strong position which the Soviets now hold in eastern Europe will make it necessary for Germany to listen to what Tchitcherin has to say, Germany already has important commercial relations with the Soviets. These connections are constantly growing, as shown by the fact that one of the things to be discussed at this meeting will be Germany's desire to obtain airplane landings in Soviet territory for her projected Berlin-Tokyo aerial route.

From this capital, Tchitcherin will go to France for conference with Briand, and also expects to meet Austen Chamberlain.

FILIPINOS THREATEN TO ASSEMBLE BOARD SCRAPPED BY WOOD

MANILA, Dec. 5.—In an effort to force Governor General Wood's hand, Manuel Quizon and Manuel Roxas, former members of the board of control which was abolished by Wood, today requested Wood to call a meeting of the board for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the National Coal company.

In the event that Wood refuses to call a meeting, they said they would call one themselves.

Both factions have engaged attorneys in anticipation of a legal skirmish.

FEW WREATHS PRECEDE KRASSIN'S URN TO TOMB; INSTEAD MONEY IS DEVOTED TO CARING FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

MOSCOW—While 20,000 bared their heads, while airplanes circled above, while the Soviet hymn for the dead rose and swelled through the Red Square, as cannon boomed a salute, and as members of the Red Army stood at attention, the urn containing the ashes of Leonid Krassin, Soviet envoy to Great Britain, who died recently in London, was placed in a niche in the wall of the historic Kremlin, close to the tomb of Lenin.

President Kalinin of the Soviet Union officiated and then stepped to one side while masons put in its place a slab of black marble, bearing the name of Krassin in large letters, beneath which, in smaller type, were the words, Leonid Borisovich, and the dates July 15, 1870—Nov. 24, 1925.

Earlier a special train had arrived from the British border, the engine decorated with red and black streamers and pulling two coaches. These contained Krassin's daughter and the urn and representatives of the Soviet government who had met his ashes at the border.

In the procession from the train to the Kremlin, few wreaths preceded the bier, which was carried by prominent officials. Their absence was accounted for by the fact that 25,000 roubles appropriated for the funeral had been mostly turned over to the fund for Homeless Children, as a worthy tribute to the man whose memory was being honored.

The Lessons of the British Strike (Continued from page 1)

forces and develop their influence and numbers, Losovsky concluded. John Pepper (America) declared that although the strike was defeated the struggle yielded positive political results: It showed that only Communist Party and the Communist International are capable of fighting and bringing the struggles of the workers to victory and that victory under right wing leaders is impossible under present conditions in England.

Workers Understand. These lessons, he said, are actually understood by the British workers and thousands more will join the Communist Party. Accordingly, the British miners' strike is the greatest labor event in recent years. The left wing of the labor movement in Britain, as a result, is better organized and possesses a firm leadership in the minority movement and the Communist Party, he concluded.

In a spirited speech, Smeral, (Czechoslovakia) analyzed all the questions connected with the British strike that closely affected the workers of other countries. He said that unless the fight of the British workers was closely bound up with the struggle of the colonies and unless the western European proletariat is ready to give its whole support, it is impossible to defeat British capitalism.

Colonies Important. The backbone of British imperialism, he declared, would be broken, not on the Thames, but on the Yangtze, the Nile and the Ganges. However, the European proletariat, with the exception of the workers of the Soviet Union who gave magnificent example of proletarian solidarity and exerted all possible effort, failed to do everything in its power to secure victory for the British workers.

This fundamental lesson, Smeral went on, must be carefully taken stock of by the Communist Parties that the mistake be not repeated especially today, on the eve of more intense international capitalist reaction and the preparation for intervention against the Soviet Union.

Chais Approaches. The British Empire, he pointed out, is entering on a period of the sharpest economic social crisis, the world bourgeoisie, finding itself in the most difficult situation, will use all means to find a way out: consequently the great danger of another world war. The proletariat, he concluded, must be prepared in this emergency to fight for power, to support the Communist International and to protect the Soviet Union, the powerful anti-capitalist stronghold where the proletariat is constructing socialism.

Murphy Reports. At Thursday's session of the plenum Murphy (England) reported on "The Lessons of the English Strike." He declared that the general strike and the lockout of the miners were the most profound and most far-reaching events in the history of Great Britain for a hundred years. The conflict had its reactions throughout the whole world. There were wholesale disturbances of world economics and profound disturbances of British capitalism. There was an extensive manifestation of international solidarity of action by the workers of the Soviet Union. The working class of Britain has definitely stepped upon the path leading inevitably towards social revolution.

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dated their position in support of the bourgeoisie, but great masses of workers have moved leftwards, towards the Communist Party.

Party Doubles. The Communist Party has more than doubled its membership since the general strike. The minority movement has grown extensively. The inevitable endeavors of the British bourgeoisie to develop plans for the trustification of industry and extensive plans for rationalization as well as the loss of markets, accentuate the struggle of the classes and increase the difficulties of the ruling class, which will now attack the workers more fiercely, said Murphy.

Summing up the perspectives and tasks of the Communists, the speaker pointed out again the effects of the struggle: it has increased the inequalities of capitalist development, it has accentuated Britain's decline as a world power. The labor trade union bureaucracy in Britain and internationally has been consolidated as the active agency of the big bourgeoisie for the Americanization of Britain and Europe.

International Tasks. The tasks of the Communist International are to intensify the struggle for international trade union unity, to internationalize the great national industrial struggles in the various countries, to concentrate the energies of the Communist Parties upon the work in the trade unions. The task of the British Communist Party is to lead the struggle of the masses, to prepare them for the impending wild onslaughts upon the unions, relentlessly to expose the bourgeois policy of the labor leaders, to concentrate the struggle upon the political task of overthrowing the government and carrying the masses forward to the final revolutionary crushing of the bourgeoisie by the dictatorship of the proletariat, said the speaker in conclusion.

Militia Bureau Wants Bigger Appropriation to Build Nat'l Guard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The report of Maj. Gen. Creed C. Hamilton, chief of the militia bureau, is characterized by propaganda for increased appropriation for the national guard. He bemoans the fact that the strength of the guard has decreased from 177,585 in June, 1925, to 174,969 in June, 1926. Hamilton blames lack of adequate appropriation for this.

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U. S. FILIPINOS ORGANIZING FOR FREEDOM FIGHT

Plan Federation of All Groups

By VIVIAN WILKINSON. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Unification of 150 organizations representing 20,000 Filipino students, workers and business men in this country was planned at the third quarterly convention of the Atlantic Philippine Federation held here.

To Counteract Propaganda. To counteract propaganda against Philippine independence and to look after the economic and social welfare of the Filipinos in this country is the purpose of the new national organizations, to be known as the Philippine Federation of America, according to Jose L. Gonzales, secretary. "Practically every Filipino in this country is a member of one of the 150 associations we plan to unite," he said.

Struggle for Freedom. "Conflicts, either real or imaginary, between the Mohammedan Moros and the Christian Filipinos are due to a systematic campaign to create trouble," declared Prof. I. Panglasque, a delegate to the convention. "As a member of the educational survey board, I spent several months among the Moros and found them friendly and hospitable."

Missionaries to Blame. "The American missionaries, in their attempt to convert the Moros to Christianity, are among those responsible for stirring up any trouble that may exist. But even if a missionary should sponsor Philippine national independence while he is in the field he is forced to speak against it in this country. The pastor of my own church was forced to resign for standing for such independence."

Higinio Mendoza, president of the convention and himself a Moro, declared: "There is no political conflict between the Filipinos and the Moros. Any trouble which may have arisen is due to missionary interference in the political life of these people."

"Political independence which does not improve the economic conditions of the people as a whole is not worth fighting for," said Norman Thomas of the League for Industrial Democracy. "The Cantonese have developed an economic policy along with their political revolution."

Three delegates were elected to represent the Philippine Federation of America at the Philippine conference, which will be held under the auspices of the Fellowship of Reconciliation next February in Washington, D. C. Those elected were J. Rodriguez, M. Osmina and Prof. I. Panglasque.

For Independence. The following resolution was passed unanimously by the convention: Be it resolved, that we give our unqualified adherence to the policies of our official representatives in the government, that we favor immediate and absolute independence.

The next convention of the Philippine Federation of America will take place next January 8 and 9 in Brooklyn, New York.

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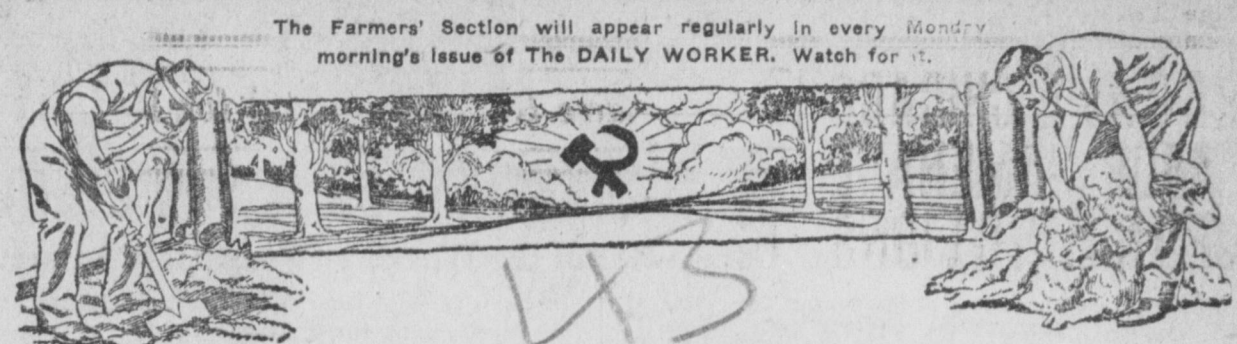
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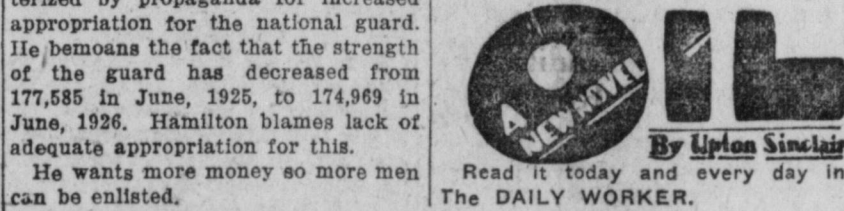
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Workers (Communist) Party

To Establish Daily Worker on Firm Foundation

Statement of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party

THE November meeting of the Central Committee of the party endorsed the decision of the Political Committee to move THE DAILY WORKER to New York City during the month of January and to begin publication there on January 24.

This action of the Central Committee is one of the measures decided upon by the Central Committee in the campaign to Keep THE DAILY WORKER as the fighting organ of the revolutionary movement in the United States.

The DAILY WORKER has been in a continuous struggle for its existence for the past two years. It has been a hard fight to keep our paper alive. In order to save THE DAILY WORKER for the revolutionary movement, it has been apparent for some time that THE DAILY WORKER must secure a broader base. The action of the Central Committee in deciding to move THE DAILY WORKER to New York City is to take advantage of the stronger foundation for the development of our paper offered by the broader left wing movement of which that city is the center.

New York City is today the heart and center of American capitalism and American imperialism, which dominates the world. In New York City, THE DAILY WORKER will be closer to the sources of news in regard to the developments of American capitalism, and can more quickly bring to the workers the interpretation of the moves of American capitalism from a working class standpoint and rally the workers for action against the plans of the capitalists.

New York City offers the possibility of adding new forces to the editorial staff for THE DAILY WORKER and thus strengthening our paper in its service to the working class movement.

A greater section of the American workers can be reached by THE DAILY WORKER from New York City on the day of publication, thus making THE DAILY WORKER their source of news of the daily events that affect their lives, than in its present location. Also a larger section of the party membership is located within reach of THE DAILY WORKER on the day of publication, enabling THE DAILY WORKER, as the central organ of the party, to more quickly bring the party into action from New York City.

New York Close to Great Industries.

Within the radius which THE DAILY WORKER can reach on the day of publication from New York City are located more of the great industries, including the heavy industries, than can be reached by THE DAILY WORKER at the present time. In the New England states are situated a large part of the textile, shoe and metal manufacturing industries. New York state is a great manufacturing state, as is also New Jersey, Pennsylvania is the heart of the coal mining and steel industry with the great anthracite coal region within a short distance from New York City. THE DAILY WORKER can be delivered to the workers in these states on the day of publication from New York City.

Within these states are also the bulk of the membership of the American Federation of Labor with close to a million of these members in New York state alone.

New York the Center of the Left Wing Movement.

New York City is today the center of the left wing movement in the trade unions.

It is in New York City and the immediate surroundings that all the great struggles have recently taken place in which the party has played a leading part. THE DAILY WORKER has been handicapped in giving leadership and direction to these struggles and rallying the workers against their enemies, because it has not

been able to reach them quickly enough with the news and developments of the struggles.

This left wing movement will serve as a broader base for the development of THE DAILY WORKER. It will immediately give THE DAILY WORKER a greater circulation and strengthen the financial basis of our paper thru the support which these workers will give to THE DAILY WORKER as the militant voice supporting their struggles.

The Daily Worker Remains a National Paper.

While taking advantage of the opportunity to build a sounder foundation for THE DAILY WORKER thru its removal to New York City, THE DAILY WORKER will remain the national organ of the revolutionary movement in the United States. Its pages will reflect the struggles of the workers throughout the whole country and its will endeavor to give leadership to all these struggles, as it has in the past.

The Work Before the Party and Its Supporters.

The removal of THE DAILY WORKER to New York City makes more important than ever the carrying on of the Keep THE DAILY WORKER campaign to a successful conclusion.

The removal of THE DAILY WORKER to New York City gives the party a stronger guarantee that with the successful completion of the campaign for the \$50,000 Keep THE DAILY WORKER Fund, the party will be assured that THE DAILY WORKER will continue to appear as the central organ of the revolutionary movement and of the leader of that movement—the Workers (Communist) Party.

THE \$50,000 KEEP THE DAILY WORKER FUND, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW SOURCES OF STRENGTH WHICH THE DAILY WORKER WILL GAIN BY MOVING TO NEW YORK CITY WILL PLACE OUR PAPER IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE ITS PUBLICATION.

The work of completing the \$50,000 Keep THE DAILY WORKER Fund must, therefore, be taken up with new energy by the whole party. The New York District, which was given a quota of \$15,000 to raise to Keep THE DAILY WORKER, must raise its quota to \$25,000, the Boston District, the Philadelphia District and the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Districts must redouble their energies to raise their quotas of the Keep THE DAILY WORKER Fund. Buffalo and Detroit have raised their quotas, but should do even more. Chicago, Minneapolis and the western districts must show that they are supporting THE DAILY WORKER as the national organ of the party, and go forward to the 100% mark.

The Central Committee feels confident that this announcement of the moving of THE DAILY WORKER to a stronger base will be greeted with enthusiasm by the whole party, because it gives a greater guarantee to the party that the hard work and sacrifices for THE DAILY WORKER will not be in vain, that the party will not have its most powerful weapon wrenched from its hands.

THE PARTY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WILL GAIN A BETTER, STRONGER DAILY WORKER.

NOW WE MUST GO FORWARD TO COMPLETE THE \$50,000 FUND, AND WITH THE STRONGER BASE AS THE GUARANTEE FOR SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE, KEEP THE DAILY WORKER.

Central Committee,
Workers (Communist) Party
C. E. Ruthenberg, General Secretary.

A WARNING

IN accordance with the regular routine, the children of a certain Chicago school were required to write a composition on the theme: "How I Shall Spend My Thanksgiving This Year." Here is what one boy wrote:

"HOW I SHALL SPEND MY THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR.

"First, I shall go to church and pray to god and say to god that he should make things go just as now and even better.

"Second, I shall invite some of my friends to come over to enjoy the Thanksgiving with me.

"The last thing I will do is to go to the bird house, animal house and fish house and see what god has given us.

"On Sunday I am to go to Sunday school."

And of course the teacher marked it "Excellent."

Now this is all commonplace. But the astounding thing is: The parents of this boy are both good loyal Communists, Party members! The atmosphere in which this boy was brought up is definitely class-conscious and anti-religious. And yet see what the boy writes!

Bourgeois Poison.

Of course the boy knows that he is not going to church or to Sunday school; he knows that he is not going to thank "god" for his "blessings." Yet he feels that it is the proper thing to write as if he were going to do these things. Semi-consciously, or perhaps totally unconsciously, he has been brought to think and feel that to be patriotic and religious is the correct thing, the normal way of life, and that his parents are "queer" (probably because they are "foreigners" or "reds") in not falling in with this way of life. Will anyone say that this boy has not, in effect, been kidnapped ideologically by the bosses and the priests? Will anyone say that the school has not had some success in poisoning his mind, in distorting his whole outlook, and in converting him into a support for the bourgeois slave-driver?

A Warning!

And yet this boy is the son of party members, good Communists! It simply shows how powerless is home environment, even of the best, to counteract fully the vicious work of the

school. This incident is a warning and a pretty bitter one to those complacent workers who think that because they "understand things," because they are revolutionary or class conscious, therefore their children will grow up that way more or less as a matter of course. No error could be more disastrous! Home training, no matter how well intentioned, cannot in the nature of the case be sufficient. A sympathetic, well-planned, large-scale campaign carried on by people who are thoroughly acquainted with the task and devote themselves entirely to it is the only thing that can meet with any hope of success, the very conscious and well-organized attacks of the bourgeoisie on the children of our class; such a campaign is the only thing that can really win the working-class children for the working class and enroll them in the class struggle.

The Pioneer Movement.

Such a campaign, such a work is carried on by the Pioneer movement in this country. This movement of working-class children organized into the Young Pioneers of America, under the guidance of the Young Workers' Communist League, has made some remarkable progress since it was started a few years ago and even in the last year. It has already shown its effectiveness as a fighting organization for the souls of the proletarian children. Fortunately, the boy who wrote the above mentioned composition is now a Pioneer and it will not take many months before he will look back upon this piece of work with astonishment and disgust.

It's Up to You.

But the success of the Young Pioneer movement depends in the last resort upon the support given to it by the broad masses of the American workers, especially by the advanced sections, the class-conscious and revolutionary workers. It's up to you! This story should be a warning to you. It should awaken you. Do you want your children, do you want any working-class children to become mere clay in the hands of the bosses and the priests to be molded into renegades who will despise you and your ideals and the entire proletarian struggle? The only effective way to answer "No" to this question is by throwing all your forces into the support of the Pioneer movement. Are you ready?

POLITICIANS ARE SURE THAT VARE WILL BE OUSTED

Cast About Now for His "Successor"

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 5.—Pennsylvania politicians are becoming convinced that William S. Vare, senator-elect, will not be seated by the senate. With this conviction they are now looking about for a man to have the governor-elect, John S. Fisher, name in Vare's place.

Two millionaires are being mentioned more than others for the post. They are James Elverson, publishers of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and William C. Sproul, fire-brick manufacturer.

The politicians are certain now that the revelations of corruption in the primary and election will cause the senate to follow the precedent in the Newberry case and oust Vare.

Investigation Hampered.

Private investigations are still being conducted in the election. But there is no way at present, according to Pennsylvania laws, that a public probe into election frauds dealing with registration padding and ballot-stuffing can be conducted. The senate can authorize an investigation, but the senate on elections does not meet for a year, and all evidence will be destroyed by that time. Sen. Reed's committee is empowered to investigate only slush funds and cannot delve into ballot irregularities.

The registration commission can act, but to act it must have definite proof of illegality before the court will order ballot boxes to be opened.

"Weighed" Votes.

It is a common expression here that "they didn't count the votes; they weighed them." Evidence of fraud is also seen in the fact that in 30 election districts not a single vote was counted for Wilson, Vare's opponent. In each of 397 other districts, Wilson received less than 10 votes each.

Weisbord Speaks in Many Cities

Youngstown, Dec. 5, Ukrainian Hall, 525 1/2 W. Rayon street, 8 p. m.
Cleveland, Dec. 5, Moose Auditorium, 1000 Walnut St.
Toledo, Ohio—Iota Hall, 716 Jefferson Ave., Dec. 7.
Detroit, Dec. 8, Majestic Theater, Woodward and Willis.
Flint, Dec. 10.
Muskegon, Dec. 11.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 12, Workers' Circle Temple, 347 Mt. Vernon Ave., N. W.
South Bend, Dec. 13 and 14.
Gary, Dec. 15.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16, Mirror Hall, Western Ave. and Division St.
Kenosha, Dec. 15.
Milwaukee, Dec. 19, Freie Gemeinde-Hall, Eight and Walnut Sts.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.
Minneapolis, Dec. 21.
Superior, Wis., Dec. 22.
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 22.

WARNS CONGRESS ON MONOPOLY OF AIR FOR RADIOS

Federation to Fight Property Rights

Property rights in the air should be rigorously avoided in any radio legislation to be adopted by congress, but the present confusion in broadcasting should be unsanitary and the legitimate interests of both broadcasters and listeners protected.

This is the position taken by the Chicago Federation of Labor, owner of WCFL, in an open letter sent to all members of congress and also addressed to the judiciary, the press and the radio public.

Sees Monopoly.

Both the White bill, passed by the house at the last session, and the Dill bill, passed by the senate, have provisions that "aim to make of radio the same sort of monopoly as our present telephone system," says Secretary E. N. Nockels, who signs the open letter in behalf of the federation.

Would Chloroform Public.

"The radio public must see the hand of the money barons working thru the big advertisers controlling newspapers and magazines. The great newspapers, such as the Chicago Tribune, are heavily interested in broadcast stations and are trying to consolidate their gains by buying small stations and establishing precedents in injunctions to obtain final monopoly. A determined effort is being made to chloroform the public while this steal is taking place and other methods besides publicity in newspapers and magazines are being employed," it charges.

Hide Real Intention.

These methods, the federation asserts, consist in forming fake organizations both of broadcasters and listeners, which pretend to speak with authority for the radio stations and the radio public. In reality a number of them are "ill-concealed tools of the radio trust," Nockels declares.

"Behind a smoke screen of misrepresentation, questionable affidavits and intrigue a monopolistic octopus in the name of radio is taking form. It is the labor broadcast station's warning to the radio public.

Passaic Strike Picture.

The moving picture, "The Passaic Textile Strike," will be shown in the following towns:
December 8th—Mass, Mich., Mass Theater.
December 12th—St. Louis, Mo. Unity Hall, Grand and Page Ave.
December 15th—Kenosha, Wis.
December 17th—Waukegan, Ill. Slovenian National Home, Cor. McAllister and 10th street.
December 23th—Saginaw, Mich. Pomoia Theater, S. Michigan Ave.

We will send sample copies of THE DAILY WORKER to your friends—send us name and address.

The Manager's Corner

Music for Factory Workers

"Music might help people to work faster in factories, just as it helps them to march faster and more regularly in parades." This is the implication of an investigation just reported by a German engineer, Mr. H. Reinhardt, in the psychological periodical, Industrielle Psychotechnik, according to the Literary Digest.

From this quotation one can readily see on what the thought of the intellectual servants of capitalism is concentrating. The aim and object, as well as the sole standard of value, of the various elements that enter into capitalist society, is apparently whether or not they make for a more efficient working class, that will bring increasing returns for the exploiters. It matters not whether it is art, music, drama, literature—or the PRESS. The purpose is the same.

If it is worth while for this learned tool of capitalism to spend so much time and effort on the question of the utilization of music in industry, how much more diligent and careful attention must be given to the press, a factor which enters daily into the lives of the workers and exerts a dominating influence over their thoughts and actions. The propagandists of capitalism, the highly paid specialists of the plute press, who are employed to create the necessary atmosphere to keep the workers submissive and productive in the interests of the ruling class, are at work constantly devising new ways and means of accomplishing their nefarious purpose. This is the motive behind the multitude of "new features" and "attractions" in these publications.

The recognition of this fact must stir the workers to renewed efforts to build their own class paper. The energy of the hirings of the kept press must be surpassed by the voluntary initiative and activity of the workers in support of their own paper. The clamor for more production, increased exploitation and misery for the workers must be met with the call for the building of a more powerful working class, striving toward the establishment of a new system of society in the interests of those who toil. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel to help THE DAILY WORKER carry out this task.

BERT MILLER.

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Weisbord Will Tell Chicago Workers of Great Passaic Strike

With the first break in the ranks of the textile mill barons, the Passaic strike is again assuming added importance. For almost eleven months these heroic workers have continued their battle and now the first partial victory has been won. One of the mills has signed, recognizing the union.

Albert Weisbord, the youthful strike leader, is now touring the country telling the story of the strike. He has already lectured in a number of cities to large audiences, making clear the strategy pursued in this brilliantly fought strike, bringing out the details of the tactics with which the bosses were met, showing how the strike is being fought under present conditions of modern industry and also explaining the position taken by the local government of Passaic in its many ruthless attempts to crush the strike with the support of the state and national government.

No strike in modern history contains as many valuable lessons as this one. To make these lessons clear to the workers, the tour of Albert Weisbord has been organized. He will speak in Chicago, Thursday, Dec. 16 at 8 p. m. at Mirror Hall, 1126 North Western Ave. It should be a special occasion for the Chicago workers to learn first hand the valuable lessons of this strike. This lecture is given by Weisbord under auspices of the Workers Party, District 8. Admission is 25 cents.

On Thanksgiving eve, Weisbord spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at Syracuse, New York, where he emphasized that prejudices as acridly inculcated by the capitalists to separate the workers disappeared under the common interests that a hard-fought strike developed.

WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!

The December issue of the American Worker Correspondent is off the press. Get a copy, subscribe! It is only 50 cents a year.

SECTION MEMBERSHIPS OF N. Y. TO HEAR REPORT ON PLENUM OF C. E. C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The following section membership meetings have been arranged where the report of the last plenum of the C. E. C. will be presented by members of the C. E. C. or of the D. E. C. who attended the C. E. C. meeting.

Section 1—Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 p. m. at 15 E. Third street.

Section 2—Monday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p. m. at 68 E. 4th street.

Section 3—Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6:00 p. m. at 301 W. 29th street.

Section 4—Friday, Dec. 10, at 8:00 p. m. 31 E. 110th street.

Section 5—Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8:00 p. m. at 1347 Boston Road.

Williamsburg—(6A & 6B) Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8:00 p. m. at 29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

Brownsville—(6C & 6D) Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:00 p. m., 63 Liberty St., Brooklyn.

Section 7—Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 p. m., 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn.

Meetings in New Jersey will be announced separately later.

The party functionaries have already heard and discussed the report of the Party Plenum. This report must become known to the entire party membership.

A special roll call will be taken at all meetings.

Please come on time so that the meetings can start promptly and there will be sufficient time for discussion and questions.

Novy Mir Masquerade Here Dec. 25.

A Russian masquerade for the benefit of the Russian Communist weekly Novy Mir, has been arranged for Saturday, Dec. 25, at Mirror Hall, 1140 N. Western Ave., near Division street.

All friendly organizations are requested not to arrange other affairs on the

Lenin Memorial Will Fill Two Auditoriums

This year's Chicago Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 8 p. m. The Coliseum could not be secured for this meeting so arrangements have been made for two halls, the Ashland Boulevard Auditorium and the Temple Hall, both located in the same block.

The program for this meeting is now being prepared and should attract thousands of workers who will be invited to commemorate the death of the great proletarian leader, Lenin.

Russian Fraction W. P. Meets Tonight

An important meeting of the Chicago Russian fraction of the Workers Party will be held Monday, Dec. 6, at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. A special committee will be selected to insure the success of the Russian masquerade ball to be given for the benefit of the Novy Mir on Saturday, Dec. 25, at Mirror Hall, 1140 N. Western Ave., near Division St.

PITTSBURGH READY FOR BIG BAZAAR TO BE HELD FOR THE DAILY WORKER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 5.—The big bazaar for the benefit of THE DAILY WORKER will be held at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St., Pittsburgh, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11. This will be a regular affair with the language sections competing to see which can do the best for the English Daily.

From the advance showing there will be many bargains in a variety of useful articles for sale. There will be a real toy counter with some of the latest novelties. THE DAILY WORKERS' Builders Club will have a supply of the best of literature, also Red cartoons. Watch for the program. Make these two big nights for THE DAILY WORKER.

CHICAGO GEAR SHOP IS DEN OF EXPLOITATION

Long Hours, Speed-up, Brings Accidents

By N. SCHAFFNOR.
(Worker Correspondent)

The Wm. Ganschow & Co. Gear and Motor company forces its workers to work nine and three-quarter hours a day of 54 hours a week. The wages are the lowest possible. They start you off at 45 cents an hour, with a promise of a raise in a few weeks—which you don't get. If a worker asks for the promised raise more than three times he "gets the gate."

Sanitary conditions in the factory are the worst.

Speeds Them Up.

The company speeds the workers to the utmost. The foreman comes around to the worker every hour to see how much work he is producing. If the worker is not a "good slave," as the foreman thinks he should be, he gets bawled out, and many times is discharged.

Many Accidents.

This speed-up system causes many accidents, resulting in serious injury to the workers. There is no worker in that shop that is not decorated with blood or white bandages on his palms, or fingers, every day a different finger. Many times the workers cannot find materials to prevent blood poisoning.

Poor Medical Care.

Recently a worker had an accident—the machine caught his palm and cut the meat out of it to the bone. The worker didn't have a doctor's attention and was compelled to go to work with a sore hand. As the bandage wasn't properly fixed, he asked the foreman for better attention. He was told that that "was good enough." But the worker had nerve enough to answer back, and told the foreman that he was hurt in the shop, and in no other place. He was then given what he wanted.

Recently seven workers were decorated with bandages on their hands. They had to take a two-week "vacation" without pay. The company does not pay for accidents, it says.

High Los Angeles Officials On Trial for Graft Charges

By L. P. RINDAL.
(Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—All the supervisors, five in number, and three other high county officials have gone on trial, facing 12 felony charges. At the last election Supervisors R. F. McClellan and Henry W. Wright were candidates for governor and congressman, respectively.

"When a poor man steals a loaf of bread he goes to jail, but when a rich man steals a railroad he goes to congress." The first part of this saying always holds good. The second part, however, did not work out just right this time. It was one of these exceptions proving the rule.

The main charge against these officials is that they used public funds to build beautiful homes for themselves. On the other hand, hundreds of workers are walking the streets at night in this Mayor Cryer's city of "abundance" because they are out of work, have no money and no place to eat and sleep.

Detroit Workers Are Enthusiastic Over Passaic Strike Film

By a Worker Correspondent.

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—Fifteen hundred workers saw the Passaic strike picture here at Majestic Theater Dec. 1.

The enthusiasm was tremendous when the picture started. Many workers almost jumped out of their seats when the part showing the reading of the riot act was thrown on the screen.

After five reels were shown a collection was taken up, to which the workers of Detroit seemed glad to contribute, almost all of them have already contributed before.

Leather Workers Help Paper Box Workers Win

By a Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Leather Workers' Union has donated \$300 to the paper box makers' strike fund.

The union also calls on all unionists to demand that scab articles should not be used in union shops. They urge all class-conscious workers to demand this of their unions.

Worker Correspondence

1000 WORKER CORRESPONDENTS BY JANUARY 13 1927

PRIZES FOR THIS WEEK.

Three very fine books are offered as prizes for worker correspondence stories this week. They include:

- 1—Selected Essays by Karl Marx. A new book, and an unusual one of unpublished work of the great leader.
- 2—Red Cartoons. A collection of the work of 17 proletarian artists.
- 3—Education in Soviet Russia, by Scott Nearing. A new book and a splendid addition for your library.

Write that story, workers!

EXPLOITED WORKERS OF ENDICOTT, JOHNSON SHOE FACTORY TOLD TO SAVE MONEY BY BOSS; WHAT MONEY?

By a Worker Correspondent.

ENDICOTT, N. Y., Dec. 5.—An article has been posted on the bulletin board at the Endicott Johnson Shoe factory telling the workers how they can become rich by saving money by loaning their money to the company at 6 per cent interest. Thus, "Friend" George F. Johnson, as he signs all of his letters pretending to be a friend of the workers, is trying to get back the little money that the workers receive from the hard work they have to do.

How Can They Do It?

The workers want to know how they can save any money out of the wages of from \$15 to \$20 a week they make here. The writer had an average pay of \$18 a week all this year. And here nearly every married man has to have his wife go to work in the shop to help support the family.

Uses Bonus System.

The bonus system is used in the Endicott Johnson to speed up the workers and to keep them from quitting their jobs. The workers are working their best now because the bonus time is near. All are speeded up now so that they can't go any faster. You have to put out good work and plenty of it to make \$4 or \$5 a day. The bosses are always behind your back,

watching you and bawling you out, if you don't "step on it."

What The Bonus Is.

Every worker that works for the E-J for two or more years is entitled to the bonus providing he doesn't quit his job before the last of the year, and if he or she puts in less than 24 hours a week, the workers lose a week's bonus. Last year each worker received \$87 for 52 weeks, which does not amount to much when you figure the time you have to put in. They have no regular hours of work in the factories. Some workers work from 6 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock at night, especially girls who make the upper part of the shoe.

Piece Work.

When they hire an employee they start him on piece work. Some of the new workers don't even make a dollar a day. (And how some of the suckers praise the company!) The bosses tell you that if you speed up you can make good money. Some of the older workers in the shop don't even stop for lunch, but stick to their machine so they can make enough to live on.

The workers should not pay any attention to the articles put out by the boss. They are urged to subscribe for The DAILY WORKER, the one paper that speaks for the working class.

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE CLASS IN NEW YORK IS MAKING GREAT PROGRESS

By a Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Much progress is being made by the class in worker correspondence at the Workers School here. Extensive practical work in news reporting is being given the students, who are sent out to cover and write up actual happenings.

The class is enthusiastic about the work and is learning fast the principles of workers' journalism. There are more than 20 students enrolled in the class now. Stories written by the students are already being published in the party press. It is the goal of the class to develop a group of live-wire news writers in New York for the workers' press.

Paper Box Bosses Try to Use Race Hatred in Fight on Workers

By a Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The bosses in the paper box makers' strike are using every means to keep alive the ancient hatred between colored and white workers. Every cab load of colored boys and girls which they gather in Harlem is told that the bosses would have hired colored workers long ago, only the white workers objected. They tell these young people that the white workers have refused to work with them heretofore.

In reply to this wall of the bosses, one of the strike leaders says that some time ago the white workers forced the hiring of colored girls, and that these girls went into the union. Some of these colored girls are now strike leaders in the present trouble.

Many strikebreakers are using razors in arguments with strikers. Some girls have been hurt, and several have come into headquarters with their clothing slashed.

Prolet-Tribune Will Be Out Dec. 18.

The next number of Prolet-Tribune, the Russian living newspaper published by the worker correspondents of Novy Mir, will be out Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p. m., at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. A picture of the audience will be taken at the request of the worker correspondents of the Soviet Union. The picture will be sent to Soviet Russia.

Rank and File Must Wake Up to Threat of Company Unions

By a Worker Correspondent.

Editor, The DAILY WORKER:—The Central Labor Union of Boston announces that the American Federation of Labor will carry on a nationwide campaign to investigate company unions and see what they are doing for the workers in regard to wages, hours, and betterment. It seems that the officials of the C. L. U. are discovering America.

The C. L. U. officials of Boston are always deciding to do something and then never attempt to carry out their decisions. We might remind you, gentlemen, of the "Organize the Unorganized" campaign. What have you done for the unorganized? The only results so far, is a demonstration and some printed blanks—and that was the end of it. The campaign was dead and yet your communications went out to the local unions in an appeal for funds. Why did you need funds, when your committee was no longer meeting? The workers of Greater Boston are asking you what became of that campaign. Where did Mr. Vanetrnick disappear to during the campaign?

Now the C. L. U. is undertaking the investigation of company unions. Well, let's see whether you mean business. Class-conscious workers know very well what company unions are doing to the workers. Let's look at the General Electric Co., the textile industry in New England, and the shoe industry. Let's see what the company unions are doing.

How Company Unions Work.

First, the bosses in those industries are keeping the workers unorganized by means of clubs, sports, and collective games. They teach them class collaboration. Even in the so-called organized shoe industry, the bosses have a new scheme, called the Golden Rule. Every worker who wants a job must become a part of the concern and buy shares, and at the same time sign a Yellow Dog contract, which leaves the workers with no right to organize or to strike.

The youth especially suffer in the above mentioned industries. All their leisure time is being absorbed by the company union schemes.

Only the left wing, with the help of the rank and file, can force the C. L. U. to start an immediate campaign against company unions and have rank and file committees elected by every local union. We know that in nearly every trade the poison germ of company unions is developing, and we must stop it before it is too late. Otherwise we shall have company unions instead of trade unions.

It remains for left wingers and militants to take up this question in their local unions and make this campaign a success and not such a failure as the officially conducted one of "Organize the Unorganized."

—S. Winn, Boston, Mass.

FORD THROWS WORN WORKERS INTO THE STREET

Those Who Can't Speed Must Go, He Says

By a Ford Worker.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Charles Lorenson, Ford's right hand man, in an interview recently for a capitalistic paper, declared that in order to be successful in running all plants on a 5-day basis with a raise in wages, the management must get rid of "drones," that is those who are loafing on the job. No doubt the capitalist press believes every word of this, but we workers know better.

Get Rid of Worn-out.

We can see every day who is being laid off. Those workers who have been sweating on production lines for several years, prematurely physically worn out, ready for the industrial scrap heap must be gotten rid of, Ford says.

It is said that a few years ago the management could put disabled workers on some lighter jobs. But those days are over. Now, even workers who were crippled in the process of the speed-up system are also thrown out on the street. Now, these workers, whose sweat and blood made millions for Ford are useless to this industrial moloch. So they must suffer from cold and hunger. And the workers who are fortunate enough to remain on jobs are speeded up faster than ever.

How They Speed.

For example: In the motor assembly building, last year there were from 7 to 8 lines in operation, with a production of from 60 to 65 motors. Now there are only 4 lines, and these produce from 75 to 80 motors per hour. So, not many workers have benefited from the loudly heralded raise in wages.

There is also much discontent among the workers, but that is only the beginning. Production has been curtailed to such an extent that only 2 or 3 days are being worked weekly.

L. A. Unionists Tax Selves Hour Pay for British Coal Miners

By RAPO.
(Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—As a result of an hour's work tax on every Los Angeles trades unionist, decided upon by the trade union conference and approved by the Central Labor Council, the first \$952 has been forwarded to the A. F. of L. for the British miners.

More money is still coming as many unions are still collecting the hours pay from their members. Although the hour's work for British miners was a voluntary tax, many unions responded wonderfully, and those who have before thru their international, gave again.

The example of labor solidarity is even more significant with the fact that in the late American miners' strike the C. L. C. could not raise more than \$500 for our own striking miners.

Buffalo Workers Are Inspired by Weisbord in Talk on Passaic

By ISADORA GREENBERG
(Worker Correspondent)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Albert Weisbord, renowned Communist leader of the Passaic textile strike, spoke to a large audience in the Elmwood Music Hall on "The Lessons of the Passaic Strike." The meeting was arranged by local Buffalo of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The many experiences which the working class went thru during this struggle were forcefully put before the audience, and the lessons of the strike hammered home until even a reactionary union leader would have been able to understand them, if such a type had been present.

As a result of this meeting, financial aid for the party was raised, and an application for membership in the Workers (Communist) Party, and one for the Young Workers (Communist) League was received.

DODGE WORKERS WORK ONLY HALF TIME SINCE BANKERS BOUGHT PLANT

By a Worker Correspondent.

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—In the Dodge Motor Works here the workers are employed only three or four days a week and are making about \$500 less a year than they did before Dillon and Reed, the Wall Street bankers, took the company over.

Rumors are now going about that there will be only about 9 days work in December.

The American Worker Correspondent is the worker correspondent's own magazine.

MRS. CATT PROMISES MILITARISTS THAT HER CONVENTION WILL NEVER SABOTAGE WARLIKE APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, once prominent in the woman suffrage movement, assures an alarmed army and navy that she and her friends, while they will hang their clothes on a hickory limb, will positively not approach the aqueous fluid.

The occasion is the assembling in this city of the second meeting of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War. Alarmists in army and navy circles, to whom even the mildest liberal is a red and anyone who does not rattle a sabre is a dangerous pacifist, took fright at this invasion of the capital just when congress is assembling to be bombarded with pleas for greater appropriations for military, naval and aeronautic services. Every department of the service has proved to its own satisfaction that it is the weakest point in the national defense and therefore entitled to the biggest slice of the melon. Was a bunch of women and long-haired men to upset their strategy?

Now Mrs. Catt rushes so ardently to the defense of the organization of which she is chairman that she upsets the bean pot. She gives assurance that by no manner of means will she throw a monkey-wrench into the machine.

"There is no one in the coming conference," she exclaims, "who is any redder or any pinker than Mr. Coolidge." The conference's attitude, she adds, is practically the same which the president has expressed in public addresses.

"Why this weasel-minded fright?" she asks tartly.

Since we now know that the conference is no more pacifistic than the commander-in-chief of the army and navy, we shall expect no clash between it and the department of justice. It is strictly kosher.

State Senator Barr Predicts Passage of His Franchise Law

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—That the next general assembly of the state will pass legislation authorizing terminable franchises is the prediction of State Senator Richard J. Barr, who has been holding hearings on the question in various cities of the state. A bill of this nature, sponsored by Barr, was defeated in the last legislature.

On the success of this legislation depends one of the several possible solutions of Chicago's traction muddle.

Another angle of the question is the extension of electricity to the farms of the state, which, it is claimed, is now hampered because the control of franchises is in the hands of the cities where the power plants are located. "One expert on the subject estimates that it will require an investment of over 125 millions to electrify the farms of Illinois, which are now far behind those of Wisconsin in the supply of current."

BRANDS COMPANY UNION BIGGEST FAKE IN NATION

Untermeyer Lauds Fight of Porters

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—"The two biggest fakes in America are the open shop and the company union," said Samuel Untermeyer, millionaire attorney, at the annual banquet of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in Yorkville Casino. Untermeyer applauded the fine fight the union is waging on these two fakes in the Pullman system.

Brought Enthusiasm.

The dinner was an enthusiastic affair, with several hundred colored porters and white friends around the board. "They came to celebrate the union's success in organizing more than half of the 12,000 Pullman porters and maids in the first year. The union is now demanding the right to officially represent the Pullman workers and is answering the rival claims of the Employe Representation Plan or company union."

Power is Only Method.

A. Philip Randolph, organizer for the Brotherhood, was cheered as he sounded the note of power. The only recognition the porters' union or any other labor organization would get, he said, would be thru its collective power.

Union is Lauded.

Speeches by editors and race leaders showed how strong the tide of popularity of the Brotherhood is now running. Robert L. Vann, owner and editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, second largest Negro paper in America, told of the buying up many of the Negro papers by the Pullman company, early in the union's career. He advised the porters to take the labor press as their authority in place of the papers whose principles are for sale.

Financier of Boston Talks on Imperialism

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—A high light on American imperialism is thrown by A. M. Pope, executive vice-president of the First National corporation of this city, who has just returned from a three months' tour of South America.

He comes back with visions of more American-made goods following a flood of American capital into the republics to the south. He sees South America as a field rich in raw materials which the older countries need, with natural resources "barely scratched," and with "very general consistent improvements in political conditions."

South America, he says, lost her banker when Europe went bankrupt after the war, and there now "remains little doubt but that American capital will hold dominion over the rest of the world in extending aid" to these countries.

He sees more good roads in the southern republics calling for American road-making machinery, to be followed with more American automobiles, and, of course, more gasoline.

And, as Nicaragua can testify, the American government is not adverse to doing its bit to bring about the "general consistent improvement of political conditions," which is a condition precedent to the embarking of American capital in greater volume to points south.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," provided you know how to use it. Come down and learn how in the worker correspondent's classes.

COUNCIL IN L. A. REFUSES TO AID PASSAIC RELIEF

Won't Accept Picture or Give Credentials

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Central Labor Council denied Mother Bloor, Passaic strikers' relief worker, credentials to appear before unions in behalf of the strikers.

Secretary Buzzel said he objects to giving credentials or to accepting "movie propositions." "Mother Bloor and her kind are Communists," he said, "and if we should permit her to appear before unions she would inject her propaganda."

President Johnstone ruled an amendment motion to give her credentials with the understanding all money was to go to the A. F. of L. out of order.

Delegates from the cigarmakers and painters pointed out that the A. F. of L. has supported Communist leadership in the Passaic strike and if the council denied credentials to Mother Bloor they would be acting contrary to the A. F. of L.

However, the recommendation of the executive committee to refuse credentials and turn down the showing of the Passaic movie, was adopted.

Revenue Agent Would Have Army Scab on Boston Hotel Work

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—A high light on United States signal corps men to install telephones in the new Statler Hotel has been made by C. J. McLeod, federal officer in charge of revenue agents, whose office on the sixth floor of the building is still without phone service because of the electrical workers' union dispute over the work. Union men doubt McLeod's authority to secure signal corps men for the job.

Massachusetts public utilities department has been hearing both sides of the dispute and is expected to give a decision soon.

The electrical workers' union demands that its members get the telephone wiring jobs in the building. The Hotel Statler Co. upholds the union's stand. But the New England Telephone Co. claims its own company-unionized men should do the work. The hotel company charges the phone company with bad faith in the matter.

Hits Lack of Safety Enforcement in N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 5.—That less than a dozen inspectors are employed by the state of New York to inspect the thousands of building construction operations going on was denounced as "shameful" by President John Sullivan of the New York State Federation of Labor at the Rochester survey commission. Weakness of enforcement of safety laws is responsible for numerous accidents, said Sullivan.

Win 5-Week Strike

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—(FP)—Dartmouth Mill workers have ended their five weeks' strike, claiming victory on most of their demands. The 1500 workers are returning with the complaints of weavers on the fling or grading system adjusted. William Morgan Butler, lame-duck senator from Massachusetts, is the dominant mill owner of the city.

THREE WORKERS OF FALL RIVER ARE DEPORTED

Editors of Portuguese Paper Expelled

(Special to The Daily Worker)

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 5.—Three Portuguese workers here, editors of their anarchist journal "A Luta" have finally been deported by the federal government despite a vigorous fight carried on for the men by the International Labor Defense.

The three men, Diamantino Texeira, Antonio Da Costa, and Antonio Pereira, all textile workers, were arrested seven months ago on a trumped-up "anti-sedition" charge because of their activities to help organize the textile workers against the rotten conditions prevailing in Fall River. To the charge advocating "the overthrow by force and violence of the government of the Commonwealth" was added a charge of bootlegging, and they were held under a total bail of \$3,500 each.

I. L. D. Defends.

The Boston office of I. L. D. took up their defense. The men were rearrested on a federal deportation warrant. Attorney Hoffman for the I. L. D. proceeded to Washington to see the secretary of labor; the cases were acted upon by the board of review which refused to change its decision.

In the federal district court at Providence, the defense petitions for writs of habeas corpus were dismissed by Judge Brown. The men were deported to Portugal a few days later.

Leave Families.

Two of the deportees were obliged to leave their families behind them in desperate circumstances, without any means of existence. While Texeira had neither wife nor child, each of the other two men had to leave both in the United States so that the mill owners of Fall River might be accommodated by the department of labor at Washington.

All efforts were made by the Boston district office of I. L. D. to secure a favorable outcome in the case. As a result of the movement which developed a Portuguese branch of the I. L. D. was formed in Fall River and the greatest part of the colony there was aroused in behalf of the defendants.

Workers Are Sharing Prosperity, Same as Capitalists, He Says

Arguing that comparative figures show that the United States workers are receiving the highest wages in the world, Magnus W. Alexander, president of the national industrial conference board, told the Illinois Manufacturers' Cost Association that "prosperity in the United States is shared by the working men and women as truly as by capitalists and business leaders."

"The problem of wages and production is one of the most serious realities of our normal life," he said, and warned against even a slight increase in wages for fear it would "disturb our economic balance."

Cannon to Speak at Jewish I. L. D. Branch, Dec. 14, All Invited

James P. Cannon, general secretary of the International Labor Defense, will speak at the Northwest Side Jewish I. L. D. branch on "Labor Defense and the Class Struggle" Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Talmud Torah hall, corner of Rockwell and Hirsch Blvd. All are invited. There will be no admission charge.

Bishop Brown at Cleveland I. L. D. Bazaar

Cleveland's biggest effort in working for the \$20,000 drive of the International Labor Defense, will be the bazaar, concert and dance to be held at Gardini Hall, 6021 St. Clair Avenue, on Dec. 19. The prospects for the success of this project grows every day. The latest announcement is that Comrade Bishop William M. Brown, framed "heretic" and member of the National Committee of the I. L. D. will speak on the second day of the bazaar, Sunday, at 7:30 p. m.



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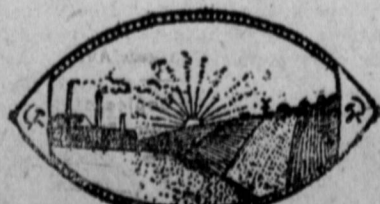
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Sigman's Treacherous Trail

The alliance of reaction exposed in THE DAILY WORKER Saturday, wherein the reactionary trade union leaders, the employers and the capitalist government joined in secret conspiracy to break the unions of the workers and betray their struggles, also finds an associate conspirator, the capitalist press.

The *New York Times*, organ of Wall Street and all it represents, is in full cry with the pack of wolves headed by Morris Sigman of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, against the left wing leaders of the cloakmakers' strike. The "impartiality" of the capitalist press is once again exposed as a fake and the fulminations of the reactionary Sigman are featured and approved, while lies and distorted statements about the left wing are spread with lavish hand.

There is nothing surprising about this. But in view of the fact that where the *New York Times* goes, Morris Sigman goes also, the garment workers would do well to see if they want what Wall Street's organ wants.

The cloakmakers' strike was, says the *Times*, "unnecessary." The cloakmakers, by repeated votes, have shown they thought otherwise. It appears that Sigman, behind all his hypocrisy, also thought the strike "unnecessary." Incidentally, after secretly opposing the strike and sabotaging it from its beginning, Sigman now magnanimously comes forward to "save" the strike!

What does the organ of the employers suggest should have been done? It suggests that the issues should have been left to arbitration. Ergo, Sigman, reactionary president of the I. L. G. W. U., also believed that the issues should have been left to arbitration. But it was precisely because the cloakmakers found that arbitration cheated and deceived them that they rejected the so-called "award" of the governor's commission and voted to strike.

The attempt, by the *New York Times*, to paint what a glorious thing arbitration is, by pointing to the wage raise of 44 cents a day granted by the arbitrators to the railwaymen, is somewhat silly when it is recalled that they asked for a dollar a day raise. If this be victory, then the cloakmakers' strike settlement will bear comparison.

But the *New York Times*, organ of the bosses and ally of Sigman, says that "beyond arbitration" there should be "co-operation" of the union with the bosses. Sigman stands for "co-operation" and the *Times* stands with Sigman. We do not believe that the cloakmakers want to make their union into a company union, which is exactly what "co-operation" means.

The left wing stands four-square against turning a labor union of class struggle into a company union under union auspices, with all its evils of speed-up, efficiency standards, blacklist and defeat of the workers' interests for the benefit of the employers. Time and again the rank and file of the cloakmakers have expressed their approval of left wing policies.

Confronted with the new conspiracy against their interests by Sigman, the employers, the government and the capitalist press, the rank and file will again rally their forces behind the left wing and again defeat the traitors and disrupters who plan to do by violence what they could not accomplish by deceit. And the rank and file will win.

A Strikebreaker's Reward

C. Kline McDowell was employed in the year 1922 by a coal company in Herrin, Illinois, to strip a mine during a strike. No coal was to be dug.

McDowell was a tough lad so he decided to show the miners' union where it stepped off and he decided to dig coal. Of course, he did this under the instruction of the company that employed him.

McDowell imported a gang of thugs and rapists from the Hargeaves Detective Agency of Chicago. Those vermin began to provoke the miners. The finks went around the county insulting the wives and daughters of the coal diggers. Then something snapped. It was the miners' patience.

The miners suggested that McDowell call off his scabs. The union representatives approached McDowell's barricaded fortress carrying a white flag. McDowell's gangsters fired on them.

Before the smoke of battle cleared away McDowell's army was only good for a morgue.

The rest of the story is history. Now comes the aftermath. McDowell's wife was awarded \$3,750 by the Illinois industrial commission as compensation for the loss of her husband.

Now comes the Southern Illinois Coal company and fastens the blame for the killings on McDowell. Had McDowell died in the harness of duty the company would not see any reason why his wife should not be rewarded. But he was not minding his own business. Therefore he died at his own expense.

Again we declare that ninety-one per cent of all the finks, stool-pigeons, betrayers and traitors receive the full social value of their work. McDowell's wife got McDowell's.

Oil Magnates and Rear Admirals

The introduction into the Fall-Doheny trial of testimony by a former rear-admiral that the navy was agitated by the possibility of an armed conflict with Japan in the Pacific and that Doheny, the oil magnate, performed a patriotic service by agreeing to build an oil reserve in Hawaii, shows two things: First, the fact that the war and navy jingoes in Washington are forever in a sweat about future wars and are only too glad to welcome them and second, that the communion between the officers of the army and navy on the one hand and capitalists on the other is more direct and intimate than ordinarily supposed. Incidentally, Doheny's patriotism did not prevent him from taking in exchange for his self-abnegation some of the richest oil reserves in the country owned by the government.

The Last Alleged Attempt on Mussolini's Life--And What Lies Behind It

The Conflicting Reports of the Last "Attempt" Themselves Prove the Fraud--Incident Used as Excuse for New Campaign of Repression--Break-up in the Fascist Ranks Coming to Head.

"L'Uce non puo morir!"—"The Duce (Mussolini) cannot die!" This is the most recent legend, which the whole fascist apparatus has for some time been working hand in hand with the catholic clergy to spread amongst the Italian people, which is, to a large extent, still incredibly superstitious. Mussolini, who is the chief person interested in the spread of this legend, leads by his good example. His telegram, sent to the Bolognese fascists after the last "attempt on his life" made on Sunday, concluded with the words: "Nothing can happen to me until I have fulfilled my mission." (1) The pope also is said to have exclaimed, according to a fascist announcement, when he heard the news of the "attempt" on Mussolini's life and learned that once more he had not been hurt: "Another proof that he is under god's protection!" It is true, according to the same report, that he added, that it was imperative, by way of precaution, to reinforce Mussolini's guard.

But—was an attempt actually made on Mussolini's life in Bologna?

Fantastic Reports.
THE fantastic reports as to the alleged crime condemn themselves. First, the bullet hit the Mauritian order, glanced off it and penetrated the sleeve of the mayor of Bologna, who was sitting next to Mussolini. Then, the order bears no trace of the shot, the bullet only hit the ribbon of the order. (Did it then glance off the ribbon?) Later, the bullet was found in Mussolini's carriage. But—where is the pistol from which the bullet was fired? The "assassin," a 15-year-old boy, was murdered on the spot in the most brutal manner by soldiers of the militia; the pistol should have been found on or near him. Of the pistol, however, there is no trace! Further, the unfortunate boy is a fascist! At the time of the "crime" he was wearing the fascist black shirt and the fascist badge. The latest "report," therefore, is that the murdered boy was not the assassin at all; that there had been an unfortunate mistake; that the real culprit, an anarchist of about the same stature as the murdered boy (thus the "mistake") had escaped; that after the event he had handed in a telegram at the Bologna postoffice (to what address?): "I am quite well," and that, thanks to this telegram, the police are already on his track and hope to seize him soon.

One enormity, one stupidity after the other, with which Mussolini and his officials try to exculpate themselves, but with which they are inculcating themselves, more and more.

One fact is certain—an innocent, 15-year-old boy was murdered by Mussolini's bandits in a brutal way by 14 dagger wounds. The first official report with regard to it runs triumphantly: "Hardly a minute and a half elapsed between the attempt at Mussolini's life and the execution of the criminal." And Mussolini proclaimed: "Every Italian and the countries abroad ought to know that the people pronounced a verdict on the spot." Now it has to be admitted officially that the "passing of the verdict" by Mussolini's bandits was—"a regrettable mistake."

Campaign of Repression.
ANOTHER fact is certain: the "attempt on Mussolini's life" gave the fascists through Italy an excuse for "taking revenge." The list of "acts of revenge" is so long that it is useless to attempt to enumerate them. On the same evening both the publishing office of the Communist daily organ, *Unita*, in Milan, and the publishing office of the social democratic *Avanti* were destroyed. On the following day the printing works of the reformist organ, *Lavoro*, in Genoa was destroyed and the building set on fire (the fire brigade was not allowed to extinguish it); the house of Benedetto Croce, the famous bourgeois liberal philosopher and professor at the University of Rome, was also destroyed and plundered. Great excesses are reported from Trieste and Livorno, in which connection it should be noted that only news with regard to events in the large towns, which cannot be kept secret, reach the public, while happenings in the provinces will only be learned later.

These facts, however, do not answer the question: "How much truth is there in the 'attempt on Mussolini's life' at Bologna?" They only make it all the more urgent. And if, as seems to become clearer and clearer, no such attempt was made in Bologna, how was it possible that Mus-

solini's bandits round his carriage took some explosion, which probably came from his own motor, for the firing of a revolver and took a fascist wearing the black shirt and the badge of the fascists for the culprit?

Fascist Conflicts.
THE answer to these questions is to be found in the conditions within the fascist camp itself. The class contradictions between the large bourgeois group and the fascist government which represents the interests of the large bourgeoisie on the one hand and the disillusioned petty bourgeois adherents of fascism on the other hand, have, in view of the ever increasing pressure of the economic crisis, become so acute in the last few weeks and months that an explosion of the indignation on the part of the petty bourgeois opposition fascists against the government and against Mussolini became an imminent danger. A number of fascist opposition leaders are already—in emigration! Among them Cesare Rossi, the former director of Mussolini's press, who also gave instructions for the murder of Matteotti, then the fascist deputy, Massimo Rocco, Carlo Bazzi, and others.

About three weeks ago Mussolini deprived these emigrant fascist leaders of their Italian citizenship and had their possessions in Italy sequestered. Others, who did not succeed in escaping abroad, are in prison, among them, for instance, Calza Bini, the former secretary of the fascist provincial federation in Rome and general of the fascist militia. Mussolini also had Dumini, one of Matteotti's murderers, arrested and thrown into prison for 14 months for "lese majeste of the person of the prime minister." (For murdering Matteotti, he was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment!) The "lese majeste" consisted in Dumini having said: "If I was sentenced to seven months for the murder of Matteotti, Mussolini ought to have been sentenced to lifelong imprisonment!" He actually threatened to make revelations; he deposited the 65,000 lire, which he had received to cover "his costs" in connection with

the Matteotti murder, at the court, whereupon he was arrested the following day. The following episode is extremely characteristic: A few days before Dumini was arrested, the rumor spread in Florence that Mussolini had put Dumini out of harm's way: vast fascist processions were immediately formed against Mussolini and large hand-painted fascist placards appeared: "Mussolini has murdered Dumini—death to Mussolini!"

In order to tame the shrews, Mussolini felt compelled last week to brush on one side the statutes of the fascist party and, with one stroke of the pen, to abolish the right to elect functionaries. He nominates the general secretary, the latter nominates the provincial secretaries and these again the local secretaries. The provincial and local secretaries chose seven or five "fellow-workers" respectively, who form the provincial or local directorate, as the case may be. The party congress and the provincial party congresses were done away with. The policy of the party is determined by the "great fascist council," the members of which are also nominated by Mussolini. Finally, every member of the party is bound to take a new oath which runs: "I swear to fulfill unquestionably all the commands of the Duce and to serve the cause of the fascist revolution with all my powers and, if necessary, even with my blood."

Supreme Power.
AT the same time, Mussolini has taken over the supreme command of the fascist militia, in order to suppress petty bourgeois opposition there also with the authority of his person. His first command was laconically: "The parole is: unconditional submission!" Nevertheless, these measures of Mussolini's, which throw a glaring light on the conditions, cannot banish from the world the class contradictions within the fascist camp, which are getting ready to burst forth; on the contrary, they are only oil on the fire. There is fermentation in the fascist camp, and the fact that any report is immediately taken for a shot fired at Mussolini and that a fascist in a black shirt is taken for the would-be assassin, shows how the atmosphere is superheated.

The class contradictions in the fascist camp can no longer be concealed, can no longer be suppressed; the class war in the fascist camp has turned into an open fight.

After 28 Weeks of the Miners' Lock-out

A Letter from Tom Mann.

THE DAILY WORKER publishes the following letter it has received from Tom Mann, because it throws much light on the reasons for the British miners going back to the pits: This letter was written at the end of the 28th week of the strike on the basis of Mann's own observations in the coal fields, where he spoke to thousands of miners. He is the chairman of the national minority movement of the British Trade Unions, which has an affiliated membership of one million.

By TOM MANN, London.

WEEK ago the mine owners' terms, backed by the government and supplemented by the government, which stipulated that district agreements should be entered into for not less than three-year periods, and the government to appoint a tribunal to see that districts conform to some measure of general national working conditions, were submitted to the miners and were voted down by a majority of 147,000.

As some 300,000 had returned to work, it was thought by the bosses that the terms would be agreed to, especially as the miners' conference recommended the men to accept. This was done chiefly to demonstrate that the line of policy pursued was one that had the support of the men and was in no way imposed upon them by the union officials.

Starved Out.
I WISH to explain how it came about that many men went to the pits to work on the bosses' terms. In a very large number of cases it was because their children and their wives were literally without food. In certain areas, particularly in the midlands, where the bosses for months past have been bribing and cajoling the men to get them back, in order to split their ranks and, failing to get more than a small percentage, the government came to their aid and cut off the assistance from the educational authority, which exercised its legal right to give the children of school age two meals a day, and also cut out the assistance provided by the Guardians of the Poor, who had been paying four shillings a week for each child and ten shillings a week to the mothers of the children.

This was first reduced considerably and then cut off altogether in the areas referred to, and thus the women and children have been reduced to abject starvation and the men, in many cases cursing the authorities for this outrageous behavior, could not witness their children die, and while accepting work under bosses' terms they

voted against the terms and against the acceptance of them.

To understand this mentality readers must bear in mind that in other districts the relief has been continued, while not in full amounts, still it has been sufficient to keep the children fed, and the votes of those I have referred to have been to maintain the struggle wherever the means of life were obtainable.

Rank and File Fighters.

THE voting shows that the rank and file are still opposed to district agreements and particularly opposed to the government's proposal of not less than a three years' agreement with the government as a party to it. They would rather go back on the best terms obtainable without any definite time stipulated and without governmental interference on behalf of the bosses, which is what it would amount to.

By cable THE DAILY WORKER will have learned that the matter is again submitted to the men, with guiding principles from the executive, and in a week's time another conference is to be held to consider their decision. Meanwhile we of the minority movement are doing our utmost to help the men fight to the last, the slogan being "No Surrender!"

Need Help.

WE shall still try for a partial embargo on coal, knowing that the orthodox officials will not support it, but that urgency demands of militants this vital help. Collections and voluntary levies are producing substantial sums, but only a moiety of what is needed to carry the fight to a successful issue, and, if greater supplies do not come it does not seem possible to carry the struggle on much longer. But let none suppose this will be an ignominious defeat of the men. They have fought splendidly, they are now fighting magnificently, and had they received the support that they had a right to expect from the organized workers of this country in the form of levies and an embargo on coal they could and would have won easily. They will win yet, but it is an outrage on decency that the miners should not have been better supported in this and in other countries.

America shows up badly in sending millions of tons of coal, regardless of the workers' struggle. This is the most serious disservice to the miners here. We know full well that workers in this country have proved equally disloyal to their fellow-workers in America and elsewhere in times past, but it is a fact to say that they are learning the meaning of workers' solidarity and will qualify to exhibit it in the future.

READERS of THE DAILY WORKER, I know you have helped and that you are always helping the workers' struggle in some part of the world. As a comrade, let me thank you for the efforts you have made on behalf of the British miners, and we, with you, will work might and main to get the workers of the world truly class conscious, that we shall always be at the ready to act as capable soldiers in the common cause.

This prolonged fight of the British miners will not have been in vain. There will be a clearing out of the treacherous reformist misleaders, there will be ere long one union only for all working in and about the mines, and there will soon be a genuine workers' international linking up the workers' workers and directing the workers' movement scientifically to the goal of "workers' complete control of all industry and of the results of industry."

HUGE RAILROAD PROFITS SHOULD MAKE IT HARD FOR EMPLOYERS TO CLAIM THEY CAN'T RAISE WAGES

Railroad employees of 22 of the country's 41 leading carriers will turn over to their bosses profits of more than \$10 on each \$100 of common stock, according to estimates by the Wall Street Journal based on the first 9 months of 1926. These generous profits will remain, after deduction of all interest charges paid each year to money lenders who hold heavy mortgages on the railroads. They should make it difficult for arbitrators to refuse railroad employees a share in this prosperity.

Further analysis shows that 15 of these railroads will hand stockholders profits of more than \$15 on each \$100, while 7 will make more than 20% on the par value of their outstanding common stock.

All Show Gains.
A majority of the railroads will show big gains in profits per share compared with 1925. Baltimore & Ohio gave its common stockholders a return of 12.1% in 1925. This year it will be 16.5%. New York Central has increased the return from 12.7% to 14.3%; Lehigh Valley from 13.2% to 17%; Santa Fe from 17.2% to 23.1%.

Figures Reveal Facts.
Figures showing the 20 railroads earning the highest profits per \$100 par of common stock are:

MAY PASS RADIO LEGISLATION AT SHORT SESSION

Control of Broadcasting to Come Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Radio enthusiasts in congress have served notice that unless an agreement is reached for permanent radio regulation at this session of congress they will oppose temporary legislation and precipitate further chaos in the air.

Want Action.
Proposals for "stop-gap" legislation immediately after congress convenes next week were denounced by many senators and congressmen. Such action, they assert, would further delay a final solution of the problem.

Use your brains and your pen to aid the workers in the class struggle.

Santa Fe	23.10	17.20
Chesapeake & Ohio	23.00	21.50
Nickel Plate	22.00	16.10
Reading	20.00	20.40
D. L. & W.	20.00	17.00
Union Pacific	17.20	15.40
Lehigh Valley	17.00	13.20
Baltimore & Ohio	16.50	12.40
Southern	16.50	16.20
Louisville & Nashville	16.20	16.00
Delaware & Hudson	16.00	11.50
Pere Marquette	15.50	11.70
Frisco	15.50	11.90
New York Central	14.30	14.90
Pennsylvania	14.00	12.40
Colorado & Southern	12.00	9.90
Illinois Central	12.70	12.90
Southern Pacific	12.20	10.20

Break Records.
Class 1 railroads combined had a September profit of \$145,134,536, bringing the total so far in 1926 up to \$887,905,918. These figures compare with \$134,251,054 in September and \$798,000,539 the first 9 months of 1925. The September return establishes a monthly record in rail history. It makes the September proportion of annual profits at the rate of 6.51% on the huge \$21,175,000,000 railroad valuation now assumed for rate making purposes.



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The "wobblies" also were trying to stir the revival spirit in their members, and use the power of song. But feeble indeed was the singing in the "jungles," compared with the mighty blasts of Eli's silver trumpets, and the hosannas of his hosts. The operators were not subsiding the "wobblies," you bet. They had sent their sheriff, and a score of deputies, carrying shotguns loaded with buckshot, and raided the camping place of the rebels, and loaded eleven of them into a motor truck and locked them up in the county jail. There they were now, and Bunny had to hear the tragic tale of Eddie Platt, one of Paul's friends, who had gone down to San Elido to find out what the ball was, and had been locked up on suspicion of being a member of the outlaw organization. He wasn't, but how could he prove it?

Ruth, who told Bunny about it, wanted to know if Dad wouldn't put up the money to bail him out. Did Bunny remember him, a dark-haired young fellow, very quiet, determined-looking? Yes, Bunny remembered him. Well, he was a trustworthy as a Jewish garment worker, and the food they gave you in that terrible place was full of worms, and the boys hadn't even a blanket to cover them. It was planned to railroad them all to San Quentin, and Paul knew one of the "politicians" who had just come out of there, and oh, the most horrible stories—the tears came into Ruth's eyes as she told how they put the men to work in the jute mill, and the brown stuff filled their lungs, and presently they were coughing, it was the same as a death sentence. When they could not stand the labor, they were beaten and thrown into the "hole"—and think of fellows that you knew and cared for having to go thru such things!

Bunny knew the sheriff of San Elido County, and also the district attorney, and knew that Dad had named these officials, and could give them orders. But would Dad butt in on their efforts to protect the oil companies? Would he go against the wishes of all the other directors, executives and superintendents of Ross Consolidated? No, assuredly he would not! All that Bunny could do was to give Ruth a couple of hundred dollars, with which to get food for the prisoners. He went back to take up his work at the university; and inside himself there was a "hole," and his conscience would drag him to it, protesting and resisting in vain, and throw him in, and shut the steel door behind him with a locking clang. Yes, even when Bunny was up in the snow-white room with the ivy vines wreathing the windows, even while he held in his arms the eager body of his beloved—even then the prison door would clang, and he would be in a tank of the county jail with the "class-war prisoners!"

Under the arrangements which had kept peace in the oil industry during the war, a government "oil board" would listen to grievances of the workers, and decide what was fair. But now the war was fading in men's memories, and the operators were restive under this "outside" control. Was it not the fundamental right of every American to run his own business in his own way? Was it not obvious that wartime wages had been high, and that "deflation" was desirable? Here and there operators would refuse to obey the orders of the "oil board;" there would be long arguments, and reports to the courts, and meantime the workers would be protesting, and threatening, and everyone could see that a crisis was at hand.

In the old days, J. Arnold Ross had been one of the little fellows, and all that Bunny could do was to await events. But now he dwelt among the Olympians, and saw the fates in the making. The Oil Operators' Federation, thru its executive committee, of which Vernon Roscoe was a member, came to a decision to brush the Federal Oil Board aside, ignore the unions, and announce a new schedule of wages for the industry. A copy of this schedule was in Dad's hands, and it averaged about ten per cent under the present scale.

It was going to mean a bitter struggle, and Bunny was so much concerned that, without saying anything to his father, he made an appeal to Mr. Roscoe. This being a business matter, the proprietor suggested a visit to the office, so Bunny called up the secretary and asked for an appointment in the regular way.

(Continued tomorrow.)

OMAHA—(FP)—To undercut the feeling among Union Pacific shop workers for a return to the standard railroad unions, the company union has been allowed to announce a 2c an hour increase for all mechanics on the road, bringing the rate to 76c. Mee already getting 76c are raised accordingly.