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MEXICO, CANADA WORKERS GREET U. S. COMMUNISTS

DELEGATES FROM ARGENTINA LASH AMERICAN POLICY

Voice First Protest on U. S. Justification of Wall Street Invasions

Hughes Openly Champions Intervention; Mexico Forced to Join Argentina

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—The first protest that the Pan-American Congress has heard against United States intervention in Nicaragua and Haiti came yesterday when the Argentine delegation attacked the proposition sponsored by the United States delegation that "intervention is in certain cases justifiable."

The Argentine delegation, representing a government largely independent of United States influence, supported the code drawn up by the Santiago commission of jurists declaring that "no state may intervene in the internal affairs of another." The attack on United States policy arose in the Committee of Public International Law in the discussion of the code.

Altho no direct reference was made to the United States, the speech of Dr. Pueyrredon, head of the Argentine delegation, was believed to be aimed against United States intervention in Nicaragua. The Argentine stand was supported by Mexico and Salvador.

Charles Evans Hughes, chairman of the United States delegation, who openly championed the "right" of intervention, was supported by delegates from a number of Latin-American states, whose governments are strongly influenced by the United States.

HAITI BOYCOTTS GOODWILL FLIER

Marines, Sailors Held to Protect Lindbergh

Lindbergh's arrival in Haiti today will be met by a general boycott, and native papers are carrying such phrases about Lindbergh as "On his visit here he is only a traveling salesman of Wall Street," and that Lindbergh "is not known here as a friend."

Sailors Held Over. As a result the sailors of two units of the United States fleet, the Wyoming and the Utah, are being held over for the reception, and four hundred marines will be on hand to protect the "good-will" flier. The marines and sailors with the additional 1200 Americans at Port-au-Prince, are expected to make up the bulk of the crowd at the reception which the bulk of the Haitians will stay away from.

Borne Closes Club. In order to curb the opposition, the Borne dictatorship, maintained under the wing of American marines, has gone so far as to close the Circle Bellevue, the oldest social club in the capital. This is seen as an indication of the opposition of the moderates as well to the visit of Lindbergh. It has been further announced that the opposition sentiment is so strong that even American merchants are hesitating about attending under fear of losing the trade of the people, while on the other hand they may feel forced to attend in order to keep in good with the Borne dictatorship.

Desert Foul Barracks

MONTEREY, Calif., Feb. 5.—Recruiting posters depicting the glories of army life, and designed to trap the obnoxious into joining the army were further given the lie when charges were made in an official report at Washington that the camp of the Eleventh U. S. Cavalry here was composed of 30 year old ramshackle barracks without baths or lavatories. The quarters have to be continually patched to prevent their collapse, according to the report, and none of the buildings in the camp has modern heating or a gas supply. Many desertions have been laid to foul conditions in the camp.

ANTI-YELLOW DOG MEET TURNS REAL DESPITE W. GREEN

Speakers Admit: "Not Against Injunctions"

Cheers for a Labor Party, the jeering and booing of the efforts of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, who used the crashing of a brass band for the purpose of drowning out all rank and file sentiment, were the features of a mass meeting called by A. F. of L. officials for the ostensible purpose of "fighting the injunction," at Cooper Union yesterday afternoon at which Green utilized every resource at his command to prevent the real expression of the rank and file from being heard.

Besides Green the other speakers were William W. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Railway Employees, Andrew Furuseth of the International Seamen's Union, and a number of Tammany politicians, representatives of the catholic and protestant churches.

No Program. Thruout a three-hour session of continuous speaking not a single fundamental step was outlined for effectively fighting the injunction, the entire meeting being confined to generalities. Practically every speaker emphasized the slogan issued by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council that the Federation was "not opposed to injunctions," pointing out that what they sought was merely the "regulation" and not the elimination of the injunctions as a weapon against labor.

TRACE \$800,000 OF BIG OIL LOOT

What became of \$800,000 of the \$3,000,000 resale profits of the Continental Trading Company was disclosed before the senate committee yesterday by William S. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company of Independence, Kansas. He declared that James E. O'Neil who has exiled himself in France to avoid testifying in the oil graft inquiry, received \$800,000 but returned the money to the company in May, 1925, about a year after the expose broke.

\$200 for Miners. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 5.—A donation of \$200 was sent for the relief of the Pennsylvania-Ohio coal miners by the local branch of the International Pocketbook Makers' Union. This is the second contribution by the union within two weeks.

Passaic Police Break Up Huge Meeting of Jobless

Workers (Communist) Party Leaders Outline Tasks for American Labor

Decide to Join WITH N. Y. COUNCIL OF UNEMPLOYED

PASSAIC, Feb. 5.—Passaic police, true to tradition, Saturday afternoon broke up a demonstration of unemployed workers who were marching in orderly fashion to a conference of the officials of the American Federation of Labor being held at Moose Home, on Main Ave.

The unemployed workers had just left a large meeting addressed by Albert Weisbord, leader of last year's Passaic textile strike, when about a dozen plainclothes men of the police department broke into the line of marchers and proceeded to tear up signs and banners carried by the workers.

"This Is New Jersey." A reporter for The DAILY WORKER who sought to gain admission into the hall, was treated with similar consideration. "This is New Jersey," one of the plainclothes men warned him. "Go back to New York where you belong."

Over a thousand unemployed workers of Passaic and vicinity crowded into International Workers' Home, 27 Dayton Ave., in one of the most spirited meetings held here since the memorable events of the 1926 Passaic strike, and proceeded to organize themselves into a permanent body of action for the relief of the 20,000 jobless workers of Passaic.

Enthusiasm at the meeting rose to its greatest height when Weisbord was introduced. Previously scores of workers, toil-worn men, stooped and wrinkled women, prematurely old, and children hardly above kindergarten age, had crowded about him to wring the hand of the popular leader who for them symbolizes the struggle against the oppression of the mill barons.

The crowd burst into the strains of "Solidarity Forever" as he began. (Continued on Page Four)

New England Mills Aid Trust; to Move South

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 5.—The Alabama Power Company is completing the incorporation of cotton manufacturing mills which will have a total capacity of over 150,000 spindles. It is understood that several New England textile mills are participating in this trustification scheme and are prepared to move to this state with their entire plants and equipment.

TO BUILT MORE BARRACKS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Under the army appropriation bill of 1927 provision for the housing of 18,000 army men will be made during the next three years. Permanent barracks, hospitals, and other army buildings will be built at posts throughout the country.

An ex-marine, chairman of the Americanism Committee of the American Legion, was allowed to use the socialist-controlled radio station WEVD in support of the present war by the United States government against the Nicaraguan people. This broadcasting station, owned by the Debs Memorial Fund Committee, cleared the road for the speaker, J. R. O'Brien, when Horace G. Knowles, scheduled to answer the ex-marine, withdrew claiming he had not been given a sufficient time allotment. It had originally been announced that Knowles would take the side against intervention in debating "Are We Right or Wrong in Nicaragua?"

Workers (Communist) Party Leaders Outline Tasks for American Labor



Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party (left), reported unanimous recommendations of the Political Party Committee to the Plenum of the Central Committee.



William Z. Foster (center), member of the Secretariat of the Party, outlined trade union tasks for the Central Committee. William W. Weinstein is a member of the Political Committee and New York district organizer. He welcomed the Plenum.



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SCABS GET \$25 TO SHOOT CHILDREN

Strikebreakers Seized Making Get-Away

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—Hampton Matthews and John Thomas, two of the criminal scabs arrested for firing into the miners' barracks at Broughton have admitted that they received \$25 each for committing their crime. The strikebreakers, under the direction of the coal and iron police, fired on the miners' barracks and the public school on February 2nd.

President Ralph Holtzhauser, of the school board, has ordered the school closed and wired Governor Fisher that it would not be reopened until some guarantee that the lives of the children would not be jeopardized came from the governor.

Squire J. M. O'Rourke called the "red neck squire" because of his sympathy with the strikers secured confessions from the two scabs. O'Rourke wired the confession to Governor Fisher and Senator Hiram Johnson.

Arrested on Getaway. Matthews was arrested at Broughton, while awaiting a train to make his getaway. He is held in \$5,000 bail. Thomas is being sought by the police.

The company house in which the scabs are quartered was searched by (Continued on Page Two)

Dispossessed

WEST NEW YORK, N. J., Feb. 5.—Jobless for a long time, and about to be dispossessed with his wife and four small children, George Stackowski, a celluloid worker of this city, attempted to end his life by inhaling gas from a rubber tube. When revived and placed under arrest, he begged policemen for a revolver with which to kill himself. In his pocket was found a summons to answer dispossession proceedings in court. His family is destitute.

Tell of Growing Prestige of "Daily" Among Workers

MINERS SUFFER, QUAKERS REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—The dire condition of the striking coal miners' children has been reported from another quarter. The report of the American Friends' Service committee gives the result of its recently concluded investigation of the conditions of some of the outlying coal fields around Pittsburgh and eastern Ohio.

The committee, which represents the quaker organization, the Society of Friends in America, finds that the children are in need of shoes and clothes and in many cases food as well.

Trade in Clothes to Boost Slack Market. BOSTON, Feb. 5.—A trade-in policy in the men's clothing industry similar to the system existing in the automobile industry is the proposal expected to be favorably acted upon by the National Retail Clothing Association which will meet here in convention next month. This radical proposal is expected to be made by one of the biggest clothing merchants as a remedy to the severe slump of buying the trade is experiencing.

BREAD TRUSTS FIGHT BILL. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 5.—A bill introduced in the State Legislature by Assemblyman McDermott providing for the sale of bread by weight is meeting with opposition from the large baking companies.

SOCIALISTS BROADCAST WAR TALK

Ex-Marine on Radio WEVD Lauds U. S. Seizure of Nicaragua

O'Brien, a member of the Marine Corps for twelve years and orderly to ex-president Taft and Wilson, denounced those who had "organized a cry of imperialism when the United States marines landed in Nicaragua," and lauded the occupation of Haiti by American forces. Another statement made over this socialist party station was to the effect that the numberless revolutions in Nicaragua were started "by small-town rebels who live on the backs of the working class."

The speaker participated actively in the intervention of 1909 in Nicaragua.

PLAN FIGHT ON U.S. IMPERIALISM AS ALL-AMERICA AIM

Lovestone, Foster Give Program of Struggle

Coal Miner Tells Plenum of Big Strike

The plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America at its opening session Saturday afternoon at Irving Plaza Hall, 15th Street and Irving Place, listened to the report of the Political Committee of the Party, delivered by Jay Lovestone, executive secretary, on "The Present Situation and the Tasks of the Party." Immediately followed the report on the situation in the trade unions and the tasks of the Party in the unions, delivered by Wm. Z. Foster.

Foreign Delegates Attend. Delegates attending the session in a fraternal capacity brot greetings from the Communist Parties of Mexico and Canada, respectively.

William Z. Foster as chairman of the first sitting, called the plenum to order, saying: "American capitalism finds itself in grave difficulties. Three million workers are walking the streets of this country as unemployed. This plenary session of the Central Committee of our Party meets at a time when capital is delivering an offensive, attacking the wages, and living standards of the workers. But these attacks are not falling upon a working class which is unresponsive to attack."

"We find everywhere an increasing resistance on the part of the workers. Discontent is wide-spread, and the resistance is found among the unorganized as well as the unionized. There is a mood for struggle which demonstrates a rising spirit of the working class. It is absolutely imperative to organize the hitherto demoralized workers, betrayed by their leaders of the official bureaucracy."

"This will call for the utmost unity in our Party in order to be able to take advantage of every situation. I believe the Party will be equal to the task."

"The Political Committee has been able to come before the Party with a unanimous thesis analyzing the present situation correctly and fundamentally, and putting before us a correct plan of action."

Canada Representative Reports. Morris Spector, representative of the Communist Party of Canada, brot the greetings of the revolutionary workers of Canada, saying that the condition of the Dominion usually followed about two years behind the corresponding conditions in the United States, but that in the case of industrial decline, the following was more rapid than in the case of a rise.

"Prosperity" in Canada, said Spector, has the character of leaving many thousands of workers in a condition of acute destitution, while \$30 per week is the average weekly wage for Canadian workers in Canada. The real proletarian receives about 25 cents per hour.

"The Trades and Labor Congress," he said, "is dominated by reactionaries who put themselves on record against recognition of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, against any association of their name with the cause of saving Sacco and Vanzetti, and who consider their chief function to be to keep their orientation to Geneva."

"The British imperialists have in Canada a propagandist of the economic unity of the British Empire. The bourgeoisie of Canada is doing everything to prepare for the coming war between Great Britain and the United States. It has all the autonomy and as much national status as it dares to have. McKensie King and other leading bourgeois politicians are lining up with the British bourgeoisie against the American bourgeoisie. They broke off diplomatic relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics when the British government did."

"The trade union bureaucrats in '13 declared for a general strike in case of war, and reaffirmed this a few months before the world war (Continued on Page Two)

MISERY FOR FALL RIVER WORKERS COMES IN WAKE OF FIRE; THOUSANDS JOBLESS



Acute suffering in the working class districts of Fall River, Mass., has followed the fire which started in Pocasset Mill No. 2 and destroyed 20 city blocks. Mills and plants were consumed, throwing between 4,000 and 8,000 workers out of work, thus seriously affecting an already bad unemployment situation in Fall River. Workers' quarters also suffered in the blaze, altho capitalist papers stress the losses of the business men. Textile workers fear that the fire will be used as a pretext for further wage cuts. The picture on the left shows the Pocasset mills. The center photo shows what the fire did to the business section. Right, the high gale is shown whipping the rapidly-spreading flames.

Textile Workers Get Further Wage Cuts as N. Y. Mills Follow New England

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE SCORES YPSL OFFICIALS

Urge United Front in Fight for Workers

The refusal of the City Convention of the Young People's Socialist League to permit representatives of the Young Workers League to speak regarding the necessity for a united front of the working class was attacked in a statement issued yesterday by the Young Workers League, District 2, thru its organizer, John Williamson.

The statement follows: "We consider the action of the majority of the City Convention of the Young People's Socialist League in refusing the floor to the representative of the Young Workers League as a crime against the interests of the working-class youth.

Unions Endangered. "Especially now, when the trade unions are under sharp attack from the employers, as exemplified by the United Mine Workers and the building trades unions; when the danger of war becomes more apparent and imminent, as shown by the attack on the independence of Nicaragua, and the feverish preparations for new world wars by the American imperialists calls for billions of dollars for armaments. At such a time we consider it imperative that all working class youth organizations shall engage in joint and united front activities.

"This action on the part of the leadership of the Young People's Socialist League proves that the organization does not represent the interests of the young workers and students, and also ruthlessly suppresses the call of the Y. W. L. to the rank and file of the YPSL for the united front.

Unity Vital. "The present needs of the young workers' demand from the membership of the YPSL a repudiation of the action of the leadership and majority of the City Convention, and for their participation in united front activity with the Y. W. L. against the war danger and against the offensive of the bosses against the organized labor movement, despite their reactionary leaders.

"Young Workers League, District No. 2."

ERNEST WAGENKNECHT DIES. CLEVELAND, Feb. 5.—Ernest Wagenknecht, active in the radical movement since 1881 has died. He was buried on his 71st birthday. On the day of his death Wagenknecht scolded the mailman for bringing THE DAILY WORKER late.

Ohio Republicans Split Over Party Candidate

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—By a vote of 10 to 1, the Republican State Central Committee adopted a resolution endorsing U. S. Sen. Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, as the Buckeye State's "favorite son" candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Announcing his support of Herbert Hoover for the republican presidential nomination, Rep. Burton, (R) of Ohio, today urged that Hoover's name be entered in the Ohio primary election of delegates, opposing Sen. Willis, the "native son" candidate.

"I have made a careful survey of republican preferences in Ohio, and I have concluded that the dominant sentiment is for Hoover," said Burton.

"Rule or Ruin" Hedley



Above is shown Frank Hedley, president of the I. R. T., one of the men responsible for the tyranny by which 10,000 subway workers have been reduced to virtual slavery. Hedley's latest "public be damned" act is a move to raise the subway fare to 7 cents. Efforts by the Boro of Bronx to obtain an injunction against the fare raise have failed. In an attempt to gain public sympathy towards the 7 cents steal, Hedley has made a slight gesture towards raising the I. R. T. workers' wages.

10 PER CENT WAGE SLASH IS MADE BY 3 UPSTATE MILLS

Bosses of Many States Combine in Cut Orgy

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 5.—General wage reductions of 10 per cent will be inaugurated in three more local textile mills today, it has been announced.

On the heels of an announcement made Friday by the Utica Knitting Company that wage cuts will be made in all of its mills, the Onsets Knitting Mills and the Augusta Knitting Corporation declared similar reductions on Saturday.

The McLoughlin Textile Corp., and all its subsidiaries posted notices to the effect that the wage reduction they have declared for their yarn mills will be effective also in all other branches of employment in the underwear factories. All these wage cuts are scheduled to take effect today.

Over 100,000 textile workers have already been affected by the wave of wage cuts in the industry as the mill owners in state after state get into swing. New York State has begun reducing the workers' wages only about a week ago and is declared by competent authorities, to be far from the crest of the wage-slashing wave.

Improve Television



Experiments with television have succeeded in flashing the photo of an opera singer twenty-five miles while her voice was heard over the radio.

SPY NOT THIEF SAYS COURT

Jacob Nosowitsky, exposed in THE DAILY WORKER both in connection with the Hearst-Mexican forgeries and the Horthy-White Terror frame-ups in Hungary, has been acquitted here on a charge of grand larceny made by his wife. Nosowitsky, who announced in court that his "regular job" was being an international spy, first obtained notoriety as a stool-pigeon during the days of the red raids in this country in 1920.

SOVIET SCHOOL METHODS TO BE LECTURE THEME

Russian Exposition Arranges Talks

Educational methods used in the Soviet Union will be discussed by Dr. Lucy Wilson, principal of the South Philadelphia High School this afternoon and by Professor George Counts of Columbia University and Henry Noel Brailsford, English economist and author, this evening at the Russian Exposition, 119 West 57th Street.

There is a move on foot to take the Exposition on tour throughout the United States. All phases of education, peasant handicrafts, literature, theatre sets, textiles, and brilliant posters can be seen at the Exposition which opened January 30th and will continue until February 15, in New York. It is conducted under the joint auspices of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia and the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Brailsford, who has visited the Soviet Union five times, will speak on "Impressions of the U. S. S. R." He is planning to tour the country and lecture on progress and reaction in post-war Europe in all the principle cities.

Too Oil-Slippery to Hold



Immediately released after being arrested for refusal to testify at the "whitewash" investigation of the Teapot Dome scandals, E. G. Seibert, of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, knows something more slippery than oil when it comes to getting thru the fingers of U. S. investigating officials.

Cold Kills Old Man

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 5.—Barry Brainard, a 75-year-old recluse, was found frozen to death in a tumble down shack on Railroad Ave., which the old man had inhabited alone for many years. Brainard had been dead at least three days.

SCABS GIVEN \$25 EACH TO FIRE AT MINER CHILDREN

Strikebreakers Seized Making Get-away

(Continued from Page One) deputies and several rifles, shotguns, pistols and ammunition were found. They made no arrests.

"Conditions are approaching hell in our town," Holzhauser declared. "We have tried to maintain a neutral attitude but we can't stand for gangs of strange strikebreakers running amok, with the coal company police hanging back in the rear, approving the rioting."

Bullets Almost Fatal. "We held a meeting and decided that we could not assume the responsibility for keeping the school open, with consequent danger to children if irresponsible non-unionists are allowed to go on rampages and shoot up the town."

One of the bullets fired at the schoolhouse passed within a few inches of a child's head and but for the action of the teachers in shutting the doors to prevent the kids from running out, there would be several casualties. Three hundred pupils attend the school.

Squire O'Rourke declared that Matthews, an employe of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, confessed that he and Thomas were brought from Powhatan, Ohio, by H. C. Isabel, chief of the company's commissary and that they received \$25 each for the shooting. The object was to terrorize the strikers. O'Rourke said that he has the name of the "yellow dog" who gave the gunmen the money.

Mexico and Canada Workers Greet U. S. Communists at Plenum

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broke out, but when the war actually came they said 'too many are fighting' and that it was no use to stay out, they must get the workers into the fight of 'democracy against autocracy.' The war danger presents the great common task of especially the Communist Parties of Canada and the United States."

Mexican Communist Representative. Comrade Arroyo, representative of the Communist Party of Mexico, was next introduced and received an ovation from the assembled members of the Central Committee and hundreds of Party functionaries present as guests.

"There have always been pleasant relations," said Comrade Arroyo in conveying the greetings of the revolutionary Mexican workers, "between the Communist parties of Mexico and of the United States. Now it is more than ever necessary to work together in the big common job we have to do, against the imperialism of Wall Street."

"The influence of the Mexican Communist Party is far in excess of its numbers.

"Only in the last seventeen years has feudalism in Mexico been in process of real breaking up. A revolution of the workers is impossible without the peasants, who have practically no land after seventeen years of struggle.

"Ninety-eight per cent of the land is still in the hands of landlords, and immense plantations are the form of agriculture. The catholic church is still the big owner of the land thru dummy landowners.

Obregon Will Betray. "Now that the government of Mexico has moved to the right the fight of the Communist Party of Mexico is more important than ever. The government of Mexico has become openly the friend of Wall Street and U. S. Ambassador Morrow, and is betraying the Mexican revolution.

"But the anti-imperialist struggle will continue. The working class will have to be reckoned with as an independent force. The necessity of the Communist Party is more than ever clear, and in the second revolution, the revolution of the proletariat, it will be the leader.

"Morones, the 'Gompers' of Mexico, and his followers, are not in the labor movement for the sake of the labor movement, but to line their own pockets. Now that the government of Obregon turns away from them and seeks to destroy the labor movement, Morones and his lieutenants will not

be able to lead the working class. In place of the fake struggle, we will take up a real struggle. The only answer to the imperialists is the answer of Augustino Sandino—the answer of the 30.30 rifle.

"The Communist parties of all the Americas, just as you in this plenum, must take up the struggle against Yankee imperialism, against the gringos of Wall Street. I am sure that you in this plenum of your Central Committee will accomplish much in making more concrete the plans of struggle, as I hope we will make it more concrete in all the Communist parties of all the Americas."

Weinstone Welcomes for New York District.

Wm. W. Weinstone, as district organizer of the district of New York, welcomed the plenum of the Central Committee.

"Events in New York and New Jersey," said Weinstone, "indicate the necessity to open a counter offensive against the attempts of the capitalists to destroy the labor organizations. Unemployment, reaching four million throughout the country, has affected New York as well. Bourgeois social agencies are already declaring that the crisis is more severe than that of 1922."

Referring to the project of the American Bar Association for a federal anti-strike law, the banquet of capitalist representatives and labor bureaucrats at Passaic and the Cooper Union meeting called by the N. Y. State Federation of Labor for the ostensible purpose of securing legislation against injunctions, Weinstone said the Cooper Union meeting was in fact, like the other incidents, a treacherous move against labor. It would in fact be a reactionary move against labor and for the candidacy of Al Smith for president.

"New Tammany Hall."

"There is a new Tammany Hall," said Weinstone, "which, instead of representing the petty-bourgeoisie as the old Tammany Hall did, today represents and expresses the interests of finance capital. Tammany Hall was formerly against the centralization of government. Now Al Smith speaks for centralization of government in advocating the four-year term for governor of New York and in the adoption of the 'short ballot' and the Baumes law. Al Smith represents more severe attacks on the working class and 'efficient' government and hence the abandonment of the old 'reform' movement against Tammany Hall. The big bourgeoisie is satisfied with the new Tammany Hall to carry out completely its pro-

gram of destruction of the labor movement. The trade union bureaucrats react to this only in lining up with the bosses as shown in their support of the candidacy of Hoover in New Jersey and of Smith in New York.

"The socialist party has become a reactionary tool assisting the capitalist class.

"The period is one in which we know how the Workers (Communist) Party must take the lead, which we can do if we know how to organize the workers in response to new events. The formation of in New York of the council of the unemployed is such a step as those necessary to meet the new offensive against the working class.

"The plenum of our Party assembles at the proper moment to meet the new set of conditions and to give a program. With still greater unity it will mobilize the Party, I am confident, for new advances and struggles which will increase the power and influence of the Party."

Replying, on behalf of the Central Committee to the greetings of the fraternal delegates from Mexico and Canada and to the welcoming speech of the New York district, Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Party, said he recalled a similar occasion four years ago when fraternal representatives went to Mexico.

"These comrades in Mexico," said Lovestone, "were told that 10 years prior to that time if someone had come from the United States to speak to the revolutionary Mexican workers, he would never leave the country. So intense was the suspicion between the working class movements of the two countries, that they would not have welcomed even a worker. This plenum meets in a new period of growing solidarity between the workers of all countries, and of these three countries—Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Look to Mexico.

"We look upon Mexico as the threshold of Latin-America. The bourgeoisie of this land regard Canada as 'the forty-ninth state' of the United States and Mexico as a colony of the United States.

"We look to the labor movements of those two countries which will struggle with us against the government of Wall Street. The Workers (Communist) Party of America will fight tooth and nail, side by side with you, comrades, against the yankee imperialist attempts against the independence of Latin-America and of Canada."

Lovestone referred to the recent

utterances of Admiral Plunkett as evidence of the imminence of the danger of imperialist war and the plans of the Wall Street government for the conquest of weaker peoples.

"The socialist party of this country," he said, "is losing all semblance of working class character. Our Workers (Communist) Party is the one working class party, and it is the only workers' organization that is growing. This is because it follows the leadership of Lenin and the Communist International.

Party Increasing Members. "We can note at this plenum of our Central Committee an increase of 2,000 members since our last convention. This makes our Party now larger in membership than it has been at any time since we went into the reorganization of the Party on the basis of shop nuclei. This has been despite objective difficulties.

"Our Party realizes the tasks before it. The crisis which faces us is one which puts us all to the test. American imperialism knows that it is bound for severe trials, and it will unquestionably strike at the revolutionary party. When it strikes, we will strike back—not blow for blow, but three blows for one.

"We have a program, we have a correct analysis and a correct approach to the struggle which will free Mexico from the Morrows and Canada from the Wall Street exploiters, and which will finally lead not only to the victorious establishment of the workers' Soviet government of this country, but to the federation of Soviet governments of all the Americas.

Coal Miner Speaks

The assembled members and guests of the Central Committee greeted with applause the appearance of a Communist coal miner from the strike fields of Pennsylvania. The miners' union is in grave danger of destruction, he said.

"After two years developments in the coal industry," he said, "the program of our Workers (Communist) Party is found to be basically correct. The United Mine Workers Union faces the fight for its very life. In the Pittsburgh district the miners have been fighting now for ten months and in other districts they have been out striking two years. It is now a question of life and death.

"The railroads, the coal operators and the Lewis bureaucrats are combined in a struggle in which they would destroy the miners' union in territory where it has been an established institution for many years.

"John L. Lewis is playing into the hands of the operators. The miners are beginning to realize that the question is 'Shall we keep our Union, or shall we keep Lewis?'

"Lewis must go, or our union is gone.

"Militancy and strikes are becoming more marked. There are people who say they doubt the ability of the American workers to fight. These miners show that the longer they fight the stronger is their ability to fight. The determination of the rank and file to fight is splendid. Mass picketing is beginning. In Western Pennsylvania the miners are saying: 'Mass picketing is the only way to smash injunctions.'

"Progressives who formerly considered that if the left wing fought in spite of the bureaucrats, it would be a grave breach of internal ethics, have begun to see that if they don't fight now they will never fight again. They begin to realize that our policy is right in smashing injunctions, mass picketing and building a labor party.

"Nowadays our party speakers are welcome in the coal fields where they were not before. They begin to understand when we say that the saving of the union lies in the hands of the rank and file.

"When Minerich was arrested, it was for quoting Gompers in saying 'to hell with injunctions.' A state policeman asked him 'who the hell is that guy Gompers?' I want to see him and he won't say that again!

"The workers there are living in 'piano-box' barracks, their wives and children are without shoes and are cold and hungry. We must bring them relief.

Party Influence

"Our Party must make a showing, and is making a showing. But we must redouble that showing. We have a man-size job before us. The comrades are being mobilized behind the Central Committee and its policy, and I know that the Party will not be ashamed to go before the masses with the results."

Another from the Colorado coal strike fields spoke, after which Comrade Dunne spoke.

Comrade Benjamin Gitlow, who just returned from an extensive trip across the continent, gave an account of conditions as he found them in industry and in the labor movement of western cities. His speech ended the afternoon session Saturday.

Reports of these speeches will appear in tomorrow's DAILY WORKER, as will the report of the Political Committee which was delivered by Comrade Lovestone.

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Rivera Government Calls Troops as General Strike Spreads Thruout Spain

MADRID, BILBAO MILLS AND MINES HIT BY WALK-OUT

Peasants Restive While Factories Stand Idle

MARSEILLES, Feb. 5.—The general strike that began in Barcelona and has tied up virtually the whole province of Catalonia today threatens to grip all Spain and upset the government of Primo de Rivera as the walkout of workers in Madrid, Bilbao and other industrial centers becomes general.

Troops are reported to have been called out and the police are taking extraordinary measures to curb the spread of the strike, but have been unable to prevent the tie-up of the Madrid mills and the Bilbao mines and factories. There is an unconfirmed report that the harbor workers have struck in Bilbao and that ships loading iron ore have been unable to continue operations.

The government is alarmed at the progress of the strike which began in Barcelona over a tax of \$1.87 levied by the government on the wages of the workers. Troops are reported to have been despatched to the parts of the country affected by the strike as the Primo de Rivera fascist regime feels itself confronted by the anger of an uprising.

Whole Province Tied Up

HENDAYE, France, Feb. 5.—Police continue to run the five trains and street cars that are moving in Barcelona as the walk-out of the workers is reported to be practically complete. All shipping is at a standstill in the harbor, and textile mills in the city and suburbs have ceased to operate.

Rumors of clashes between the workers and police persist but no details can be gathered as the government is making every effort to prevent information from leaving the country.

Unrest in the industrial centers of Manresa, Sabadell and Terrasa has spread thruout the province and the presence of the troops called out by the government is causing great disquiet among the peasants whose conditions are wretched and who have strong Catalan nationalist feelings.

Sabadell and Manresa are important factory towns in western and southwestern Catalonia and control the two railway approaches from southern and western Spain. The only other railway communication from Barcelona is toward the French frontier on the north.

KILL WORKER TAKING COAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—George Pojak, 26, father of two children, was shot and killed by a watchman last night when he attempted to steal some coal from a car on the property of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company. Pojak had been unemployed for some time.

Brun, the watchman, denied at first responsibility for the killing, but afterwards admitted that he had fired the shot. He and Stephan Yergivich, who was helping Pojak, are being held for the inquest today.

Haifa Terminus for Mosul Oil Pipe Line

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5.—The long feud between French and British interests in the Turkish Petroleum Company over the terminus for the Mosul pipe line has been practically ended by the selection of Haifa, it is learned tonight.

A combination of Standard Oil and British interests is seen in the decision which makes Haifa, the harbor on which construction is beginning the greatest in the Eastern Mediterranean.

FIRE ENDANGERS WORKERS

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 5.—Fire destroyed a roundhouse in which 29 locomotives of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad were standing, badly damaging all of the locomotives.

Fruit Trust Levies Huge Tribute on Latin-America

For its part in the development of the American capitalist empire in Central America, the Caribbean United Fruit Co. received a 1922 profit of \$12,621,341 after all deductions for interest and taxes. This reckoned as a return of \$7.84 a share on the common stock and compares with \$19,511,471 or \$7.80 a share in 1921.

The real return on the investment of the owners is much larger than appears on the surface. Changes in the capitalization include a 100% stock dividend in 1921 and the exchange of 2% shares of no par stock

THOMAS AIDS BALDWIN

Reformists Betray Hungry British Miners

To Return to USSR



Diego Rivera, internationally-known Mexican artist, who left for home yesterday after a stay of three months in the Soviet Union. Rivera will return to the Soviet Union in the fall.

SOCIALISTS ON VERGE OF FIGHT

Fists Raised but Only Words Fly in Vienna

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—Hard words flew and fists were lifted, but remained in the air, while socialists and clericals in the Austrian parliament hurled at one another charges and countercharges that blackmail methods dominate the Austrian police administration. The uproar which has seldom been equalled even in the Austrian socialist parliament, was loudest in the visitors' gallery which was packed for the occasion by the socialists.

The storm broke when Mayor Karl Heitz, socialist who shot down the revolting Vienna workers in July, shouted "liar" at Vice-chancellor Hartleb. The deputies rushed forward, one of them striking the briefcase of Chancellor Seipel so that it skidded and hit him. The deputy immediately apologized. Unable to maintain silence or start a real fight, the presiding officer was forced to adjourn the session.

FEAR REVOLTS IN KOREA; ARREST 33

TOKIO, Feb. 5.—Thirty-three Korean Communists, a number of them women, were arrested yesterday in a house to house search in Seoul, according to reports received here.

Japanese officials fear an outbreak in Korea. Hundreds of radical workers and students have been arrested in the last few months.

The arrest followed the discovery of "incriminating" documents and literature, the police state.

Suggested Dutch Rule's End; Gets Jail Term

Jusuf Saman, the chairman of the West Java section of the Sarekat Islam, the Nationalist organization of the Javanese masses, has been sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment, reports from Sukabumi, West Java, announce.

Saman is charged with having "intimated in a covert way" that the Dutch domination of the East Indies ought to be overthrown.

DEPRESSION ADMITTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Both production of raw materials and manufacturing showed a decline in December of 1922, the department of commerce announces. Not only was there a falling off from November, but the amounts were less than December, 1922.

Fruit Trust Levies Huge Tribute on Latin-America

For each share of \$100 stock in 1922 in other words the owners now hold 5 shares of common stock for each \$100 share owned prior to 1921 and the 1922 profit represents a return of more than 82% on the investment.

United Fruit dominates the banana trade of the country having shipped from the tropics 49,845,147 bunches in the course of the year. It also produced nearly a million bags of sugar on its Cuban preserves. In the last 5 years United Fruit has taken profit totaling over \$100,000,000 as its share of the tribute levied on Wall Street's Latin-American dependencies.

By THOMAS BELL.

(Concluded from last issue).

Take the example of the Welsh Miners' March. Here is a concrete case. Tens of thousands of miners are without any prospects of work, following the defeats of last year. Destitution is rampant, and local government boards will not help. No finer case could be taken up, even by opportunist parliamentarians whose sole concern is no more than a formal opposition to the government. A march of the unemployed miners on London could have roused the whole of the workers' movement, and put just that "pep" into it that is so badly needed. Such a stimulus would have had tremendous political consequences. Yet the entire bureaucratic machinery (aided by the Communist renegade, Wall, who acted as the poor tool of the Party managers in London) worked night and day to prevent the march.

The excuse of a Communist "stunt" will not wash. The march arose out of the appalling situation in the mining areas of South Wales where destitution is terrible. What does it matter if the Communists did take the lead in preparing the first steps in the march? The facts are that following A. J. Cook's appeal the local labor organizations were prepared to render every assistance until the Party managers from Eecleston Square got the "wind up" and outlawed the march. The real position is one of sheer funk and cowardice on the part of our official leadership in the sole desire to curry favor with the bosses and to do nothing to alienate votes to the general election.

Aid to Capitalism.

We do not hesitate to say that this policy of repressing the fighting instincts of the workers is a direct service to capitalism. It helps the capitalists against the workers. It is a betrayal of the workers. But it will not always succeed. The Communist and left workers will find a way of defeating this policy of betrayal and of saving socialism for the working class.

What is it the capitalists are aiming at? The policy of the capitalists in this country at present is quite clear. Faced with formidable world competition and fighting for their lives, they seek to extract more values from the workers. Reduced wages, longer hours and a rationalization of industry are a means of prolonging their rule, especially if the trade unions are crippled by a policy of Party abandonment socialism. Part of the process of bolstering up capitalism and in getting these objectives is to win the labor leaders away from a policy of resistance or struggle, and to inveigle them into "Industrial Peace Campaigns" and pure "ministerialism." This is the fundamental policy of the "captains of industry."

"Class Collaboration"

At the moment the capitalists can register certain successes. They have succeeded in forcing responsible members of the T. U. C. to openly identify themselves with industrial peace talk to the extent of some of them blantly formulating programmes, thus laming the workers in the struggle against the capitalist offensive.

There is said to be differences between Citrine and Thomas. But these are not material to the workers or inimical to the capitalists. If anything, the policy of a peace pact between the general council and the large capitalist organizations (the policy of Citrine) is even more deadly than the local pacts between the workers and the capitalists in particular industries (the policy of Thomas and the railway companies). Both of them have the same end in view, viz., to tie up the workers' organizations to capitalism.

But is there a real objective basis for this "class collaboration"? Can it materialize with even limited advantage to the workers? We think not. British capitalism has lost its world monopoly. It is no longer able to exploit the colonies without challenge. A native industry and nationalist bourgeoisie is challenging the hitherto undisputed rule of British capital. A growing proletarian movement in the colonies and dependencies now offers powerful resistance to a one-time unbridled exploitation.

Labor Faces Crisis.

British capitalism therefore is no longer able to afford concessions to even the labor aristocracy of the industrial metropolis. This being so there can be no objective basis for carrying through a policy of class collaboration and industrial peace. The leaders of our T. U. C. and the general council and of the Labor Party, are, in these circumstances, simply playing the role of decoy-ducks in their political direction.

The crisis in the labor movement as we have said, cannot remain long as it is. With no objective basis the present period of "peace" and "collaboration" will soon get short-shrift. The masses will not be restrained by faked conferences or after-dinner speeches. Stern reality will over-ride all the "guarantees" of the gilded chambers. Even as the Labor leaders put their souls in pawn and plead for peace, wages are going down while living is dearer. Unemployment is growing rather than diminishing. The

FRENCH TEXTILE WORKERS HIT BY BOSS COMBINES

Owners' Organizations War on All Demands

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Thoroughly class-conscious is the mighty Textile Consortium of Roubaix-Tourcoing. Organized eight years ago, it has waged successful war against the powerful textile unions in its territory.

Organization and money did it. Levying a per capita of 5 1/2 per cent of the total payroll of its members, the Consortium last year had no less than 28,000,000 francs in its union-fighting treasury. With this it maintained elaborate welfare and social services for the 100,000 workers employed by its 360 members. A special police force for use against strikers, pickets and organizers, a detective service to ferret out militants within the factories and an economy service which informs the Consortium of the most propitious moments to cut wages are maintained by the per capita levy.

Textile unions have waged long and bitter strikes in this center of the French woolen industry, many of them defeated by the money bags of the bosses. But on the whole the battle has been with the Consortium with the result that wages are in many cases 50 per cent below pre-war levels. Many women get but 50 cents a day while the general average is under \$1 for all workers.

Want 44-Hour Week.

The "English Week" of 44 hours is one of the leading demands of the French workers when they are not defending the 8-hour day against employers' attacks. Textile workers have nailed the English week to their mast and in addition are fighting for the 7-hour day. The shorter workweek, the union holds, will help alleviate the heavy unemployment.

Every American tourist in Paris knows the Galeries Lafayette, among the biggest and showiest of the metropolis' department stores. So do the French textile and garment workers, for the vast enterprise and profits of the Galeries Lafayette are founded on their bitter exploitation. The store orders its drygoods from contractors who in turn encourage sweatshops and home work on a scale well known to New York garment workers. Last year the Galeries paid profits of 50 million francs against 40 million for 1922.

30,000 On Strike.

Fifty thousand textile workers in Europe were on strike in the second half of 1922 mostly against speed-up and wage reductions in a score of centers.

Silk Bosses Struggle.

National federations of woolen mill owners in six countries,—France, England, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia,—have formed an international association to discuss production, prices and rationalization. American manufacturers were represented by an observer.

Among silk manufacturers there is no such harmony. An acute international struggle is being fought by interests of Lyons, Milan, Zurich, Elberfeld, Nottingham and Patterson.

Titulescu Denies He Is Seeking French Credits

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Nicolas Titulescu continues to deny that his visit here is for the purpose of obtaining credits with which to stabilize his unstable government. His recent conversations with Poincaré, however, lend color to the rumor. It is known that the Bratianu government is close to collapse as danger of a financial crisis nears and it is supposed that Rumania is working on French interests in the Balkans to secure a loan.

Admits He Accepted Fee from Radio Trust

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Admission by O. H. Caldwell, acting chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, that he is accepting an annual retainer of \$7,000 from a publishing company interested in radio gave rise to a dispute in the senate interstate commerce committee today.

Industrial crisis of capitalism is not abating, notwithstanding the sacrifices forced on the workers by the policy of surrender advocated by the Labor leaders.

Struggle is Imminent.

More and more, therefore, the policy of struggle and battle must come to the front. The greedy necessities of capitalism will goad the workers into revolt. They will inevitably follow the road indicated by the Communists. Not through a policy of "industrial peace" and "class collaboration" can the workers come into their own, but by ever sharper, deeper and wider conflicts with capitalism culminating in even more widespread and extensive general strikes than in 1922. There is no other way out of the present morass; no other political policy will suffice.

MARINES BACK MONCADA

Conservative Chamorro Wants Gravy Too

The United States will go ahead with its plans for the "supervision" of the Nicaraguan elections, Brig. Gen. Frank K. McCoy informed followers of the conservative leader Emiliano Chamorro, reports from Managua state.

Chamorro, who has been seeking the presidency, has opposed United States supervision of the elections because the state department has refused to back him as a candidate. The United States, according to all indications will support the "liberal" General Moncada, who sold out to Henry Stimson last May.

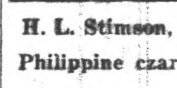
At a conference between General McCoy, United States Minister Eberhardt and a number of conservative leaders headed by Rosendo Chamorro (brother of Emiliano), McCoy made it clear that United States marines would "supervise" the coming elections in spite of the action of the chamber of deputies which threw out the American-sponsored electoral law.

When Chamorro visited the United States recently, state department officials declared that he would not be recognized as a candidate. This is generally regarded as an indication that the United States will reward Moncada's betrayal of the nationalist movement by granting him the presidency.

Stimson Leaves for Job As Czar of Philippines

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Henry L. Stimson, left here yesterday to take up his duties as governor general of the Philippine Islands.

The appointment of Stimson has been bitterly criticized by the more radical wing of the Philippine independence movement, while more conservative leaders like Quezon have greeted Stimson's appointment. Stimson left on board the President McKinley.



H. L. Stimson, Philippine czar

Swedish Workers Will Co-operate With Trade Unions of the U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—According to reports received here from Stockholm, the annual meeting of the Sundswale district of the organization of foresters and seamen voted for closer collaboration of Swedish trade unions with those of the Soviet Union.

The meeting proposed that an attempt be made to draw Norwegian and Finnish unions into closer contact with Soviet trade unions. If this proposal is rejected, the Sundswale organization will cooperate with U. S. S. R. unions independently.

New Bridge Planned

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 5.—A \$7,000,000 drawbridge between Penn's Grove, N. J., and Wilmington, Delaware, will be constructed within a year, it was announced yesterday. Toll charges will be less than the present ferry fare, it was said.

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HIGH PRODUCTION WITH SEVEN-HOUR DAY IN THE USSR

Textile Output Greater With Three Shifts

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The seven-hour day in the textile industry will not only benefit Soviet Union workers directly by a reduction of working hours, but will result in a large increase of production, according to preliminary estimates.

The three-shift system, which will be introduced with the seven-hour day is expected to raise the output of textile goods and to furnish employment for 17,785 additional workers.

The seven-hour day has been introduced in a number of other industries. Wage agreements recently concluded have resulted in substantial wage increases for large numbers of workers. The collective agreement between the Donogul and the Ukrainian Miners' Committee have increased wages about twenty per cent. More working clothes and a higher ration of fuel are also provided for in the agreement.

British, U. S. Finance Soviet Timber Exports

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The "Exporters' Soviet Joint-Stock Company, has signed a contract with a number of British, American, German and Dutch banks and firms regarding credits and advances for contracts for the realization of Soviet timber exports, to a total sum of 3,285,000 pounds sterling. The foreign credits are almost 8 times as large as last year's.

Among the British banks crediting Soviet timber exports are: Lloyd's Bank, Hambros Bank, Glyn Mills Bank, the British Overseas Bank, the Eastern Bank, Brown, Shipley Co. etc. Among the American banks, credits have been received from the Equitable Trust Co; from the German Diskonto Gesellschaft, and from the Dutch Niederland Bank.

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Sufferings of Labor Told by Worker Correspondents Thruout United States

CALL FOR CLASS PARTY IN LETTER FROM NEW YORK

Rank and File Must Aid Own Political Power

FOR A LABOR PARTY.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The Central Trades and Labor Council called the mass meeting which was held at Cooper Union Sunday. The ostensible reason for calling this meeting was to decide how to do away with injunction, but the real reason was to convince the rank and file of the necessity of combatting militant trade unionists by turning them Bolsheviks or un-American.

President Sullivan of the State Federation of Labor, in an interview, claimed that the big industries are trying to break the trade unions. His suggestions are that the workers counteract these attempts by bringing pressure to bear on their representatives.

The outstanding reasons of the absurdity of rallying around old political parties are:

(1) Because they represent and work in behalf of the capitalist class, which is diametrically opposed to the working class.

(2) Because the capitalist representatives sanction the killing of workers in Nicaragua.

(3) Because they allow the big industries to starve, club, and kill workers in Colorado and Pennsylvania without protest.

And until the working class forms a united front politically these atrocities will continue to exist. The only possible way to combat the owning class effectively is to have a Labor Party that will work solely for the interests of the working class.

HENRY BLOOM.

Pennsylvania

Cops Halt Jobless Meet.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Philadelphia police refuse to allow the unemployed workers to hold a meeting called to organize a demand for relief.

Fully cognizant of the deplorable condition of the workers of Philadelphia due to widespread unemployment, the Philadelphia Council of Unemployed was organized and a hall secured to hold a meeting. Circulars were printed and distributed and a notice of the meeting sent to the superintendent of police. The committee was then told that the meeting could not be held, to which the committee replied that it would be held or they would go to jail trying to hold it.

An effort was then made to see the Director of Public Safety, but he refused to be seen, passing the buck to the superintendent of police. The committee then called at the office of Mayor Mackey and again the buck was passed to the superintendent of police, the committee being refused an interview even with the mayor's secretary. This was no surprise to the committee, knowing the contempt that Mayor Mackey must necessarily have for the organized labor movement of Philadelphia, after the leaders had pusillanimously sold the labor vote to the republican organization in the mayoralty campaign for the unemployment of a labor leader as a bribe.

Everything was set to take a ride in the patrol wagon when the good lord got busy and spoiled "a perfectly good party" by blowing about ten inches of snow over the city, and thereby provided an opportunity for 9000 of the army of unemployed workers to earn a few dollars, which of course they took advantage of, and as the flute sheets had announced that the meeting had been called off and postponed, nobody showed up but the Committee and a half dozen bulls.

Mayor Mackey is a pious critter and the heavenly gentlemen realizing what an embarrassing thing it would be to have a lot of hungry citizens congregating on the sabbath and demanding to be fed, with all of the claves and flaves locked up, concluded to get busy and started a pouch of snow storm. All of which not only provided a small part of the unemployed with a few hours work, but also afforded his honor an opportunity to demonstrate his affection for the unemployed workers by permitting them to stretch out their weary bodies on the nice cool cement floors of the City Hall to sleep, thereby enabling them to keep their clothes dry which they could not have done had they been obliged to sleep in the snow outside. I wonder if pious Harry would allow his dog to sleep on a cold cement floor?

Hundreds Sleep on Cold Concrete

When I walked through that corridor last night and noticed the hundreds of workers stretched out on the cold cement floor there arose in my mind the picture of the comfortably heated, luxurious office that some of these same workers had been denied by traitorous labor leaders into providing for Harry Mackey use when they voted to hire him, at

Victim of Father's Ax



John Priddy, who was slain together with his mother and brother by his father, Claude E. Priddy, an ex-minister.

a splendid salary, to run their city hall for them.

The industrial and commercial situation has become terribly acute in Philadelphia.

The newspapers with the exception of the Sunday Transcript, having to sell advertising space in order to exist, and knowing few business men would be suckers enough to advertise if they weren't kidded into thinking that "1928 was going to be a good year for business" are handing out the biggest bunch of bunk you ever read.

A big mill man takes a whole page to tell us that the next five years are going to be the greatest the building industry had ever known. This in face of the fact that the sheriff's sales were \$27 in Dec., \$27 in Jan., and \$36 in Feb. and not over 2 per cent of the owners able to recover them, and \$11 houses renting for \$60 a month, the carrying charges on which are over \$80. It's a cinch builders are going to gamble their own money on the erection of more houses under those conditions. Not likely.

Mayor Mackey has been mighty busy telling business and professional men what a wonderful lot of things he is going to do for the city with the \$40,000,000 the working class are going to vote in favor of his borrowing at the spring primaries, I say working class because if the working class should take a notion to vote against it he won't have it to spend. There ain't enough business and professional men to put it across. And if they don't get the mazzama god help Mackey's administration and Mackey's ambition to be governor.

—GEORGE L. EVANS, Secretary Philadelphia Council of Unemployed.

Police Break Up Jobless Demonstration at Passaic

(Continued from Page One)

Then applauded for five minutes thereafter; still not satisfied they cheer.

Struggles Ahead.

"We are here again for struggle," Weisbord began. "The workers' life is one continuous battle. You who have attained to the consciousness of the working class, will understand me when I say that there will be no let-up in the struggle as long as the capitalist system exists."

"The first step in the solution of unemployment," he went on, "is the same as that which faced us two years ago: Organization. Without organization, as we have learned so thoroughly, we can do nothing. Secondly, we must put aside all wrong notions as to who will help us in this situation. No one but ourselves can do anything for us. We must make demands upon the employers, upon the city officials, upon the officials of the government, upon the high-salaried labor officials, that they begin definite action for the relief of the unemployed."

Enemies to be Faced.

After reviewing the events in the bitter struggle lasting for over a year, and showing in detail the part played by the city officials, the Passaic Citizens' Committee, the labor officials of the A. F. of L., Weisbord continued. "Thus we see that we are faced by the fire of the employers and their government before us and by the knife-thrusts of the enemy labor fakers in the rear. But the time has come to make them act. Let us make demands upon them. The bosses said that if you would only go back to the mills, good times would come. Let us hold them responsible for these 'good times.' The city officials claim to represent all the people. Let us demand that they open kitchens for the hungry."

"Our Demands."

"We say to them: 'No evictions for the unemployed; begin construction so that we can obtain work; throw open the schools and public buildings for lodging the unemployed. We demand that the government provide a substantial sum for relief from the excess profits of the rich, millions of dollars of which are now being returned to them; we demand from the labor fakers that they take a cut in salary, that they put up a real fight

UNEMPLOYMENT AND BRUTALITY IN CALIFORNIA

Jobless Men Forced to Take Bitter Charity

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The writer of this article went to California on the first of October last and has already witnessed enough suffering on the part of the workers to fill a book.

California produces unlimited quantities of fruit, vegetables, poultry, beef and dairy products. Here are all the things necessary to make the people comfortable, healthy and happy. But the workers here, as elsewhere, cannot own a thing beyond their labor power, because the insignificant wages paid them do not even permit them to live, much less save money with which to buy homes or other necessities.

Now that all work in the orchards and fields has finished, now that the crops have been planted and harvested and stored away in the storehouses and cold storage plants by the hands and brains of the toilers of California, how do the workers fare? Sacramento alone has between 6,000 and 7,000 jobless, homeless men and women, hungry and in rags.

The animals of the fields are at least sheltered from the damp freezing nights, for do not think that we have warm sun every day. Yes, the animals have a commercial value and the workers have not, because at this time of year the workers can not be profitably employed.

Face Starvation.

So, the workers of California face starvation in the streets. Thousands of men walk aimlessly up and down 2nd Street in Sacramento and stare at the polished black boards where, when times are better, a few jobs are displayed for sale.

If a job really comes up, a horde of humanity rushes for it and, before the agent has finished writing, the job is taken. In times of such keen misery no one asks what the wages are, or the hours, or the conditions.

It is not "ethical" for a city to have a bread line, instead we have a respectable "community chest." The funds from this, however, do not go to the starving, they go instead to a cheap mulligan joint, "Hart's," on 2nd Street which feeds the sufferers.

Two Crusts and Bitter Coffee.

The men and women line up in the alley and are handed two pieces of dry bread and a cup of black unsweetened coffee. You don't have to be in prison to be on bread and water in California.

VIOLET HEMING.



Will play the title role in "Mrs. Dane's Defense," which is being revived this evening at the Cosmopolitan Theatre.

The writer talked with one victim of greed and lust today. He stood in line at Hart's last evening but was so weak from days of hunger that he was forced to leave the line. There were about 400 others to partake of the "nourishing" repast.

The Holy Union Mission on 5th Street feeds the workers every other day four pieces of bread and a half bowl of soup. I attended the Mission today and found that 175 workers were receiving "god's" blessings and soup, but countless others arrived to find that the eleventh hour had passed and the doors were locked.

If you steal here, you go to jail. If you beg, you go to jail. If you sell from house to house and have no license, you go to jail. If you step inside a place to get warm, you are given a one-hour floater, which means that you must leave the city at once. Only one thing is legitimate, you can go to church on Sunday and thank "god," if you can walk.

Houses of Tin and Rags.

Shelter from the cold winter rains consists of ragged huts, shacks constructed from grocery boxes, pieces of tin and rags gathered at the city dumping grounds. Men live under the eaves of bridges. The better off live in muddy auto camps where they pay fifteen or twenty cents a day for the privilege of pitching their tents. Whole families live in this way while in all parts of the city hundreds of houses are vacant.

Four men were arrested yesterday because they lacked a few cents on the price of their breakfast.

This picture of misery is framed in luxury, for California is the home of many millionaires and of the wealthy in general.

—FRANCES M. DICKEY.

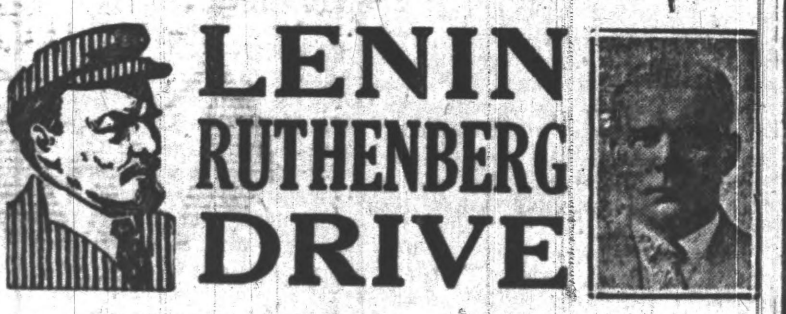
New York

Seamen's Institute Exposed.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Last night I saw a worker beaten into insensibility by policemen at the Seamen's Institute, 25 South Street, near the East River waterfront. Three teeth were knocked out of the worker's mouth. I myself was barred from the Seamen's Institute this morning. I was coming for my mail when a policeman grabbed me and took me up to the third floor of the Institute, where they have a police department. They asked me all sorts of silly questions, and treated me as if I was a criminal. Seamen are almost daily beaten up

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DRAMA

Neighborhood Playhouse to Produce Again in May

The Neighborhood Playhouse, under the direction of Alice and Irene Lewisohn, will make its next production sometime in May, or one year from the date of its closing. These performances, however, will be given not at the Theatre on Grand Street but in a larger uptown theatre. The early experiments out of which the Neighborhood Playhouse grew concerned the combination of choral movement, speech and songs and were termed festivals. These as well as the ballet pantomime were always included in the yearly repertoire and came to be termed The Lyric Bill. Under this designation were such various productions as "Salut au Monde," "White Peacock," "The Arab Fantasie," "A Burmese Pwe," and the "Ritornelle."

In all these productions, because of the size of the theatre, less emphasis was placed upon musical expression than was desired. This year symphonic music will be the basis of the production. The Neighborhood Playhouse is co-operating with The Cleveland Orchestra under the direction of Nikolai Sokoloff.

at the Seamen's Church Institute. They have beds there from 35 cents to \$1.00 a night. If you are not in by midnight they close the doors on you even if you have purchased a ticket for a bed.

This is further striking proof of the brutal treatment of seamen by the Seamen's Church Institute, which was exposed in your paper on Jan. 17. This institution, backed by Standard Oil and other large exploiters of labor, is a strikebreaking center run under the guise of a religious and charitable institution.

—P. R. COVIL.

Colorado

Successful Meetings

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Two successful meetings have been held in Denver during the past week. A well-attended meeting at Windsor Hall on Saturday and a large Lenin Memorial Meeting at the Labor Lyceum Sunday.

Comrade Gitlow's splendid exposition of the principles of the Communist Party created a marked impression and showed practical results in many new applications for membership.

The meeting for the unemployed was attended by more than three hundred jobless.

Relief work for the Colorado miners goes steadily forward.

—H. A. ZEITLIN.

Broadway Briefs

Four openings are scheduled for this evening. They are: a revival of "Mrs. Dane's Defense" at the Cosmopolitan; "Atlas and Eva," at the Mansfield; "Meek Mose," Princess Theatre and "Parisiana" at the Edyth Totten.

Waring's Pennsylvanians, with Fred Waring, director, are the headliners at the Palace this week. Marjorie Moss and Georges Fontana remain a second week at the big playhouse. Others on the bill include: Edith Meiser; Tom McLeod, with Marjorie Tiller; Medley and Dupree; Maz Gruber; La Van and Doris, and the Serlany Troupe.

Ruiz and Bonita, with Gel-Mann and His Quartette are at the Hippodrome this week. Sylvia Clark; Eddie Alexandria and Ole Olsen; Del Chain and Lou Archer; Marion Mills and Marie Goodwin; and Five De Cardos are other acts. The photoplay is Patsy Ruth Miller in "South Sea Love."

"And So To Bed," James E. Fagan's comedy about Samuel Pepys, reached its one hundredth performance at the Bijou Theatre.

While "The International," by John Howard Lawson is playing nightly at the New Playwrights' Theatre, the next production, "Hoboken Blues," by Michael Gold, is rehearsing under the direction of Edward Massey.

Overwork Is Fatal

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 5.—The labor of operating a one-man trolley car was blamed by his widow for the death of Victor Braun, 43, from a paralytic stroke. The Public Service Corp. for which Braun worked as a motorman laid off hundreds of workers in New Jersey when the one man cars were adopted several years ago.

New Defense Bulletin

The latest bulletin of the New England District of the International Labor Defense, just issued, contains a report of the third annual district conference, a report of the executive committee, and a financial report. There is also a list of the existing branches and a statement of the general rules of the organization.

Jobless After Fire

BAYONNE, N. J., Feb. 5.—About 80 girls were made jobless by a fire which destroyed a dress plant and a hotel. Many of the girls lost personal belongings.

AMUSEMENTS

Winter Garden Eves. 8:30. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30. WORLD'S LAUGH SENSATION! Artists & Models

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THE MERRY MALONES with GEORGE M. COHAN

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"The Trial of Mary Dugan" By Bayard Veiller, with Ann Harding-Rex Cherryman

SOUTHERN UNION DELEGATES MEET AT CONFERENCE

Discuss Organization to Fight Open Shop

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 5 (FP).—Renewed impetus to the unionization of southern workers is being given by the Piedmont Organizing Council. The second meeting of the council brought to Greensboro 75 delegates from 16 trade unions in Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, High Point and Winston Salem. The February meeting of the council at Winston-Salem is expected to draw nearly 150 unionists from the nine leading Piedmont Carolina cities.

Organization of a new union at Durham resulted from the first meeting of the council and organization of one in Greensboro will result from this second session. Labor legislation will be the main topic for the third council meeting.

Urge Organization.

Necessity for organizing workers in the machine and auto industries of the south was stressed by George W. Marshall of Washington, D. C., representing the Intl. Machinists' Assn. Ed Crouch, vice-president of the Tobacco Workers' Intl. Union talked on organization of cigarette makers and other tobacco workers in Winston-Salem and Durham.

Alfred Hoffman, southern representative of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers and organizer of the Council, talked on immediate plans for consummating unionization of groups in several cities of North Carolina. He discussed the southern hosiery situation in some detail. Most of southern hosiery is seamless and not directly under the jurisdiction of the full fashioned union. But more and more full fashioned plants are coming south. The United Textile Workers, of which the full fashioned federation is an autonomous part, has jurisdiction over seamless workers.

John A. Peel, president of Durham central labor union, was renamed president of the organizing council. Marcus F. Sauls, Greensboro typographical union, was renamed secretary. Ed L. Crouch, tobacco workers of Winston Salem, is vice-president. Alfred Hoffman, of Durham, is advisory director. Representatives of these unions attended the second conference: typographical, marble setters, barbers, carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, molders, machinists, auto mechanics, stage employees and motion picture operators, electricians, railway clerks, painters, hosiery and structural ironworkers.

THEATRE

The Theatre Guild presents PORGY Th. W. 42d. Evs. 8:40 Republic Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:40

EUGENE O'NEILL'S Marco Millions Guild Th. W. 52d St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30

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MILITARISTS ASK MORE ARMAMENTS AT JINGO CONFAB

Fear "Unrest" Within Borders of U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Calling for support to the present war preparations and preparedness against the "elements of unrest within our own borders," the second session of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense has opened in Washington with 400 representatives of thirty-four national jingo women's organizations. A large array of prominent militarists, including General Pershing, addressed the delegation, which was also received by President Coolidge at the White House.

That the United States needs a navy "second to none" was the keynote of the conference, with emphasis on the importance of protecting our "outlying possessions and the free development of our foreign trade." A bitter attack was launched against the Soviet Union by the Rev. Dr. A. Walsh, while other speakers went into the problems of organized steps to "combat the revolutionists at home." On this point, Assistant Secretary of State Castle pointed out that "the chief fallacy of the Soviet system lay in the privileges given to labor," none of which should be granted to workers in the United States. Castle also struck the only pacifist note of the conference, while participating with the others in aiding the war preparations. His utterance immediately answered by Brig. Gen. Reilly of the Officers Reserve Corps who clearly brought out the danger of war.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Near Admiral Jones, testifying for the \$800,000,000 naval building program, made the excuse that such a large program would aid the United States in bargaining with Great Britain for the reduction of armaments in 1931.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The United States has the largest military establishment in the world, excepting France, Rep. Collins of Mississippi declared in the house today.

More than 600,000 officers and men are included in the regular army, national guard and reserve corps, he said. He stated that the war department is fostering militaristic propaganda throughout the country. "We have 87,000 officers in this establishment, more than enough for an army of 3,000,000, according to war department figures," Collins declared.

Co-operative Thrives

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 5 (FP).—The difficult task of increasing its total sales 25% has been accomplished by the Co-operative Central Exchange, the wholesale organ of the co-operative stores in the Minnesota-Wisconsin-Michigan district. At the beginning of 1927 the exchange resolved to sell at least \$1,250,000, an increase of 25% over the flat million sold in 1926. Final figures show 1927 sales of \$1,355,756.28.

"We can look forward to 1928 with the conviction that it will be a still bigger and better year for our co-operative business," says manager Eskel Roun.

Policeman Indicted on Bribery Charge

Patrolman John McGlucken of the Hamilton Ave. station was indicted on the charge of bribery last Wednesday, it was revealed yesterday by Magistrate Short in Flatbush court. McGlucken was recently arrested for accepting bribes from persons he had summoned for traffic violations.

Young Coal Digger Tells Cause of Mine Accidents

By A YOUNG MINER.
WEST FRANKFURT, Ill., Feb. 5.—I have some practical facts pertaining to the state safety laws and gas explosions in coal mines which occur with periodic regularity, snuffing out hundreds of lives annually, and which are absolutely unavoidable. I will cite only the latest explosion which occurred at mine 15.

State Laws Ignored.
The conditions now in all the northern mines are as follows:
Gas, as we all know, is a highly explosive substance, particularly in poorly ventilated mine chambers. The state safety law provides that all mines shall be sufficiently ventilated; thus gas has no chance to accumulate in old works, or any other part of the mine. That fundamental law is ignored. Every mine in this territory has large areas worked out which have not caved in properly and which are storehouses for hundreds of cubic feet of gas; these are sealed with concrete stoppings. In case of the stopping giving way, however, for some reason or other, all of this gas would be let loose into the working chambers. In that case it would kill every one in the mine.

Face Bosses' Part.
The working face always accumulates gas, on account of the opening of new veins. There are eight mine examiners who take care of that by

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L. R. T. FARE GRAB IS NOW CERTAIN

Tammany Understood To Be Behind Move

Following the announcement of Thursday that the company will increase the subway fare to seven cents beginning March 3, the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. yesterday promised to grant a 15 per cent increase to its employees on that day.

The wage promise followed immediately upon their previous information that neither the city authorities nor the transit commission had made any attempt to devise means of halting the threatened fare grab. It is now clear that the L. R. T., in order to ensure definitely its increase in its fare will soon apply to a supreme court justice for an injunction preventing the city authorities from interfering.

This move, competent observers state, indicates the complete reconciliation between the Morgan interests and the Chase National Bank group which until recently had been opposing each other. The way for this had been paved by the Untermeyer investigation.

Officials of the Amalgamated traction union refused yesterday to indicate any sort of action in the situation.

Even assuming that the L. R. T. will make good its promise of a wage raise, it will nevertheless leave the corporation 90 per cent of the \$25,000,000 which it intends obtaining as a result of the arbitrary fare increase.

COLLECTION FOR MINERS.

At a recent performance of "The International" by John Howard Lawson at the New Playwrights' Theatre, 40 Commerce St., for the benefit of the striking miners, a collection of \$32.58 was taken up by the Workers' International Relief, 1 Union Square, for the relief fund.

Young Coal Digger Tells Cause of Mine Accidents

marking these gassy places off. In the morning when the men go to their places to work, they must stay out of their place if it is marked. A face boss then comes around and re-examines these places. Usually he just removes the mark whether there is still gas or not. Nine times out of 10 there is an amount of gas left. I believe that is how most of our minor explosions occur.

Also most of the air courses are choked with debris to such an extent that air can't circulate freely. The brattices and doors leak air to a large extent. The mines are very seldom sprinkled or rock dusted to the extent that they should be. In general all safety laws are ignored so crassly that it is evident to any dumb miner that there is "something rotten in the state of Denmark."

Fake Investigations.
In the No. 18 explosion, the state, union, and company officials got along so nicely that no one was blamed for that little "snuff" that cost 21 lives. Money will work wonders in this country.

I would suggest that the miners wake up. Usually the authorities try to plant a few burnt matches or a cigarette stub to show how the explosion occurred. Nothing is ever said about motors, machines and trolleys, which are practically the whole hazard in a closed light mine.

White Terror Against Greek Workers Will Be Protested in America

Preparations for a nation-wide protest movement against the growing reaction in Greece are being made by the recently reorganized Greek section of the International Labor Defense, which will be featured by mass meetings in the main cities and demonstrations against the exile and imprisonment to the desert islands of Greece of some 300 labor leaders.

The meetings will also protest against the expulsion from the Greek parliament of 10 deputies of the Communist Party who were duly elected by workers and peasants of Greece to represent their interests; all of the expelled deputies have been imprisoned.

The announcement, made yesterday by Nick Boubovas, secretary of the Greek section, 401 Lafayette St., has already received an enthusiastic response in Greek labor circles in this country.

PAINTERS FORUM FOR UNEMPLOYED

The Inter-local Painters' Club of New York is arranging an open forum for unemployed painters to be held Thursday, at 1 p. m., at 143 E. 103d St. The main purpose of the meeting is to organize the unemployed men and join with the general unemployment protest. Progressive union officers last night estimated that from 65 to 75 per cent of the painters in their district were unemployed.

The architectural Iron and Bronze Workers Union has also taken steps to organize the unemployed workers of the trade. There have been general daily discussions at the union office and non-union men have been continually urged to join the union, particularly because of the unemployment situation. The initiation fee has been lowered from \$27 to \$7 and the men are permitted to pay it out in small sums.

Right Wing Thug Gets 1 Year Parole Sentence

A. Mutchnik, a right wing thug, who assaulted Max Bloom, a furrier, while he was passing thru Crotona Park on his way to work last summer, was released yesterday by Judge Albert Cohn in the Bronx County Courthouse on one year's parole.

Samuel Markowich, attorney for the International Fur Workers Union presented a letter signed by Samuel N. Samuels, president of the fur employers' association, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and Matthew Wolf, vouching for the "good character" of Mutchnik.

A statement revealing the manner in which the dual union established in the fur industry by the A. F. of L. gives up the workers' rights was made yesterday to the press by Charles Stetsky, assistant manager of the "Joint Council."

He openly stated that he intends to eliminate the clauses of the agreement by which the union can punish manufacturers violating its terms.

TWO WORKERS BURNED.

Two New York workers were seriously burned when kerosene vapors in a 500 gallon tank they were repairing exploded, igniting their clothing. They are Richard Bernstein and Leo Laitner.

LABOR PARTY IS URGED IN MINES

Miners' Struggle Told by Grecht

Rebecca Grecht, field organizer in the Pittsburgh district for the Workers' (Communist) Party, has returned from a seven weeks tour of that section.

She reports that the miners, who have never before faced a struggle so titanic as in their present fight for a decent living wage, now realize how open is the alliance between the government and the coal operators to crush the workers.

Talk of a labor party met with enthusiastic response all over the Pittsburgh district, she reports.

Labor Party Wanted.

"Disgusted with labor misleaders, the miners are flocking to support the progressives," she continued. "More meetings for the discussions of a labor party for this year's election are being demanded by the miners of the Pittsburgh district. The sentiment for a labor party is growing stronger every day in Allegheny, Washington, Fayette, and Westmoreland counties."



FIGHT TREATMENT OF HURT WORKERS AS INCOMPETENT

Doctors Give Poor Care to Injured in Mills

By CARL HAESSLER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (FP).—\$50,000,000 was paid in 1927, it is competently estimated, to doctors, nurses and hospitals for treatment of workers injured in the terrific roar and grind of American industry. Dr. F. A. Besley of the American College of Surgeons places the 1925 cost for the same purposes at between \$40,000,000 and \$45,000,000.

Besley heads the board appointed by the college to clean out the avarice, patient-snatching, incompetence and other evils rampant among the doctors that make a practice of industrial accident cases.

The plan to wipe out the disgraceful conditions now surrounding the surgical treatment of men, women and youths sacrificed to the speedup factory system includes: Standardization of hospital and surgical service, better training in the medical schools in the field of industrial accident surgery, permitting only skilled surgeons to treat the injured and to establish research and general clearing house of ideas.

"Experience shows," the college declared, "that surgical care of a proper character is not being rendered to a great number of the industrially injured and that disability periods out of line with the character of the original injury frequently occur." This means in plain words, that many injured workers get rotten surgical treatment and are kept from work longer than necessary because of the rotten treatment.

The 2,500,000 workers injured in industry every year will eagerly await for the practical results of that pledge.

Child of Workers Party Members Dies in Wisc.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 5.—Juanita and Girolamo Piccoli, members of the Workers (Communist) Party in Milwaukee, have suffered the loss of their three year old daughter, Consuelo, who expired last Saturday following a three weeks' siege of pneumonia.

Girolamo Piccoli is a sculptor well-known in radical circles who has contributed his talents to the revolutionary movement. His wife, Juanita, has drawn for party publications. Both are active in the movement in Milwaukee.

Seattle Students Adopt Ku Klux Trick

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—Nine hooded men seized Marion Zionehel, president of the University of Washington student body, bound and gagged him and ducked him in Lake Washington, beating him severely. Disputes over student policies are blamed for the kidnapping.

Russia Is Paying Cash For New Jersey Cattle

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 5.—Several large shipments of livestock have been sent from the Jersey City stockyards to Soviet Russia in the past week. Commissioners representing the U.S.S.R. have made the purchases, and certified checks were paid for the shipments as soon as they were placed aboard the vessels. Many Russian-born workers of this city, wishing to return to their native country, have been given free passage by acting as live stock tenders on the cattle boats.

PLAN AFFAIR FOR JOINT DEFENSE

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—The Boston labor and progressive organizations are now busy preparing for the biggest event of the year in Boston—the bazaar of the Boston Joint Defense Committee for the New York cloakmakers and furriers victims of the reactionary officialdom, who in conjunction with the bosses and police try to break up their unions.

The bazaar will take place at the huge Scenic Auditorium at the corner of Tremont and Berkeley Sts., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23, 24 and 25. A large number of Workmen's Circles, Independent Workmen's Circles, the Mother's League, the Young Workers League and many other organizations, and localities such as Chelsea, Worcester, Brockton, Lowell and other localities too numerous to mention have decided to have their own booths at the bazaar.

A big variety of different articles will be sold at bargain prices. The bazaar will be opened with a concert on Thursday night, the opening night, and will be followed by a huge ball on Friday night and other entertainments on Saturday.

Articles are being sent to the Worker's Bookshop, 38 Leverett St., Boston, Mass.

Pittsburgh Dance for Miners' Strike Relief

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—To raise funds for the relief of the striking miners and their families, the Harmony Singing Society will hold a dance Saturday, Feb. 11 at the International Socialist Lyceum, 805 James St., N. S.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 5 (FP).—White and colored tobacco workers in different plants of the R. J. Reynolds Co. have been hearing thrift talks during the noon hour, arranged by the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. Budget, bank account, insurance, make a will, pay your bills promptly are the subjects dinned into these unorganized and poorly paid workers' ears while they chew their meagre luncheons.

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Hughes Tries to Defend Imperialist Intervention

Again at the Havana conference of the Pan-American Union, an organization dominated by the government of the United States for the purpose of furthering its imperialist aims, Charles Evans Hughes, the chairman of the Wall Street delegation, had to mobilize all his agents representing the puppet governments of Cuba, Haiti and Nicaragua in order to stifle the criticism of American imperialism's interventionist policies.

The widespread resentment on the part of the Latin American masses against United States imperialist tyranny forced the representatives of the governments of the Argentine, Mexico and Salvador to declare in the committee on public international law that no nation had the right to intervene in the domestic affairs of another nation. Thus was again brought to the fore the question of the specific interventionist adventures in Nicaragua and Haiti, which is correctly recognized as an imperialist drive against all the southern republics.

Even the adroit Mr. Hughes, past-master in diplomatic sophistry and double-dealing, was unable to formulate an effective reply to the attacks against the policy of frightfulness carried out against weaker nations in Latin America. He had to rely for defense of his imperialist policy upon the puppets of the vassal governments, maintained in power through armed intervention of the United States. Dr. Maximo Zepeda, selected by American imperialism to represent the spurious government of Nicaragua, defended the policies of his master. His groveling was equalled by the performance of the Haitian delegates, while the rarest exhibition of crawling before imperialist despotism was given by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, Cuban ambassador to Washington, who said:

"Intervention in Cuba is a word of glory and justice. In my country intervention means independence."
Speaking directly for the vassal government of Moncada, the murderer of the Cuban working class, and indirectly for the sugar trust, the American tobacco trust and the Wall Street bankers, this creature pays homage to the tyrant. To him intervention means the right to play the role of hired murderer of his own people.

Even against the most mild form of attack the defenders of American intervention were obviously on the defensive. But the representatives of Mexico, the Argentine and Salvador miserably failed to take advantage of the situation and follow up the defense of the interventionist policy by Wall Street's array of lackeys with a smashing offensive against the entire Pan-American Union, brand it as a fraud, sinister agency of imperialist butchery, withdraw from and issue a call for an anti-imperialist bloc of Latin American nations against the United States. Their failure to take such action only aids the imperialist conspiracies.

The opening of the third week of the Havana conference confirms the conviction that the only effective method of fighting American interventionist policy in Latin America is to destroy the Pan-American Union and organize the nations for organized resistance to Wall Street policy. This will be realized only through the exploited masses of workers and peasants waging a relentless anti-imperialist struggle against their oppressors. This is the path to liberation indicated by the Communist Parties of the southern republics and the path that history itself has placed upon the order of the day.

Burning MacDonald in Effigy in India

The masses of Bombay, India, who declared a general strike and demonstrated in the streets against the arrival of the British Royal Commission headed by Sir John Simon, showed a high degree of political intelligence by burning in effigy as enemies of the colonial peoples Premier Baldwin, Lord Birkenhead and J. Ramsey MacDonald—the three outstanding individuals who personify the British imperialist united front against the working class in the home country and the workers and peasants of the colonial and semi-colonial empire of Britain.

The commission, headed by Simon, is composed entirely of agents of imperialism. It announces as its purpose an "investigation of India's fitness for the extension of self-government," but is recognized as a fake move to endeavor to fasten more firmly upon the millions of India the grip of imperialist tyranny.

The mission also has deep historical significance. It is indicative of the fact that the seething masses of India are developing that cohesiveness, that concentration of force that will soon challenge the power of Britain. Probably the Simon commission will try to bribe whole strata of the native population and devise other means of prolonging its rule. In spite of a strict censorship news from India frequently gives us a glimpse of the widespread unrest of the masses; ever larger armed forces are required to hold in subjection the population of this, the backbone of the British empire. The masses of India know that it is this gathering storm of rebellion against their age-long servitude that has brought the Simon commission whose job it is to try to devise a means of continuing its rule.

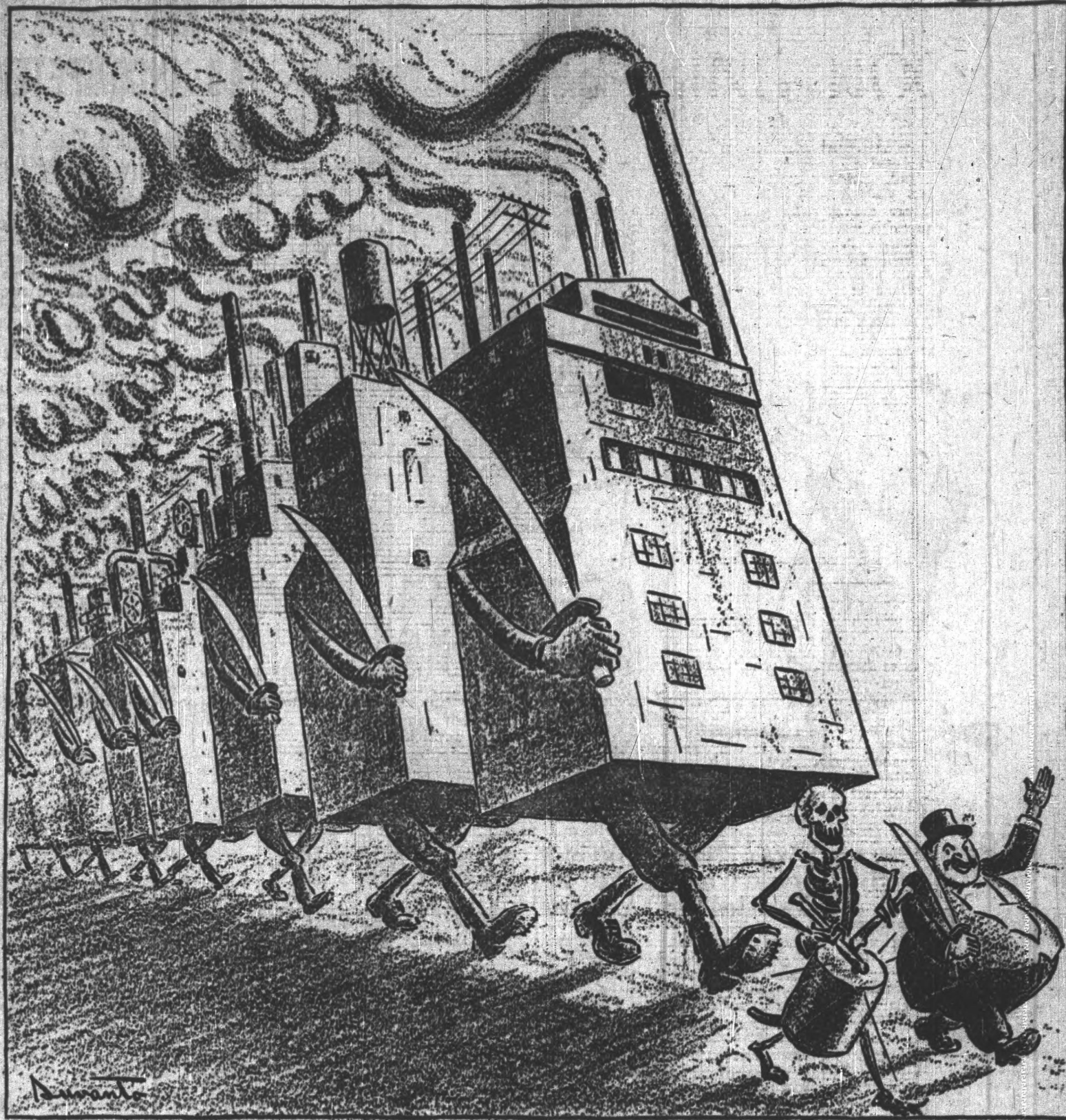
That Ramsey MacDonald was included with Birkenhead and Baldwin as objects of mass fury is characteristic of the colonial countries whose labor organizations have grown out of the struggle against the imperialist exploiters, rather than in the peaceful, pre-war development of capitalism. It indicates also the fact that in all such countries the labor movement takes revolutionary forms from the beginning, as is the case in China.

The temporary stabilization of the old world, already badly battered by events in China, by the Vienna insurrection of last summer, by the growing economic crisis in relation to debt and reparations settlements, is due to receive a smashing blow in the not distant future from India.

This situation demands close study and preparation for action on the part of the workers of the United States. Let no one for a moment imagine that the Wall Street government, involved financially, as it is in every part of the old world, will stand idly by while the colonial world bursts into anti-imperialist flames. Despite its great rivalry with Britain in every part of the world, it will unite, as capitalist despots always unite, in face of the common enemy. Of course, in such unity each power will strive for advantage over the other, in order to be in a position more effectively to resume the fight between rival imperialisms.

Workers everywhere will support the masses of India in their fight against the tory united front tending from Baldwin to MacDonald.

"LEFT... RIGHT... LEFT... RIGHT...!"



The speed-up systems in American factories have put the workers in the same position as soldiers. The militarization of industry has been completed.

By Suvanto

The Ghetto

By M. RENUD.

Under the very shadow of the magnificent skyscrapers of New York there stretches out the Ghetto of the world's greatest metropolis—the East Side. The huge and gigantic structures look down from their places of riches and titanic domain over the little nests of misery, inhuman tragedy, misfortune and poverty, throwing its mirage upon the houses, which some prefer calling homes, but in reality are roots of disease and agony for their inhabitants.

If walls could only speak they would tell the story of those who eternally struggle for their bare existence.

Most of the "homes" are also factories, and near the kitchen there are children and elders bowing over some clothing, flowers, etc., breeding dangerous bacteria and microbes, which never miss their sad consequence, the proof being that thousands of workmen inflict themselves with tuberculosis yearly.

In a carriage which serves its purpose for the baby, the work is taken into the shop, to the exploiter, who sees it profitable to carry on on a large scale the home sweat shop system.

With its mixture of languages, nationalities and races the Ghetto is one expression of awe-inspiring unbearable conditions, that none but a transformed society can solve, a new humanity, that from the present dungeon of human depravity, unrighteousness, bigotry and treachery, will inevitably rise and bring to the oppressed everywhere a cheerful message of liberation sounded by the mighty proletariat of the whole world.

member, one must also be an active revolutionary fighter in the class struggle. But what I do maintain is this: every real Communist must be a member of the Communist Party.

Without a Communist Party there can be no Communist movement, no real revolutionary struggle. The Workers (Communist) Party is conducting the present membership drive not on abstract principles and conceptions, but rather on actual work and struggles. In the campaigns for the relief of the miners, for protection of the foreign-born, for a labor party, for amalgamation of the trade unions, for the liberation of the political prisoners, for the defense of the Soviet Union, and in the fight against the danger of the new war and against American imperialism, our Communist Party is the leader. But let us assume that every member of our Party would think the same way as many of our nearest sympathizers do—that it is possible to be a Bolshevik without joining the Bolshevik Party—what would happen? There would be no Party, nobody to organize and lead the struggles in this country against capitalism, no campaigns, no revolutionary movement, and of course, nothing to sympathize with. Because we have a group of workers who understand the role of a revolutionary Communist Party in the class struggle, we have today the Workers (Communist) Party and the Communist movement.

Necessity For Labor.
The strengthening of the Communist Party of America has become the greatest necessity of the entire labor movement. Every revolutionary worker can easily see that our labor movement is pushed against the Wall. It is in the process of disintegration. The very existence of the trade unions is in danger; the bourgeoisie is carrying on the most open and systematic offensive to crush them. The life of the United Mine Workers of America is at stake. Open the pages of the history of the class struggle in this country and you will find example after example where the labor movement had been completely smashed, the trade unions wiped out of existence, and only after a long period the workers would again begin to gather their forces together, to organize themselves and take up the struggle against the bourgeoisie once more. We are today on the verge of such a complete annihilation of our labor movement.

How and who can stop this disintegration? Who can defeat the conspiracy of the ruling class against the organized workers? Will the present leadership of the trade unions undertake this task? Will the socialist party act as the center of the workers' stand against the onslaught upon the trade unions? I am sure that no sympathizer of our movement can believe in such a miracle.

Communists Only Force.
There is only one force in the working class of this country that can and will have to perform the mission of rallying the workers against the capitalist offensive. That is the Workers (Communist) Party. But as it is now, it is too weak to grapple effectively with the great tasks before it. Its ranks are too small. We are too few. That is the reason why we want to get into our ranks every revolutionary worker. Five thousand new members for the Communist Party would be the greatest blow to the forces working for the disintegration and destruction of the labor movement.

Therefore, we ask and appeal to our sympathizers to join our ranks, to become an integral part of our movement and become Communists in the real sense of the word—soldiers in the great struggle to save the labor movement, to repulse the capitalist offensive and to make further advance in the direction of the proletarian revolution which will eventually usher in a working class rule in America.

IS BIG CAPITAL OPPOSING HOOVER?

By H. M. WICKS.

THE official republican machine in New York state, the Hilles-Morris combination, has again raised the slogan of "draft Coolidge in 1928." Immediately the kept press of the country, especially a large section of the republican press, claimed to see in this action a move against the candidacy of Mr. Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce in the Coolidge cabinet. No doubt a number of these editors and other publicists actually believe this to indicate anti-Hoover sentiment in spite of the fact that Hoover has the complete support of the Mellon-Coolidge administration.

Even the Herald-Tribune, official republican organ of Wall Street, joins in the general attempt to conceal the fact that Hoover is the outstanding Wall Street candidate for the republican nomination by declaring that if the supporters of Hoover fall in line with the movement to draft Coolidge it is then certain that Coolidge will be nominated on "the initial ballot." The real import of the action of the official republican machine of New York state is to be sought in the fact that the candidacy of Hoover has gained such headway and is so obviously supported by the blackest forces of American imperialism, as well as by the overwhelming majority of Wall Street politicians, that something must be quickly done to prevent the Hoover boom spending its force before June, when the nominating convention will be held.

Washington observers have for a long time been warning the administration that the Hoover drive was started too soon; that Hoover is too far ahead of the field for his own good. Hence some sort of fictitious opposition had to be created, which accounts for the sudden action of the Hilles-Morris machine in New York state.

The maneuver has worked to perfection. All the political writers of all shades who furnish "information" for the kept press are loudly shouting that the New York machine issued the "draft Coolidge" slogan as a move against Hoover, because the secretary of commerce is opposed by some of the great financial interests of New York who back the state republican machine controlled by National Committeeman Charles D. Hilles and State Chairman George Morris. This sort of clap-trap will help Hoover in the west, middle-west and south, and will permit the local politicians of the political hinterland to climb on the Hoover band-wagon without losing prestige at home. The so-called liberal Scripps-Howard chain of papers are diligently aiding this illusion and boosting the Hoover campaign.

A second maneuver to prevent the Hoover campaign seeming to have the

unanimous support of the Wall Street gang and their political henchmen is the news dispatches describing the fury of certain state political leaders because Hoover has not called them in and tried to "make political bargains" with them. The press reports that in the eastern states the Hoover movement is receding because of this.

Never in all the idiotic history of American political maneuvering has there been such an obvious campaign in behalf of a certain candidate; than is now being waged for Hoover. The alleged complaints of the politicians also make good publicity among those who look with disfavor upon the expert manipulators of slush funds and who still vividly recall the antics of the Ohio gang in 1920, the heroes of "revelry" in the Harding-Coolidge-Fall - Denby - Daugherty - Mellon-Hoover cabinet.

There is no question that all of the minister, labor-hating, blood-streaked assassins of the working class are behind the Hoover campaign. His only opponent in Vice President Charles G. Dawes, whose stalking horse in the middle-west is the corruptionist, Frank O. Lowden, war governor of the state of Illinois. But while Dawes has but one stalking horse, Hoover has many. Senator Willis of Ohio, in office by virtue of the Harding-Daugherty "Ohio gang," is a "favorite son" candidate who at the proper time in the convention will throw his support to the chief Wall Street candidate who, unless the movement unexpectedly collapses before June, will be Hoover. Another active Hoover stalking horse is the monster, Governor Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts, who, with his hands dripping with the blood of Succo and Vanzetti, will have the unanimous support of the republican delegates of that state. After perfunctorily voting on early ballots for Fuller, they will shift their votes to Hoover.

Even the New York delegation, because of its notorious record as agents of Wall Street, may not go instructed to vote for Hoover, because their support before the convention might harm his chances in other states. It is not unlikely that the New York gang might make a gesture to draft Coolidge, but in the last analysis, in the final voting they will be behind Hoover to a man, because Hoover is the candidate chosen by the imperialist butchers to head the republican ticket in 1928.

Just as the kept press worked overtime to create the Coolidge myth of a strong, silent man, so the same aggregation is now busy trying to make one of the most viciously reactionary imperialist tools in the world appear as an independent thinker, liberal statesman and hard-working in-

dustrial engineer who has no patience with the ordinary ways of politicians.

Hoover is not an ordinary politician, in the ward-heeling sense that Coolidge, Daugherty, Fall, Denby, Al Smith, Jim Reed, Lowden, are politicians. He is a cosmopolitan, an international politician, whose imprint is left upon the exploited victims of imperialism in every continent of the globe. He has served in many capacities from industrial engineer to advisor to the brigands of the Versailles peace, in many climes, under many flags, but always an agent of the black emblem of imperialism.

That Hoover, the cosmopolitan imperialist, and Al Smith, the Tammany darling of Wall Street should be the outstanding candidates at this moment—for the nominations as presi-

dent on the two major political parties—the republican and democratic—is indicative of the trend of the times. And a warning to the working class that nothing but the most savage repression can be expected from either of these old parties. Only a decisive break with these parties of imperialism, only a complete abandonment of the treacherous policy of the labor fakery who advocate reward-friends and punishing enemies in the ranks of the old parties can benefit the masses of useful members of this society, the workers and farmers. The drive for the labor party, as consistently advocated by the Workers (Communist) Party, must be intensified so that in 1928 the capitalist class parties can be challenged by a working class party.

What Must You Do to Become a Workers Party Member

By ANTHONY BIMBA.

The Workers (Communist) Party is in the midst of the Lenin-Ruthenberg membership drive. Our goal in this campaign is to get 5,000 new members.

The purpose of this brief article is to focus the attention of our sympathizers toward our Lenin-Ruthenberg drive. We want to talk to these workers who number many thousands, openly and frankly. From actual experience, from coming into contact with them, I know that many of our sympathizers are fit to be members of the Communist Party and would join its ranks, but only one reason prevents them from taking that step: they think that they are already Communists and do exactly the same work and carry on exactly the same duties as the members of our Party. They say, "Are we not supporting the campaigns of the Communist Party? Are we not taking part in these campaigns? Don't we fight shoulder to shoulder with you against the misleaders and labor fakery in the trade union movement? Don't we read your papers and gladly help them to exist? What else do you do? What more do you want from us? What other functions do the members of the Party, as Communists, perform in this country?"

More Is Desired.
The Workers (Communist) Party is glad to have your support. We are proud of our sympathizers. We need more of them. There can be no mass Communist Party without tens of thousands of its sympathizers and supporters. To the extent that a Party can attract workers under its influence and political leadership, only to that extent can it function as a mass organization and become a pow-

er in the class struggle. Our aim is always threefold: to arouse the widest masses to fight for their class interests, to attract the more advanced section of the working class under our direct political influence and make them our sympathizers, and to bring as many as possible of the most revolutionary workers into our Party.

But it is absolutely wrong for a revolutionary worker to remain only a sympathizer of a revolutionary party forever. Being a sympathizer and supporter of the Party must not be a cause for not becoming its member. I know that there are some, I do not know how many, who are exactly in that state of mind. Some of our very best sympathizers, very best revolutionary workers, the most courageous fighters, have worked themselves into this peculiar and erroneous conception of the duties and role of the Communists and are satisfied to remain outside of the Party ranks. This is especially true concerning our many sympathizers among the foreign-born workers. Since the Party has been reorganized and there is a language difficulty, these workers make no effort to join the Party because they are convinced that they are as good as Communists without being members of the Party.

Should Be a Member.
Every sympathizer of the Communist movement should ask himself this question: Can I be a Communist without being a member of the Communist Party? There can be only one answer: "No." You may call yourself a Communist (and many do), you may feel that you are one, but really you are not. I don't want to leave an impression that membership in the Party alone makes one a Communist. That would be wrong. Besides being a