

## SAVE-THE-UNION FORCES LEAD OUT NEW THOUSANDS

### SOCIALIST PARTY MEET SLANDERS THE SOVIET UNION

#### Supports the Imperialist League of Nations

The socialist party, at the closing session of its national convention, meeting here yesterday at Finnish Socialist Hall, 2056 Fifth Ave., expressed its solidarity with the Menshevik and counter-revolutionary movements throughout the world by unanimously passing a resolution condemning as "brutal" the treatment accorded to counter-revolutionaries in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, and demanding their release from prison.

A resolution, sponsored by the Rev. Norman Thomas, was also passed, advocating the entry of America into the League of Nations. The resolution asked that the League be made "more democratic." A previous resolution, supported by Morris Hillquit, urging that the United States join the League without reservations, was turned down in favor of the one offered by the preacher.

Detective Agencies. A motion calling for federal control of detective agencies was defeated after heated discussion.

The convention passed a resolution asking that the United States recognize the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The resolution merely asks political recognition on the part of the capitalist government, but expresses no unity of interest of the working classes of the two countries.

Thomas In Robes of Debs.

In his speech of acceptance of the socialist nomination for president on Monday, Rev. Thomas, who was formerly pastor of the aristocratic Brick Presbyterian church in New York and who has been socialist party candidate for governor and mayor of New York, referred to himself as being "in the line of apostolic succession from Debs."

"Today we cannot risk world convulsions," he declared. "We are too interdependent. Our task is to bring a better world into being without revolutionary and catastrophic war. It is true that there is in the world today every promise of convulsion, but it is also true that there is no promise that out of convulsion would come anything better."

A proposal was made at Monday's session that "existing progressive and labor organizations in sympathy with the aims and methods of the socialist party may join the party as a body." It was decided to lower all dues to \$1 a year.

Morris Hillquit made a proposal at this session that the socialist party membership include all those who vote the socialist ticket at elections, as well as those paying dues. He said that the party's dues-paying membership was at present 10,000.

### BOSTON MEET ON ELECTION DRIVE

BOSTON, April 17. — A special meeting of functionaries of District 1 of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held in Boston, Thursday evening, April 19, to take up the Party Election Campaign.

The Central Executive Committee will be represented by William Weinstein.

This meeting will mark the opening of the campaign in the New England states. There will be a full discussion on the Labor Party and its relation to the Workers Party Campaign. Plans to develop an aggressive campaign that will be spread throughout all working-class organizations, and the development of auxiliary campaign committees will also come up for discussion.

### Dist. 1 Emergency Meeting of Party in Roxbury Tomorrow

An emergency general membership meeting of all Workers Party and Young Workers League members is called for the Boston district and vicinity tomorrow at 8 o'clock at the New International Hall, 42 Wenonah St., Roxbury.

All other meetings and conflicting appointments are cancelled and all members must attend.

William W. Weinstein, member of the Central Executive Committee, will report for the C. E. C. and Alex Bail for the District.

### Where Cook Died



Where a cook, it is known to have perished and four persons are missing, as the result of a fire which burned out the Iroquois Hotel, above, at Atlantic City. These seashore hotels, resorts of the wealthy, subject their workers to the most openly brutal exploitation.

### BONITA DEFENSE STAGES PROTEST

#### Plans Country-Wide Movement

WILKES-BARRE, April 17.—The first of a series of mass meetings to protest against the verdict of the jury which found Sam Bonita guilty of manslaughter was held Sunday afternoon at 206 Oliver St., Luzerne, Pa.

The meeting which was arranged on very short notice immediately after the verdict became known, was nevertheless well attended and the several hundred workers present listened attentively while speakers representing the Defense Committee related the story of the shooting and expressed their opposition to the verdict of the jury.

Powers Haggood, national chairman of the Defense Committee, Stanley Dziogielowski, secretary, spoke in English while Euseppi Oswald spoke in Italian.

A resolution declaring that those present protest against the verdict of the jury and demand immediate freedom and complete vindication was unanimously adopted by those in the audience. Those present also contributed liberally to a collection which was taken up for the defense.

The Defense Committee in a special meeting held earlier in the day decided to take steps to secure a new trial and to enter upon an intensive campaign of agitation thruout the entire country as a means of arousing public sentiment in support of the demand for the liberation of Bonita. The committee expects that meetings will be arranged in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other large cities thruout the country in addition to the towns in this vicinity.

**MORE FAT CONTRACTS**  
WASHINGTON, April 17. — The senate this afternoon enacted a federal "good road" bill for the years 1929 and 1931. The bill sponsored by Senator Phillips (R) of Colorado, carried authorization for the expenditure of \$165,000,000 in the two years.

### BAKING CZARS PAY \$18

#### For That Wage Women Exhaust Selves

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
I want to thank you for the many copies of THE DAILY WORKER which I have received free when you distributed them at the National Biscuit Co. in front of 11th Street in which I work. I certainly enjoyed reading all the articles you printed in this paper. I am glad that someone is finally taking an interest in our conditions as they certainly are bad ones. I am sending you a few facts about myself and a few of the things that I have learned since I am working here and I hope that you will print them.

I am employed at the National Biscuit Co. for the past two years. I started to work for \$14 a week, but now I am making \$18.00. My hours are supposed to be from 8:10 to 5 p. m. but many times I work until 5:25 without getting paid for overtime unless we work after 5:30 or

## Mill Committees Call Huge Textile Strike Meeting

### 58 PLANTS SHUT DOWN AS TIE-UP STOPS MACHINES

#### Batty's Attempt to Halt Rally Fails

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 17. — With an announcement to the press condemning the mass meeting called for tomorrow afternoon by the Textile Mill Committees as "Communist," the reactionary officialdom of the New Bedford Textile Council today took the first steps toward betraying the 23,000 unorganized textile workers who, to a man, walked out of the mills Monday morning. They walked out in support of the 7,000 members of the unions who voted overwhelmingly to strike against a ten per cent wage cut.

The announcement came after the failure of the attempt of William Batty, secretary of the Council, to frighten the Textile Mill Committee leaders into calling off the mass meeting. Batty, with a squad of henchmen, had entered the offices of the mill committees and threatened Fred Beal, organizer, with violence if the meeting tomorrow was not called off. Beal declared that the Textile Mill committees were here to stay in New Bedford in the interest of the tens of thousands of unorganized workers and would fight bitterly against Batty if he attempted a betrayal similar to the one he perpetrated in the strike of the Lawrence dye house workers.

The sentiment of the workers is such as to confirm the opinion that the meeting tomorrow afternoon, in Bristol Arena, would be jammed to the doors. The committee announced as some of the speakers, Gus Deak, president of the Passaic textile unions, Dawson, of Passaic, James Reid, and the leaders of the New England Mill Committees.

The strike itself is one of the most brilliant demonstrations of working class solidarity ever witnessed in this country, in the memory of the oldest of textile workers here. Even the capitalist press admits that of the 58 plants owned by the 27 mills, only two failed to shut their gates completely at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Even these two shut down a few hours after an obvious attempt to fool the workers gathered outside the gates by starting the looms with the aid of mill officials. The attempt was laughed at by the workers.

The thousands of textile workers came to the mill gates about 7 in the morning, gathered in a large crowd and then permitted those who left their tools Saturday to go in to the plant to get them. After gathering their tools most of the workers went home, since the union officialdom had made no plan nor given any instructions for picketing.

In discussion the workers, organized as well as unorganized, are bit-

**CHICAGO TRAIN HELD UP.**  
CHICAGO, April 17.—A lone bandit who last night held up the Overland Limited, crack train on the North-western Lines, and robbed a dozen passengers of cash and jewelry valued at several thousands of dollars, was the object of a city-wide search today.

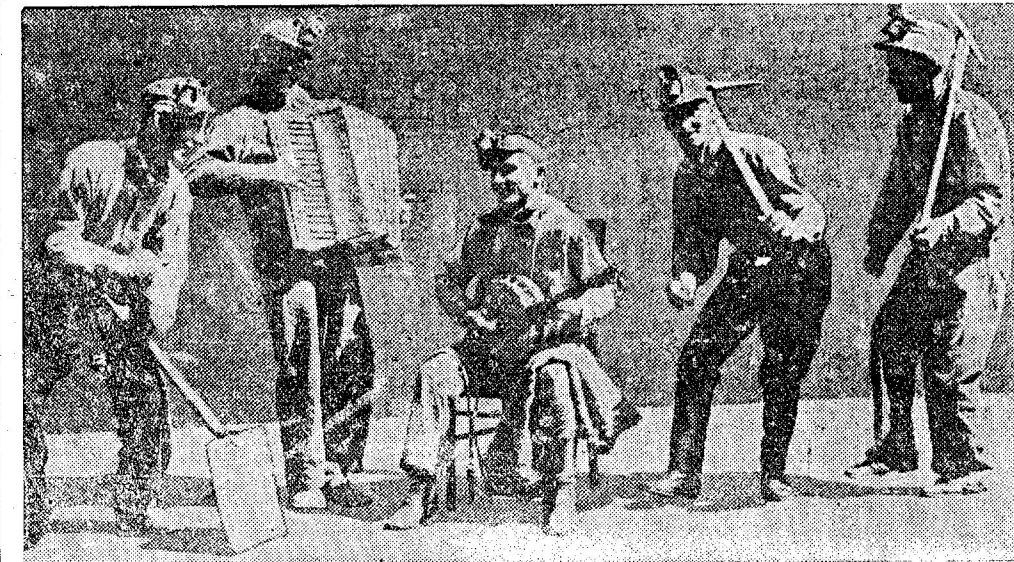
### CLEVELAND PLANS MAY DAY MEETING

CLEVELAND, April 17. — The demonstration on May Day in Cleveland will be held at the Slovenian Hall, 6417 Saint Clair Ave., May 1, at 7:45 p. m.

Cleveland workers remember May Day nine years ago, when Ruthenberg led the masses through the streets—50,000 of them to the Public Square, where the police brutally broke up the demonstration. 1928 is not like 1919, yet the workers of the city are becoming dissatisfied and are looking to the leadership of the Communists.

The program arranged will consist of the main speech by Comrade J. P. Cannon, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Party, a speaker of the Young Workers League and of the Young Pioneers. The musical section of the program will be furnished by the South Slavic, the Lithuanian, the Freiheit and the Ukrainian choruses. The Young Pioneers have promised a play and May Day will be the occasion of the graduation of a group of Young Pioneers into the Young Workers League. I. Amter, District Secretary, will preside.

### Troupe Tours Country for Relief of Striking Coal Miners



L. Nelson Watkins Casey Renat McCrempassky Thomas Oakes Emil Lair

### MINERS' RELIEF TROUPE IN CITY

#### Programs Include Native Songs and Dances

The National Miners' Entertainment Quintet which is touring the country to help raise money for miners' relief is now in New York for two weeks. It will perform at various entertainments, dances and concerts.

The troupe is composed of Thomas Oakes and Moyie Krempsky of Belle Valley, O., the former a popular song writer and the latter a artist on the banjo, violin, mandolin and trap drums, as well as a rope skipper and dancer; L. Nelson Watkins and Emil Lair of Buffalo, O., black-face comedian and accordionist, respectively, and Casey Renat, accordionist and pianist.

Their program includes native mining camp songs and dances, as well as humorous dialogues and a burlesque on interpretative and aesthetic dancing by Krempsky. "I haven't been working for two years," said Casey, "and I have a wife and three kids at home. We decided that since we couldn't work we might as well find some way of helping our families and comrades," he continued.

Among other engagements they are scheduled to appear at the Young Workers' (Communist) League Spring Dance Saturday.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio, Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, is now making engagements for the quintet. All funds are sent to relieve the striking miners.

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#### Coal, Textile Strikers Need Subscriptions

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### SENTENCE OF STEEL WORKERS IS CONFIRMED

WOODLAWN, Pa., April 17.—The superior court of Pennsylvania today handed down a decision confirming the convictions of four local steel workers on seditious charges arising out of a raid, November 11, 1926.

Peter Muselign, Milan Resetar, Thomas Zima and Steve Brattich, victims of a deliberate "frame-up" in the lower courts and now out on bail are, as a result of the decision by the superior court faced with rearrest and a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment. This is the penalty which may be meted out to them under the Pennsylvania anti-seditious law, one of the most vicious on the statute books.

The four steel workers at the time employees of the Jones and Laughlin Steels Mills were taken in a raid at the home of Thomas Zima who with six friends was celebrating a birthday party. The raid is known to have

### 900 ANTHRACITE MINERS STRIKE

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WILKES-BARRE, April 17.—Nine hundred miners of the No. 2 and 3 mines of the Kingston Coal Company went on strike yesterday after the company refused to reinstate a miner who had been discharged for his union activity. When the company refused to take back the union member, Local 1159 voted to strike.

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### BIG MINE STRIKE BLAZES TRAIL OF MASS PICKETING

#### Sentiment Spreads in Face of Terrorism

(Special To THE DAILY WORKER) PITTSBURGH, April 17.—One of the greatest organizational efforts in the history of the American labor movement is now going on as section after section in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia adds its hundreds to the rising total of miners on strike.

15,000 Strike Monday. Fifteen thousand miners took their tools out of the pits on Monday according to an official statement issued by the Save the Union Committee today. The walkout covers Somerset, Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, Arnold and Washington counties of western Pennsylvania and the northern part of West Va. The strike is spreading everywhere. Armed forces of the states are growing more provocative and brutal.

Attempts of the press to minimize the extent of the strike have failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the rank and file leaders in unorganized fields. It is evident that one of the greatest union drives in recent years is started in the bituminous fields.

**Lewis Machine Desperate.** Officials of the Lewis machine are everywhere sabotaging the strike in an attempt to prevent the miners from responding to the call of the Save-the-Union Committee. On the other hand the leaders of the Save-the-Union Committee is energetically giving direction to the strike.

In a statement issued today by John Brophy, John Watts, Pat Tooney, executive officers of the Save the Union Committee, the miners are urged to spread the strike, to establish a union, raise wages and improve working conditions. The call reads:

"Miners, now is the time to act! Let's stand together solidly—bring the entire mining industry to a halt—make the strike 100 per cent complete—empty the mines!"

**Mass Picketing Increases.** Mass picketing has increased tremendously throughout the strike area since the call for the strike in the unorganized territory was issued. Hundreds of miners are now marching on scab mines in defiance of injunctions, and state troopers. This movement is under the leadership of the Save the Union Committee.

In addition to the 1,500 miners who left the mines around Hagley, West Va., yesterday, Cresset closed down 100 per cent today. At Muttonhole mine, near Lansing, Ohio, 75 per cent of the miners walked out.

When the miners of Kiskay Valley learned about the strike spreading to the four counties of West Virginia, they decided to draw Arnold County into the strike as well. A number of leaflets sent into the unorganized territory by the Save the Union Committee were posted up at the entrance to a few of the mines. Although this was the first intimation of the spread of the strike received in this isolated valley, four mines were immediately closed down 100 per cent.

In Fayette County where thousands have already walked out, great picket lines are marching upon mines which are still operating.

State troopers rode into a line of 400 men, women and children on the highway near the Pitt gas mine, near Brownsville, clubbing the pickets viciously while their horses rode down the miners.

Thirty-five pickets were arrested by troopers and charged with violating the federal injunction which allows only 8 pickets at a time but when the men refused to pay the fine imposed and challenged the police to send them to jail, they were released.

Throughout the union field in western Pennsylvania, picket lines have grown to unprecedented proportions and hundreds of strikebreakers are leaving the mines. At the Montour No. 9 mine in McDonald, 50 left the mine in the morning and 150 in the afternoon. 250 strikebreakers came out in Vesta 5 today.

Save the Union conferences are being held throughout the country to prepare for District Union Conferences to put into effect the policy laid down at the National Conference in Pittsburgh, April 1st, to oust the Lewis leadership and spread the strike to national proportions. Save the Union Committees have been formed in every unorganized mine wherever men have walked out and officers are already elected.

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# Los Angeles Plans Wide Activity for Special May Day Edition of "Daily"

## ANTHRACITE NOW PREPARES TO JOIN BIG MINE BATTLE

### Save-Union Forces Lead the Way

(Continued from Page One) mandated that John L. Lewis call a special District Convention; but it is well known that Lewis will not act on the letter.

The followers of the Save-the-Union Committee introduced a resolution which tho it was defeated by the machine, forced Brennan to take a stand. His stand now is openly against calling the convention. The reason seems to be that he is afraid at what the membership would do at such a convention. The resolution called for a special district convention on May 15.

**Vital Issue.**  
The whole session was practically taken up over the discussion of the convention. It is now becoming clear to the membership that Brennan does not want a convention or a convention date set where the rank and file will rule. Every constructive action that was made at the meeting last Saturday was forced because of the fear of Brennan. The Save-the-Union forces are mobilizing and are taking definite steps to force a special district convention in District 1. More definite action will be taken in the next few days to force the calling of a special district convention. In spite of the machine-ruled general body which met, opinions on the contract system were forthcoming. Especially when Thomas Davis, the federal mediator who is trying to intimidate the miners of Local Union 1703 tried to force the miners to go back under the old conditions and under the ruling of the conciliation board. But the rank and file opposition to the Federal Mediator resulted in rejecting his plan to intimidate the workers into going back to work.

**Fear Miners.**  
Brennan and his group do not want to come out clearly and take a stand on the trouble in Pittston in Local Union 1703; they dare not oppose the rank and file miners. It should be emphasized that there is trouble in Pittston not only because of these grievances, but approximately 800 miners employed at number 2 and 8 shafts of the coal company went out on strike Saturday morning because of other grievances and because the company fired a miner recently. Local Union 1159 members are those who went out Saturday morning.

**Demand Convention.**  
The resolution sponsored by the Save-the-Union forces, calling for a special convention, follows:  
WHEREAS: After several attempts have been made and all constitutional means have been exhausted by this body of representatives of Local Unions and Grievance Committees to get the District Executive Board of District One, The District President Rinaldo Cappellini and the International President John L. Lewis to call a special district convention, we at this time declare that we have done everything possible for this convention to be held, that the Executive Board of District One, the District President and the International President John L. Lewis have failed to carry out the constitution, therefore, be it

**Call For May 15.**  
RESOLVED: That we call upon all Local Unions to send delegates to a special convention to be held on May 15 at Wilkes-Barre, whose business shall be the following:  
1. To declare all offices in District One vacant, and to elect temporarily miners to take the place of these officers until such a time as elections can be held.  
2. That this convention shall immediately proceed to investigate the murders of Tom Lillis, Alex Camp-

## JUNKERS MANUFACTURERS CASH IN ON FLIGHT OF THE "BREMEN"

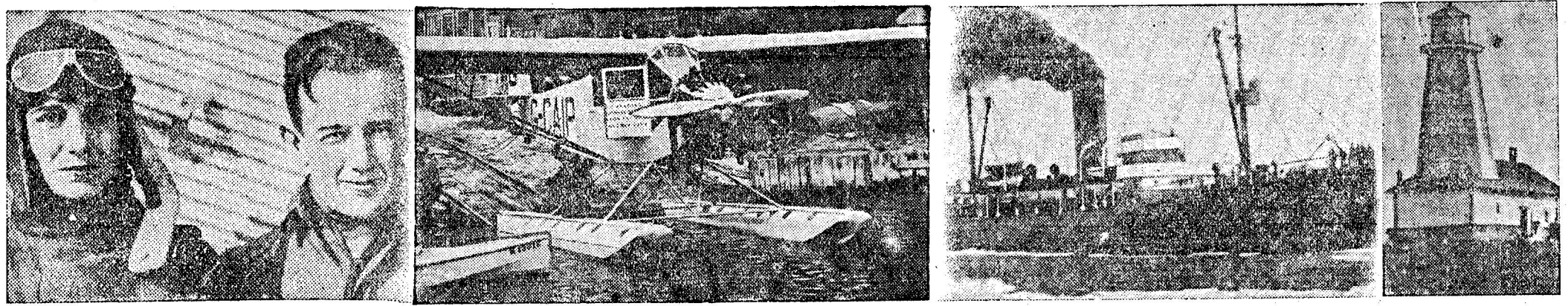


Photo (left) shows Miss Herta Junkers, daughter of Dr. Hugo Junkers, designer of the plane "Bremen" with Pilot Fred Melchior, just before they started on their attempted flight to Greenly Island to pick up Captain Herman Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld and James Fitzmaurice and bring them to New York. The next photo shows the plane in which Fitzmaurice flew away from his German comrades, leaving the island for a more congenial environment. Next the Canadian government steamer "Montcalm" leaving to aid the monarchist flyers. Photo on extreme right shows the spot near lighthouse where the "Bremen" landed late Friday.

## REVELATIONS ON OIL GROW WIDER

### Lessons for Workers in Every Hearing

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Further important revelations showing the relationship between the Coolidge government, the republican party and controlling groups in American business, were expected today at the senate's inquiry into the Continental Trading Company's \$3,080,000 Liberty Bond "slush fund."

Mrs. John T. Pratt, widow of the late New York capitalist, and C. C. Chase, El Paso, Tex., banker and son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, were to take the witness stand along with Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian now under a jail sentence.

All three were summoned in an effort to learn what became of the Continental Company's bonds, \$230,000 of which already have been traced to Fall and \$260,000 of which were given by Harry F. Sinclair to the republican national committee.

Miller Handled Bonds.  
Miller was looked upon as the most important witness as the committee has been informed he handled some of the Continental bonds for the republicans.

Mrs. Pratt was called in connection with the story of Will H. Hays, former republican national chairman, who testified \$50,000 of the Sinclair Bonds were turned over to her late husband. Hays said Pratt gave a \$50,000 check to the republicans in return for the "put and take" bonds and later refunded the bonds.

**Democrats Involved.**  
Democratic senators meanwhile were said to be planning a new debate on the oil scandals in reply to the latest attack on their party by Senator Robinson, (R) of Indiana.

**OF INTEREST TO UNEMPLOYED.**  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—River and harbor allotments totalling many millions of dollars were announced today by the war department.

## Andy Mellon to Trust to Lord For Livelihood

### Will Not Use Badly Damaged "Bremen"

"That is the first I have heard of that," Andrew W. Mellon said yesterday when informed of rumors that he would retire from politics at the end of Cal. Coolidge's lubricated administration.

"I do not know what I will do," Mellon continued, "but I suppose providence will take care of me," he said, fresh from an extended vacation in Bermuda.

Should the secretary of the treasury decide to place himself in the hands of kindly Providence, he will have as additional solace the control of a large number of union-hating corporations including the Pittsburgh Coal Co., Pittsburgh National Bank, the Aluminum Corporation of America, and other interests. Mellon is said to be the sixth richest man in the world.

## BUSINESS, CHURCH AID MILITARISM

### 2,000 Los Angeles 'Civic Leaders' Involved

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 17.—Big business, the church and the educational system in this city are all part of the reserve army of American imperialism, it is revealed by the publication of the names of more than 2,000 local "civic leaders," who are commissioned officers in the United States Army.

All of them are members of the Organized Reserves, an extensively developed system, first inaugurated under the national defense act in 1920, whereby millions of ostensible civilians can be mobilized at short notice "to defend the nation."

## GERMAN FLYERS TO HOP HERE

### God and Junker Get Praise For Atlantic Flight

God got first place again yesterday when the monarchist flyers, Baron von Huenefeld and Capt. Herman Koehl and the Irish commandant James Fitzmaurice cabled a message to Prof. Junkers, head of the company which built the plane "Bremen."

"Next to God," says the message, "we owe our successful east-to-west flight to the splendid plane and completely reliable motor from your works."

Thus, once more God is shown to be on the side of the righteous, successful and those with an eye to the cash register.

## Max Shachtman Speaks on China at Detroit

DETROIT, Mich., April 17.—Two lectures are now being arranged here for next month. The first is "Bleeding China," by Max Shachtman, editor of the "Labor Defender" at McCollister Hall, Cass and Forest Aves., Sunday, May 6, at 8 p. m.

## 6-Hour Day Urged

BALTIMORE, April 17.—The establishment of a six-hour working day and employment insurance was advocated yesterday by Dr. Irving Fisher, head of the political science department of Yale, at a two-day conference on labor conditions held at Johns Hopkins University.

## Fear Steel Workers Face 10-Year Terms

(Continued from Page One) been ordered by the open-shop steel company and was carried out by city police officials controlled by the trust.

## Striking Miner Asks For Free "Daily" Sub

(Continued from Page One) WORKER in order to win their great struggles.

## "Marshals" Summoned

Seven summonses returnable today were issued by Chief Magistrate McAdoo yesterday in the "loan shark" investigation for persons alleged to have represented themselves falsely as city marshals.

## NEWARK TAXI MEN FORCED TO RETURN

### A. F. of L. Aids Bosses in Fight on Union

NEWARK, N. J., April 17.—Aided by American Federation of Labor officials here, the Yellow Cab Co. and the Brown and White Co. have succeeded in crushing the attempt of over 500 striking taxi drivers to form a union.

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## Montcalm In Ice

QUEBEC, April 17.—The ice-breaker Montcalm which started out to the aid of the flyers has been rushed back about twenty miles by the ice. It is now feared that the ship will have to return to North Sidney to replenish its coal supply.

## COLLECT SCORES OF GREETINGS FOR BIG ISSUE

### Distribution Thruout City Arranged

Reporting in detail the tremendous success of the Red Sunday held in Los Angeles on March 18th, Paul C. Reiss, agent for The DAILY WORKER in the Los Angeles district, declares that it was in stimulating the work for the paper and in establishing new contracts that the success of the Red Sunday is to be measured. He adds that the southern California workers are utilizing these gains immediately in preparation for the special May Day edition of their paper.

"At least 300,000 copies of The DAILY WORKER will be distributed thruout the country on May Day," Reiss writes in a statement to the business office of the paper. "The special edition of the paper will contain 32 pages and every Party unit and every Party member will have to do his or her share in order to carry out this work."

Practical measures which the Los Angeles workers have initiated to assure the success of the May 1 issue of their paper include the collecting of subscriptions and greetings, the writing and forwarding of articles to The DAILY WORKER, the circulating of individual greeting lists, and plans for a number of affairs.


The collection of greetings is being enthusiastically carried on. The importance of all labor and fraternal organizations of being represented in this special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER has been impressed upon them. Scores of greetings have already been submitted.

The urgent necessity of receiving all greetings from the farther sections of the country with the least possible delay is being stressed again by the business office of The DAILY WORKER in commenting on the activity on the Pacific coast. The early receipt of all greetings and editorial material will greatly facilitate the publication of the May Day issue.

## Bakers Revive Locals

CHICAGO, April 17 (FP).—The Bakery & Confectionery Workers' International Union announces granting of charter No. 33 to bakers in Tulsa, Okla., and of No. 34 to Fall River, Mass. In each case the new local is a revival of previous organization efforts.

## Workers of the World Unite!



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## BUILDING TRADE MISHAPS INCREASE

### Grow in Pennsylvania, New York; Few State Regulation

"AGAIN the construction industry ranks among those where accidents are on the increase, according to reports of industrial bulletins of New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois," states the Workers' Health Bureau of America, 799 Broadway, in emphasizing the need for trade union action to remedy this condition.

82 of them in the construction industry. "Falls" are responsible for about one-fourth of the accidents in the construction industry in New York State for the year 1927. There is a workman killed every other day from a fall. 1900 falls were due to ladders and 1350 due to scaffolds.

states of the Illinois Labor Bulletin states that "Falls of persons again head the list of fatal accidents." "State regulations for the protection of building trades workers have not kept abreast of the need to combat the new dangers developing as a result of increased building activity," declared Charlotte Todd, organizing secretary of the Workers' Health Bureau, yesterday. "Twenty-seven states have no special codes nor even regulations in the labor laws to safeguard the lives of workers engaged in buildings under construction, demolition and repair. In these states each city makes its own rules. No state has an adequate code."

"Ninety-one deaths and 10,936 non-fatal accidents on building construction were reported for 1927 by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The construction and contracting industry showed the second largest increase in fatalities, reporting 217 in 1926 and 235 during 1927, a gain of 18. all of persons caused 221 deaths.



FOREIGN NEWS --- BY CABLE AND MAIL FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

JAPANESE RUSH MORE MARINES TO NORTH CHINA

Anti-Imperialist Protest Spreads in Amoy

TOKIO, April 17.—In addition to a large fleet which has already been despatched to Amoy and ports in north China, the Japanese cabinet decided today to order marines landed at Tsingtao. The question of despatching additional marines from Japan to Tsingtao will be taken up tomorrow. The question of reinforcements is being taken up in connection with the widespread agitation against Japanese encroachments in Shantung.

AMOY, April 17.—The strikes and boycotts which were launched here after the arrest of four Korean nationalists by the Japanese consular police have spread through Fukien province in spite of the arrest of many of the strike leaders.

The Chinese naval authorities are cooperating with the Japanese and American marines in an effort to break the boycott. Although the demonstrations were originally launched against Japan, they have taken on the character of protest against all of the powers, including the United States and Great Britain. Foreign trade has been hard hit as a result of the boycott.

WILL PICKET AT POLISH CONSUL

Detroit Workers Plan Demonstration

DETROIT, Mich., April 17.—In spite of the stormy weather scores of Detroit workers turned out for the protest demonstration before the Polish consulate here arranged for last Saturday. The demonstration was postponed until April 21, however.

The Homestead persecutions taking place in Vilna have aroused the national elements resident in Detroit whose homeland is under the Polish fascist heel more than any other of the terrorist acts of Pilsudski.

With an added week for agitation and fair weather the workers of Detroit should be able to stage a monster demonstration.

Every worker should be there at 10:30 a. m. April 21, at 80 E. Garfield Street, between John R and Woodward.

MILL COMMITTEES CALL HUGE MEET

58 Mill Shut Down by Strike of 30,000

(Continued from Page One) terly critical of the way in which the strike has been handled by the Council officials. No meetings were called even for the union membership on the first day of the strike. No machinery was organized for consolidating the ranks of the strikers, by preparing them for the inevitable strike-breaking activities of the employers. These are complaints to be heard on all sides.

The only remarks made by the union leadership on its attitude toward the great masses of unorganized workers were made by Batty when he learned of the unemphatic response to the strike call. He said: "Our position is strong in every quarter, we are receiving support from the non-union workers."

This is looked upon by the workers as a declaration that he has no intention of organizing the 23,000 unorganized textile operatives.

Mill Committees Form The speed with which mill committees are being formed in among all the strikers insures the unity of the union and non-union men, in their joint fight for the restoration of the wage cut. The slogans raised by the Textile Mill Committees, who in leaflets are criticizing the union leadership for refusing to put forward demands as an answer to the wage cut proposal of the employers, are: (1) A 20 per cent wage increase; (2) The 8 hour day and the 5 day week; (3) Elimination of the speed-up system.

To Spread Strike. No one here doubts the fact that the mill barons will immediately begin to rally all the powerful strike-breaking forces at their command. And yet the workers point out that the Textile Council is doing nothing in the way of safeguarding the solidarity of the strikers ranks. An announcement made by the mill committees show that immediate attempts will be made to organize picket lines, and that steps will be taken to spread the strike to other centers of New England, where over 100,000 workers have recently suffered wage slashes.

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 17.—

Ford Won't Give Up Rubber Empire in Brazil



Henry Ford, who is believed to have gone to England to arrange for the purchase of raw rubber on a large scale, has announced that he won't give up his plans for "developing" his huge rubber plantations in Brazil. A Brazilian senator recently announced that he would furnish evidence of a striking nature concerning the cession of Ford's rubber empire.

HAITI WORKERS HIT LAND LAW

Imperialist Attempt to Dispossess Peasants

By HENRY C. ROSEMOND. (First Advisor of Haitian Patriotic Union in America).

In all the cities of Haiti, especially Port au Prince, mass protest meetings are being held against the new demand of the government of Washington presented by John H. Russell, the so-called high commissioner of the United States in Haiti.

The demand is a new law authorizing the Americans to dispossess the Haitian peasants who haven't any identification papers as owners and state certificates, mentioning the date, the quantity, the price, from their lands.

In a way of speaking, no Haitian in the republic of Haiti has any of the papers that the new law or any other law of that kind would require.

If this law goes through in Haiti, it will be an addition to the misery of that country. The Haitian peasants are now working for extremely small salaries. Three hundred Haitians at the American Sugar Company in Port-au-Prince are working at 20 cents a day. In the civil service there are Americans in every department.

The American engineers get from \$200 to \$500 a month and the Haitian engineers who have just as much experience or more experience than most of the Americans in Haiti get \$40 to \$75 a month. Most of the Haitian engineers were educated in France, Germany, England and a few in the United States.

It is reported that the idea of this new law is to get the peasants out of their native lands because they do not want to sell them to the agents of Wall Street in Haiti, who desire to start new rubber and sugar cane plantations in the mountains of the south of Haiti—especially the mountains of Petionville, the coolest state in the east of Haiti.

The Haitian people are calling on all the American workers and the workers of other nations to help them to protest against these daily crimes that are committed in Haiti, and especially this coming imposition on the Haitian peasants by the American Wall Street imperialists, which is a short road to further enslavement of the Haitian republic by the United States.

SENATE STALLS ON INJUNCTIONS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (FP).—No report on anti-injunction legislation has yet been filed by the subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee which conducted hearings in February and March on the Shipstead bill. Senators Norris, Blaine and Walsh of Montana comprise the sub-committee.

Under the agreement reached last December between the Norris progressive group and the administration republicans in the senate, whereby the latter were enabled to organize the senate, anti-injunction legislation was made one of the three main issues to be brought to a rollcall before adjournment.

With the first repercussions of the general strike of 30,000 New Bedford textile workers making itself felt here by unrest among the workers in the Amoskeag Mills, the company officials have decided to do all possible to prevent similar action by their workers.

The treasurer of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, F. C. Du Maine has announced the "no work" in at the meetings of the "workers' congress" which will be held Saturday night. The mill owners are even afraid to trust their company union when their recent 10 per cent wage cut is discussed. He will therefore attend to give the "tone" to the discussion of trade problems. The meeting is not one of all the workers; of about 260 delegates of the 9,000 workers employed by the company. These are mainly self-elected straw bosses and petty foremen.

Berlin Glove Workers Strike for Pay Raise

BERLIN, April 17.—Two thousand workers in the fabric-glove factories went on strike in Chemnitz, when the manufacturers refused to grant their demands for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

Many thousands of textile workers and machinists are striking in the city of Chemnitz for the past few weeks.

ITALIAN FASCISTS ACTIVE IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO (By mail).—The Italian anti-fascist newspaper "Fanfulla" published in Rio De Janeiro was raided by a band of Italian fascists and much material and machinery destroyed. Nobody was arrested.

During the recent election of the Executive Committee of the Italian Benefit organization of the Employees of the Press, Italian fascists, led by the first secretary of the Italian embassy, invaded the meeting place by force, took possession of the hall, drove their opponents out in the meeting with clubs and guns and "elected" their own candidates.

Part of the local press is attacking the Italian embassy as openly fostering acts which disregard Brazilian sovereignty.

HOUSE IS SPLIT ON FLOOD CRAFT

Mississippi Contracts Will Total \$395,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 17.—With charges of another "Teapot Dome" being widely circulated, the house today took up the \$325,000,000 Jones Reid flood control bill with prospects of a final vote being reached Saturday.

The senate passed the bill 69 to 0. President Coolidge, according to Rep. Madden of Illinois, is insistent upon the secretary of war being given authority to control the letting of contracts. Flowage rights or actual purchase of 4,000,000 acres of land for floodways are involved.

Rep. Frear says that 70 per cent of the land is owned by corporate interests and that the possibilities of graft in the sale of land to the government would cause another "Teapot Dome."

Methods of spending the millions to be appropriated by congress for flood relief were discussed in private recently at the White House at a breakfast attended by Mayor William H. Thompson, of Chicago, and other interested persons from Illinois.

USSR GOLD WILL STAY IN BREMEN

BERLIN, April 17.—The \$5,200,000 Soviet gold bullion which is being brought to Germany from New York where the United States Government refused it official admission is due in Bremen today. Officials of the Soviet state bank said it would be deposited in a Berlin bank pending orders from Moscow.

While the gold was in New York the Bank of France filed suit in the American federal court seeking possession of the bullion.

The Graduate School

WICHITA, Kan., April 17.—I. B. Walston, former chief of police; C. C. Dehner, former city commissioner and Chester A. Conner, city electric commissioner, were arrested yesterday charged with conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. Others arrested include the former assistant chief of police and a former policeman.

WILBUR REPORT FAKES FIGURES ON NICARAGUA

Underestimates Number of Natives Murdered

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The American marine occupation of Nicaragua has cost the United States Government \$1,662,222 "over normal expenses," Secretary of the Navy Wilbur reported to the senate this afternoon.

Wilbur also reported that 21 American marines were killed, 45 marines wounded, 8 Nicaraguan National Guards killed and four wounded in the fighting there to date. He added that 202 Nicaraguan natives were "known to have been killed," along with "two women and one child, who were slain accidentally." He said the native casualties were believed much higher.

That Secretary of Navy Wilbur considerably underestimated the number of Nicaraguans killed by American troops is indicated by reports from Washington based on marine figures as well as by reports direct from Nicaragua. More than 300 Nicaraguan men, women and children were reported to have been killed by marine planes in the bombardment of Ocotal last year.

Statements made by General Sandino also indicate that the number of marines killed in engagements with Nicaraguan nationalist troops is considerably larger than that given by Secretary of Navy Wilbur.

Articles written by an American marine aviator and a newspaperman who accompanied him in the bombardment of Chinendaga indicate that the number of women and children killed by marine bombs is more likely to be three hundred than the three cited by Wilbur. American marine planes have practically wiped out a number of towns in the interior.

Just how large the cost of the Nicaraguan war has actually been is not indicated by Wilbur's figures which indicate "the above normal expenses."

"Jim Crow" Plans Made for G. O. P. Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Plans for the segregation of Negro delegates who will attend the Republican national convention in Kansas City in June are being carried out. In letters transmitted to members of Republican national committee containing contracts for accommodations for their delegations, Charles F. Curry, secretary of the local committee on housing arrangements, advised the national committee that the contracts he enclosed did not include arrangements for the accommodation of "Negro delegates."

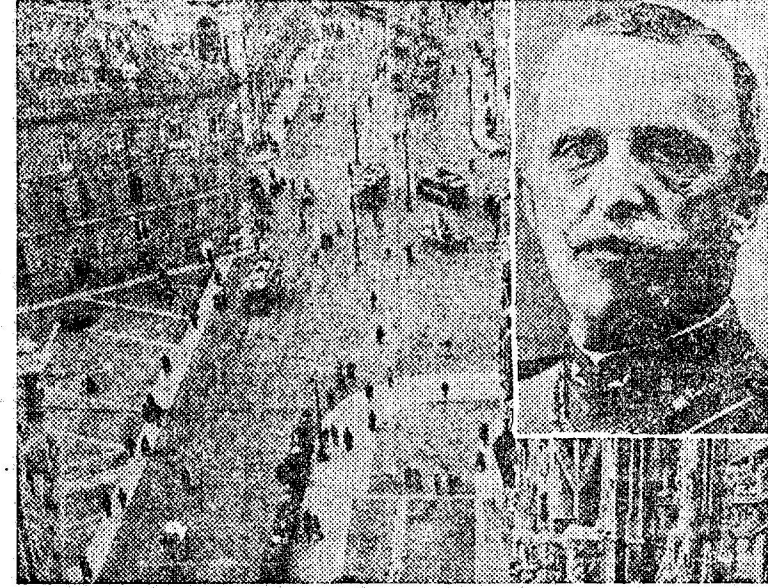
HOTEL EXPLORER DIES. Elsworth M. Statler, unfamous exploiter of labor, hotel man, head of the Statler chain of hotels, died this morning. Executives of the Pennsylvania Hotel confirmed reports of his death, but refused details.

Advertisement for Santel Midy medicine, claiming relief for bladder weakness or pains. Includes a circular logo with the text 'SANTAL MIDY'.

Advertisement for Genuine Health Foods, featuring Sun-Dried Unsulphured Fruits, Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Foods, Whole Grain Products, etc. Lists health food distributors.

Advertisement for the May Day Button, urging every worker to wear one. Includes a circular logo with a hammer and sickle and the text 'EVERY WORKER MUST WEAR A MAY DAY BUTTON!'.

Mussolini Launches New Series of "Red Raids"



The bomb which exploded at Milan (above) and which killed fourteen is believed to have been planted by Mussolini agents to furnish a basis for a new series of red raids. With wages lowered, unemployment doubled in less than a year and prices steadily rising unrest is growing in Italy. King Victor Emanuel (above) arrived in Milan shortly after the bomb explosion.

WAR ON PAY CUT IN BRITISH MILLS

Workers Fight Increase in Number of Hours

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 17.—Representatives of eight unions of the textile workers' federation are meeting with the employers to discuss the wage reduction again demanded by the textile manufacturers' association. The mill owners also demand that 48 hours a week be worked irrespective of cleaning time which adds a number of hours to the week's work.

The employers make these demands after the textile workers had threatened a general strike against the proposal of the manufacturers that wages be cut 12 1/2 per cent and hours be increased to 52 1/2 a week.

Even the employers' press here is of the opinion that the workers will fight against any attempt to lower their working standards, no matter what the action of the reformist leaders of their unions. Every time a mill owner tried to install lower standards it was met by an immediate strike without waiting for union sanction.

LINER TOWED TO SAFETY. BOSTON, April 17.—The Eastern Steamship Company's liner, New York, which ran aground on a sand bar in the entrance to the Cape Cod Canal, was towed safely into the harbor here yesterday. The 400 passengers were removed.

Advertisement for 'The TROTSKY OPPOSITION' pamphlet, celebrating the opening of the Workers Center. Includes a circular logo with the text 'THE TROTSKY OPPOSITION'.

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TRY TO BAR RED FIGHTERS AS MAY ELECTION NEARS

Move by Hindenburg to Cripple Party

LONDON, April 17.—The German government contemplates the issuance of an order forbidding active participation in the May general election by the Communist "red front fighters" on the ground it is an organization of "violence," according to word received here today from Berlin.

This move on the part of the Hindenburg regime to cripple the Communist Party in the election campaign will meet with a strong protest on the part of the workers.

No attempt has been made to bar the Steel Helmets, semi-military fascist organization from the coming elections.

FASCISTS MURDER THREE IN JAPAN

Try Thousand Workers as Radicals

TOKIO, April 17.—Three members of the Minseitō Party, opposition party in the Diet, were killed today when a number of members were attacked by seven members of the reactionary organization known as the National Association for the Preservation of Peace. Four other members of the Minseitō Party were severely injured.

With the approach of the opening of the Diet, the fascists have become extremely active. A member of the Labor-Farmer Party, who returned to Tokio after a speaking tour, was attacked by the fascists and severely beaten.

Trials of more than a thousand radicals who were arrested in the recent "red raids" are now in progress in Tokio, Osaka and other centers. An attempt will be made to oust all members of proletarian parties from the Diet when that body opens on April 21.

Are you a "DAILY WORKER" worker daily?

Advertisement for the RED BANQUET at the Workers Center, celebrating the opening of the center. Includes details about the event and ticket prices.

Advertisement for SOVIET RUSSIA tours, offering 10-day stayovers in Moscow and Leningrad. Includes details about the tours and contact information.

Advertisement for GROUPS SAILING ON THE FOLLOWING CUNARD-STEAMERS, listing ship names and dates for May 25, 30, and July 6, 9.



# PLUMBERS' HELPER, SWINDLED OUT OF PAY, REALIZES UNION IS ONLY PROTECTION FOR MEN

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Working as a helper on new work for over two years, I have realized many times the way we are treated, the dirty deals we get and yet we can't seem to do a damn thing to better these conditions.  
Everybody on the job bosses you and you have to stand for all that or else the boss can get someone else. The wage we

helpers get is miserable, four bucks. One in fifty gets any more than that.  
When work is scarce we have to live on air. Who could save on what we get? When you ask the boss for more, out you go! As an individual, you can't expect, and you don't get anything out of him. But in organization there is strength. We must keep up the fight for organization until we succeed.  
There are many more experiences we have on the job, but in

all, we are only individuals and have no one to back us up. That occurred to me working for one boss about three months on various small jobs. He put me on a big job. After keeping me about two weeks there he thought I was slow and, on a Saturday morning, handed me the pay and told me to take off my overalls and say goodbye. I looked into the pay envelope and there was only twenty bucks there so I went over to see him and told him that I had worked for an hour already and asked him to let me

finish out the day or else pay me right now. He started cursing me and he wouldn't do one or the other so I told him what was on my mind and left without getting paid for even an hour.  
If there had been a Plumbers' Helpers' Union fully organized and recognized, the helpers in the trade would be protected against being swindled out of their pay by the bosses who prey on them like that.  
—"NAP."

# 14 Hours a Day, \$50 a Month, Is S. S. Manchuria Rate, Correspondent Says

## GIRLS AND WOMEN, VICTIMS OF BIG BAKING COMPANY

### Speed-up Inhuman; \$18 a Week Common Wage

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not only is true with me, but with all the others.  
The Clute.  
Many girls work on a machine called the chute and in order to keep up with this machine the girls have to work at a very high speed until about nine-thirty when we get our relief period. Many of us do not have time to eat our breakfast in the morning as we have to rush to work. Therefore by nine-thirty we have to eat something so that we can continue working for the rest of the morning. We have 15 minutes for this relief period and some girls work on the third floor and the lunchroom is on the ninth floor and by the time we get up stairs it takes about 3 minutes if the elevator is not slow. Otherwise it takes us longer and by the time we can get a sandwich, if we are fortunate enough to get there on time to get it, and a glass of tea, we only have about five minutes left to gulp down our food and rush back to work. Many times we do not get a chance to finish and we have to eat as the forelady watches when we come and go. And also they have trained the relief girls so that she snatches us as if we don't get down on time.

Then, of course, we continue working at the same speed until lunch hour which starts at ten minutes after twelve and ends at one. Fifty minutes we have for this lunch period and by the time we wash our hands and go upstairs and wait in a line of about a hundred people we don't get to eat until about 12:25 or 12:30.  
The lunches they serve are of the cheapest kind of food possible to imagine. There is a fifteen cent lunch plate consisting of pork chops served from a great big enormous pot by a not too clean or concerned person handling them with his hands and slopping them on our plate, some potatoes that have more water in them than anything else, or we get frankfurters and sauerkraut. They also have the thirty cent plate which is not much different.

During the summer months no fresh vegetables whatsoever are served. But most of the food consists of canned stuff such as tomatoes, herring, canned peas, canned corn and lima bean soup. Also the same meat that is served during the winter months. Soup, or I should say an excuse for such, is served for five cents a plate to us. We get coffee for two cents a cup and it is hard to tell the difference whether it is black mud or coffee. Also milk, which is served at the same price, and tastes more like white water than milk. As we eat a man comes around with a sloppy rag with not to clean hands and wipes the table, very often getting this dirty cloth, which he wipes the table with, into our food.

It certainly is lucky for the few who can afford to go out of the building to eat. But girls making \$14.00 a week can not do it. Of course it is quite different with that of our department heads, superintendents, foreladies, and foremen or any one wearing a white uniform. They sit at different tables and do not have to wait in a long line as we do, but are served and their food is not the same as ours either, but much better and cleaner.

I often wondered why so many girls faint during the day, but on analyzing the food they eat and the way which they have to work, I can easily understand it very well. Not only do we have to be contented with this rotten food they serve us and we constantly watch by the foremen and foreladies and the fear that for the slightest mistake we would lose our jobs, but also are afraid of the enormous rats which we have running around on our floor. And many times it happens that the rats jump on one of the girls; a case like this has happened just recently and the girl almost fainted of fright.

Accidents, in general, certainly happen often enough. I personally noticed a girl, who works at the chutes, and has to clean her paste-pot every day. In order to do this she has to remove the pot from the machine, and in order to take it away she has to crawl underneath the belt and carry the pot which is clumsy, heavy and at the same time very slippery. Well, it had to happen, she fell and the pot injured her finger very badly. The boss on inquiring the next day just how and what happened, what caused the accident, etc., made a remark that she must be careful of the pot. Meaning, of course, that the pot is breakable. That almost set my blood boiling as it proved that a human being

## Lewis' Lies Fail to Oust John Brophy

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (By Mail).—An effort to oust John Brophy as secretary at the business meeting and banquet of the Union Labor College failed despite the false charges brought against him by some students who had been

bunked by local labor-fakers. The Lewis-Fagan machine control the Central Labor Union thru regularly packing the elections of that body. Being too cowardly to prefer charges against Brophy in the Miners' Union, they used the machine-controlled Central Labor Union to further their ends. About a month ago they withdrew their endorsement of the Union Labor College because Brophy was its secretary. This action was taken without giving Brophy an opportunity to reply to the lies and slander of the reactionaries.

Most of the students were of the opinion that the action of the C. L. U. in withdrawing their endorsement because of the fight in the Miners' Union was too raw and decided to take no action against Brophy and to continue the college again next fall without the endorsement of the Central Labor Union, if necessary. —M.

means nothing to them—it is only the machine that counts with them.

Injuries.  
On the third floor we hear almost daily of girls working at the depositing machine getting their fingers caught. I have also heard of one case where a baker fell through the oven and was killed instantly, but the company hushed it up and informed his son that his father died of heart failure. Whether he other workers knew or didn't know just what happened they were told to keep quiet or lose their jobs. And then people always believe the company more than the worker.

No matter what happens in our factory the machines have to be working and the speed kept up until towards the end of the day when they are slowed down. Even then it is hard to keep up as we are all tired out from the day's work. The forelady or foreman which happens to be in charge of a certain section remarks if you can't keep up you will have to go up to the desk which means explaining the reason or being fired, if it does not suit them. The girls all dread this, therefore every bit of our energy is used up in order to avoid

End of the Day.  
At the end of the day we can hardly walk being so tired out and some of us have to walk five or six flights of stairs as the elevator takes the girls from the ninth floor. Then going home in the overstuffed and crowded subway. Many of us don't get home until seven o'clock or after, and about all we are fit to do after a day like this, is to eat supper and if we are not too tired to go to some movie and then go to bed.  
—N. N.

## ILLINOIS YOUNG MINERS ACTIVE

### Save-Union Forces Draw in New Sections

BELLEVILLE, Ill., April 12 (By Mail).—The conference of the Save-the-Union Committee in District 12 unanimously went on record for the organizing of three young miners' conferences in this district.  
The motion brot out a great deal of discussion from the delegates. It was the general opinion in the conference that the young miners had not been sufficiently drawn into the fight of the Save-the-Union movement. The speakers pointed out how the Lewis machine consciously tries to keep the ranks of the miners divided and that it was necessary that the Save-the-Union committee take steps to win over the young miners.  
Make Plans.  
The young miners present at the conference held a special meeting and there laid down plans for the young miners' conferences. It was decided that these conferences are to be held in West Frankfort, Belleville and Springfield during the early part of May.

STUDENTS AID MINERS.  
MADISON, Wis., April 17. — Two large bundles of clothing were shipped to the striking miners by the students of the Experimental College of Wisconsin University. The clothes were collected among the students who show strong sympathy with the Pennsylvania miners.

## DOWN WITH LEWIS HENCHMEN, OHIO MINER DEMANDS

### Says "Machine" Chiefs Come Drunk to Picket

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DUNCANWOOD, Ohio, (By Mail). —I am a United Mine Worker who has been out on strike in this field for over one year, the same as all the other brothers. And I am sending you a little letter to help open the eyes of the poor miner and his family, who are, after all, the real sufferers in this struggle. And I ask you to print it in some part of your paper where everyone will be bound to see it.

Picket Daily.  
I have been on the picket line at the different mining camps nearly every day since the operators commenced to open the Robyville mine near Salena, Ohio.

I have seen our board members doing things that make me sick at heart. But I did not want to voice my feelings, thinking things might get better. But now I think the striking miners should all rise up and resent the actions of these so-called United Mine Workers of America officials, who to my mind are nothing but a lot of strikebreakers, running loose and wild, helping to sap the funds from the treasury.

Lewis Henchmen.  
Men, you who have been on the picket line that board members who are in charge, such as Dave Young always have a few picked men who hang around them. They are the ones who can get all and anything they want, while other men and their families are on the verge of starvation. Is that right? I don't think so.

When Dave Young, the board member goes on his "parties," and he has many of them, and says that he is paying for them out of his own pockets, do the men believe him? I don't.

Why is it that when these board members are needed they can't be found? Why are they in hiding when they ought to be out on the lines along with the strikers? Is it right for these men to go out on the lines drunk when they ought to be sober?

Brothers, I ask all of you to get awake and look around you and see how the men who are paying to work for us are making fools of us. If our men will only keep their eyes on these self-styled gods, they will learn why we have not got farther with this strike. Men, it is time for us to get next to ourselves and get rid of the henchmen of the Lewis machine.  
—OHIO STRIKER.

3 DIE AT CROSSING.  
NEW LONDON, Conn., April 17.—Three persons were killed Sunday at the New Haven and Hartford Railroad at the Maple Ave. grade crossing. They were riding in an automobile when struck by a train.

## PHILADELPHIA UNEMPLOYED TO HOLD MEETING

### Conference Called for April 27

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—Unemployment is steadily growing in the United States. Today there are over five million unemployed in the most wealthy and industrially developed country in the world.

While depression in industry and introduction of efficiency puts out more and more workers on the street, the capitalist officials with their servants, the so-called labor leaders, do nothing to make somehow easier the miserable conditions of unemployed.

The unemployed councils which have been organized as a result of this great unemployment are taking the lead towards elementary help for these workers.  
The Philadelphia Council of Unemployed is calling a big conference of trade unions and fraternal organizations for April 27, 8 p. m. at Grand Fraternity Hall to find means and ways of helping the unemployed workers of Philadelphia. It is important that every union and fraternal organization is represented at this conference.

Meanwhile the Council of Unemployed is working out plans of opening kitchens, it has also arranged a number of mass meetings throughout the city of Philadelphia.

April 18, 2 p. m. in Kensington, 152 Lehigh Avenue; April 20, 2 p. m. in West Philadelphia, hall to be announced; April 20, 2 p. m. in South Philadelphia at N. W. corner 8th and Ritner; April 25, 2 p. m. in North Philadelphia at 531 N. 7th Street.

On May 9th the Unemployed Council is arranging a big mass meeting in the center of the city. At this meeting a delegation to confer with city authorities, regarding help to unemployed, will be elected.  
—P. R. T.

## Alien Servant Beaten

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—Mrs. Mabel Arico, wife of an automobile salesman, was found guilty yesterday in the criminal court of charges by Johanna Lamo, a foreign-born servant girl, who told how she was held a virtual prisoner in the Arico home, beaten and refused food.

## AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre Guild presents Eugene O'Neill's **Strange Interlude** Play.  
John Golden Then, 5th, E. of B'way Evenings Only at 5:30.  
Eugene O'Neill's **Marco Millions** Th., W. 52d St. Evs. 8:20 Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30 Week of Apr. 23: "VOLPONE"

81ST WEEK **DRACULA** 15 W. 46 St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30 "See It and Creep."—Eve. Post.

ERLANGER W. 44 St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30 GEO. M. COHAN (HIMSELF) AND HIS COMEDIANS **MERRY MALONES** IN THE HUDSON Theatre, West 44th Street. Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. **THE ABSOLUTE HIT OF THE TOWN** **WHISPERING FRIENDS** By GEORGE M. COHAN.

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## "The Outsider," With Lionel Atwill, Back on Broadway

DRAMA — MYRNA LOY.

THE story of bone-setting vs. skilled surgery forms the central theme of "The Outsider" by Dorothy Brandon, which has been revived at the Ambassador Theatre. The play was last seen here four seasons back with the same star.

With a superior cast headed by Lionel Atwill and Isobel Elsom, the play develops into one of the most important productions of the current season. The only pity is that it was not opened a little earlier in the season, so it could get the full attention that it rightly deserves. Those who did not see the play when first presented here four years ago, should now avail themselves of the opportunity.

The plot concerns Laiage Sturdee, superbly played by Miss Elsom, who condemned to be a cripple to the end of her days by the medical profession, who claim she cannot be cured, is finally brot back to health by a healer not registered as a regular doctor. The part of the healer is played in masterly fashion by Mr. Atwill.

Two-thirds of the play undertakes to prove the superiority of mechanical therapy over surgery. The remaining third is devoted to the love affair between the cripple and the dynamic healer who manages to cure the girl in time for the final curtain.

The unquestioned artistry of Mr. Atwill is admirably adapted to the swagging healer. He develops the proper degree of whimsicality and naivete to make a central character human and lovable.

The members of the supporting cast are all highly capable. Albert Brunning gives a remarkable performance as the stern British father, while the Messrs. Wallace Erskine, Beresford Lovett, Gilbert Douglas and Charles Angelo, are pleasantly pompous as Fellows of the Royal College, to whom the success of a bone-setter without an M. D. degree is like a stab in the back. Mention must also be made of Miss Fernanda Eliscu who as Madame Klost, is restrained in her acting and therefore effective.  
—S. A. P.

"And So to Bed" is now in its last week at the Bijou Theatre. The play will be seen next week at the Majestic Theatre, Brooklyn.

The formal opening of "The Waltz of the Dogs," the posthumous Andreyev play which is having its world premiere at the Cherry Lane, has been set for Wednesday, April 25. The play was previously announced for the 23rd.



In "The Crimson City," Anthony Coldeway's film melodrama of the China coast, showing at the Broadway Theatre this week.

The season of the American Laboratory Theatre will close Saturday evening, May 5. "The Bridal Veil," by A. Schnitzler; "Dr. Knock," by Jules Romains and "Maritime," by Jean-Jacques Bernard will continue in the repertory until the close of the season.

## BOY SCOUTS AND FLEET ASSEMBLE FOR "NAVY WEEK"

### San Francisco Police Guard Paraders

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—In connection with the National Boy Scout Convention being held here, a huge parade of 10,000 Boy Scouts, flanked by army officers, police and city officials, proceeded down Market Street and held a demonstration in the Civic Square, where eight months ago the police broke up a Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration and arrested 125 workers. In the present demonstration, the police played the role of guardians for these boys whom employers and preachers are trying to bring up to be priests and strike-breakers.

Patriotic and militarist slogans such as "One Country—One Enemy," marked the parade.

And at the same time the entire United States battlefleet is assembled in San Francisco Bay, and thousands of sailors are pouring into the city for a "Navy Week" celebration, which is part of the preparations for war in the Pacific. The fleet gathered in San Francisco Bay is preparing to leave for the Hawaiian Islands and "points west" for naval maneuvers.

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- 5128 (Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni), "Regina coeli, lactare" (Easter Hymn), Part 1 and 2. Emmy Bettendorff, Soprano with Berlin State Opera Chorus and Orchestra, conducted by Eduard Morike.
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# LEAGUE AGAINST IMPERIALISM IS FORMED BY LABOR

### 40 Organizations Represented in Conference

CHICAGO, April 17.—Forty labor organizations formed the All-America Anti-Imperialist League of Chicago at the conference on Nicaraguan intervention, Sunday, at the Capitol Building.

The conference received from Soerates Sandino, brother of General Augustino Sandino a telegram which said, "In the name of my brother, General Sandino and the Nicaraguan people fighting for liberty I greet the Chicago conference of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League."

The conference which was called by a provisional committee to find ways and means of combatting imperialist intervention in Nicaragua, had for its officers: William H. Holly, chairman; Ray Koerner, of Boilermakers' Lodge No. 626, vice-chairman, and Helene Woolf, secretary.

"American intervention in Nicaragua is just the beginning of an intensive campaign of Wall Street for the economic and political penetration of all Latin-America," said Harry Gannes, secretary of the Chicago section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League in opening the conference.

U. S. Imperialism. "United States imperialism, not content with subjugating the Philippines, has turned its attention to Central and South America, seeking new fields for expansion, and slaughtering ruthlessly all who oppose its advance. It is the purpose of the league to fight this imperialist campaign, which endangers not only the people in Latin-America, but the workers in the United States as well."

A discussion of the report of the secretary on Nicaragua developed the fact that all of the representatives of the 41 organizations present were opposed to American imperialist policy and favored the organization of the league to combat vigorously not alone the present intervention in Nicaragua, but to be prepared at all times to combat American imperialism wherever it shows itself.

A resolution which was adopted unanimously heartily endorsed the struggle of General Augustino C. Sandino and gave its fullest cooperation to the national headquarters of the league in its campaign for medical supplies for Sandino. The resolution called upon all workers' organizations to fight the defeatist campaign of American imperialism.

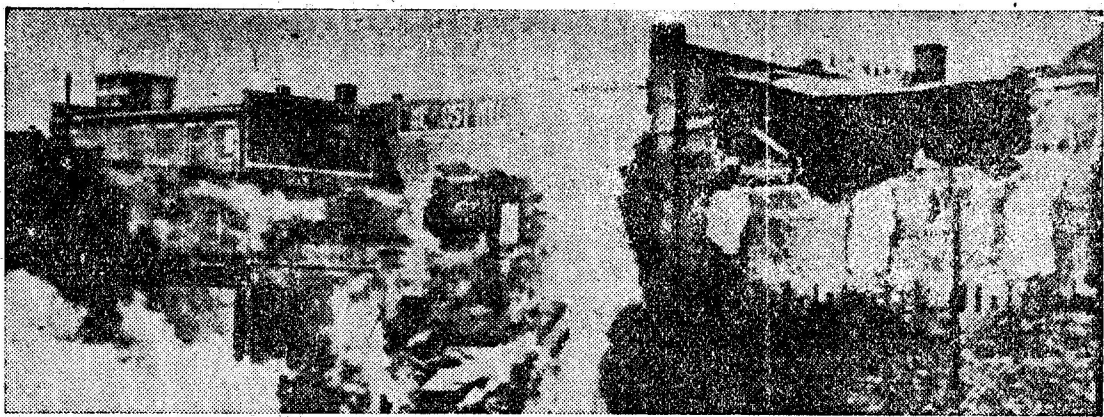
Permanent Body Named. The conference voted unanimously for the immediate formation of a permanent All-America Anti-Imperialist League branch to be composed of the organizations present. The provisional executive committee with many additional names was made the permanent executive of the Chicago league, with William H. Holly as chairman, Ray Koerner as vice-chairman and Harry Gannes as secretary.

The complete committee of the Chicago All-America Anti-Imperialist League is as follows: Anacleto Almenara, Filipino Association of Chicago; Zonia Baber, chairman, Pan-American Relations Committee, Woman's International League; John Bielowski, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, Local No. 1367; Clarence Darrow, lawyer and publicist; Henry Duell, League for Industrial Democracy; Arthur Fisher, secretary, Emergency Foreign Policy Conference; Harry Gannes; A. Gans, Jewish Marxist Youth Alliance; Alice Hanson, secretary, Chicago Liberal Club; Sam Herman, Young Workers (Communist) League; Lillian Herstein, Teachers' Union; William H. Holly; T. Y. Hu, Sun Yat Sen Association of America; Peter Jensen, president, Machinist Lodge 492; Arpulo E. Jimenez, Sociedad Mutualista, "Renito Jaurez"; Ray Koerner, secretary, Boilermakers' Lodge 626; Dr. John A. Lapp; Prof. Robert Moros Lovett, associate editor, New Republic; C. J. Martell, Chicago Watch and Clockmakers' Union; Walter Riebold, president, Boilermakers' 626; F. Soriben, Filipino Workers' Club; Mordecai Shulman, Workmen's Circle 516; Arne Swaback, Painters' Union; Otto Wangerlin, editor, Railroad Amalgamation Advocate; Dr. David Rhys Williams.

# JOBLESS TO HOLD 5 MEETS THIS WEEK

With long bread lines still forming daily in New York despite announcements to the contrary on the part of politicians who are doing nothing to relieve the unemployed, the New York Council of the Unemployed is continuing its drive for organization and relief with several protest meetings this week. The first will be held Tuesday, 8 p. m. at 138th St. and Lenox Ave.; Padmore, R. B. Moore and Louis A. Baum will speak. Others will be held Wednesday, 2 p. m., at Union Square; Thursday, one at 11 a. m. at 101 W. 27th St. and another in the Bronx at 8 p. m. at 138th St. and St. Ann's Ave. and the last, Saturday afternoon at Rutgers Square.

# Ruins of Missouri Garage Where 38 Died When "Gas" Blew Up



Thirty-eight bodies have been removed from the burning wreckage of a garage at West Plains, Mo. Above the garage was a popular dance hall where a ball was in full swing at the time of the explosion.

# CLOAK UNION TO NAME DELEGATES

### Workers Respond to the Joint Board Call

The response of the workers in the cloak and dress markets to the call of the Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union for a mass participation in the elections for delegates to the convention, and the eagerness with which the Joint Board circulars are being read, is being cited by the left wing leaders as an indication that one of the largest votes ever registered will be rolled up at the elections today.

The polling places, Bryant Hall, 6th Ave. and 42nd St., Joint Board headquarters, 16 W. 21st St., and Pressers' Local office, 6 W. 21st St., will be open from 8 a. m. till 9 p. m.

In the call to the workers to participate en masse in the elections the Joint Board declared that these elections will be a protest demonstration against the shattering of one of the most powerful unions in the country by the right wing Sigman reactionaries in order to remove the popular left wing leadership.

Results of Sigman Control. In answer to the glowing accounts of the conditions in the cloak trade periodically printed in the right wing Jewish Daily Forward whenever the Sigman clique decides to carry on one of its paper "organization" campaigns, comes the publication of a survey by the Industrial Council of the Cloak Manufacturers which only partially admits the chaos in the cloak trade.

The survey states that 12 members of the Industrial Council, which consists mainly of large modern manufacturing plants, left the association and became non-union jobbers. Two members left the association and frankly announced an open shop policy. The following, however, is pointed out as the most damning evidence of the disruption of the trade by the sweat shop system, brought back by the union wrecking activities of the right wing:

Fifteen members of the Council were forced out of business entirely, being unable to keep their factories open due to sweat shop competition. Another significant fact is the admission that 59 new factories have opened without the slightest semblance of union conditions. This figure, however, is considered ridiculously low.

Militants Confer Tomorrow. The conference scheduled for tonight at Manhattan Lyceum, which is sponsored by the militant members of the Ladies' Tailors' Local 38 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who were stricken off the ballot by the right wing clique because they refused to renounce their political beliefs by signing a yellow dog statement, has been postponed. The conference will be held tomorrow night at the Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St.

The conference is to be participated in by union members from all parts of the country who were also not allowed to run for delegates to the convention, because of opposition to the Sigman clique. They are to elect a committee to go to the Boston convention.

The revelations of Bullock, who has his own reasons for making them, show the hand of Tammany deep in another pious fraud. The Equitable Coach Co. was supposed to be owned by three anonymous gentlemen from Akron, O. At the time that the bids for bus franchises were being considered, the Tammany board of estimate rejected lower bids in favor of this corporation.

Bullock further charges that several employees of the board of transportation who were "supposed to be engaged in the subway building work," spent more than three months making maps for the Equitable Coach Co.

In their week-old strike the fruit clerks have already succeeded compelling settlements from over forty retail fruit store owners, with many more applications waiting for the settlement committee's attention.

They have succeeded in breaking up the attempt of one of the largest employers to organize an association and compelled this firm, Mason and Forman, to deposit security of \$1,000. Yesterday alone, approximately 18 employers signed agreements.

Of the four pickets who were to come up for trial on charges of disorderly conduct, two were dismissed by Judge Douras and two were fined \$1 each.

# Workers' Calendar

**Chicago Miners' Relief.** CHICAGO.—A house-to-house collection drive for funds and clothing for the striking miners will be conducted by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee of Chicago on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteer workers are urged to communicate with the committee.

**Detroit Conference.** DETROIT.—The Detroit Council for the Protection of Foreign Born has called a conference for Sunday, 10 a. m. at the G. A. R. Hall, Cass Ave. and Grand River. All interested organizations are urged to send delegates; address communications to 2127 Witherell St.

**Chicago Anti-Polish-Fascism.** CHICAGO.—The Chicago Committee against Polish Fascism will hold a conference for Sunday, 11 p. m., at the Polish Workers' Hall, 1555 W. Division St. All interested organizations are urged to send delegates.

**Chicago Commemoration.** CHICAGO.—The Louis Tickers and the Tom Mooney branches of the International Labor Defense will commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Ludlow massacre on Saturday night at Olympia Hall, 845 S. Halstead street.

**Pullman AAAA Celebration.** PULLMAN, Ill.—The Russian branches of the American Association for the Advancement of Pullman, Chicago, Hegewish and East Chicago will celebrate May Day with a concert and dance on Sunday, April 29 at Stanick Hall, 206 E. 114 St.

**San Francisco Camps.** SAN FRANCISCO.—A workers' children camp conference will be held here, Apr. 29; all labor, fraternal, women's and children's organizations are invited to send delegates. Communicate with the Young Workers' League.

**Youngstown Dance.** YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Young Workers' League will hold a concert and dance here May 27. All organizations are requested to keep this date open.

**San Francisco Workers' School.** SAN FRANCISCO.—The Workers' School announces the opening of several courses on May 7. For information address 1212 Market St.

**Shachtman China Lecture Tour Dates.** Bethlehem, Pa., April 19, 8 p. m., Labor Lyceum, 230 W. Lehigh Ave. Philadelphia, April 21. Canton, O., April 24, Music Hall, 810 Tursaraw St. Akron, O., April 25. Toledo, O., May 5. Detroit, May 6. Chicago, Ill., May 14. Buffalo, May 24.

**Cannon Tour Dates.** Thursday, April 19th, Plentywood, Mont. Sunday, Monday, April 22-23, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. Tuesday, April 24th, Rochester, Minnesota. Wednesday, April 25th, Duluth, Minn. Thursday, April 26th, Superior, Wis. Saturday, April 28th, Chicago, Ill. Mirror Hall, 1116 N. Western Ave.

# TAMMANY HALL'S HAND IN BUS BID

That the Equitable Coach Co., the successful bidder for bus franchises in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, is a dummy corporation, organized by Tammany Hall for its own ends, is the charge of William Bullock, director of the city affairs bureau of the New York county republican committee.

Grover A. Whalen, chairman of Mayor Walker's committee for the reception of visiting celebrities at public expense, and Senator John A. Hastings are the chief figures in this fake concern, according to Bullock.

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# Philadelphia Will Celebrate May Day

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—The workers of Philadelphia are making preparations to demonstrate on May 1st this year on a bigger scale than ever before.

The workers begin to understand and reason in class terms and therefore are paying attention to the holidays of the working class.

This year the celebration of May 1 will take place Tuesday, May 1, at New Traymor Hall, Franklin and Columbia Ave.

# DUNN SPEAKS ON COMPANY UNIONS

### Phila. Workers Conduct Successful Forum

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Robert W. Dunn, author of "Company Unions" and "Americanization of Labor," spoke in the stronghold of company unionism and the home town of Mitten-owned-and-managed Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., and of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the chief official of which is the notorious labor-baiting "General" Aterbury, on "The Menace of Company Unionism, Welfare Schemes and Labor Spies." The talk was given at the Workers' Forum, which is held every Sunday night, despite the obstacles of all kinds of the Philadelphia police department.

Despite the confiscations of money, police threats of arrest and general disorder created by the so-called forces of "law and order," the workers of Philadelphia have had a successful series of lectures.

# Hundreds Stand in Cold Hear Communist Talk

SEATTLE, April 17.—A crowd of between 1,200 and 1,500 workers were present to hear Sorenson speak at an open air meeting at Occidental and Washington Sts.

It was one of the coldest April nights in years but the crowd remained through the whole meeting and displayed great enthusiasm at all times. Sorenson, new district organizer for District 12, spoke for over two hours, discussing many topics and dwelling in particular upon the Communists' stand in relation to the "Save-the-Union" Committee of the United Mine Workers of America. A collection to aid the strikers was taken up, 350 copies of THE DAILY WORKER were sold and several new applications for membership were received.

# CONFERENCE HELD IN BALTIMORE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

### Suffering Is Widespread in City

BALTIMORE, Apr. 17.—More than 200 delegates attended a two-day unemployment conference here. Baltimore workers are suffering deeply from unemployment. The American Federation of Labor has listed this city as the most unemployed industrial community in the United States.

Suffering is much worse than in 1921. Families are breaking up and disease spreads as heads of families spend months in the hopeless search for work.

William G. Ross, a B. & O. R. R. shop worker, who opened the conference, said that unemployment had become a permanent problem. Fifty-four speakers testified to the huge volume of idleness.

That the industrial speedup system coupled with technical advance is throwing men and women out of work was admitted by Edward J. Clautice, secretary of the Baltimore Association of Commerce. If the production per worker in 1925 had been the same as in 1921, it would have required 24,636 more men to produce that year's output in Baltimore alone, he said.

# ARREST 3 MORE HOUSEWRECKERS

### Contractors Continue to Yield to Strikers

Stanley Vilk, Michael Polachena, and John Dumatz, striking members of the Housewrecker Union, Local 95, were yesterday arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct while picketing a job near 66th St. and Lexington Ave. The pickets were later released on \$500 bail and will be tried this morning in the Fifth District Court.

Several contractors settled with the union yesterday, officials of Local 95 said. Contractors who are holding out are those who are not rushed or have little work to do, the union men stated. The backbone of the boss contractors is the J. Volk Co., said to be closely connected with Tammany Hall. Volk has demanded that the housewreckers are on fight against a wage cut of 10 cents an hour.

# Silk Hose Bosses Plan \$15,000,000 Combine

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—That the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers is facing serious struggles for its existence is evidenced by the fact that a new merger is being cemented by the Philadelphia bankers in the silk underwear and hosiery industry.

Adjourning from their regular meeting to a secret one in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, the board of directors of the National Association of Underwear and Hosiery Manufacturers' Association, allowed sufficient information to become public to make known their intentions. The merger is to mean an aggregation of \$15,000,000 in capital.

# WEST SET FOR MAY 1 MEETINGS

### May Day Tour Planned in Kansas District

KANSAS CITY, April 17.—Hugo Oehler, district organizer of the Workers' (Communist) Party, R. Shohan, district organizer of the Young Workers' (Communist) League and Ed Hanfins of the district executive committee of the Party will start on tours next week to speak at May Day meetings thruout district 10. Meetings so far scheduled are:

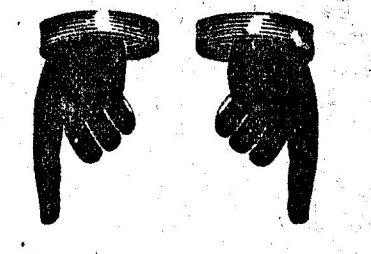
For Oehler—Kansas City, April 27; Sioux City, April 29; Omaha, April 30; Denver, May 1; Fredrick, May 2; Pueblo, May 3; Walsenburg, May 4. For Shohan—Hanna, Wyo., April 29; Superior April 30; Rock Springs, May 1; Diamondville, May 2. For Hanfins—Pittsburgh, Kansas, May 12; Tulsa, Okla., May 13; Houston, Tex., May 16; San Antonio, May 17; Fort Worth, May 18; Dallas, May 19; Oklahoma City, May 21.

# Philadelphia Workers To Hear Talk on China

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Bleeding China," at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St., Saturday at 8 p. m.

The International Labor Defense will hold a mass meeting May 19, at which James P. Cannon, national secretary, will speak.

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## The Miners Are Coming Out!

That section of the Western Pennsylvania coal fields which John L. Lewis has purposely kept unorganized,—the four counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene and Somerset—is today a battleground of great importance to the United Mine Workers' Union. Lewis deliberately broke up the organization which a large section of these miners spontaneously formed in the 1922 strike—exactly because these mines are of strategical importance to the fight to unionize the entire mass coal miners of the United States. Nor does anyone fail to understand the reason Lewis did so. In these counties the coal of the quality required for making coke for the Steel Trust mills is to be found. As a deliberate service to the interests of the Frick estate and the Steel Trust, Lewis destroyed the organization which arose among the rank and file of these miners and excluded them from the settlement.

Among these miners none were more important than those in the Fayette county coke regions around Brownsville; and none were more faithfully handled and vilely betrayed by Lewis. But the indomitable courage and fighting will of these workers around Brownsville is now being shown in action. They are responding to the strike call.

The Washington county miners were equally betrayed by Lewis in 1922, and these workers are showing the stuff they are made of by resisting all efforts to disperse their picket lines by state troopers. The mere fact that these miners are responding to the call to strike proves the strength of the Save-the-Union movement.

Lewis and his Fagans are busily at work trying to break this strike in the usual style. But these miners at least know John L. Lewis and cannot be deceived by him again. False reports of the most sinister character, intended to demoralize the strike in the unorganized fields, have failed to hold these miners back.

The boycott of the entire mining situation by the capitalist press and by the big news agencies, leaves the strike movement to its own news resources to disclose the extent to which the mine workers are walking out. The news boycott, however, is itself eloquent proof that the news is not "good news" for the capitalist press. Reports that have been received indicate a tremendous sweep of the walkout in Western Pennsylvania, Illinois, and some other sections, while from some sections it is as yet difficult to get the news in detail because of the silence of the capitalist press.

But all indications received are that the Mine Workers are making good. The movement has the accumulating power of an avalanche.

## Socialist Party Is Not Neutral

The former pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church who is now the dauntless leader of the revolutionary hosts of the socialist party as its candidate for president, puts himself before the world in a Christ-like pose—just as one would expect of the Reverend Doctor Norman Thomas. In accepting what he called the "apostolic succession" as the nominal leader of the counter-revolutionary, anti-labor party, the gentle follower of Jesus, Hillquit and Sigman expressed his trepidation at the thought of world convulsions and sighed for a better world "without revolutionary and catastrophic woe."

This at a "socialist" convention!

But all the while, this gentle parson was casting his clerical robes around the gunmen of the Sigman gang in New York and Chicago, the Lewis gang in the Miners' Union, around the police thugs and strike-breakers, are now in active warfare against the working class on a thousand fronts in the United States. The socialist party is in fact supporting the most reactionary of the trade union bureaucracy in its war against the workers in the unions and in the miners' strike. The Reverend Thomas and the party which chooses him to lead it in the coming campaign are not neutral in the class struggle, but are active partisans.

When the socialist party convention struck out from its constitution all reference to the class struggle, it was an inevitable and necessary act for that party. When the socialist party becomes, as it has become, a mobilizing agency for breaking strikes, crippling the trade unions and preventing the formation of a labor party in the United States, an agency for holding the working class back from class struggle and from reaching class consciousness,—then the only way that party can conceal its actions in the class struggle is to deny that there is a class struggle.

With the praying parson as the bearer of its yellow banner, with the cold-blooded careerist, lawyer Morris Hillquit, as its actual leader, and with Jim Maurer, whipped and tamed by Hillquit and trained to be himself a willing servant and executor of the orders of the reactionary Hillquit and Berger—the socialist party strains to recover every possible force so as to throw itself more actively than ever into the class struggle on the side of reaction against the working class.

The class struggle does not cease, your reverence, when you and your party lie to the working class by denying the existence of that struggle.

The working class will better understand the role of the socialist party of treason to the workers and of sycophantic service to the capitalist class, because of the very fact that the last convention of the party flung undisguised to the breeze the yellow banner from the hands of an anti-Marxian, counter-revolutionary, clerical-tongued, puppet for the reactionary gangsters of the labor bureaucracy.

But the "line of apostolic succession" is not from Debs. It is from Gompers,—what there is of it.

## "AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES—"

By Fred Ellis

## Y. W. L. Scores N.Y. Paper as Capitalist Tool

In answer to an editorial in the April 12th Bronx Home News, criticizing the Lower Bronx section of the Young Workers' (Communist) League, with headquarters at 715 E. 133 Street, for protesting against police interference at their anti-militarism street corner meeting last week the League has sent the following statement to the editor of the Bronx Home News.

"To the Editor of the Bronx Home News.

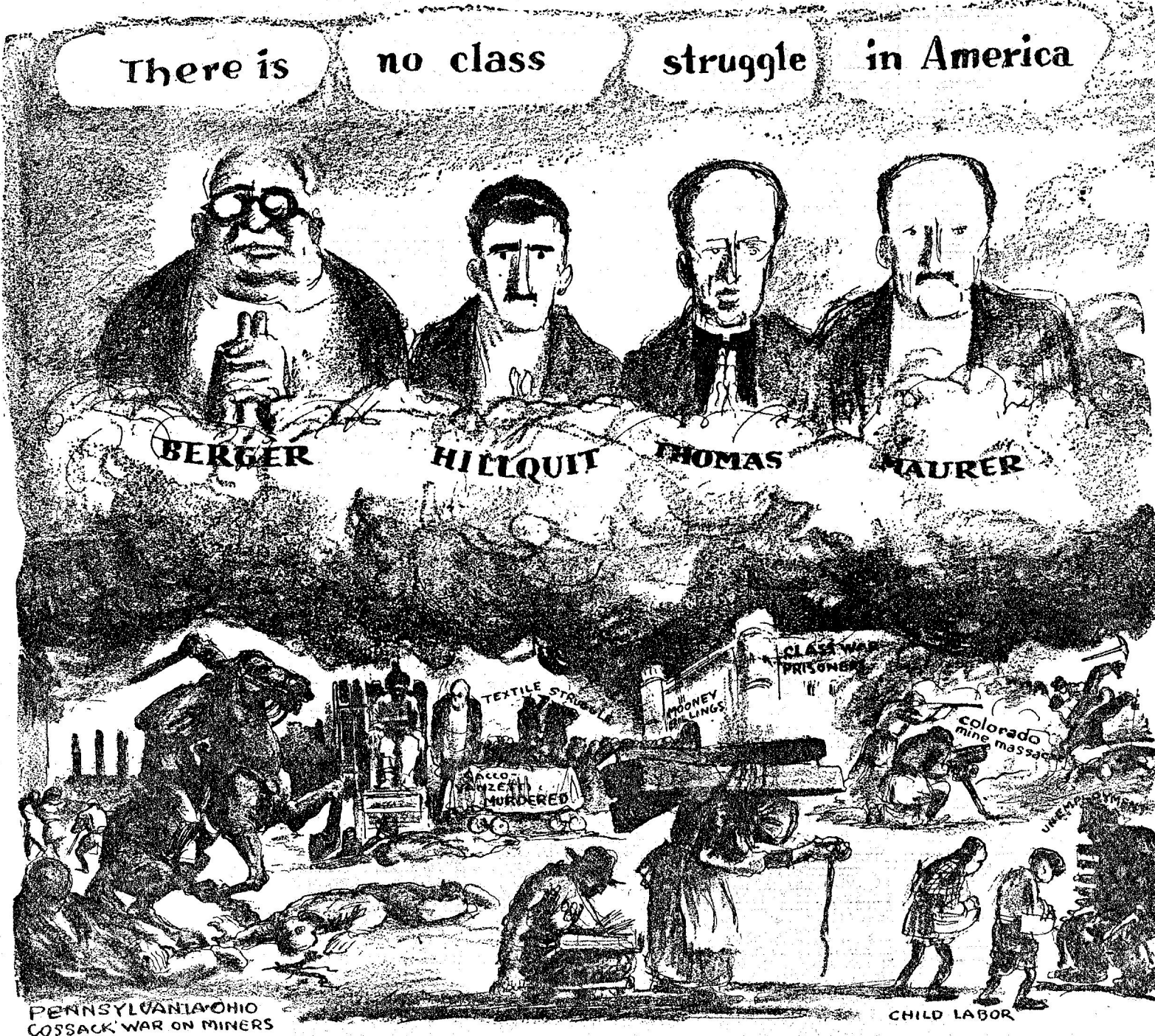
Your editorial of April 12th, entitled "The Young Workers' Protest," makes it necessary for us to give reply. The Young Workers Communist League would be neglecting its historical duty if it did not answer this bit of misleading of the working class youth.

"Your entire attitude is a patronizing one. You attempt to 'laugh it off.' But if we are an organization whose efforts are to be 'laughed off,' if we are the sort of an organization about which no policeman would give 'the proverbial three whoops in hades,' then why, when we demonstrate in front of the Brooklyn Navy Yard against intervention in Nicaragua, are we clubbed and arrested?"

"For the same reason that the policeman in this particular case wanted to stop this regularly convoked, verbally permitted, meeting.

"Concerning our struggle against military training in the colleges, you say that discussion of that 'might reasonably be left to the colleges and their student bodies.' There are three answers to that. Firstly, we have in the Y. W. C. L. many students who themselves spring from the working-class. These, then, even according to your own argument have the 'reasonable' right to take a stand against the militarization of the youth in the schools and colleges. Secondly, as a young workers' organization many of our number would, in event of joining the armed forces, have to serve under those very students who are now being trained to officer us in attacks against young Nicaraguan farmers and workers and the youth of other foreign countries.

"Young Workers Communist League Lower Bronx Section."



# Socialist Party --- A Study in Bankruptcy

By JAY LOVSTONE.

Nationally the socialist party doesn't amount to a row of pins as an organization. Except for a few centers like Milwaukee and Reading, the socialist party has no local organizations. In these two cities, the organization is maintained on the same basis that the republican and democratic parties are kept up—government office patronage. In Milwaukee and Reading the socialist party is, practically speaking, an out-and-out third, petty bourgeois party. In New York, whatever organization there exists, subsists on the funds of the yellow Jewish Daily Forward and retired insurance agents, liberal bourgeois widows, and a handful of lawyers.

But ideologically, the socialist party still has some following. This is true nationally. Debs may be dead, but whatever is left of the following of Debs is still in the main going to the socialist party in election campaigns. Of course, as a distinct force of opposition in the everyday struggles of the workers, the socialist party is at most a minimum quantity. Not only are socialist party officials usually lined up on the side of the reactionary trade union bureaucracy but very often they are the pacesetters in the vicious moves made against the left wing and the militants in the labor movement. As a parliamentary force, however, the socialist party must still be somewhat reckoned with by the labor movement though its strength even in this field is steadily dwindling.

The present convention of the socialist party marks a further loss of even the slightest pretence at socialist character this party formerly used to make. We cite four outstanding events at this convention to make our point emphatic and conclusive. The Class Struggle—Unconstitutional Those of us who were once in the socialist party will recall the class struggle pledge that applicants for membership had to sign. In those days the socialist party at least made a gesture—empty as it was—at belief in this fundamental principle of Marxism. Today, the socialist party under the pretence of thorough Americanization, has already deleted from its constitution the section providing that only those who believe in the class struggle shall be eligible for membership. The American constitution framed by merchants, speculators and land barons, has become the source of inspiration for the American socialist party.

One recalls a significant parallel moment at the last convention of the United Mine Workers of America. For years the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America, particularly its preamble, smacked of socialist thought and showed definite imprint of socialist influence. At the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held in Indianapolis in January, 1927, Lewis and his union-wrecking agents succeeded in deleting from the constitution and

preamble of the union, the sections referring to the class struggle and socialism. Lewis' machine also amended the constitution of the United Mine Workers to persecute workers engaged in coal digging.

Clearly, the vilest section of the corrupt trade union bureaucracy is setting the pace for and giving the leadership to the socialist party.

What Lewis and his henchmen did in 1927 to the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America, Hillquit, Berger, Thomas, Maurer and company did to the last remnant of socialist ideology in their party constitution a few days ago. We may confidently expect that the next time the socialist party convention meets, if there will be a next time for this corpse, it will decree decisive measures against workers who, by choice instead of by accident, came to this country.

Blind to Class Conflicts. The socialist party convention didn't say a word about the activities of its party in the present sharp class struggles. The socialist party has no program for such decisive battles of the workers as the 13-months miners' strike, the struggle wave of textile strikes, the struggle in the needle trades industry, the rising tide of discontent in the railway unions, and the movement for a general labor party. We must give the socialist party leadership credit for keeping quiet about its role in these struggles. Insofar as it did anything at all, it participated most valiantly on the side of reaction and against the workers.

All the socialist party convention could say about the most important strike in the history of the American labor movement, the present miners' strike, is to call upon the strikebreaking government, which has been issuing hundreds of injunctions and eviction orders against the miners, to nationalize the coal industry. That's Hillquit's solution. This is Maurer's panacea. Maurer has been significantly silent about the miners' struggle, though he is still president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, a body which one may natu-

rally expect to be vitally concerned with the coal diggers' strike. To ask for nationalization of the coal mines for the Coolidge government, by the Mellons, the Fishers, and the Schwabs, is to ask for support from a hangman. But this is the role of the socialist party today. Instead of exposing the government for what it is, Hillquit, Thomas, Berger, Maurer and their ilk are working overtime to strengthen the old and develop new illusions among the workers regarding the character of fraudulent American democracy.

Imperialism Endorsed. There was a time when even the opportunistic socialist party did not dare endorse the League of Nations. Now Mr. Hillquit feels that his party has made sufficient progress as a full fledged member of the camp of the enemies of the working class to hand out bouquets even to the League of Nations. The League of Nations is held up by the socialist party before the workers as a panacea. On this question, the socialist party is even far to the right of such weakened, petty bourgeois politicians as Borah, Norris and Shipstead. The latter are opposed to the League of Nations. They see in the League of Nations an instrument of imperialist aggression. Hillquit sees in the League of Nations an agency of liberation of the colonial masses.

The extent to which the socialist party is today dominated by capitalist ideas is made painfully evident by the remarks of Hillquit against the imperialist invasion of Nicaragua by Wall Street troops. To quote the New Leader, the mouthpiece of the decadent socialist party, "The highlight of the address came in his words on the Nicaraguan adventure:

"Of all the monstrosities perpetrated by our government, this is the most revolting. What is it that we are doing in Nicaragua? If it is war, it is unauthorized and unsanctioned by the people or congress. If it is not war—it is murder."

In this moment of highest excitement on the part of Mr. Hillquit, he unblushingly admits his organic kinship with Mr. Coolidge in Washing-

ton, and the strikebreaking marines in Nicaragua. Mr. Hillquit is not complaining against the imperialist aggrandizement of the American government. He is not seeking to mobilize mass workers and exploited farmers against the Yankee imperialist domination of Latin America. All he is interested in, as a first class lawyer, is the legal sanction, the congressional authorization for this imperialist onslaught. It is not the murderous crime against the Nicaraguan masses that he is protesting against. This "brains" of the socialist party is vitally concerned with maintaining every legal fiction and camouflaging most effectively the outrages committed against the Nicaraguan people so that the American working class will not be aroused sufficiently against the Wall Street government.

Berger Shakes Hands with Kaiser. The whole farce of the socialist party convention came to a head in a very dramatic way. The New York press reports that for nearly four minutes the socialist party convention stood with bowed heads in a demonstration of the keenest appreciation of the successful westward trans-Atlantic flight by German monarchist agents. During the last imperialist war Kaiser Wilhelm II appealed to all his loyal subjects in Germany, China, United States and elsewhere, to rally to the banner of Prussian imperialism. This appeal did not fall on deaf ears, as far as Mr. Berger was concerned. Mr. Berger was opposed to America's entering the last war not because he was against American imperialism from a working class viewpoint but because he was for German imperialism.

Just now, while the impending imperialist war is in the making, Kaiser Wilhelm II, who owes his head still being on his shoulders solely to the Bergers, Hillquits and Thomases of Germany, sent a cable of congratulation to Von Huenefeld, pilot of the Bremen. On the same day, the socialist party convention, which has elected Victor Berger as its national chairman, congratulated Von Huenefeld, who was piloting the plane flying the colors of the old German monarchist regime. Von Huenefeld is expected to be a nationalist candidate in the coming elections in Germany. Under these circumstances, Messrs. Hillquit and Berger must have kept clearly in their minds the congratulations to Von Huenefeld by the National German Officers' League, reading in part: "It fills us with grateful pride that the spirit of German officers conquered the ocean and revived respect for the sacred colors of black, white and red in far away parts of the world."

If any honest workingman or woman still has any illusions about the character of the socialist party let him or her examine what happened at the last convention. There is no room today in the socialist party for any honest workingman who has the slightest bit of class consciousness or class pride in him.

## Three "Leaders" of the Bankrupt Socialist Party



Leaders of the bankrupt Socialist party. Left to right are Norman Thomas, socialist presidential candidate. James H. Maurer, candidate for vice president, and Victor Berger.

## Foreign Born Workers Have New Paper

The first issue of the "Foreign Born Worker" came out with the March-April number. The "Foreign Born Worker" is a mimeographed 8-page paper, published by the Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers, 39 Union Square, New York City, an organization which has rendered and intends to continue rendering signal service in fighting the numerous deportation bills in congress, bills born out of the 100 per cent American pay-triote societies by the open shop bosses, for use as a club over the foreign born workers in case the latter show signs of not being satisfied with their servitude.

The current issue of the "Foreign Born Worker" is devoted to showing up the Aswell bill in the house, which provides for compulsory registration of all non-citizens; the Johnson bill, providing fresh excuses for the deportation of foreign born militant workers, and the Box bill, which would bring Latin American workers under the quota law. There are several well-written short editorials in the paper.

A feature living up the little paper is "News Bits" containing paragraphs of interest to the foreign born workers. An article of particular interest is "The Foreign Born Worker in the Ford Industry." The sketches in the "Foreign Born Worker" are above the average.

## Labor Libraries

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 17.—Valuable labor libraries are maintained at the University of Michigan here as well as at the University of Wisconsin, consisting of labor newspapers, original manuscripts, current bulletins of trade unions and many books.