

## PUPILS SUSPENDED FOR DISTRIBUTING SCHOOL LEAFLETS

### Three Children Had Been Arrested Wednesday; Principal Orders Ouster

### Young Pioneers Denounce Action; Pledge Fight for Reinstatement

The three Pioneers who were arrested while distributing leaflets before Public School 109, Brownsville, Wednesday, were indefinitely suspended from the school when detectives called on the principal yesterday. The leaflets issued by the Young Pioneers of America informed the children of a protest meeting held by their parents last Saturday and called them to a mass meeting to organize to fight against the miserable conditions in the school. Police took Sam Kessler, 15, Joe Grossman, 14, and George Cohen, 14, members of the Pioneer organization, to the station house and after confiscating their leaflets allowed them to go home. In the meantime, despite police intervention a successful meeting was held.

Yesterday, however, police detectives visited the principal of Public School 109, which the three children attend, and told him of the arrest. He immediately ordered the children dropped from their classes at once and told them that they were to attend the school no longer.

There was no legal ground whatsoever for this expulsion and the Young Pioneers of America have issued a statement saying that they will fight the school authorities for the immediate reinstatement of their comrades.

## SENATE PROBE OF MINES PROBABLE

### All Committee Members Favor Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A senate investigation of conditions in the soft coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and other central eastern states was virtually assured today, when Chairman Watson (R) of the Interstate Commerce Committee revealed that virtually all members of the committee favor an inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Evidence that a conspiracy exists among the railroads and coal companies to crush union labor will be presented to the senate if an investigation into the mine situation is ordered, is the information before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 10.—The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, one of the largest bituminous coal mining companies in the western Pennsylvania district is willing to meet the United Mine Workers of America to discuss a wage scale—but on its own terms.

The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation will not renew the Jacksonville scale agreement, nor will it agree to pay a stipulated amount over a period of years, it is said. This was revealed by G. F. Osler, vice-president of the coal corporation, in an interview today. Osler's statement paves the way for a resumption of negotiations provided the United Mine Workers' officials are willing to meet the terms.

## 4 DEAD, 35 CAUGHT IN A MINE BLAZE

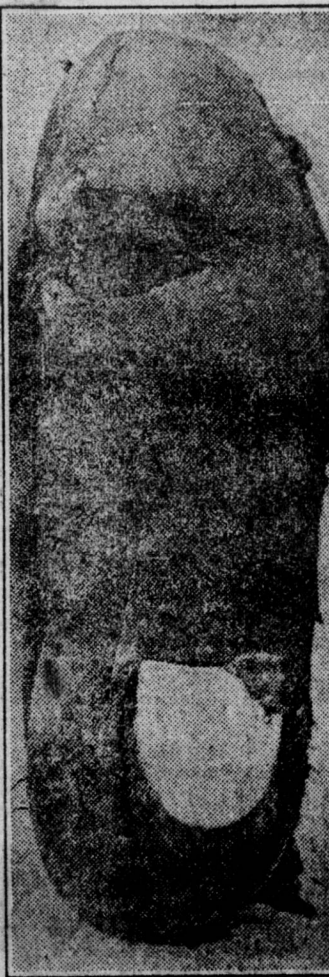
### Smoke and Flame Shut Out All Hope

TIMMENS, Ontario, Feb. 10.—Thirty-five miners will be burned to death if the flames which are sweeping thru the galleries of the Hollinger mine here reach them before the rescue parties. The miners are trapped by the fire and virtually no hope is held out for them.

Four of the miners were burned to death when the fire broke out on the 550-foot level, roaring thru the shafts and imprisoning the men behind a wall of stifling fumes and fire. Handicapped by the smoke and heat, rescue parties have made almost no progress in the work of saving the trapped workers.

The company is blaming the fire on spontaneous combustion of material scattered along the slope. Why the material was there is not stated.

### Mine Child's Shoe



A seven year old miner's daughter came to the miners' relief station at New Kensington, Pa., wearing these shoes thru miles of snow with weather at zero. Those who have shoes they can donate to the striking miners should send them, also money, to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., or 799 Broadway, New York City.

## ARGENTINE LEADS ATTACK ON U. S. A.

### Intervention Now Vital Issue at Havana

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—By a vote of 12 to 6, the first commission of the Pan-American Conference voted this afternoon against granting the Pan-American Union political jurisdiction under any conditions whatsoever. The United States voted with the majority. This removes the possibility that the union might be empowered to settle disputes between the various signatory nations.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—With the delegates from Argentina, Mexico and Salvador holding that intervention in the affairs of another country is unjustifiable, the subcommittee appointed by the Committee of International Law remained deadlocked today. The United States, with a number of governments strongly influenced by the United States, is contending that intervention is in certain cases "justifiable."

### Extract Tribute.

According to the position of the Dr. Pueyrredon, who heads the Argentine delegation, a Government is in no way responsible for injury to foreign lives and property in its territory during a revolution. This position, it is pointed out, is in violation of the terms of the League of Nations.

## Jay Lovestone Speaks at Open Forum Tomorrow

Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party of America, will speak at the Workers' School Forum, 108 E. 14th St., tomorrow night on "Prosperous America."

Lovestone, who last week reported at the full meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party, on the economic and political situation in the U. S., as well as the problems confronting the American workers today, will describe in detail the growing depression and unemployment, the crisis in the labor movement and growing imperialist conflicts.

# REVEAL 4 BILLION NAVAL PROGRAM

## Unemployed Workers Demonstrate; Insist on Action

## CHALLENGE SMITH HEARING; DEMAND IMMEDIATE RELIEF

### Labor Officials Oppose Program of Jobless

Nearly one thousand unemployed workers recently organized into the New York Council for the Unemployed, demonstrated yesterday afternoon before the headquarters of the Labor Department, 124 East 28th St., in protest against a "survey" being conducted by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton, which the N. Y. Council charged yesterday is being undertaken merely for the purpose of advancing Al. Smith's political ambitions.

A committee representing the council as well as a representative of the Workers (Communist) Party, H. M. Wicks, were refused admission into the conference in spite of the fact that the hearing was announced as public and notwithstanding a statement by Commissioner Hamilton that other representatives had been invited.

The marchers carried signs demanding "Bread or Work," "Food, Not Figures," "Surveys Do Not Pay Rent." A second attempt was made to enter the conference. Police attendants had a typewritten list of all those who were to be admitted. Others were excluded. Finally police reserves were called to check the increasing crowd.

At least 40 per cent of the workers (Continued on Page Seven)

## 20 WORKERS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

### Charred Bodies Taken From Oil Plant

EVERETT, Mass., Feb. 10.—Twenty charred and flaming bodies of workers were brought from the blazing plant of the Beacon Oil Company late today, after explosion and fire had wrecked the plant.

Ambulances had carried from 50 to 75 seriously injured to hospitals. Flames swept from the oil plant to that of the New England Gas Company. Gas explosions were feared and firemen of four cities were ordered out.

A worker of the Beacon Company said that the explosion occurred thru a backfire of vapor in the transfer from one tank to another.

Eye witnesses said that some of the bodies were burning torches when found.

## Active Cloak Pressers Meet Today at 1 p. m.

Active members of the Cloak and Dress Pressers Local 35 are called to a meeting today at 1 o'clock. The meeting will take place at the headquarters of the Joint Board, 16 W. 21st St. After a report delivered by the officers of the local the meeting will discuss plans for the intensification of future work.

It was also announced at the headquarters of the local at 10 E. 22nd St., that plans for the removal of Local 35 to new headquarters are completed.

## Defense Meeting Called

A general membership meeting of Local New York, International Labor Defense, will be held Monday at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

## LOW WAGE RULES IN SOUTHLAND

### Boast "Low Cost" and "Sturdy Anglo-Saxon Labor" in Ads

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In the latest issue of the "Textile World," a weekly magazine devoted to the trade, the following significant advertisement, one among many of its kind, makes its appearance. It says among other things: "Move your mill to Spartanburg, South Carolina! It has good, low-cost labor! American-born labor of sturdy Anglo-Saxon stock is here in abundance. Cotton mill wages are 30 per cent lower here than in the north. In addition

Spartanburg employes are used to working 55 hours a week, giving full service for the time earned. There are no time restrictions here." In addition to the above tempting offers the advertisement also pictures two stacks of silver dollars, one marked New England and the other Spartanburg. The New England stack rises to dizzy heights and is marked, "Average Wage, \$22.40 per week." The Spartanburg stack is marked: "Average Wage, \$13.37 per week."



These Pennsylvania miners are facing guns and hunger in their prolonged heroic strike against the organized power of the coal corporations. Their militancy is growing. This photograph shows a group of members of the United Mine Workers of America outside the shack-like barracks in which they are forced to live with their families as a result of mass evictions from their company-owned homes. The photograph was taken at Avella, Pa. The above miners are from Locals 2881 and 1355, evicted by Duquesne Coal and Coke Co.

## Must Rush Thousands of Dollars to Save "Daily"

Thousands of dollars are needed immediately if the DAILY WORKER is to be saved and Wm. F. Dunne, Bert Miller and Alex. Bittelman kept from jail terms of five years each in federal penitentiaries.

In spite of the generosity and loyalty with which the militant American workers have been responding to the need of the DAILY WORKER for funds with which to meet the legal expenses involved in the struggle to keep the three arrested men out of a federal jail, more contributions are urgently needed if the DAILY WORKER is to be saved and its editors freed from prison.

The expense of sending thousands of copies of the paper to Pennsylvania daily for free distribution

among the striking miners, together with the new costs with which the capitalists, thru their tools in the United States courts are attempting to wreck the DAILY WORKER, can only be met if contributions are rushed to the paper immediately. All party units and sympathetic organizations must make saving the DAILY WORKER the first count on their agenda. Contributions should be rushed to the DAILY WORKER, 33 First Street, New York City.

## Smith Jobless Meet Fraud, Communist Statement Says

Following the refusal of Industrial Commissioner, James A. Hamilton, in charge of Governor Al Smith's so-called unemployment investigation to admit the representative of the Workers (Communist) Party, H. M. Wicks, member of the Central Executive Committee, to the hearing, District 2 of the Workers Party, through Wm. W. Weinstein, general organizer, sent a letter of protest to Commissioner Hamilton.

"On the basis of statements to the effect that Governor Smith's unemployment conference would hear various proposals to meet the serious situation facing hundreds of thousands of workers in New York City and in the state of New York, we decided to place concrete proposals before the committee conducting the hearings at the State Labor Department in New York. Our representative called at the office on 28th Street where the hearings were being held only to be told that specially selected organizations and individuals had been invited and that we would not be heard."

"This action on the part of the governor's committee indicates not a desire to solve the unemployed problem, but smacks of a deliberate attempt to evade the question and utilize the misery and suffering of the unemployed men, their wives and children as a political football; an attempt to further the political aspirations of Governor Smith and Tammany Hall. The selection of a specially chosen list by Governor Smith brands the whole affair a fake.

"Unemployment is a menace to the whole labor movement as it aids the employers to institute wholesale wage cuts and in general beat down the standard of living of the masses and impose upon those who still remain at work intolerable conditions bordering on slavery."

**Menace to Labor Movement.** "We most emphatically protest against the exclusion of the spokesman of the Workers (Communist) Party as an attempt to evade consideration of our unemployment program.

"We also protest the exclusion of a number of duly accredited representatives of labor unions and especially the representatives of the New York Council of the Unemployed Workers who are representing thousands of unemployed workers in New York City, who endeavored to appear at the hearings and present facts and the demands of the workers in their industries."

**Protest Exclusion of Jobless.** "The Workers (Communist) Party desired to attend the hearing in order to present facts and our demands for relief of the unemployed as follows:

1. Opening up of public works at full union wages.
2. Appropriation of a fund for public kitchens, this fund to be administered not by politicians but by

## NY SHOE WORKERS WANT OWN UNION

### I. Miller Plant Holds Wages Back

About three weeks ago the I. Miller Shoe Co. in Long Island City announced a wage cut of 10 cents a pair. In the meantime one morning two workers from the Workers (Communist) Party gave out leaflets to the workers as they were coming into the shop. When the boss saw them he called the police station and had them taken to the station.

At 11 o'clock of the same day, the boss called a committee of the company union into the office and informed them that the company would not press the wage cut at that time. Same as Last Year.

The boss tried the same trick last year when he called in the chairman of the company union to dictate the most favorable terms for himself and to find out how the men would take a 10 cent cut per pair. But even that strikebreaker of a chairman refused the cut. I. Miller has cut wages enough since by holding back from each man \$50. He also forces the workers to make double the number of shoes that they used to make.

The worst feature in the shop is the agreement on damaged shoes. The workers have to remake them for nothing or pay the full price of the shoes. In the last department if five pairs of shoes are damaged in a week, the boss collects 50 cents from every man in the department. For seven pairs of damaged shoes he collects \$1 from each man. There are 200 men in that department.

**Workers Want Union.** No matter how much the boss watches, the workers will be organized into a real union some day. The workers do not want the company union and I. Miller knows it.

It is no wonder then that the leaflets frightened the boss so that now he makes every worker show his badge when he comes in every morning.

Some day the boss will wake up and find himself with a real union at his door. Some of the workers have already joined the Associated Shoe and Slipper Workers' Union, a progressive union led by bona fide progressive shoe workers.

## Young Workers League Annual Dance Tonight

The names of two members of the Young Workers League, who have won scholarships to the National Training Course at the Workers' school, will be announced at the annual dance of the League, to be held tonight at the New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

At least 1,000 workers are expected to attend the affair at which a number of young militants in the miners' struggle have been invited. There will also be a general reunion of all League leaders who have been out of the city engaging in field work, and who are in New York now for the enlarged bureau meeting. "Stoller's Syncopators" will furnish the music for dancing.

## TRUE FIGURES HAD BEEN SUPPRESSED PROTESTS FEARED

### \$800,000,000 Was Given As Original Cost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Finding it impossible or inadvisable to continue its policy of censorship longer, the House naval affairs committee today disclosed that the Coolidge administration's naval building program slated to begin next year would cost more than four billions of dollars instead of \$800,000,000 as heretofore reported.

The official navy department estimate is \$4,176,426,000, the committee disclosed after several members of the committee had walked out of the session in protest against further suppression of the news of the republican administration's huge imperialistic war construction program.

Secrecy Was Policy. Chairman Butler continued to insist on secrecy, on the pretext that the estimates must be further "studied." Rep. McClintic (D., Okla.) left the room. Others followed. Some said they had all been enjoined to secrecy.

"We may never publish them; we may tear them up," one member of the committee is reported to have said, referring to the official navy estimates.

Nicaragua War Cited. At previous hearings considerable confusion prevailed as to the probable cost of the program, due to the juggling of figures and facts by the administration's key-men in the committee. The official estimate of the program, for which construction is already authorized and under way, is now shown to be several times the amount originally announced to the public.

Widespread protest from workers and liberal organizations against the waging of a war of invasion against Nicaragua is given as one of the reasons for the administration's hesitancy to make its military plans for the future known.

## ANTI-STRIKE LAW IS LOSING FAVOR

### Criticism Shows How Arbitration Works

While the rank and file of labor and those of its representatives who are concerned with its true interests are preparing to unite their forces in opposition to the anti-strike bill now being urged by the American Bar Association, Julius Henry Cohen, chairman of the committee which is heading the move, continues to issue the regular daily ration of propaganda.

Announcement was made yesterday that "More Labor Groups Back Peace Plan." This statement is known to be in response to the charge by the DAILY WORKER that no local unions have thus far indicated their support of the proposed law. Upon investigation, it was learned that the Cloth, Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' Union which is stated to have come out in support of the measure, had only sent in a request for data.

This union while under a right wing leadership which would not hesitate to deliver the organization to the employers under such a plan as is proposed, has nevertheless, because it fears the anger of the rank and file, refrained from doing so.

Workers recall the methods by which the railroads have handicapped labor through the Watson-Parker Law. Scores of roads have persistently violated the terms of the

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## Concert and Dance for Daily Worker Tonight

A concert and dance will be held tonight at the Workers Cooperative House, 2700 Bronx Park, E., by the Cooperative Unit, Workers (Communist) Party. The program will include Chaim Kotlyansky, concert singer; M. Traynor, concertino; Lillie Miner, alto; and Res Minnberg, pianist. Michael Gold, co-director of the New Playwrights Theatre, will speak on "The Effects on the Machine Age on Literature." The proceeds will be given to The DAILY WORKER.



# Connect National Republican Committee With \$3,000,000 Oil Graft Bonds

## SENATE PROBES AVOID QUESTIONS ABOUT W. HARDING

### Another Vital Witness Disappears

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The senate committee on public lands investigating the Teapot Dome oil corruption scandal is finding it daily more difficult to avoid bringing the republican national committee itself into its investigation of the Continental Trading Co.'s \$3,000,000 oil deal bonds.

To suggestions that it find out how much of the \$3,000,000 the republican national committee took to pay off the expenses of Harding's election in 1920, members of the committee answered yesterday that some specific charge must be made before they may consider such evidence. Such an inquiry at this time would not be "proper" for this reason, committee members say.

### Trace Part of Bonds.

Evidence is believed available that a part of the \$3,000,000 reached the committee when Will H. Hays and his fellow committeemen experienced difficulty in paying off the \$2,000,000 debt of the republican party after Harding's election.

Part of these bonds have been traced from Harry S. Sinclair to Albert B. Fall, the former Harding-Coolidge secretary of the interior.

### Will Quiz John D.

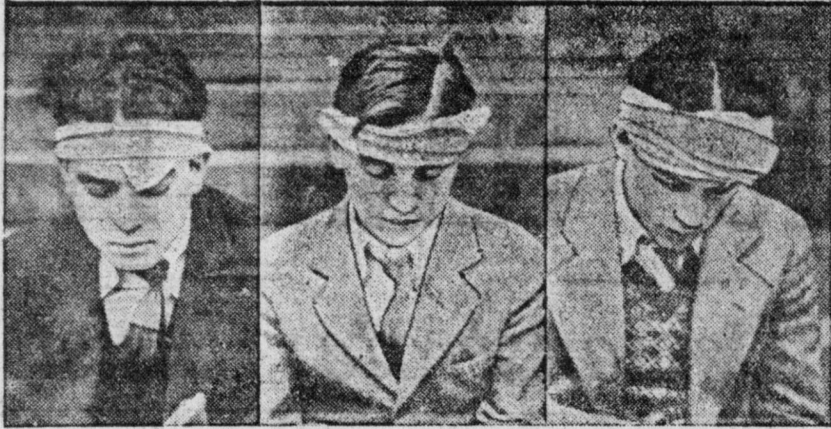
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—In addition to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., several clerks employed by the New York branch of the Dominion Bank of Canada and Wayne O'Neill, son of James E. O'Neill, will appear before the senate Teapot Dome graft investigating committee tomorrow morning. The Continental Trading Co. did its banking with the Dominion bank. James E. O'Neill is "vacationing" abroad to avoid testifying about the \$800,000 slice he received of the over-night profits of the Continental Trading Co.

Rockefeller will be asked to tell what part the Standard Oil Company of Indiana played in the Continental deal. He will also be questioned about conversations he had with Robert W. Stewart, who refuses to make any statement before the committee. Stewart may be forced to resign his chairmanship of the Indiana Company to save the face of Standard Oil. Action of this sort is usually not taken without advantages to the person involved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Wayne O'Neill, son of James E. O'Neill, who received \$800,000 of the Continental Trading Company's Liberty Bond "slush fund," has fled to Europe, Jesse D. Moore, U. S. marshal at Brooklyn, today reported to the senate's Teapot Dome committee.

O'Neill was subpoenaed last week because W. S. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, testified that the youth had been custodian of his father's share of the Continental bonds.

## Gas Company's Neglect Makes Students Ill



Students and teachers of the De Witt Clinton High School were suffering Thursday from inhalation of gas fumes which had seeped into the school building as a result of the negligence on the part of the Consolidated Gas Company while dismantling an old gas tank. Various complaints had been made but the gas company went right on despite the fact that the weather has been damp recently, thus preventing the gas from becoming dispelled. All windows on the west side of the building were kept tightly shut but the fumes were so strong that three students were overcome and two teachers, Mildred Wincor and May Condon, were forced to give up teaching for the day. The three students are here shown studying in the open to clear their heads from fumes. Two of them are Sidney Broder and Max Whitman.

## N. Y. Apartment House Strike May Spread; 5 Locals to Vote

The employees of the palatial apartment house at 1009 Park Ave. who are out on strike in protest against the dismissal of James Barrett, the building superintendent, because Barrett was a union man, continued yesterday to picketing the apartment house.

At a meeting of the Building Service Employees' Union Local 58 Thursday night to decide whether the strike should be made into a general strike affecting the 600 union workers in all the apartment houses owned by Bing and Bing, the owners of 1009 Park Ave., the sentiment of the membership was overwhelmingly in favor of a general strike. Although the meeting was called for the purpose of taking a general strike vote, the union officials backed down when the rank and file showed that its sentiment favored a general strike. R. Fiore, the business agent of Local 58, opposed the wish of the membership, and forced the vote to be deferred until a general meeting of all four New York Building Service locals is held. The membership then voted to hold a general meeting of all four Building Service locals in New York.

### 5 Locals to Vote.

This meeting, at which Window Cleaners' Local 8, Brooklyn Local 15, Queens Local 62, the superintendents' Local 32 and the Manhattan local of the Building Service Employees' Union will be represented, will take place next Friday.

About \$2,000 was raised at the meeting Thursday night among the rank and file for the support of the workers of the 1009 Park Ave. apartment house. The workers at the apartment house, which rents at \$5,000 and up, suddenly received notices of discharge early last week from Bing and Bing, millionaire real estate owners, with over 90 apartment houses in the so-called "bluehood" Park Ave. and West End districts.

### A 14-Hour Day.

No reason was given and the workers could imagine none except their membership in the Building Service Employees' Union. When the wealthy tenants found themselves helpless, the

## EX-CONGRESSMAN PRAISES COURTS IN SOVIET UNION

### Rank and File Member Ridicules Axtell

"The courts of Soviet Russia are making a better record for themselves than the courts in any other country in the world, and Silas Axtell's scoffing statements are entirely without foundation," declared Ernest Lundeen, prominent lawyer and ex-congressman from the fifth district of Minnesota who returned on the Berengaria yesterday, the last of the rank and file trade union delegation to leave Russia.

### Has Visited Courts.

"I had heard that Axtell said the Russian courts were a joke and the laws a farce, and so it was with considerable interest that I visited the courts there. Now I am ready to meet any man who makes statements like that on any public platform and prove that his statements cannot be substantiated. He couldn't have any facts to back him up, because they are all against him," he declared.

Lundeen said that he visited courts all over Russia, the People's, District and Supreme Courts, and was struck by the rapidity with which cases are disposed of, quite unlike the clogging of court calendars in this country.

### Proceedings Simple.

"The entire proceedings are simple, sympathetic. The judges themselves ask most of the questions, and they get to the heart of the issue quicker than in any court I know. The judges are experienced and learned in law," he said.

Lundeen, who served in the Spanish-American War in his boyhood, investigated the Red Army barracks with keen interest. As soon as the soldiers learned that he came from America, the officers immediately stopped their drill, ranks were broken, and about 1,000 soldiers surrounded him with demands for a speech.

"That evening I visited some army officers. They suggested that we go to the circus. I wasn't over-keen about going to a circus, since my stay in Russia was so short, but I agreed since the others were so insistent.

### For Peace, Not War.

"The 'circus' they took me to, was a huge round building, somewhat like an armory. It was crowded to the roof with soldiers. But instead of bayonet practice, they were listening to speeches about peace, the foreign situation, local problems. They asked us to speak, too, and then a Red soldier answered.

"Tell the imperialists the world over, we mean no aggression to anybody," he said. "But if they invade our country, they'll break their teeth on our swords!"

After Meyer Greizer, a member of the New York Painters Union, who accompanied him greeted the soldiers in the name of the workers, and Lundeen in the name of the farmers in his part of the country, 3,000 enthusiastic red soldiers surged about and tossed them into the air, he said.

"The Red Army is really a university. No one leaves without know-

## Starved Employees; Spent Fortune on Women



Sebastian S. Kresge, multimillionaire five and ten-cent store owner, lavished the wealth he squeezed from the starvation wages of his girl employes and the quantities of cheap goods he sells workers thruout the country, on women friends. His wife, who makes these

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law with impunity. Even now there is pending injunction proceedings against four chiefs of the Southern Pacific railroad who deliberately used the protection which the law gave them against strikes to break up the union efforts of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Nothing has been done to punish them.

### Other Violations.

The Pullman Company has violated the Railroad Labor Law in refusing to deal with the Sleeping Car Porters organization. By the simple device of organizing a company union it has been able to use the law to refuse recognition of the union.

In fact any form of "arbitration" law, it is pointed out, is a weapon primarily against the unorganized workers, inasmuch as the law by setting up "peace" plans between labor and the employers uses all the forces of public opinion and the press against any strikes for organization. It also assumes labor to be a small percentage of workers organized in "legitimate" unions.

In the discussions now taking place, it has been broadly hinted that only "conservative" unions would be considered under the law, inasmuch as "the others favor strikes."

Nor is the claim that the law contemplates "voluntary" arbitration, any less reprehensible and misleading. The members of the Bar, it is charged, know very well what pressure can be brought to bear on unions which refuse to "arbitrate" any disputed question. The law in fact, will become a scheme for "compulsory" arbitration, and compulsory enforcement, at the same time preventing the organization of the unorganized.

ing how to read. Wherever I went even to the remotest corners of Russia, I met ex-soldiers spreading what they had learned while in the army. They are the backbone of the villages, the most militant leaders."

## SMALL RENAMES SMITH SENATOR DESPITE PROTEST

### Magnate Was Rejected for Slush Fund Use

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—Frank L. Smith, the Illinois millionaire who was denied admission by the Senate because of the corrupt and illegal primary and election, has handed in his resignation for the disputed seat, and has been appointed by Governor Len Small to succeed himself for the duration of the unexpired term. Smith announced that he would be a candidate in the republican primaries for the senatorial primaries which Governor Smith has called for April 10, and also in the senatorial election in November. His petition as a candidate for renomination and election will be filed next week.

The senate denied Smith admission on two occasions because of charges that a huge slush fund both in the primaries and in the election had been used by Smith and Samuel Insull, Illinois power magnate. Irregularities in the election were also charged, and substantiated by the Senate Slush Fund and Election Committees. In a statement issued by Smith following his appointment by Gov. Small, the millionaire with senatorial ambitions waxed indignant over the Senate's action in refusing to seat him. This business man, who has totally ignored in the past the constitutional rights of the workers employed in the firms in which he holds large interests, is now claiming that his own constitutional rights have been violated by the senate's action, and calls upon the Constitution which he has abused in his dealings with his workers for protection.

### Senate Attitude Firm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Senators who opposed the admission of Frank L. Smith as the senator from Illinois have all indicated that they will take the same stand when Smith again comes before the Senate for admission following his reappointment by Gov. Small of Illinois. The "insurgent" republican senators and the democrats who combined to keep Smith out of the Senate twice before assert that his character has not changed simply because he has received the appointment from the governor instead of obtaining it in an election.

## LECTURES AND FORUMS

### THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

AT COOPER UNION (8th ST. and ASTOR PLACE) At 8 o'clock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th MR. HARENDRANATH MAITRA "Hindu Art and Music."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th DR. PAUL RADIN "The Humanistic Side of Primitive Culture."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th Mr. EVERETT DEAN MARTIN The Psychology of the American Public—"Young Man, Go West! The Psychology of the American Frontier. Davy Crockett as a Type."

ADMISSION FREE. Open Forum Discussion.

Muhlenberg Branch Library (209 WEST 23rd STREET) At 8:30 o'clock

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th DR. MARK VAN DOREN Eight Poets—"Shakespeare."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th DR. ROBERT CHAMBERS Experimental Analysis of the Living Cell—"Living Protoplasm in its Relation to the Environment."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th DR. E. G. SPAULDING Fundamental Philosophical Problems—"What is the Meaning of a Priori?" Plato. Kant.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th DR. HORACE M. KALLEN Fate and Freedom—"Fate and Freedom Among the Ancients."

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MANUEL GOMEZ will discuss

"OUR WAR AGAINST NICARAGUA"

BRONX OPEN FORUM 2075 Clinton Ave. (near E. 180 St.)

NEXT SUNDAY: Leon Plotz will speak on "Lindbergh, the Imperialist U. S. Ambassador." Under the auspices of the BRONX WORKERS' SCHOOL.

TOMORROW NIGHT 8 o'clock

JAY LOVESTONE Executive Secy. of the Workers (Communist) Party of America

Will speak on "Prosperous America"

the meaning of "Coolidge Prosperity" and how it affects the workers.

At the WORKERS SCHOOL FORUM 108 EAST 14th STREET Admission 25c.

NEXT SUNDAY: Bertram D. Wolfe will speak on "What's Happening in Mexico."

LABOR TEMPLE 14th Street & Second Ave. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

5 P. M.—Lecture Dr. G. F. Beck—"Ibsen's 'Peer Gynt'."

7:30 P. M.—Am. Int. Church Dr. E. B. Chaffee—"Abraham Lincoln."

8:30 P. M.—Forum Dr. Hannah Stone—"Birth Control."

the 1924 elections made for the wiping out for some time of the labor party movement as a mass movement.

"It is only after understanding these four significant events for the working class that we can understand the basis of the present vicious sweeping offensive launched against the workers by the bourgeoisie. (To be continued)

## "The Labor Party," Lovestone Continues Analysis in Report

### FIFTH INSTALLMENT. (Continued from yesterday.)

"As a movement the labor party has gained in recent months. This is due to the economic and political developments given above. There is considerable sentiment in certain sections of the country for the labor party, but we must at all times distinguish between sentiment and organization.

"The trade union bureaucracy is working overtime in trying to hinder the development of a labor party. For example, the resolutions adopted in Florida at the last meeting of the executive council of the A. F. of L. Today, the trade union bureaucracy politically is even far to the right of what it was when it half-heartedly pretended to support LaFollette.

"While we work energetically to push the labor party as the next forward step in the development of the American workers politically, we must keep in mind very distinctly the fact that the labor party is not a party of the advanced and most conscious workers. That it is not and cannot be an agency for seizing power for the workers. The Labor Party is only the next step in the political development of the American working class. It can and must be made to serve in some measure for advancing the immediate interests of the working class.

I refer you to a resolution unanimously adopted by the National Convention of the Party held in 1925, the 4th national convention, which the Central Committee reiterates insofar as the role of the Party in the labor party campaign is concerned. The comrades must keep this in mind in all our energetic activities in the labor party campaign. The convention then declared:

"1. We must never forget in all the phases of the labor party campaign that our fundamental task is to utilize this campaign for the building of the Workers (Communist) Party into a mass party.

"2. Our aims should be to affiliate the trade unions and other labor organizations with the labor party and to draw the individual militant workers into the Workers (Communist) Party.

"3. We must at all times maintain our organization independence, our freedom of criticism, our press and literature. We must initiate our own campaign in the name of the Workers (Communist) Party and endeavor to secure the indorsement of the labor party for these campaigns.

"4. We must carry on systematic agitation and propaganda campaigns amongst the members of the labor party and systematic recruiting campaigns to win the best elements as members of our Party."

"We say to the comrades in those districts where the labor party has some mass basis today, that they should never allow the Workers Party to be a recruiting ground for the labor party. In our campaign for the labor party we further continue to emphasize the fact that the Workers Party is the only revolutionary party of the proletariat. Only the Workers (Communist) Party can lead and organize the proletarian revolution. I believe we should be more critical in our attitude towards the British Labor Party in the press and agitation of our districts. We should always function as an independent force with our own platform, speakers, agitation and wherever possible our own candidates. It would be wrong to pursue a policy which would mean running Party candidates. Only in cases where we lack mass support, Direct Party candidates should be

nominated wherever we have sufficient support and especially where the trade unions are weak.

"In drawing up demands in the labor party campaign we must carefully avoid having such demands which can be realized only through the establishment of the proletarian dictatorship, only through a revolution. The Workers Party must always be in the labor campaign. But the Workers Party must be pointed at as the conscious and militant force of the working class. Our influence as such is far in excess of our numbers, and therefore we must appear in the 1928 elections, whether a labor party movement is developed or not, as that party most deserving of the support of the workers.

### The Situation in the Labor Movement.

Regarding the situation in the labor movement. Important changes have occurred in the position of the working class in recent years. There was a marked development towards homogeneity with the beginning of the World War. The gap between the skilled and unskilled declined.

The shutting off of immigration, the levelling wage process, the increasing strike-breaking role of the government, have served as forces for class consciousness on a national mass scale. Witness the big mass strikes in 1922. This basic tendency towards the homogeneity of the working class has continued and is continuing today through such manifestations as the completion of the proletarianization of the exploited farmers who were driven into industry. A new generation of native workers of foreign parentage is arising. The Americanization of the immigrant mass is proceeding. But while this basic trend continues there have appeared within the last five years certain counteracting forces which we must keep in mind. These are continued mass immigration not only legal so-called, but also so-called bootleg, mass migrations of

Negro workers, for a while an increasing gap between the wage scales of the skilled and unskilled workers particularly evidenced in the basic industries.

The mounting capitalist exports and the superprofits have enabled our bourgeoisie to resort to further corruption and have increased the importance and the influence of the labor aristocracy in this fashion. As a result, primarily of these counteracting forces which tend to hinder but do not change the basic line, we have had four significant changes take place in the labor movement within the last five years.

"These are: First, the leadership of the labor movement has gone to the right. Consequently, the official labor movement, went to the right. The dominant trade union bureaucracy became integrated in the very imperialist apparatus. The sweep and variety of class collaboration, company unions, arbitration schemes, Watson-Parker laws, and the fight against the labor party, were the fruits of the labor movement going to the right.

"Secondly, the progressive leaders of yesterday and many of their followers swung to the right because of the vast flow of superprofits which enabled the bourgeoisie to widen the base of the labor aristocracy among the workers and to spread the poison of corruption.

The strikebreaking policy of the government defeated the national strikes of 1922 and discouraged the workers, and therefore increased the wavering of the progressives. The progressives in the working class tend to occupy a role similar to the petty bourgeoisie in class relations in capitalist society. The progressive masses are between the labor aristocracy in its purest form on the one hand and the basic unskilled proletariat on the other.

To occupy a position between

means wavering. The grand offensive of the capitalists, which drove nearly two million workers out of the trade union movement, was largely against the unskilled and the semi-skilled workers who had come into the unions in the war period and who were a basic source of strength in the left wing and became the leaders of the left wing in many instances.

The progressives of yesterday often became leaders of reaction. The B. & O. plan was welcomed by them enthusiastically. The Hillmans, the Nockels and others are such types today.

Third, the number of organized workers has decreased. American experience has indicated that during periods of prosperity trade union membership rises. Then, why is it that during the recent period of economic prosperity trade union membership declined sharply? There were causes for this decline in trade union strength. These are the following. First, the employers have resorted to new methods of struggle—company unionism, welfare schemes, stock ownership, etc. Second, there has developed a close bond between the employers and the trade union bureaucracy. Thirdly, the increasing strike-breaking role of the government. Finally, the sweeping consolidation movement, trusts, and mergers. Picture a struggle between the United States Steel corporation headed by J. P. Morgan on the one hand and Mike Tighe's organization, the archaic, backward Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers.

"Fourth, the decline of the Labor Party Movement—enabled the bourgeoisie to split the workers and to alleviate the agricultural crisis.

Besides, the disruptive role of the petty bourgeoisie led by La Follette in



# Mexico Adopts More Strenuous Measures to Smash Counter-Revolution

## REPORT MORROW GIVES HELP TO REACTIONARIES

### To Execute Terrorists Who Blow Up Tracks

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—Counter-revolutionists found guilty of destroying railway tracks will be executed on the spot. These are the instructions which the Mexican War Department has issued to all military commanders. Reactionary bands have made a number of attempts to dynamite passenger trains and wreck railway tracks in the State of Jalisco.

Thirty reactionaries have been captured and executed near Salamanca, in the State of Guanajuato, according to reports received here. The reactionaries were part of a band that attempted to capture and loot the town last Sunday. Troops are pursuing the remnants of the band.

In a statement issued today, Minister of Interior Tejada declared that the disorders in the state of Queretaro and Guanajuato were part of the "anti-Government activities of Catholic fanatics" who revolted in 1926.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—Dwight W. Morrow, the United States ambassador, today refused to confirm or deny that he is acting or has agreed to act as mediator in the dispute between the state and the Catholic church over the new national religious laws.

It was reported in Catholic circles that ambassador Morrow had used his influence with President Calles to have the latter receive in audience the Rev. Father John J. Burke, of Washington as an emissary from the vatican to try to arrange a compromise.

It is persistently reported that the initiative to have Rev. Father Burke come here originated with Charles B. Warren and John B. Payne, who represented the United States in the "amity conference" held here five years ago.

## COOPS AID POOR SOVIET PEASANTS

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The network of credit co-operatives in the Moscow Gubernia unites 135,000 peasant households. The average percentage of the credit societies is 35, but there are also societies uniting 75 per cent and over of the poor peasants.

Six million roubles of agricultural credit is handed out yearly.

The capital of the credit co-operatives increases. They have now about 2 million roubles of peasant deposits. Towards the end of five years the amount will be ten millions.

## PHONE FROM U. S. TO GERMANY O. K.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The German-American wireless telephone was placed in operation this afternoon. Chancellor Marx, Minister of Communications, Schatzel and United States Ambassador Jacob Gould Schurman being the first to hold telephone conversations with the United States.

They made successful calls to Washington, talking with acting Secretary of State Ochs and German ambassador Von Prittwitz-Gaffron. Transmission was excellent, every word being perfectly understood.

## LEN SMALL WILL RUN ONCE MORE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—About twelve hours after Governor Len Small came out of a midnight conference with "Big Bill" Thompson, mayor of Chicago, and Frank L. Smith who was ousted from his seat in the senate, Small announced that a third gubernatorial term will be sought by him.

Two planks have been added to his platform, however, one calling for "full, free and equal rights of Illinois as a sovereign state of the Union," which is interpreted as support for Smith, and the other stressing the "America First" policy, in line with Thompson's hysterical anti-British propaganda.

The governor, who was slated for senator-elect Smith's job, was not interested in another term as governor until a few days ago. Following the conference, however, the policy seems to have changed and Small is anxious to get Smith's seat back for him and keep his own job.

## Soup for Starving Miners' Children in Pennsylvania Fields.



Hungry miners' children receive a hand-out in a soup kitchen. Many miners' children faint in school because of undernourishment. Send relief for these children to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## CANADIAN WAGES BELOW 1920 RATE

Rates of pay for industrial workers throughout Canada gained slightly in 1927, the average advance over 1926 amounting to 2 per cent, according to the annual report of the Canadian department of labor on wages and hours of labor. Canadian wages are still nearly 7 per cent under the average for 1920.

A report on prices and the cost of living which accompanies the wage data shows that the cost of a worker's family budget in Canada during 1927 averaged 56 per cent above 1913. With hourly wage rates averaging 84.3 per cent above prewar and the cost of living up only 56 per cent, an hour's work will buy about 18 per cent more in the way of goods and services than it would have purchased in 1913. The department's figures on hours per week do not extend far enough back to make possible a comparison of actual earnings.

Factory trades other than those classed as common factory labor, have made the greatest gain compared with prewar. Their wages have come down about 7 1/2 per cent from the peak of 1920. The coal miners' wages have come down more than 19 per cent from the peak which was reached in this industry in 1921.

## Expose British Scheme To Build Huge African Empire; Berlin Protest

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The British plan to annex what was formerly German East Africa has aroused a good deal of unfavorable comment in the German press.

The Taegliche Rundschau, generally regarded as the personal organ of Foreign Minister Stresemann, says:

"We know that the aim of the British is to transform her possessions in East Africa into an English East African empire, with the former German colonies as its center. The result would be complete annexation of former German East Africa in glaring defiance of the League of Nations and repudiation of Versailles treaty."

## L.A. TO GIVE AFFAIR IN WORKER DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—The Young Workers are carrying on their DAILY WORKER drive full blast and are arranging a Vetcherinka. The program which will include music and dancing is to take place at the Co-operative Center, on February 16. Members of the Workers (Communist) Party and readers of the DAILY WORKER are invited, admission free.

The DAILY WORKER drive has been extended till March 18. At the end of the drive seven local prizes will be awarded and a banquet will be given to the winners.

March 16 is the goal set to secure 500 subscriptions to The DAILY WORKER. The Young Workers of Los Angeles have issued a challenge to every city in the country to double their present subscription list.

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Kansas city apparently satisfied the Republican National Committee today that it has ample facilities for taking care of the republican national convention next June.

## Hosiery Union Chiefs Are "100% Sold to the Need for a Wage Cut"

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—The Philadelphia section of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery met Friday night to consider the proposal of their employers that wages be cut 7 per cent. Word has not as yet reached here as to the decision of the union membership on the recommendation of the union officialdom that the wage cut be accepted.

One of the leading officials of the workers' organization declared to the representative of a trade journal that he was "100 per cent sold on the employers' proposal, because," said he, "the welfare of the industry requires it."

## 'POWERS PREPARE FOR WAR'—SHAW

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The great powers are putting up a "peace bluff to cover their preparations for the next war," according to an article by George Bernard Shaw in the February number of "No More War."

The proposal of the Soviet Union for complete and immediate disarmament at the Geneva conference called the bluff of the militarist powers, Shaw says, and exposed the falsity of the declarations of peace made by the representatives of those powers.

## Oil Production Goes Up In Soviet Union Fields

(By Federated Press) Soviet oil production for 1927 was the highest annual output for 25 years, official figures received by Amtorg Trading Corp., New York, show. Amtorg represents in the United States the Soviet Naptha Syndicate. Production for the year was 10,413,000 metric tons. Modernization of the oil industry has been pushed in the last year Amtorg reports.

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## LABOR GOV'T IN NORWAY RESIGNS

OSLO, Norway, Feb. 10.—The first Labor government in Norway, which was formed two weeks ago, resigned today. The government was censured by a vote of 86 to 63 on Wednesday, after it had occupied office for a few days.

Dr. J. L. Mowinkel, leader of the so-called Radical Party and former premier, has been called upon to form a new government. The position of any government which Mowinkel may form is extremely precarious in view of the fact that no party has a clear majority.

## Pittsburgh Mine Concert

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10.—A concert and vaudeville program for the benefit of the striking miners will be held Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St. The concert is arranged by the local branch of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee.

## QUAKE IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—A severe earthquake shock of two minutes duration was felt here last night, but a checkup by police today failed to show any casualties or serious property loss. The tremor had a rotary effect and was followed by intense cold.

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## ARGENTINA LEADS FIGHT ON POLICY OF INTERVENTION

### Havana Meet Deadlocked on Issue

(Continued from Page One) ed out, is also contrary to the practice of the United States, which has in a great number of cases exacted payments for alleged damage to the property of its citizens in countries where revolutions were taking place. The United States, it is pointed out here, has already made it clear that it intends to collect on claims made by United States citizens for alleged damages suffered in the Nicaraguan revolution.

The deadlock on the intervention question, which is the problem most prominently before the Pan-American conference, follows the failure of the conference to reach any agreement on the question of the reorganization of the Pan American Union. The Argentine delegation refused to recognize any agreement whose preamble did not include a declaration against tariff barriers between American countries. The Argentine proposal is regarded as a direct attack against the high tariff policy of the United States.

### Argentine Steady.

In spite of the new meeting of the sub-committee, Pueyrredon repeated that he would oppose any treaty which did not declare against the high tariff. Minister Guerrero of Salvador pointed out the futility of considering other articles of the Union convention while Argentina refused to accept anything that did not include the tariff declaration. The commission, however, finally decided to continue with the undisputed articles returning later to the preamble.

## Oil Blast Injures Workers on Coast

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 10.—Roy Thompson, 22, of Bellflower, an engineer, was perhaps fatally injured at Long Beach early today when the Signal Gasoline Company's refining plant exploded with a terrific roar which rocked the surrounding country for miles around. Many other were injured.

Four oil wells were destroyed and five others were damaged by the fire which followed the explosion.

The fire covered an entire city block and required all of the Signal Hill and Long Beach fire apparatus to keep it from wiping out the entire Los Cerritos oil-field.

## Razz Reformists



London workers booed and hissed Ramsay MacDonald and Margaret Bondfield (above) at a rally of the London Labor Party.

## COMINTERN MEET DECIDES PROGRAM

### Bukharin Reports on Trotsky Opposition

(Special Cable To DAILY WORKER.) MOSCOW, Feb. 10.—The plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International opened last night. The following order of the day was adopted: the Opposition in the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R. and the Communist International; the trade union question; the Chinese question; the preparations for the Sixth world Communist congress; the British question and the French question.

The order of work having been fixed, Bukharin reported for several hours on the question of the Opposition.

## Iron Workers Hurt

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 10.—Charles Werner, 45, and Sigmund Berwen, 31, both ironworkers of Brooklyn, were seriously injured when an iron grating weighing 300 pounds fell on them while they were at work in the boiler-room of the S. S. Cellamone of the American-France Line, docked here. Werner received a fractured skull and Berwen suffered a fractured right arm and severe internal injuries. Both workers, employed by the Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Brooklyn, are in a critical condition.

## USSR SHIPMENT OF GOLD TO U. S. TO BUILD TRADE

### Soviet Union to Send \$5,000,000 to N. Y.

Trade between the Soviet Union and the United States will be facilitated by a shipment of \$5,000,000 gold by the Bank of the Soviet Union to the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Bank, it was learned yesterday. The gold will arrive in New York City on board the steamship Hamburg of the Hamburg-American line Feb. 20.

Trade between the Soviet Union and the United States totals about \$100,000,000 and exceeds the pre-war trade. Also the trade of the Soviet Union with the world at large is favorable, its exports to the United States are smaller than its imports from the United States. The gold shipments, therefore, are intended to offset the adverse trade balance with the United States. The gold will also be used to facilitate exchange operations, it was stated.

The gold bars will bear the imprint of the Bank of the Soviet Union.

## Merchant Marine Debated in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The question of government or private ownership and operation of the American Merchant Marine was raised in the house again today when representative White (R) of Maine, chairman of the merchant marine committee, introduced a new shipping bill. The measure provides for private ownership with indirect subsidies.

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RUSSIAN MOVIES ARE POPULAR IN GERMANY

DURING the recent visit to Berlin of the Soviet Commissioner for Fine Arts, M. Lunacharsky, a Russo German film company was founded which will incorporate the productions of that fine Russian company, the Sowkino, which functions throughout the U. S. S. R. Lunacharsky himself will adapt some of his plays for the Berlin productions. More and more Russian films are being shown in Germany. "Bed and Sofa," a Parisian three-cornered theme, translated into the atmosphere of the Soviet peasantry, and "The Writer at the Palace Hotel," with magnificent scenes of pre-war restaurant life above and below stairs, are two of the best and most subtle of these. The growing import of Russian films to Germany has led to an interesting development. The value of Russian pictures has been seen by the millionaire newspaper owner, Herr Hugenberg, who is principal owner of the big Ufa movie establishments. The German press has been going out of its way to praise the newest of the Sowkino film, "Ivan the Terrible." Feodor Chaliapin made frequent visits to the cinema to see his confrere Leonidoff of the Moscow Art Players who is playing the role of the mad czar. Madame Lunacharsky, wife of the Soviet Commissioner for Education, who was a well-known actress before her marriage, is in Berlin at the present moment taking the principal part in three forthcoming German films. One of these, "Carpenter and Chancellor," has been adapted from her husband's play of the same name. The others are "Vera Mirzeva" and "The Chalk Circle," the German version of a Chinese legend, which was one of Reinhardt's great successes at the Deutsches Theater. The director of all three is Rudolf Meinert, who has overcome the difficulties of giving European actors and actresses a Chinese physiognomy by changing the setting to Samarkand. This, he declares, is still sufficiently unknown to Westerners to make an admirably original film setting.

"Mrs. Dane's Defense" Revived by All-Star Cast at Cosmopolitan

HENRY ARTHUR JONES' "Mrs. Dane's Defense," now playing at the Cosmopolitan Theatre as the first revival of a series to be presented by Chamberlin Brown is important to the extent of showing us the so-called moral code of the British aristocracy. This it does fairly well, pointing out how the ethics of capitalism is used to "preserve" the adopted son of Sir Daniel Carteret from marrying the woman he loves—Mrs. Dane. The plot in a nutshell concerns Mrs. Dane, who, because she had given birth to an illegitimate child five years previous, is prevented from marrying the man she desires. The acting is much superior to the play, first presented in New York 27 years ago with a cast headed by Margaret Anglin, the first step in her long and successful career. In the present production the leading role is portrayed by Violet Heming, who does her utmost with the dusty story. The supporting cast is on an equal high plane including Robert Warwick, Alison Skipworth and Conway Wingfield. While the play was considered risqué in 1901, it will not even cause a ripple on Broadway today. It is scheduled to play for two weeks and be followed by other successes of a quarter of a century ago. The present production is staged by Clifford Brooke. The Junior Festival Players will give another performance of their special holiday bill at the Neighborhood Playhouse, Saturday afternoon, February 11. The Shubert's have acquired the rights to two European plays; "The Kingdom of God" by Sierra, adapted by Granville Barker, and "The Love Duel," by Lili Halvány.



Music Notes

Gina Pinnera, soprano, will include the following at her Carnegie Hall concert on Saturday evening Feb. 18: Aria, O, to, qui prolongas mes jours, from "Iphigenie en Tauride," Gluck; Who is Sylvia, Schubert; Mit einer Wasserlilie and Mit einer Primulaveris, Grieg; Ständchen and Meine Liebe ist grün, Brahms; Lullaby, Florence Schuette; Aria, Pace, pace, mio Dio, from "La Forza del Destino," Verdi; Aria, Cast Diva, from "Norma," Bellini; Nebbie, Respighi; At Night (Russian), Rachmaninoff. Edna Thomas will give her third and final recital of Negro spiritual and Creole songs at the Booth Theatre this Sunday evening. Anna Robenne, with Anatole Viltzak, will give the second of their dance recitals at the 48th Street Theatre this Sunday evening. Part of the program will be devoted to the Swan Lake of Tchaikovsky, the two principals being assisted by a group of Chester Hale girls. Beginning this Saturday, "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands" begins an engagement at the Cameo Theatre.

AMERICAN OPERA SINGERS TO PRESENT "CARMEN"

CHRISTAL HERNE



Heads the cast in Lawrence Langner's new comedy "These Modern Women," which opens Monday night at the Eltinge Theatre.

"Carmen" will be presented by the American Opera Company for the first time on Tuesday evening at the Gallo Theatre. The Bizet opera will be sung in English as are all the operas in the American Opera repertoire. Natalie Hall will sing Carmen; Charles Hedley, Don Jose; George Fleming Houston, Escamillo; Adele Vasa, Micaela. The other principals are: Louise Richardson, Louise Bernhard, Howard Laramy, Mark Daniels, Edison Rice and John Uppman. "Carmen" will be repeated on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and for the Saturday matinee. There will be changes of cast throughout the week, with Brownie Peebles singing Carmen on Thursday evening and on Saturday afternoon. Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" will be the Monday night opera and the Wednesday matinee. The productions have been staged under the direction of Vladimir Rosing. Frank St. Legor will conduct. The cast of "Madame Butterfly," is headed by Cecile Sherman, Clifford Newdall, Helen Oelheim, Allan Burt, Janet Mabon and Charles Stone.

With the Orchestras

PHILHARMONIC The Philharmonic Orchestra, under Arturo Toscanini, appears this Sunday afternoon at Carnegie Hall in a program including Sinigaglia's overture to "Le Baruffe Chiozotte," "Queen Mab" from Berlioz' "Roméo and Juliet," Elgar's "Enigma" Variations, and the Brahms Symphony No. 2 in D. Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan Opera House there will be a special performance for the benefit of the Neighborhood Music School. The program includes the Sinigaglia overture and the Beethoven Fourth Symphony, Wagner's Prelude to "Lohengrin," Good Friday Spell from "Parsifal," Love Death from "Tristan and Isolde," and the Prelude to "Die Meistersinger." Thursday evening and Friday afternoon at Carnegie Hall Toscanini has scheduled the overture to Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream," Borodin's Symphony in B-minor, Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloë," Suite No. 2 and De Sabata's Symphonic Poem, "Juventus." The third Children's Concert under Ernest Schelling takes place next Saturday morning at Carnegie Hall. The Roxy Theatre this week will show Reginald Denny's newest production, "That's My Daddy."

AMUSEMENTS THE THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS EUGENE O'NEILL'S STRANGE INTERLUDE JOHN GOLDEN THEATRE, 56th St., E. of B'way. BEGINNING MONDAY, FEB. 13 BERNARD SHAW'S COMEDY The Doctor's Dilemma GUILD THEATRE WEST 52nd ST. MATS. MON, THURS. AND SAT. Extra Matinee Monday, Feb. 13. Week of Feb. 20: "MARCUS MILLIONS." Week of Feb. 27: "THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA" PORGY A FOLK PLAY BY DUBOSE AND DOROTHY HEYWARD REPUBLIC THEATRE, West 42nd St. Evns. 8:45 Matines Mon., Wed. & Sat., 2:40 Extra Matinee Monday, Feb. 13.

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The Daily Worker and the Membership Drive

By I. AMTER. IS the situation favorable for the DAILY WORKER and for recruiting members for the Communist Party? One need mention only the following factors to recognize that the situation for the Party, although difficult, objectively is very favorable. Only a few days ago, Basil Manly accused the Communists of taking advantage of the mining situation to stir up trouble. It is true that if the officialdom of the Miners' Union carried on the affairs of the union in the proper manner—but putting up a fight to save the union—the Communists would have little ground for work. Their propaganda in the strike itself would not meet with the response that it meets with. But the failure and treachery of the officials, beginning with Lewis and ending with the local officialdom, have been so open and brutal that the miners are disaffected. What the Communists have told them has proven correct—so much the worse for Basil Manly and the other so-called reformers and progressives. The Communists declared years ago that Lewis was misleading the miners and was selling them out—but the miners did not believe. Now they not only believe it, but see it with their own eyes. Shall the Communists not come before the workers and not only tell them the truth but also lead them out of the morass into which Lewis and his gang have plunged them? Or should they, to please the reformers and liberals, leave the miners without leadership, to be led back into another slaughter? Just as several years ago, the Communists pointed out the sore spots and offered the only remedy for the situation in the Miners' Union, so too today they have the only program for the miners—struggle for retention of the Jacksonville agreement, ousting of Lewis and his henchmen, violation of the injunctions and general militant action to save and build up the union. Is this the correct program? It is—and the miners are recognizing it. Today the Communists can speak to the miners openly and freely. Today their speeches meet with the ready support of the miners—for the miners recognize their correctness. Let Basil Manly bemoan the fact—the Communist Party is a party of struggle, and when the workers decide to struggle they will willingly accept the leadership of the Communists. Mass Unemployment. What is the situation in the cities? It is true that masses of workers are not in a struggle that may be compared with that of the miners at the present time. But they too face a situation such as the miners face: Is the Communist Party meeting with response in this field? Of this there is no question, for the Communists have a program and are willing to face the facts of the fight. In Cleveland, New York and elsewhere the Communists have come to the fore and have formulated the demands of the unemployed

and have led them in demonstrations for their relief. In the fight against injunctions, against speed-up and wage reductions it is the Communists who take the lead. Basil Manly deplores this fact; well, we would recommend that Basil Manly aim his guns against the employers, and advise them to pay their workers decent wages and grant them decent conditions, and not oppose their joining unions and fighting for conditions when they are not granted. Then Basil Manly, the socialists and other reformers will have achieved paradise. But the employers cannot and will not grant these conditions to the workers for we are in an era of imperialism which implies extreme exploitation of the workers. Therefore the workers must fight—and the Communists will lead them, for that is the function of the Communist Party. DAILY WORKER the Weapon. What has helped the Communist Party in this fight? Unquestionably the DAILY WORKER has been a most effective weapon—not only because the DAILY WORKER today more nearly meets the needs of the American working class than ever before, but also because the workers are hungry for an organ which reflects their wishes, even thought in some cases it may be a hazy, unconscious wish. The DAILY WORKER and the language organs of the Party are doing militant work among the miners. The miners wait eagerly for the bundles as they arrive each morning. Not long ago they would not look at it or glance at the cartoons and pictures and then throw it aside. Today they read it from front to back and then pass it to the next fellow who was not lucky in getting a fresh copy. The DAILY WORKER has become the expression of the miners who are in a death struggle to save their union, and they regard it as their only expression—as against the "official" nonsense which fills the columns of the Mine Workers Journal. This applies in equal measure to the unemployed, who know that the capitalist press makes a noise about

the unemployed, not of sympathy, but to sound the alarm about the activities of the "unscrupulous" unemployed. The workers in the shops, who face speed-up and wage slashes, who have to accept ten, eleven or twelve hours' work instead of the eight they may have had a short time ago—who accept this condition because they must—they too are beginning to look to the DAILY WORKER as the exponent of their problems and no longer fear the word "Communist." The situation is ripe for the drive for members and for readers of the DAILY WORKER. The objective conditions, the subjective factors, the wantonness of the government in furnishing injunctions, using troops, etc., have opened the eyes of the workers. We must take advantage of this situation, not for the allegedly "selfish" purpose of building up the Party, but in order that the working class may have the leadership that will lead it in the present difficult situation—a situation that will become more difficult and be coupled with greater struggle as American imperialism becomes more ruthless. Only a strong Communist Party and a powerful Communist press can help the workers in the present situation. We must build them up—the war danger, the attacks on the workers, the assaults on the union demand united action and a strengthening of our Party and of the Party press. BEEHOVEN SYMPHONY. The Beethoven Symphony Orchestra, with Georges Zaslavsky, conductor, at Carnegie Hall next Friday evening, will present the following program with Jacques Thibaud, violinist, soloist: Overture to "Oberon," Weber; "Schéhérazade" Suite Symphonique, Rimsky-Korsakoff; Choral Prelude "By the Waters of Babylon," J. S. Bach; Suite, A bord de l'été matutine, E. Berekman; (first performance) Symphonie Espagnole, Lalo. Frances Sebel, soprano, will give her song recital at Town Hall Thursday evening, March 1.

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The New Plays

"QUICKSAND," by Warren F. Lawrence, opens at the Theatre Masque Monday night. Robert Ames will have the principal role. "THESE MODERN WOMEN," a comedy by Lawrence Langner, opens at the Eltinge Theatre Monday night. Chrystal Herne plays the principal role. The cast also includes Minor Watson, Helen Flint, Camilla Dalberg, Norman Williams, Alan Mowbray, and Catherine Hayden. "THE CLUTCHING CLAW," a mystery play by Ralph Kettering, will open at the Forrest Theatre Tuesday night. Ralph Morgan, Minnie Dupree and Robert Middlemass are in the cast. "HOT PAN," a comedy by Michael Swift, opens at the Provincetown Playhouse Wednesday night. The cast includes Ruth Chorpenny, Rufus Hill, William Chaltee, Farrell Peley and Henry Dalby. "HOBOKEN BLUES," by Michael Gold, will open at the New Playwrights Theatre next Friday evening. The scene is laid in the Harlem of the nineties and of today. The cast includes: George Bratt, Lawrence Bolton, Jane Barry, Hazel Mason, Herbert Bergman, Sheba Strunsky and Mona Lewis.

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# HENRY L. MENCKEN AS A "SOCIOLOGIST"

By JOSEPH FREEMAN.

YOU ask what I think of Mencken as a sociologist? Mencken as a sociologist can't be discussed seriously. Even a sound citizen like Ernest Boyd, who thinks god smart set is willing gels have suspended the laws of capitalist development for Wall Street's benefit, twits the Baltimore Sage for putting the cart of politics before the horse of economics. The philosopher of the and the catholic anti to ditch Marx and Veblen because they're "dull writers," and thus confuses a proletarian scientist and a liberal pedagogue as exponents of the same point of view. Mencken has never understood socialism because he is a typical bavarian spuzburger, a bohemian in outlook, a good American citizen, a romantic wishwasher of the alleged glories of feudal society. It was his hard luck, intellectually, that he first heard of socialism from a profound revolutionary thinker like Robert Rives LaMont.

Mencken makes no bones about his "sociology," which makes him a much safer "thinker" from the working class point of view than a lot of "liberals," "radicals," etc. He says capitalism is good and democracy a lot of hocus-pocus, schweineerei and flapdoodle. It is true that under capitalism (which for all its beneficiaries, including the author of "Prejudices" is a pleasant system) democracy is a fake pure and simple which shouldn't fool anybody but half-wits and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Mencken should be given a congressional medal or the seat of Comparative Archeology at Dukes University for his services to American capitalism as a sociologist, for his defence of private property and his attacks on Soviet Russia. The fact that he raises hell about a lot of things is only proof that the court-jester can stick a pin into the king's hip so long as he supports the monarchy. Discussing Mencken as a sociologist is like discussing Coolidge as a poet. He knows less about the laws of economics than a Puritan about real virtue.

But to tell the truth I don't think it's as a sociologist that Mencken is or has been the hero of the day, but as a social phenomenon. First grant him his virtues: he is clever, his style makes reading a pleasure (it's not easy to imitate it, either! I'm trying, as you see). He observes many truths about individuals and books; he is vigorous and above all, rarest of all virtues in modern ink-slingers, he is honest. I agree with a lot he says about people, and with nothing he says about society, but I always feel that he means what he says, and though that is no virtue in a politician, it is no doubt a quality which is very useful for a writer. As a social phenomenon Mencken fulfills a real function. He is a "character" that does for the "average" American what Sam Johnson did for the "average" Englishman; he is the embodi-

ment of the American petit-bourgeois. Take all of his pet ideas and compare them with the superstitions of the "average" intelligent hundred-percenter: you will get a book that is funnier even than the "American Creed." He has laughed at Greenwich Villagers, politicians, the booboisie, the national specimen, and the rest of it, but at bottom, and often right up on the very surface, his notions about life and society are very much like theirs.

In common with congressmen, college professors, cub reporters, Eighth St. poets and chautauqua orators, he believes that history is made by great individuals. In common with book-keepers he believes that the majority of mankind are incurably and hopelessly stupid and that wisdom and superior brains are god's gifts to a select few. In common with elderly spinsters who invite bad artists to tea he believes that a real artist must be sick, preferably syphilitic. In



common with every devotee of the Book of Etiquette he believes that civilization is a matter of a small aristocracy. In common with every police-court judge he believes that the Bolsheviks are evil and stupid. In common with every cloak and suit manufacturer he believes that capitalism is good enough for the world and that if you have money you're all right. You could go on like this for a long time.

Where Mencken differs from the rest of his fellow-compatriots is in his genuine love of literature that is not too new, his quixotic devotion to learning and culture. This is what makes him the god of the learned professions, the intelligentsia. It is not for nothing that he is read, imitated and worshipped by all the younger editorial writers of the land, or that he wraps himself in the Stars and Stripes in any real controversy. He is a Jeffersonian liberal in politics, an anarchist in philosophy, a bohemian in his pose, a free lance kidding the authorities and abiding by the status quo; a trusted citizen who raps the Declaration of Independence and fights for free speech. Could there be a more perfect popular "philosopher" for the middle-class intelligentsia with its fear of machine civilization and the working class?

## Ambulance-Chasing Lawyers Are Hurting Law Business

Instigated by the New York bar association, the New York county lawyers' association, and the Bronx county bar association, representing the so-called "ethical" sections of the law fraternity, a "sweeping investigation of ambulance chasing lawyers" has been ordered by the first department of the appellate division of the Supreme Court, embracing New York and Bronx counties.

A Supreme Court justice will be appointed with full power to investigate the books of attorneys and accident insurance companies.

**They Work This Way.**

Ambulance chasers have become openly so unscrupulous in their practices that they are hurting the law business generally, lawyers say.

"Ambulance chasers" are shyster lawyers who send solicitors out to look for accidents, particularly accidents to workers who are injured on the job. They make connections with venal hospital employees, especially with doctors and interns, who try to induce the worker while his mind is still hazy after the accident, to sign a contract with the lawyer on whose payroll the doctor is.

**Lawyers Get 75 Per Cent.**

The action of the Supreme Court is a result of the serious inroads which the ambulance chasers have made on the business of the "ethical" attorneys, with the luxurious office suites.

Workers who have gone thru the hospital and legal mill following an injury on the job have found that both the shysters and the more "ethical" practitioners always take about 75 per cent of the award for the worker's injuries.

**Meek Mose**

(By Federated Press)

Frank Wilson used to be a mail carrier in Harlem, New York's Negro district. Off duty he wrote plays. Now he is not only the star of Porgy, playing on Broadway, but one of his own plays, Meek Mose, is being produced.

Porgy is presented with an all-Negro cast except for the minor white parts.

# A Strange Funeral in Braddock

By MICHAEL GOLD

Listen to the mournful drums of a strange funeral.  
Listen to the story of a strange American funeral.  
In the town of Braddock, Pennsylvania,  
Where steel-mills live like foul dragons burning, devouring man and earth  
and sky,  
It is spring. Now the spring has wandered in, a frightened child in the  
land of the steel ogres,  
And Jan Clepak, the great grinning Bohemian on his way to work at six  
in the morning,  
Sees buttons of bright grass on the hills across the river, and plumb trees  
hung with wild, white blossoms,  
And as he sweats half-naked at his puddling trough, a fiend by the lake  
of brimstone,  
The plum-trees soften his heart,  
The green grass-memories return and soften his heart,  
And he forgets to be hard as steel and remembers only his wife's breasts,  
his baby's little laughs and the way men sing when they are drunk  
and happy,  
He remembers cows and sheep, and the grinning peasants, and the villages  
and fields of sunny Bohemia.

Listen to the mournful drums of a strange funeral.  
Listen to the story of a strange American funeral.

Wake up, wake up! Jan Clepak, the furnaces are roaring like tigers,  
The flames are flinging themselves at the high roof, like mad, yellow tigers  
at their cage.  
Wake up! It is ten o'clock, and the next batch of mad, flowing steel is  
to be poured into your puddling trough,  
Wake up! Wake up! For a flawed lever is cracking in one of those fiendish  
cauldrons,  
Wake up! and wake up! for now the lever has cracked, and the steel is  
raging and running down the floor like an escaped madman,  
Wake up! It is ten o'clock, and the  
next batch of mad, flowing steel is  
to be poured into your puddling  
trough,  
Wake up! Wake up! For a flawed  
lever is cracking in one of those  
fiendish cauldrons,  
Wake up! and wake up! for now the  
lever has cracked, and the steel is  
raging and running down the floor  
like an escaped madman.  
Wake up! O, the dream is ended,  
and the steel has swallowed you  
forever, Jan Clepak!



Listen to the mournful drums of a strange funeral.  
Listen to the story of a strange American funeral.

Now three tons of hard steel hold at  
their hearts the bones, flesh, nerves,  
the muscles, brains and heart of Jan  
Clepek,  
And they weep behind the carriage-blinds, and mourn the soft man who  
was killed by hard steel.

Listen to the mournful drums of a strange funeral.  
Listen to the story of a strange American funeral.

Now three thinkers are thinking strange thoughts in the graveyard.  
"O, I'll get drunk and stay drunk forever, I'll never marry woman, or  
father laughing children,  
I'll forget everything, I'll be nothing from now on,  
Life is a dirty joke, like Jan's funeral!"  
One of the friends is thinking in the sweet-smelling graveyard,  
As a derrick lowers the three tons of steel that held Jan Clepek.  
(LISTEN TO THE DRUMS OF THE STRANGE AMERICAN  
FUNERAL)

"I'll wash clothes, I'll scrub floors . . . . . but my  
children will never work in the steel-mill!"  
Jan Clepek's wife is thinking as earth is shovelled over the great steel  
coffin,  
In the spring sunlight, in the soft April air,  
(LISTEN TO THE DRUMS OF THE STRANGE AMERICAN FUNERAL)

"I'll make myself as hard as steel, harder,  
I'll come some day and make bullets out of Jan's body, and shoot them  
into a tyrant's heart!"  
The other friend is thinking, the listener,  
He who listened to the mournful drums of the strange funeral,  
Who listened to the story of the strange American funeral.  
And turned as mad as a fiendish cauldron with cracked lever.  
LISTEN TO THE MOURNFUL DRUMS OF A STRANGE FUNERAL.  
LISTEN TO THE STORY OF A STRANGE AMERICAN FUNERAL.

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## Liberal N. Y. Journalist Reaches Sandino Camp

Carleton Beals, liberal journalist and occasional contributor to Federated Press, has forced his way through the Latin American jungles to General Augustino Sandino, according to a dispatch. Beals is now in Managua—"American territory"—the capital of Nicaragua, writing his story, the despatch adds.

Beals left from Mexico City. His guide was arrested at Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, but the writer continued on horseback through the jungle and reached Sandino. He spent some time with the Nicaraguan patriot who is fighting American intervention, escaping the bombs and bullets of American marines warring on Sandino.

in circuit course work. It has also proved a good method of breaking in to comparatively new territory.

**Build Young Workers League.**

In some towns, the Young Workers League has been greatly strengthened as a result of the classes and other activities of the traveling organizer. This is especially the case in Syracuse, where most of the students are young workers, and a League organization of ten members has just been formed. Also, three new party members were secured in Syracuse since the classes have been started.

Erie and Jamestown are cities which are almost never reached by national speakers, and have had practically no activity of an educational character. The interest of the workers in these two towns is reflected by the regularity and high percentage of attendance at the classes.

# BOOK REVIEWS and COMMENT

## The Gentle Art of Poisoning the Minds of the Workers

**War "Salesmanship"**  
PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUE IN THE WORLD WAR. By Harold D. Lasswell. Alfred A. Knopf. \$4.00.

CAPITALISM is placing increasing reliance on the technician to bolster up its crumbling structure. The economist has done yeoman service in rationalizing industry and explaining away its contradictions. The psychologist has been called upon to examine the habits of the workers and to develop efficient means of controlling their thoughts and actions. The propaganda machines of the capitalist countries have been put on a scientific basis and now have a tight control over the press, the radio, the movies, and other means of mass communication.

The present volume is a contribution by a professor of psychology to the technique of capitalist propaganda. It is a study of the activities of the propaganda bureaus of the belligerents during the recent war and is valuable not only as a statement of how the workers were fooled into supporting the past war but also of how they may be fooled into supporting the next war.

The principle task of the propaganda bureaus of the last war, says the author, and one which will be equally important in the next, is the mobilization of mass sentiment in favor of the war. This the author admits was a difficult task for:

"The governments of Western Europe can never be certain that a class-conscious proletariat within the borders of their authority will rally to the clarion of war. Before 1914 the growth of the social-democrats in Germany, the vogue of anti-patriotism in France, and the rise of the laborers in England filled the governing classes with apprehensions. It was freely predicted that mobilization could be paralyzed by a general strike and that social revolution might raise its ominous head."

Other groups that might cause trouble were the liberals and the pacifists. To "turn aside" these "inconvenient currents" it was necessary first of all to make the masses feel that the opponent is the aggressor and that his entire history "offers unassailable proof of a deliberate attempt to maintain or destroy us." "These indictments," continues the author, "come with peculiar weight from historians and from other men who are credited in the public mind with the single-minded pursuit of truth." He then gives the role of the intellectuals who prostituted themselves for this purpose, including the Manifesto of the Ninety-three in Germany, the Oxford War Pamphlets and the Princeton and Chicago symposiums in America. "The facility with which sincere and dexterous hands may shape cases on either side of a controversy," solemnly concludes the professor, "leaves no doubt that in the future the propagandist may count upon a battalion of honest professors to rewrite history."

The next step, after the enemy has been identified, is the call for unity and victory. Among those who were utilized by the propaganda bureaus for this purpose was the notorious Gustav Hervé who had gained the confidence of the workers before the war by a struggle against militarism



Reed's short stories have been collected by the Vanguard Press under the title of "Daughter of the Revolution." The book will be reviewed soon.

social patriots: the Noskes, the Eberts, and the Scheidemanns in Germany and their counterparts in the other countries, who in the name of the defense of the "fatherland," betrayed the social revolution into the hands of their imperialist masters.

But the call for unity and victory is not sufficient. There are some minds that require a more subtle technique and which must be furnished with "war aims of a highly rationalized and idealistic type." The very opposition to war can be capitalized by declaring the present war to be a "war to end war" and to destroy the "octopus of militarism," and who now called upon the socialists, syndicalists and anarchists to support the "fatherland of revolution," imperialist France. The author

fails to mention in this group the One must be careful, however, not to yield too much to the working class by proclaiming ideals "which would wound the property sentiment of the possessing classes." The slogan of a League of Nations hit upon in the last war was a fortunate stroke for:

"A war to vindicate international law has the sanction of bourgeois morality about it and avoids anything which tinges of a class issue. In the last war this idea figured heavily. Those who were arguing for British participation in the war on the grounds of national self-interest chucked this article of faith out of the window and transformed the war into a holy crusade for the law of nations."

Apparently this slogan still has its uses for, "Should there be a next general war, war aims of an idealistic character will probably be just as important as they were in the last war. International organizations are still so weak that at least one other war can be fought on the pretext of strengthening them."

After the public has been mobilized for the war it is necessary to keep the passions of the masses at a fever heat. The most efficient method of doing this is to spread stories of atrocities by the enemy. On pages 85 and 86 of this volume there is a list of atrocities utilized in the last war, and which with a little revamping can be made to serve again in the next war. As a matter of fact, the author points out that some of these atrocities are very ancient and one at least was used against the Turks at the time of the crusades. The most effective atrocity stories, the author states, are those dealing with sex enormities, mutilation, and the raping of women, all of which "yield a secret satisfaction to a host of vicarious ravishers."

The book is a mine of information of the propaganda literature of the war and of the thousands of intellectuals in all countries who helped to betray the workers. Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells, and John Dewey are but a few of those mentioned. These "liberals" are probably disillusioned, now that the war is over. But there is no doubt that the busy psychologists of the propaganda bureaus will invent a new bait for them when the next war breaks out and they will once more do the dirty work of their imperialist masters.

—CY OGDEN.

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# Worker Correspondents Tell Penn. Silk Mill Conditions, Calif. Women's Zeal

## CALL ALLENTOWN WEAVERS TO FORM SHOP COMMITTEES

### Los Angeles Consumers' League Active

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 ALLENTOWN, Pa. (By mail). — First I take up the Majestic Silk Company's system of exploitation. This concern is owned and managed by Bernstein and Sons. They employ about 200 workers, mostly women. The majority of the workers are young, especially the winders. They all work ten hours a day for a five and a half day week. They receive from twenty to twenty-five cents an hour. This wage includes the quillers also.

The weavers are paid by the yards of silk cloth they produce. There are about ninety weavers working here, half of whom are women.

**Men Run 4 Looms.**  
 The men run four looms and the women three. Even some of these run four looms in order to enable them to make a day's "living" wages, i. e. from three to six dollars a day. The men weavers receive the same treatment, with the exception of a few who are able to make a few cents more.

When a loom breaks the weavers themselves are forced to make some of the repairs in order to save time. Still, some time is wasted in looking for a loom-fixer and for this loss of time the weaver does not get paid. This is due also to the company's lack of supplies with which the looms can be repaired.

The weavers are also compelled to waste additional time in going to the top floor for their quilts. This is especially hard for the women weavers.

**Take Off Rolls Themselves.**  
 When their woven cloth is completed, they have to lift their loom weights which are heavy. They also have to take off the rolls themselves without the assistance of any company bosses. Only if another worker is exchanging help do they get any aid. In this way, too, they lose considerable time.

When the weaver turns in his woven cloth to the office, the officials, usually one of the owner's relatives, examine the goods on which they always find some unnoticeable spots of some kind.

**Cut Pay In "Punishment"**  
 When the officials who do this inspection, together with other officials, usually institute an unnoticeable cut in pay as punishment. As a result of this, many weavers, including the women, are able to make only from \$45 to \$65 in two weeks because of the rotten silk issued to them.

This company usually has some sporadic "trouble" with their warpers. The workers are disguised because the bosses drive them to work faster and faster in order to make good quality cloth out of the rotten silk.

As a result, the warpers often do get together at times. Some of them quit or go out on strike for a few days. Then some of them usually go back to work or quit for good and look for another job.

**Organize!**  
 The workers in the Bernstein and Sons' mill should organize themselves into shop committees from the various departments. They should discuss their grievances, their shop conditions and demand better ones for all the workers employed there. With the solidarity of your shop mates you will be able to defend your interests. Join the unions in your city. Also read THE DAILY WORKER, the only militant English labor daily in the world. **ARNOLD.**

## California

**Women's Consumers League**  
 (By a Worker Correspondent)  
 LOS ANGELES, Cal. (By Mail). — The readers of the DAILY WORKER are by this time well acquainted with the activities of the Women's Consumer's League of Los Angeles. Wherever a call for help to workers who fall victims of capitalist oppression was issued the League responded wholeheartedly sparing neither time nor energy.

The Cooperative Bakery of Los Angeles finds its staunchest support among the members of the W. C. L. The strike of two years ago of the Bakers' Union of this city found the women of the League in the front ranks on the picket line and in the front rows of the courts when the police came to the aid of the boss bakers. The Passaic strike, the local strike arranged by the I. L. D., I. W. A., etc., always found the Women's Consumer's League aiding in the success of these undertakings.

At the present time they are engaged in a campaign to raise funds for the striking miners of Colorado. To this end a restaurant was opened at 2418 Brooklyn Avenue, the proceeds of which are being turned over to the striking miners. From 10 o'clock in the morning till eight in the evening these women are found in the kitchen cooking meat and vegetable dishes for the workers who keep the place filled a whole day. The cooking, serving and dishwashing is done by members of the organization without a single cent of com-

## Two Air Imperialists of the French Model



The French capitalists are not going to let their American competitors grab the Latin American markets without a struggle. Left to right above in flying togs, Lieut. Joseph Le Brix and Capt. Dieudonne Costes, sent by their government to arouse sympathy for France in Latin America, visit their rival imperialists in Washington.

## Young Comrade Corner

### THE NIGHT SHIFT MINE WORKER

By Rubin Ryant, a Pioneer.  
 The worker comes forth from the mine to the sun, He blinks. Then he groans for the work is no fun. He groans once more as he wends his way, To the ramshackle hut that he lives in by day.

II.  
 His body is large and gaunt and slow, And bent in the middle as if from a blow. He drags his feet slowly, but it's as fast as he can, And it suits the pace of the other Calibans.

III.  
 A long shuffling procession of pieces of clay, Who work in the night and sleep in the day. There isn't a person who isn't cursing or groaning, For their's is a hard lot, they who march in the gloaming.

IV.  
 Their wives and children are just as they, Large and gaunt and thin and gray. Children who soon will be forced to work. For the very who do nothing but shirk.

V.  
 One day a union organizer got inside the mine, And organized the workers in double quick time. One day the workers got together and walked out on strike. And said, "We refuse to work the mines, you may do that if you like."

VI.  
 The bosses got together and called the strikers mere trifles, They hired all policemen, militiamen and rifles. They got all three governors to issue black injunctions, Forbidding men to pray in church, forbidding life to function.

VII.  
 The miners need your help, for their strength is waning fast, But they keep on fighting for a union, and they'll fight to the last. Workers! Get together, give the miners your support. Rally to the flag while the miners hold the fort.

**THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE No. 12D.**  
 This week's puzzle is an addition and subtraction puzzle. Tell in a few words something about the answer.

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... and as they put it "is compensation enough for us to know that the money received through our efforts go to the help of our striking brethren who are struggling for decent living conditions in the mine pits of Colorado."  
 The sum of the above reproduced check represents the first ten days' receipt. January 11th another check of \$150.00 was sent. The members of the League are confident that before the month is over more checks of similar accounts will be forwarded.  
 Much of the food is donated by the various business men of this city and the response of the workers to the call to patronize this restaurant is a splendid showing of the appreciation these workers have for the Women's Consumer's League and the cause they so gallantly support.  
 —M. R.

## SIGMAN CLAIMS FAKE VICTORIES IN THE 'FORWARD'

### Lines Up With Bosses on Hours Question

Driven by a rising revolt in the ranks of even the right wing members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who are more and more insistently demanding unity with the left wing in the union, and faced with the fact that the workers in the trade are again rallying around the left wing Joint Board, International President Sigman and his fake Joint Board are noisily announcing "victories" in the "Jewish Forward," in order to hide the imminent collapse of the right wing plans that have resulted in the destruction of the union.

The clothing employers of all denominations, jobbers, inside manufacturers, contractors and sub-contractors are all enjoying the situation "up to the hilt." They are anxiously desirous of maintaining the status quo. In other words, a condition in the industry in which there is no union to put a check to their ravenous appetites. The severely intensified exploitation of the cloak and dress workers suits them fine.

**Fake Campaigns.**  
 For the past week or so the "Forward" has been full of proclamations of the right wing "union's" intention of starting "organization drives"; "a campaign to stop Saturday work" and a "campaign to stop jobbers from giving out work to non-union contractors by calling strikes against them."

That these are fake paper campaigns; that they are just so much noise raised to cover up the disintegration in the Sigman stronghold, is recognized by even the most uninformed worker in the trade.

The so-called organization campaigns consist, not, as would be supposed, in the organization of the open shops that swamp the industry. They consist merely in sending a squad of paid guerrillas to stop off those shops controlled by the left wing Joint Board, where union conditions still prevail. Sigman's thugs appear and speak to the boss, who immediately locks out the workers and orders them to register in the right wing "union." When the workers go on strike—Sigman claims to have made another "victorious settlement." Even this "organization work" has resulted in the annihilation of union conditions in only one dress shop since the "campaign" began. This is the Rose Dress Co.

The right wing clique's second "vic-

### OUR LETTER BOX.

Hopes All Countries Will Be Like Soviet Russia.

I read the Young Comrade and like it very much. I want to tell you something that I saw in a show. I saw a flag of Soviet Russia and some soldiers marching after it. When it was over, I clapped my hands. Very few applauded. I was very much surprised to see a picture like that. I hope all countries will be like Soviet Russia.  
 —ANNA MARSCHALL.

### Little Sparks That Feed the Flames.

The school teacher said that Sacco and Vanzetti and Greco and Carrillo ought to be killed. I told her that she was wrong. She told me to keep still. The Sunday school teacher said that Sacco and Vanzetti were bad men. My sister told her that Sacco and Vanzetti were good men. She said that they ought to be killed in the electric chair. She didn't know what she was talking about.

I was selling certificates for the miners and their families for Christmas. I asked a man to buy a certificate to help the mine strikers that are imprisoned and their families. He said that the mine strikers and their families didn't need anything and that they belonged in jail. I told him that he wasn't telling the truth. I said, "You belong where they are, in jail, you fool." He sure was mad. I didn't care if he got mad or not.  
 —ELIANORA IVANOFF, Idaho.

### Sends Thanks for Relief.

Dear Comrades: My father is a union miner and he is on strike since April 1, 1927. One day he went to a meeting at the Miners' Hall where clothes collected by the Miners' Relief Committee, were handed out. My father brought a coat for my little brother, and a blue sweater with a white collar for me. I was very glad to get it, for I needed something to wear to go to school. It made me so much happier, when I tried on the sweater and found a piece of chewing gum in the pocket. I gave a piece to my brother and kept a piece for myself. It tasted so good. I just wish that there was the name and address of the owner of the sweater, so that I could write and send my thanks for it.  
 —MARY MISKO, Ohio.

### "A THOUGHT"

By Stephanie Doranchuk.  
 I wonder if our red flag sees,—don't you?  
 And the soft white clouds, I am sure are talking to it;  
 And the wind is talking to it too;  
 For I've listened and watched, and I'm sure they do.  
 When I pass by and see  
 The long red flag wave, when the breezes blow it,  
 I'm just as glad as a girl can be;  
 And the workers are glad, too, it seems to me:  
 For they watch it day and night!

## They Lie

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## Plane Takes Rich to Balmy South; Workers Freeze



The plane shown above takes off from the deck of the S. S. Columbus, which is now on a cruise of the West Indies with well-to-do passengers aboard. This winter is the severest for the workers in many years. It is estimated that four million workers are unemployed throughout the country, and in the mine fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Colorado tens of thousands are struggling for a wage rate that would allow them to live like human beings.

torious campaign" consisted in a series of alleged strikes called against 7 jobbers by stopping the work of these jobbers in 241 contracting shops an hour before the "Forward" went to press. Even if one did not know that nearly all the jobbers in question denied several days later that they knew of any strike, the absurdity of the story is self evident.

The day following the "victorious stoppage," Hochman, Sigman's manager of the dual Joint Board, grandly announced that 4 jobbers are already prepared to settle. Asked who they were, he answered that he cannot make this public. However, said he, one jobber has already settled and that one is Adelman and Sons.

Inquiries at the office of this firm, as to the truthfulness of Hochman's statement brought to light the crudeness with which these fake campaigns are arranged. I. Adelman, speaking for the firm said that he would not confirm Hochman's statement.

**Prearranged Agreement.**  
 It is self evident that this transparent arrangement had been arrived at by a prearranged agreement with the right wing. True; the employer did not help them much with such a statement, but after all, if they cannot get a boss to admit giving in to a union, they can at least get him to agree not to deny it. This he would gladly do if it means continued freedom from labor disturbances.

More laughable than the other "campaigns," however, is the one in which Sigman solemnly declares in his "Forward" that all Saturday work must stop—henceforth!

The "Forward" threatened for several days to have committees appear in the cloak market on Saturdays to stop all shops found open. On the

following Monday, Sigman declared that tremendous achievements had been accomplished, thousands had been stopped from work, dozens of shops had been closed. Unfortunately for the right wing clique, a statement made by I. Grossman, president of the Industrial Council of Cloak Manufacturers, at a banquet held by them a day after the "achievements" were claimed, completely exposed the whole affair. He stated there that he can prove that not even one factory had been closed down by Sigman for working Saturday.

### Bosses Won't Obey.

Apparently this is a contradiction of the statement of the left wing that the employers and the right wing are working hand in hand. This is not so, however. The employers merely used this opportunity to declare publicly that they had no intention of obeying the clause in the bitterly fought for agreement, which requires the institution of the 40-hour work week in July. They were therefore compelled to make a militant statement even if it were embarrassing to Sigman.

The right wing can ill afford to be so embarrassed. If the workers whom Sigman has compelled to register in his dual organization see that he has lost the bosses' support, if they see that he has lost his most effective weapon with which to keep the workers in subjection, Sigman and his whole gang then become merely a joke.

The Sigman International, and his whole crowd of fakers were in a bad fix. They couldn't publicly agree to drop the clause calling for a 40-hour week in July; but still less could they afford to have antagonistic public statements made against them by the manufacturers. They were rescued,

## SENATOR ADMITS LIE ON COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10. — Calvin Coolidge's often reiterated refusal to run for a third presidential term stressed by his political associates, was exposed as a publicity stunt by Senator Fess of Ohio.

Fess declared that he had told an untruth when he informed newspaper men that Coolidge was "displeased" with him for stating that the president would probably be drafted for a third session.

however, from this perplexing predicament. And the employers themselves did it.

**Disregard Shorter Week.**  
 Mr. Grossman, Industrial Council president, agreed to make a statement in the press which softened somewhat the slap he delivered at the previously mentioned banquet. The statement, however, should leave definite room for interpretation of the bosses' intention to disregard the shorter work week clause.

Grossman declared that all employers should try to keep their shops closed on Saturday, and live up to the "spirit" of the pact with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. "But we ask this," says Grossman, "because we are anxious to see to what extent the union can prevail upon its members not to work Saturday. The union, of course, claims that it can regulate conditions, but that remains to be demonstrated."

The clearness with which the deal between Sigman and the bosses is exposed by the last part of this statement is obvious enough. Quite naturally, since there is no union to enforce the 5-day week in the industry, the 44-hour week can be "justifiably" demanded from Sigman. And when July comes around Sigman will say that since the workers don't want the 40-hour week he is "justified" in giving it away.

Quite pertinent to the sincerity of the first part of Grossman's statement is the fact that the left wing Join Board has proven how the association president himself respects the "spirit" of the agreement. Grossman has always compelled his workers to work on Saturdays.

The exploiters of the workers, both the employers and the right wing, are not reckoning with the cloak and dressmakers. No amount of noise and drum-banging can drown out the crash with which the rotten superstructure of the right wing machine will fall. Nothing will stop the workers from rebuilding their once powerful Cloak-makers' Union.  
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## IMMEDIATE AID DEMANDED FOR GROWING CRISIS

### Delegation Is Barred From Hearing

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In many New York industries are unemployed and the wages of a considerable section in all industries has been reduced at least 12 1/2 per cent. This was the outstanding revelation at the conference attended by a committee of charity organizations, welfare societies and others appointed by the Welfare Council of N. Y. City as well as representatives of the New York State Federation of Labor and the Central Trades and Labor Council.

**Labor Officials Will Not Act.**

"There has been no excitement over the unemployment situation," Joseph P. Ryan, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, stated. "We have not been concerned about the matter thus far. But a certain branch of the labor movement has taken up the issue and I want to say something about this." Without mentioning it by name, this reference to the left wing was clear. "I have just come up from down stairs," Ryan continued, "and there I met a demonstration of unemployed workers carrying signs such as 'Bread or Work.' I wish to say here that we are entirely opposed to the movement. We have every confidence that Al. Smith will do the right thing. I want to make myself clear in this because someone might think that we had organized the demonstration."

This remark brought forth considerable laughter from the group of charity and publicity politicians, salvation army pan-handlers and Y. M. C. A. fund raisers.

**Would Appeal To Bosses.**

John Sullivan, representing the State Federation of Labor, caused a bit of additional merriment by advocating "a move with which we had great success in 1921, an appeal to the landlords of the city to start their spring cleaning early." Sullivan stated that he believed that fully 40 per cent of the organized workers in many industries were now unemployed. He said the machine was to blame for unemployment and thought that "Al. Smith would be able to do a good deal for us."

In opening the hearing Commissioner Hamilton read the letter from Al. Smith who had ordered the "investigation." "This conference is only a survey," Hamilton said. "All the data which we gather will be turned over to the governor."

Dr. Eugene B. Patton, director of statistics for the Labor Department, testified to the general conditions of acute unemployment. Although there never has been a census of unemployment in this or in any other state, he announced, the facts available show that everywhere in the United States conditions are approaching in seriousness the worst months in 1920 and 1921.

**As Bad as 1921.**

The employment index for January, according to Patton, was 91, a figure derived after taking June 1914 as 100. The lowest at any time since was 88 in June 1921. In other words, conditions are very nearly as bad or even worse if allowance is to be made for those workers who have been eliminated by the regular machine displacement process going on very rapidly in industry, Patton said. Other

## WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

**Secretaries Attention!**

After Monday all announcements for this column must reach THE DAILY WORKER office before 6 p. m. on the day before publication.

**Postpone Section 2 Meeting.**

The meeting of agitprop directors and literature agents of Section 2 scheduled for today has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Women Meet Saturday.**

A meeting of women work organizers of all Party units will be held today at 3:30 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St.

Preparations for the Women's Day demonstration to be held March 8 is one of the most important tasks of the Party at the present time. Drive to bring non-party women into the labor movement and the Party must be continued.

**Y. W. L. Dance.**

The Young Workers League, District 2, will hold a dance tonight, Harlem Casino, Lenox Ave. and 114th St.

**F.D.S. S.S. 2-E Attention!**

Factory District 3, Subsection 2-E will meet hereafter at 8:30 p. m. The meeting will be held Monday at 191 W. 27th St.

**FD4, Subsection 2-A.**

The DAILY WORKER situation and the Party membership campaign will be taken up at the meeting of Factory District 4, Subsection 2-A, Monday at 8 p. m. at 191 W. 27th St.

**Lecture on Labor Banks.**

Ray Haimowitz will lead a discussion on "Labor Banks" at the meeting of the Labor Bank, Monday at 8:30 p. m., at 60 St. Marks Place.

**Spanish Meeting Wednesday.**

A very important meeting of the Spanish Fraction of the Party will be held Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St. All Spanish speaking Party members are invited to attend.

**Paris Commune Celebration.**

A Paris Commune celebration will be held March 31 at Harlem Casino by Section 2 and 3.

**Brownsville Meet Monday.**

The Brownsville Factory Unit, Subsection 6-D will meet Monday at 8 p. m. at 1689 Pitkin Ave.

facts indicate a general reduction in wages of about 12 1/2 per cent for the industries we have investigated, he added.

Homer Folks, chairman of the Welfare Councils executive committee which has been appointed to work with Hamilton, gave a report on the combined data submitted by the Welfare Council organizations. The data shows an increase of dependencies of 100 per cent over the same period in 1927, due largely to unemployment.

Other speakers painted even a worse picture. Richard Flinn, director of the Division of Employment of the Department of Labor testified that 40 per cent less employers are now seeking for help and 50 per cent more workers are seeking employment than at the same time last year.

Edward E. McMahon, superintendent of the Municipal Lodging House, furnished data of an increase of over 50 per cent in applications for lodging. 17,220 cases was the total for the month of January, 1928, he said. Only five nights per month are allowed any one individual. Those who try to "repeat" are sent to jail, McMahon testified. "We sent some of them to Blecker St. last night," he announced. A request by some of the investigators present to look over his records, brought forth considerable objection from the superintendent. "You will not find them of any use to you," he said.

It is understood that the records and management of the Municipal Lodging House are deplorable. Recently drives and arrests have been made of those applying for help.

## WORKERS PARTY EXPOSES HEARING

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unemployed committees and labor unions.

"3. Unemployment insurance to be paid out of a fund created by a special tax on industries.

"4. Opening of public buildings and their equipment for lodgings to house and shelter the unemployed.

"5. Prohibition of any landlord evicting unemployed workers from the houses, apartments or tenements in which they live.

"6. To feed the children of the unemployed at the public schools.

"7. Immediate recognition and opening up of trade relations with Soviet Russia.

"8. We demand representation at any further hearings of our organization and any and every labor organization affected by the problem.

**To Cite Facts.**

"You may refuse to listen to our program during the time your hearing is being held, but we will find means in spite of you and against your sham investigations to place before the working class of the city and state of New York and of the United States the fact that one of the principal aspirants for the presidency is utilizing the unemployed situation for the purpose of forwarding his own candidacy.

**"WM. W. WEINSTONE, "District Organizer."**

**Miners' Meeting Sunday.**

A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St. under the auspices of the Young Workers League. The speakers will include representatives of the League, party, and two striking miners. Dancing and entertainment will follow.

**N. J. Party Conference.**

A conference of all industrial organizers, fraction secretaries and active trade union members of New Jersey will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. at 37 1/2th St. Newark. J. J. Ballam, industrial organizer, District 2, will be present.

**Subsection 2-A.**

All members of Subsection 2-A should report Monday at 12 p. m. to either 16 W. 21st St. or 108 E. 14th St. for participation in the special distribution of THE DAILY WORKER.

**Zam Lectures Sunday.**

Herbert Zam, executive secretary, Young Workers League will lecture on "Youth and the Coming War," Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Young Workers League open forum, 715 E. 138th St.

**Section 2 Attention.**

A meeting of unemployed will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**I. L. D. Week.**

The week of Feb. 12 to 19 will be I. L. D. week in Section 2. All articles collected for the I. L. D. Bazaar, Section 2 booth, should be brought to 101 W. 27th St. Honor roll lists can be obtained at the same address.

**Section 1 Open Forum.**

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## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

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**Brooklyn Dance Saturday.**

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**Present Miners' Case.**

A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held Monday at 715 E. 138th St. at 3 p. m. under the auspices of the Lower Bronx Labor Center. The speakers will be Fred Beidenkamp, national secretary, Workers International Relief, Robert Minor, editor, THE DAILY WORKER, Martin L. Emerson and Louis A. Baum, secretary, Photographic Workers' Union.

**Wolfe Lectures This Afternoon.**

Bertram D. Wolfe will lead a discussion on "The Opposition in the Communist Party to Soviet Union" at a meeting of the Millinery Section, Trade Union Educational League, at 2 p. m. today at 108 E. 14th St. All millinery workers are invited to attend.

**Yonkers Conference Tomorrow.**

The first conference of the newly organized Yonkers Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at Krug Hall, 13-15 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. Officers and committees are to be elected.

**Open Forum Sunday.**

E. Rogers will lecture on "What I Saw in the Soviet Union" at the Williamsburg Open Forum, 46 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn, Sunday at 2 p. m.

**Bert Miller will lecture on "The War Danger" Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Cony Island Open Forum, 299, Mermaid Ave.**

**Jay Loveston will lecture on "Prosperous America" at the Workers' School Open Forum, 108 E. 14th St., Sunday at 8 p. m.**

**Manuel Gomez will lecture on "The War Against Nicaragua" at the Upper Bronx Open Forum, Sunday at 8 p. m. at 2975 Clinton Ave.**

**Juliet Stuart Poyntz will lecture on "International Problems of Labor Today" at the Lower Bronx Open Forum, 715 E. 138th St., Sunday at 8 p. m.**

**William W. Weinstone will lecture on "The World—Has It Failed?" at the Brownstone Open Forum, 1689 Pitkin Ave. Sunday at 8:30 p. m.**

**Pascale Forum Sunday.**

O. Bentall and John J. Ballam will speak on "Unemployment—Its Cause and Cure" at the Pascale Forum, 27 Dayton Ave., Sunday at 8 p. m.

**Roumanian Meet Sunday.**

The Roumanian Workers' Cultural Club will meet Sunday at 2:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All Roumanian-speaking workers are invited.

**Miners' Relief Meet in Newark.**

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The second anniversary of "The Hammer," Jewish Communist Monthly, will be celebrated tomorrow night at Mecca Temple, Seventh Ave. and 55th St., with a concert by Tosha Seidel and several other well known artists.

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## Important Developments in the Struggle in the Illinois Mine Camps

Following the line of development predicted by The DAILY WORKER the Illinois coal operators association, as the separate agreement signed by President Lewis and district officials nears its end, refuses to renew the agreement except on the basis of a wage cut of \$1.50 per day and 24 cents in the tonnage rate for coal.

The operators further propose to turn the special commission set up, and composed now of mine union officials and operators, into an arbitration commission by adding a "neutral" member to be appointed by Chief Justice Taft. This the union has so far refused to accept.

Having taken care of their markets during the period of the heaviest demand the coal operators now threaten to close their mines—declare a lockout in other words—unless the union agrees to the proposed wage cut.

These developments show in sharp relief the criminally futile policy of the Lewis machine. The sole result of the separate agreement signed in Illinois has been to open a gap in the fighting front of the miners, weaken the strike and demoralize the forces of the union in District 12.

The operators have taken advantage of the temporary truce to install labor-saving machinery wherever possible. Neither did the surrender of the Lewis machine result in all the Illinois miners getting work. Recent estimates of the number of unemployed place it at 35,000.

The union in Illinois has been greatly weakened by the separate agreement.

The policy which should have been followed, not only in connection with the Illinois struggle but thruout the union, is indicated by the demands of the operators. If no other evidence than the operators' statement were available the policy would still be clear since their demand for a wage cut is based on the low rates paid in the non-union mines of Kentucky and West Virginia. The conclusion is obvious.

That the way to fight the coal barons is by organizing the non-union fields and raising wages there to the level of the union fields.

The essential treachery of the Lewis machine consists in the fact that it has refused to organize these fields while throwing all force against the militant membership of the union which demanded and still demands genuine organizing campaigns in these territories.

The breakdown of the Illinois negotiations puts the issues in that district squarely before the coming progressive conference in connection with the whole struggle of the union. The Lewis-Fishwick machine stands ready to make further surrenders and there is little doubt that it will put out a referendum vote on the question of a wage cut and use every available corrupt method to get approval for it—thus taking the responsibility from the Lewis administration.

This scheme must be fought to the death and if reports from Illinois are correct, the coming progressive conference will get mass support from the membership in the campaign against the wage cut and the Lewis machine and for 100 per cent support of the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike which the conference is intended to stimulate.

Developments in Illinois, both among the operators and in the union, are of first importance in the national struggle and should be watched closely by the union membership in all other districts.

The Illinois conference may in all probability mark a turning point in the great struggle of the miners for their union, their living standards and for the whole working class.

## Dr. Frank Bohn a Loyal Servant of Capitalism

Typical of the ignorance and idiocy of the frenzied patriotic societies is the action of small business men of Cranford, New Jersey, in trying to prevent the respectable and very yellow Dr. Frank Bohn speaking at a forum in that community.

The Cranford heresy hunting society charged Bohn with being in sympathy with the I. W. W., and claimed he was a Bolshevik. Mr. Bohn indignantly denied the charge and announced that he was going to speak. His denial contains the boast that he was "the first American to expose the Bolshevik movement following its success in Russia in 1917."

While it is true that Bohn has devoted his talents to reviling the workers' and peasants' government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, he can hardly claim to have "exposed" it, because for one reason, he is incapable of understanding it. Bohn only perceives in Bolshevism the most potent enemy of that identical capitalist system that he once tried to assail while posing as a revolutionary in the ranks of the socialist party in the days before the war. Before the first blare of the trumpets of war sent this poseur scurrying into the ranks of the apologists of American imperialism, Bohn made an easy living travelling about the country delivering lectures before socialist and other working class groups for the sum of \$50 per lecture, when many of his betters were doing the essential but less spectacular work of trying to build up a revolutionary movement. Bohn was one of those who came into the socialist movement from the intelligentsia and immediately assumed the pose of a self-appointed leader. After a short experience in the socialist labor party he was given the bum's rush by Daniel DeLeon, and landed in the socialist party, from whence he migrated to the I. W. W. section of that party, where he declared that only dolts would indulge in organization for political action and that the road to working class emancipation was through industrial unions that would lock out the capitalist class and place industry in the hands of the workers (leaving the capitalist state unscathed). Bohn adopted a purely anarcho-syndicalist position, ignoring completely the role of the capitalist government as an instrument for holding the working class in subjection.

## ON HIS LAST LEGS!



Tory Britain, on its last legs, is leading the imperialist attack on the Soviet Union.

# The Working Class Woman as a Factor in National Politics

By REBECCA GRECHT.

THE Third National Conference on the Cause and Cure for War has come and gone.

Nine women's organizations, including the National League of Women Voters, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Women's Trade Union League, etc., and claiming a membership running into the millions, sent their representatives to Washington, D. C., to see, it was said, what the women of America could do to stop war.

At the time the conference met, congress was considering a naval building program involving the expenditure of over seven hundred million dollars, and the capitalist press was flooding the nation with propaganda for the "biggest navy in the world." Marine reinforcements were being sent to Nicaragua to carry out Wall Street's imperialist designs in its "unofficial" war of aggression. The two most powerful oil trusts in the world—the Standard Oil of New York, and the Royal Dutch Shell Combine of Great Britain, had declared a "war to the finish" in their competitive struggle for markets and raw materials. In short, the political atmosphere was charged with militarism, and the possibilities of new international conflicts appeared as menacing realities.

Yet, confronted by such a situation, the conference met, talked, disbanded, with the same net result as the first two conferences held—the strengthening of democratic pacifist illusions, the further tightening of the grip of capitalist imperialism upon the minds of the women of America.

The keynote of the conference was struck by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, a leader of the National League of Women Voters, who quite definitely declared that the conference opposed scrapping armies and navies, that there must be no opposition to full preparations for "defense." Intervention in Nicaragua was brushed aside with platitudes about the establishment of good will between the United States and Latin America. The economic basis of wars, which the staunchest advocates of American imperialism to-day admit, was completely hidden beneath corrupting talk of men's "war minds," and of "rock-ribbed treaties" to outlaw war.

Not a single working-class note was struck, not even by representatives of the Women's Trade Union League, which obviously follows the official American Federation of Labor policy of supporting Wall Street. From first to last the conference exhibited its complete subservience to American imperialism, adding its share to the insidious influences of capitalist propaganda.

Certainly the working women of America, upon whom falls heavily the burdens of war, had nothing to expect from a gathering almost entirely representative of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois women's organizations. But the conference was significant in again demonstrating the political methods by which capitalism in this country seeks to mobilize the women in support of its institutions and policies.

With the passage of the women's suffrage amendment to the constitution in 1919, enfranchising about twenty million women, they became a political factor which could no longer be ignored. The granting of this

democratic "privilege" came as the result of the tremendous influx of women into American industry. The development of capitalism has drawn millions of women into the vortex of industrial exploitation. There are eight and a half million women engaged in gainful occupations, of whom two-fifths are under 25 years of age, and two million are married.

Women Make Munitions. Not alone in those industries which have been regarded as traditionally hers—such as textile and clothing—because they were the first to utilize her labor power, but in many different industries that have been considered as man's monopoly, have women come to stay. During the last war, hundreds of thousands of women contributed their labor power in the manufacture of munitions and other implements of warfare, finding their place also on railroads, in foundries, electrical establishments, shipbuilding companies, automobile factories, glass plants, etc. Capitalist industry draws no distinction of sex where hands are able to manipulate machines and otherwise carry on the work of men, especially when woman labor is adaptable and cheap.

The use of women in industry during the war opened for capitalism new and tremendous possibilities for industrial mobilization in the next great conflict. Her continuation in these industries after the war, the steady growth of the number of women engaged in industry, has created a tremendous industrial army leading to her recognition as an essential and significant element in industry and labor.

This, together with her entrance directly upon the political arena through the suffrage amendment, has gradually established her as a factor not alone in industry, but in politics as well. Capitalism has been quick to recognize women's political potentialities, quick to devise means to harness her in its class interests.

Try to Preserve Reaction. Numerous bourgeois women's organizations have sprung up all over the country, aiming to bind women closely to the capitalist system through the medium of the capitalist political parties, and striving to utilize this vast reserve of political power for the buttressing and strengthening of the capitalist state and capitalist political institutions.

There is the National League of Women Voters, formed after the passage of the women's suffrage amendment. Branches have been established in more than three-fourths of the 43 congressional districts in the United States. Their aim is, to train women in citizenship from a non-partisan viewpoint—which from the workers point of view means to bind them to capitalist politics. In fact, the League urges work through the existing capitalist parties, in no way operates against them, and leading women of the democratic and republican parties are prominent members of it. While it proposes to pay special attention to the "human welfare" side of government, especially as concerns women, a review of its convention proceedings—1923 and 1925—and a statement of its leaders, shows a complete disregard of women's position in industry, the bitter exploitation to which she is subjected, and problems of legal protection such as minimum wage laws, etc.

But he soon completed the easy transition from anarcho-syndicalism to downright imperialist patriotism, and for more than ten years now, he has devoted his talents to trying to live down his past in the labor movement. He is now devoting his talents to rendering the same service to the capitalist class in their own camp, that James Oneal and other of his former comrades in the socialist party are rendering inside the movement. It is a sight to evoke laughter from the gods of irony when one eminent patriot attacks a renegade on the basis of his past.

Ignore Women's Needs.

A typical illustration of the character of this organization was given by the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters at its state conference held several months ago. Meeting at a time when thousands of miners' wives and children were suffering untold hardship and misery in the strike region of Western Pennsylvania, bearing the terrible burdens of evictions, hunger, attacks by coal and iron police; when the entire labor movement was feeling itself shaken by the combined attack of the coal operators and state and local political forces against the miners and their union, this league practically ignored the strike. Instead, it spent the time discussing how to prevent election frauds and make polling places safe for the women voter.

The "human welfare" sides of government becomes, then, merely a phrase behind which the League of Women Voters spreads all kinds of democratic illusions.

Millionaires' Wives Lead.

Then there is the national women's party, led by wives of millionaires, with a program of "equal rights" for capitalist exploitation of the woman worker as well as the men. It is engaged in a campaign of sharp opposition to all special legislation protecting the working woman, planning to call its fight directly into congress. At present it is preparing to fight for the abolition of the law in New York State prohibiting night work for women. All this is done in the name of women's "economic freedom." Actually, the aim of the Woman's Party is to assist big business in its attack upon the working class of America.

Both the democratic and republican parties have established women's clubs to agitate for women's votes. In New York State, the last conference of the democratic party decided on the election in the primaries of a state committee of 300 instead of 100, to make provision for women. In Illinois, a state convention of republican women's clubs was held last year, led by the wives of prominent Illinois millionaires, such as Ruth Hanna McCormack. All the clubs established are becoming increasingly active in political campaigns as both parties turn their attention to influencing women politically.

Perhaps most outspoken in their anti-working-class and super-patriotic character are such organizations as the American Legion Auxiliary, whose name is self-explanatory, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, with branches in the principle cities, founded "to foster and promote patriotism, to keep alive a deep and abiding love for our country and its institutions"—and, it may be added, to attack every movement, every action that tends towards progressivism in politics or industry.

These and other similar organizations have just held in Washington, D. C., the Woman's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. Here we found the most outspoken expression of American chauvinism among women. Organizations openly applauding American imperialism, with an army and navy strong enough to effectively make the world safe for Wall Street; openly ally themselves with all the forces of reaction in their attacks upon the working class of America, and the proletarian dictatorship of the Soviet Union.

This Conference differed from the earlier conference on the cause and cure of war only in method, not in fundamental principles. The belligerent 100 per cent Americans who composed the patriotic gathering may accept enthusiastically American war preparations, and fall into ecstasy when they see a soldier or sailor in uniform, while the more gentle ladies who came together before them may pretend to adopt a more critical at-

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## N.Y. Labor Goes to the Theatre

By WALT CARMON.

I HAVE a most interesting list before me. It should tell us whether workers would go to a distinctly labor theatre.

They do in Russia. Every night the theatres of Moscow are packed to the doors with workers. Performances of new plays are first presented to members of trade unions, and at all performances, special low rates are made for trade union members and workers in the factories. These workers want something new. Something closer to their own lives. A new viewpoint, a new presentation—a new theatre. In Germany, also, the workers' theatre is no longer an experiment.

But the labor movement is comparatively small in the United States. It is unjust to expect of it the development of labor theatres as they exist in Russia or in Germany. The American labor movement still lacks more important things than a labor theatre. Yet in New York, a group of talented and courageous people are striving to establish a distinctly labor theatre, convinced that it could be done even now. They believe that workers will come to see their plays; that a stage presenting the workers' viewpoint would secure working class support—even in the face of competition from Broadway and the movies.

The New Playwrights have written their own plays, brought a new original presentation to their stage, and made their appeal to the workers of New York. They made special inducements to labor groups to bring them to their performances. Did they come to the theatre? Three plays have been presented for a month each. The fourth is now ready. The facts are in this interesting list I have before me.

Only the Teachers' Union and the Joint Board of the Furriers and Cloakmakers reserved the theatre for special performances of "The Bolt," the first play. Individual workers came to the theatre, many of them. They came, they saw and they talked about it. It was, they said, a little "arty." But labor is a generous critic. They sensed in this play of the Ford factories the feel of a life that was their own. They liked it.

When "The Centuries" was presented, the Window Cleaners Union, the Colorado Miners' Relief, Working Class Housewives and other labor organizations came in body. Before the third play, "The International" completed its arranged run of four weeks, the three plays were reserved for special performances of 27 different trade unions, fraternal and political organizations of labor. Miners' Relief, Brookwood College, Plumbers' Relief, DAILY WORKER, "Weekly People," League For Mutual Aid—all sections of labor found the stage of the New Playwrights sincere and worthwhile. They criticized plenty, they debated more, but they came in increasing numbers.

And now a fourth play about to be presented. Michael Gold's "Hoboken Blues" begins on February 17. Following plays of the Ford factory, Jewish life on the East Side of New York, and the broader theme of the international struggle for oil, the Negro worker comes to the stage of the New Playwrights. This is subject matter for a workers' theatre.

Let's look again at this list. At each of the first three plays presented, increasingly more labor organizations came. Today, several days before the presentation of "Hoboken Blues" also to be presented for only four weeks, 15 nights have already been reserved for labor organizations. They still come: the International Seaman's Club, the Workers School, Lower Bronx Labor Center, Jewish Workers' University. Some organizations are coming for the second time.

Here's sunshine in the gloom of all the worries of the New Playwrights. Labor organizations are coming back for more. Every night they are not turning crowds away from the doors. Not yet. But the directors are looking at the list of "sold out" nights for "Hoboken Blues" and they are already getting busy on the play that is to follow. They look at the list again and they are even laying plans for next season.

Will workers come to their theatre instead of the propaganda and hokum-filled stage of Broadway? The New Playwrights were not sure of this themselves only a short while ago. You may recall some of their complaints in The DAILY WORKER.

Just now they are busy rehearsing "Hoboken Blues." They are singing, acting and painting scenery.

## Even Health Commissioner Warns Against Quackery

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Women are warned against seeking false beauty in plastic operations, by Health Commissioner Kegel and other physicians. The warning was virtually forced from the commissioner by the strength of public indignation aroused at the case of Miss Sadie Holland, whose life was barely saved after the amputation of both her legs after an operation which was intended to straighten them.

Even the journal of the American Association says: "Each of our large