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UNION OFFICIALS PREVENT TRACTON STRIKE VOTE

Coal Miners Respond to the "Save-the-Union" Call With Mass Picketing

WOMEN, CHILDREN ANSWERING "SAVE THE UNION" PLEA

The Committee Predicts Certain Victory

PITTSBURGH, March 6. — The call by the "Save-the-Union Committee" of the miners, for a national progressive conference to be held here on April 1, comes at a time when mass risings of the rank and file miners are being witnessed in scores of districts in the mine fields.

Mass Picketing Spreading. Mass picketing, the "Save-the-Union Committee" pointed out, is developing in many parts of the country and is being led in many instances by women and children. "Such spirit after nearly a year of bitter struggle and suffering is a warning to the operators and the Lewis machine. The stamina and courage of the miners has not been beaten down as the boss-union officials combination has supposed.

In the Pittsburgh districts, in Bairdford, in Racoon, in Steubenville, Ohio, in a score of other sections and districts the rising power of the miners assisted by their wives and children is giving expression to the inevitableness of the struggle and the certainty of victory.

Pittston Power. "The developments in Pittston where nearly two thousand miners have flatly rejected the treacherous proposals of 'peace' by the Pennsylvania Coal Company are of the greatest significance. In addition there is the tremendous development of numbers of local unions which have already passed resolutions demanding the spreading of the strike, mass picketing and the resignation of the Lewis-Cappellini-Kennedy machine.

"All eyes to the Pittsburgh conference April 1! Win the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike! Organize the unorganized fields! The Lewis machine must go!"

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

RACON, Pa., March 6. — With banners bearing slogans urging the miners to continue the fight to win the strike, about two thousand men, women and children marched to the tipple of the Shinn Coal Company mine on March 3 and succeeded in inducing four of the strikebreakers to come out of the workmen.

The strikers and sympathizers got around the inevitable injunction against trespassing on company property by securing permission from a friendly farmer to use an adjacent piece of land for demonstration purposes.

Soviet Union to Build 4 New Machine Shops

The Soviet Union, thru the Orgametal Company, a Soviet trust in charge of machine manufacturing, has awarded a contract to the Teft-Pierce Manufacturing Company, of Woonsocket, R. I., which appoints them as advisors to the construction of a sewing-machine factory near Moscow. The Orgametal is engineering the building of four machine building plants in the Soviet Union which are to cost \$34,000,000. Fourteen American manufacturers will have exhibits of permanent machine tools at an exhibition to be staged in Moscow in May.

Report Nicaragua Fight

MANAGUA, Mar. 6. — The opening of the Nicaraguan congress was postponed from yesterday until this afternoon. The chief piece of legislation before it is the measure to empower the United States to supervise the general election.

A rumor that U. S. marines exchanged shots with guerillas near San Juan de Telpaneca is not confirmed.

LINDBERGH IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Charles Lindbergh dropped into Washington this morning at Bolling Field from Belleville, Illinois.

HORTHY, BETHLEN KILL WORKERS; SEEK MORE FUNDS IN U. S.



Five hundred representatives of the Horthy white guard regime in Hungary are reported en route from Budapest to New York to participate in the unveiling of a statue of Kossuth, the Hungarian liberator, on Riverside Drive. Among them is Count Bethlen, Hungarian prime minister, shown here at the left. At the extreme right, above, is Horthy, Hungarian regent, head of the government, maintained in the interests of the wealthy land-owners, manufacturers and nobles. Between them are the photographs of four victims of their terrorism. Two of them Rakosi and Weinberger, members of the Hungarian Communist Party, are still in prison in Hungary and plots are said to be on foot to kill them before their release. Kervin and Kerekes, also party members, were among those hanged in the reaction of 1919 when an effort was made in vain to suppress all working class expression. The Horthy delegation hopes to raise a loan here for a continuance of its repressive rule.

WORKERS, PEASANTS PUSH ON TO CANTON

CANTON, Mar. 6.—An attack on Canton by well-trained and well-drilled worker-peasant troops is feared by the Kuomintang authorities here. Spontaneous peasant revolts in the East River district, just east of Canton, are also reported.

Sweeping south from Hunan province, the worker-peasant armies have captured numerous villages. They were reported several weeks ago to be besieging Kweilin, the old capital city of Kwangsi province.

Fearing an attack on Canton, the Canton authorities have recalled 25,000 troops from Kweilin where they were rushed in an attempt to stem the advance of the worker-peasant armies. Altho the government forces outnumber the worker-peasant armies, the latter are extremely well-organized and disciplined. Any attack on the city by the advancing troops would be supported (Continued on Page Three)

TRY JOINT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY

Suddenly Call the Cases Delayed Since 1926

The long delayed cases of Elias Maris, head of the picket committee in the 1926 general strike, and Joseph Goretzky, manager of Local 35 of the New York Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers Union, were suddenly called to trial yesterday and were postponed for this morning when they will be tried in the Court of General Sessions Part 4. The workers are facing charges of assault and conspiracy.

Walsh Attorney. Frank P. Walsh appeared for the defendants yesterday and is to assume charge of the case thruout the trial which will be held before Judge Muirqueen.

Marks and Goretzky were first indicted during the cloakmakers' general strike of 1926 in a joint effort by the employers and police to cripple the strike of the workers by arresting the leading fighters. In this they were assisted by the right wing "Forward" machine which was the most vicious in attacking the left wing leadership of the strike.

Held for Months. After being held in prison for many months, together with other active participants in the struggle who were subsequently sentenced to jail terms, Marks and Goretzky were finally released on bail pending their trial.

MINERICH FIGHT AROUSES MINERS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 6.—With the granting of an appeal to Anthony Minerich, chairman of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, convicted of a violation of a federal injunction against mass picketing in the coal strike, the first test of the injunction in the great bituminous struggle has gotten under way.

Minerich, who was sentenced to forty-five days in jail last Friday on a charge of having violated the strike-breaking decree in a speech delivered at Lansing, Ohio, to a mass meeting of striking miners in which he is said to have urged the smashing of the injunction, appeared in court this morning with his counsel, Joseph Shafts of Dayton and Mrs. Dora Sandos Bachman.

CARNIVAL WILL AID PRISONERS OF GLASS WAR

Unique Programs for Five-Day Affair

Thousands of workers of New York City and environs will gather tonight at 8 o'clock in New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., to attend the opening of the annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense. The bazaar will be opened by Pascal Cosgrove, secretary-organizer of the Hotel, Restaurant and Food Workers' Union, who will discuss the work and the significance of the International Labor Defense. This will be followed by a program of dances by Helmi Korknobel, a pupil of Veronine Vestloff, and songs by Lilly Korknobel. Children's Day.

Tomorrow the program will be in charge of Finnish workers. Friday will be Hungarian and German night and will be devoted to folk dances, songs, exhibitions and a one-act sketch by the Prolet Buehne.

A feature of special interest will be Children's Day, Saturday afternoon. The Pioneers will play a prominent part in this program, which will include special music for the children. Saturday night workers of many nationalities will join in an international costume ball, the chief event of the bazaar. Prizes will be given for the best and most original costumes.

Trade Union Night. Sunday evening, the closing night of the bazaar, will be Trade Union night, with a concert by the Brooklyn Art Trio.

The finishing touches are now being put on the 30 booths which will be conducted by the various labor and fraternal organizations, representing workers of many nationalities that are cooperating in the bazaar. Articles of all sorts will be sold. There will be games and entertainment as well as dancing every evening.

The annual bazaar is the chief source of funds for the International Labor Defense and the proceeds will be used to defend workers now under indictment or behind prison bars.

"From the heart of the striking coal district where many of us have been on strike for months, we are sending you all we can afford, \$25, for the Defense Fund to save THE DAILY WORKER from the attacks that the United States government is making against our paper," writes a group of Jugo-Slav workers in Pittsburgh. "Twenty-five dollars is a small sum," the letter continues, "but it seems a large amount to any of us. Many of us have been striking since last spring. Often we wonder where the next meal is coming from. Our wives and our children need food and clothing. We do not speak for ourselves. "But there is a stronger duty for us workers than feeding and clothing ourselves. This week we held a Ruthenberg Memorial Meeting in Pittsburgh to commemorate the

RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL AGAINST WALL ST. WAR

Raising the slogan, "Smash the Yoke of American Imperialism," thousands who demand independence for the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Haiti and Nicaragua will throng to the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., Sunday to honor the memory of the anti-imperialist fighter, C. E. Ruthenberg.

Pointing to Washington reports that plans are being made to increase the enlisted strength of the United States marine corps by several thousand men, William W. Weinstein, secretary of the New York district of the Workers (Communist) Party, declared yesterday: "More marines mean more bullets against Gen. Sando and his Nicaraguan army of independence."

The First Memorial. At the Sunday meeting the New York labor movement will observe the first anniversary of Ruthenberg's death. The meeting will mark the (Continued on Page Five)

TREASURY BANS SOVIET GOLD

WASHINGTON, March 6. — The treasury department today declined to assay the \$5,000,000 in Soviet Russian gold which recently arrived in New York consigned to the care of the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company. The refusal followed a decision of the attorney general that the treasury department will not in the future be permitted to assay Russian gold, under the embargo act of 1920 against the importation of Soviet Gold. The Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company were informed that they must guarantee title to the gold if the gold were to be assayed. This the banks declined to do, stating they were acting only as agents for the U. S. S. R. The state department, following the arrival of the gold, declared that it would not oppose the assaying.

Efforts are continuing to identify a 35-year-old worker who was found unconscious in the New York Central R. R. tunnel north of Grand Central Terminal. He had crawled into the tunnel and was found huddling against the steam pipes. He died shortly after being taken to the emergency hospital in the terminal.

Christopher Grace, weak from starvation, collapsed in the lobby of a lodging house at 189 Park Row. Bart advised the young seamen (Continued on Page Five)

GERMAN TAILORS ASK RAISE

BERLIN, March 6.—The German custom tailor workers have demanded from their employers a 25 per cent wage increase.

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MASS DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE FIGHT IS DISREGARDED

Hedley Turns Down All Union Proposals

The overwhelming sentiment of the New York traction workers for an immediate strike was overridden last night when William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Union, called off the meeting at Harlem Casino at which a strike vote was to have been taken.

Mahon's action came barely one hour after Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., turned down every proposal made by the union. The union official, who had just returned from a conference with Mayor Walker in whose hands he appears to have turned over the traction organization, announced that consideration of a strike had been postponed until Saturday.

It also followed a series of dramatic events earlier in the day. As was predicted in THE DAILY WORKER, the union officials have from the beginning sought to avoid the inevitable strike action.

Tammany Game.

While rank and file opposition to the continued maneuvers with the city officials had risen to the point of open rebellion by the men, the officials continued to play the game of Tammany Hall which is seeking to avoid a strike before election.

That the Interborough, for its own good reasons, is trying to force a strike became evident quite early in the developments. Early in the afternoon this fact was again borne out by the open challenge made by Hedley and Quackenbush to the Amalgamated to fight it out. In a decision on the case of the twenty-one men discharged for their union activities, the Interborough flatly refused even to consider the question of their reinstatement. Not only did the company refuse this demand but it issued a scathing defiance to the Amalgamated by the brazen statement that (Continued on Page Five)

EXPOSE AL SMITH AS MISLEADER

Communist Statement Attacks State A. F. L.

ALBANY, Mar. 6.—The New York State Federation of Labor yesterday gave Gov. Smith its formal endorsement for the democratic presidential nomination. The endorsement was signed by John Sullivan, president of the state federation, Clarence F. Conboy, A. W. Sherman, and Joseph A. Mullaney.

The endorsement of Gov. Smith by the State Federation of Labor was yesterday assailed as another step in the betrayal of the workers by the reactionary labor officials in a statement by William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2 of the Workers (Communist) Party. The statement follows in full:

The endorsement of Gov. Smith by the New York State Federation of Labor is another act of treachery of the Tammany Hall henchmen against the working class. It is part of the "non-partisan" policy of these misleaders of labor. Capitalist Tool.

Al. Smith is a tool of Wall Street and their leading spokesmen in the country at the present time for the complete centralization of government against the labor movement. This centralization of government of which the four year term is a part, has meant more injunctions, more police violence, more disruption (Continued on Page Five)

Passaic Strikers Fined

PASSAIC, N. J., March 6.—The six striking workers of the Nain Cloak Co., who were arrested Friday for picketing were today fined \$10 and \$15. The workers were among the forty who were locked out by the Nain Co. after they had refused to register with the International of the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

STARVING, BUT SEND \$25 TO "DAILY"

Striking Pennsylvania Miners Rush to Defend Their Paper

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# Philadelphia Forms Daily Worker "Builders" Club to Aid Labor Press

## RAVITCH LEADS ORGANIZATION OF NEW GROUP

### Work Is Already Well Under Way

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 6.—Declaring that The DAILY WORKER "Builders Clubs" are the strong foundation on which we must base the whole future of The DAILY WORKER defense, subscription and circulation activity throughout the United States, A. Ravitch, circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER, addressed a meeting of agents, subscribers and readers of the paper in Philadelphia at the Free Letts Hall, 531 North Seventh St.

Ravitch Describes Crisis. The large meeting listened while Ravitch outlined the crisis thru which the only militant English labor daily in the world is now passing. The speaker drew attention to the campaign of reaction which the militarist and patriotic associations, agents of the United States government, are now carrying on against the workers' press.

"Who is in the vanguard of the working class frustrating these attacks?" the speaker asked. "It is these organizations of militant workers, subscribers to and readers of The DAILY WORKER who are taking the front rank position in defending their paper from the offensive which its class enemies have launched against it."

Ravitch then emphasized the vital importance of establishing a "Builders' Club" in Philadelphia where such an organization had never been formed. He was seconded by discussion arising on the floor and it was decided to proceed at once with the work of creating a strong fighting DAILY WORKER "Builders' Club" in District 3.

Elect Committee. A temporary committee was elected immediately with Frank Hillman as chairman. The committee will work out concrete organizational plans and later call a further meeting for their consideration.

March 10 was the date set for the later meeting which will take place in the same hall.

Preparations for publicity to acquaint the workers with the formation of the Builders' Clubs has been started. The DAILY WORKER Defense Drive, the Ruthenberg Sustaining Fund, work for the May Day edition of the paper and a Philadelphia section meeting set for May 1, have already been decided upon by the committee.

Intensive plans for the free distribution of The DAILY WORKER among the thousands of Philadelphia workers is also being pushed by the newly formed organization.

## MINERS HUNGRY BUT AID "DAILY"

### Strikers Give Last Cent for Paper

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movement and strangle our DAILY WORKER. We will never permit them to do this.

"We are only carrying out the instructions that were left us by Charles E. Ruthenberg, not only as his dying request, but from the example of the best part of his life, in rallying every cent we can possibly spare to defend the paper which defends us against our capitalist enemies.

### Their DAILY WORKER.

"Here in Pittsburgh and in all the mining region for miles around there is such suffering and destitution as you never saw and we have seldom seen before. The children go hungry and in rags. We have no food and no clothes. Of course, the Miners Relief is doing a great deal to help us but we can't expect them to do everything. Everywhere the Coal and Iron police beat up the miners, break up the meetings, club us, jail us, help the bosses starve and crush us. Only The DAILY WORKER and the Workers Party aids us in our terrible struggle.

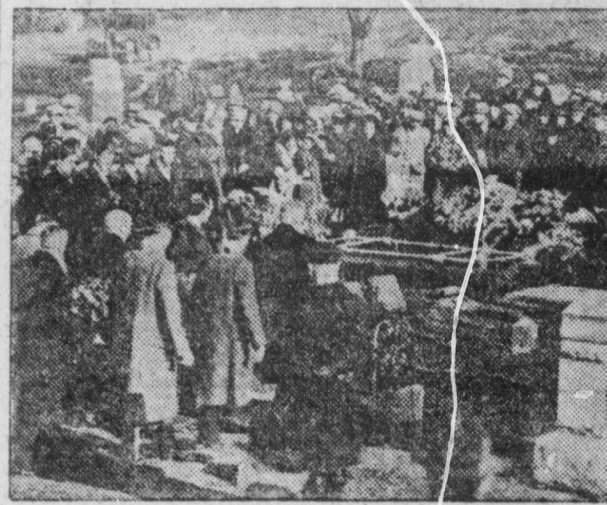
"We have almost no money. But so long as we have a cent it shall go to defend the paper that defends us and is threatened, too, now by the same enemies who are trying to crush us.

"But we couldn't save The DAILY WORKER alone. We beg all the militant workers everywhere in the United States to come, like us, to the defense of their paper and give, as we are giving, all that they have to save The DAILY WORKER. Let us make a working class demonstration against our capitalist oppressors. Long live The DAILY WORKER."

The above is only one of many received daily at the office of The DAILY WORKER and which will be printed from time to time.

Follow the appeal these starving, but courageous proletarian fighters make. Rush your contributions to 33 First St., New York City.

## MINERS MOURN LEADER; COMMERCE FOLLOWS ARMY SOUTHWARD



At the left above militant members of the United Mine Workers of America with members of their families are shown at the funeral service at Pittston, Pa., for Alex Campbell, shot and killed with Peter Reilly for opposition to the mine operators and for exposing the destructive policies of the Lewis-Cappellini machine. In the next photograph U. S. military planes are shown flying over the volcano Momotombo in Nicaragua. The planes are flying from Managua to participate in an attack on Gen. Sandino's small but heroic army of liberation. At the right are Charles Levine, habitual passenger, Mabel Boll and Pilot Stutz, before their flight from Mitchell Field, Long Island, to Havana, Cuba. Levine's jowl's indicate that the flying business is good. With the marine corps in Nicaragua and Lindbergh's promotion-flight completed, the commercial flyers of the United States are anxious to beat European interests to South and Central American business opportunities. Levine arrived in Havana



## COAL BARONS IN RENEWED ATTACK

### Relief Committee Aids Miners

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 6.—No sooner had the senate sub-committee investigating the coal strike left this city than the Pittsburgh Coal Company, leader in the union-smashing conspiracy of the coal operators, opened up a heavy advertising campaign to counteract the unfavorable publicity received during the time the senators were in the Pittsburgh district.

Full page advertisements appeared in the three local papers in which the giant coal corporation attempted to prove that it had not violated the Jacksonville agreement, and that its employees were well taken care of despite the statement of a member of the senatorial committee that the strikers and the strikebreakers were forced to live in quarters not fit for swine.

Bide Time. While the senators were here, the operators were on their good behavior and their armed thugs refrained from indulging their sadist propensities by acts of violence against the strikers and their families. But no sooner did the committee leave for Washington than the operators returned to their old tricks.

The operators of the fatal Kinko mine at Parnassus, where at least twelve strikebreakers were killed in an explosion two weeks ago, got the county sheriff to post proclamations warning the strikers against meeting in groups near the mine and curtailing their picketing force from 20 to 8.

### Miners Power Rises.

On the other hand, the miners are demonstrating that they are not relying on the senatorial investigation to win the strike for them. In Racoon one thousand miners marched to the tipple of the Shin Coal Company which attempted to open its mine with strikebreakers. The company had engaged twenty scabs who were preparing to get the mine in working order. The demonstrators called on the strikebreakers to be men and come out of the workings. One colored man stopped working and left the tipple while the others scurried for safety. There was no violence. The strikers were peaceful but the presence of such a large body of men awed the scabs.

The Racoon local is receiving relief from the Pennsylvania and Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, the members unanimously voting to reject the orders of the Fagan organizer, (Feras) not to have anything to do with the committee.

## Clement Proves Alibi

Louis Clement today established an alibi proving he was in New York the night Margaret Brown, Park Avenue governess, was burned to death in New Jersey, according to the police. Since Clement's voluntary surrender, detectives have found the former suspect was at work as a dishwasher in a Nassau St. cafeteria when Miss Brown's body was discovered.

## Icor Concert

A concert and mass meeting will be held for Icor Sunday, March 15, at 2 p. m. at Tammany Hall, 145 E. 14th St. A visitor from the Soviet Union will speak on the accomplishments in Jewish colonization there. Soloists scheduled to appear include Serge Radomsky, Scipione Guidi and Theodore Cella.

## FLYERS FAIL TO FLY.

DETROIT, March 6.—Eddie Stinson, world war flyer and George Haldeman, trans-Atlantic aviator failed to take off this morning in an attempt to establish a new endurance record. One wheel crashed through the ice of Lake St. Clair.

## FACULTY ACTS AGAINST YOUTH IN WAR MATTER

George Bronz, manager of the College of the City of New York debating team, who recently arranged a debate on the question, "Should the Marines Protect American Investments Abroad," between the College of the City of New York and Trinity College, has been suspended from all extra-curricular activities by faculty action. The debate was held at City College last Friday.

This comes only two weeks after a similar action by the faculty in suspending Simon W. Gerson, president of the Social Problems Club, from extra-curricular activities.

Club Backs Gerson. The Social Problems Club unanimously resolved last week to recognize their president as such in spite of the protest and will continue in its policy to clamp the lid tighter and tighter on all student expression against militarism in schools and colleges or in opposition to the college administration.

Altho no reason for the suspension of either of the students was given, it is recognized by the student body that the action was taken because of their opposition to militarism.

## CONTINUE MINE RELIEF DRIVE

### Partial Report Issued by Committee

As many stations have not yet reported, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, was unable to give a full report yesterday of the proceeds of the three-day tag day collection of last week-end. The Workers International Relief is cooperating with the relief committee.

### Ray Rosen, one of 15 arrested last week-end for collecting funds was given a suspended sentence in the Brooklyn Magistrates Court yesterday morning. Irving Breyer, another defendant, will be tried tomorrow in the third district magistrates court. The other workers appeared for trial earlier in the week. Twelve were given suspended sentences and one was fined \$10.

### For the Miners.

The list of stations which follows and amounts collected represents only part of the funds:

60 St. Marks Place, \$172.86; Harlem Stations \$725.92; 2901 Mermaid Ave., \$100.59; West Bronx Jewish Workers Club, \$47.70; 715 E. 136th St., \$149.38; Delicatessen Counter-men's Union, \$15.15; 101 W. 27th St., \$633.05; Unity Co-op. House, \$129.80; Bronx Jewish Workers Club, \$291.13; 2700 Bronx Park E., \$308.65; Orig. Ass'n Russian Workers, \$60.13; National Jewish Co-op. House, \$222.00; 1940 Benson Ave., \$98.61.

### Women Continue Drive.

This includes only the adult committee volunteers. The youth committee and children's committee have still to estimate the amounts collected by the young workers and school children.

The women workers decided to extend tag day collections to the end of the week.

## Right Wing Fur Head Forced to Resign; Had Caused Loss of Strike

Moe Harris, right wing business agent of the Rabbit Dressers' Local 53 of the International Fur Workers' Union, offered to resign at a recent meeting, and it was accepted by an overwhelming majority, it became known last night. The reason offered by Harris was that he is "ill" and wants to take an extended rest.

Since a local meeting held toward the end of the recently lost strike in which the workers were forced to accept a 15 per cent wage reduction, it has been definitely known that Harris' resignation was imminent. At that meeting many members openly accused Harris of causing the loss of the strike by shady dealings with the employers. Harris had then demanded a vote of confidence, but the eagerness of the workers to come to a vote on the question caused him to withdraw his original request.

## Illustrated Labor Weekly Distributed

The Workers International Relief, 1 Union Square, has become the sole distributing agent for North and South America of the Arbeiter Illustrierter Zeitung, known as A I Z, an illustrated weekly magazine published by the international organization of the Workers International Relief in Berlin.

The A I Z, the only illustrated labor weekly, has a circulation of more than 200,000 in Germany alone.

A novel by Alexei Tolstoy has just been completed and a new novel by Liam O'Flaherty, describing the 1916 uprisings in Ireland, will begin soon. Distributing centers for the A I Z will be established throughout the United States and the other countries of both Americas. It is announced.

## TAMMANY MEN AID LANDLORDS

### Will Pigeon-hole Bills Extending Rent Laws

ALBANY, March 6.—With the consent of high Tammany politicians, including Gov. Smith, all bills to extend the Emergency Rent Laws, which expire June 1, this year, will be pigeonholed until the close of the present session of the state legislature, it was learned from reliable sources today.

More than any other man, Gov. Smith, elected on a "better housing" slogan, is helping the powerful real estate lobby to permit the Emergency Rent Laws to die a natural death. For more than a week he has in his hands the report of the state housing commission on whether an emergency does or does not exist, in their opinion, and had refused to make it public.

### Helps Landlords.

This report is said to be unfavorable to the tenants. Credence is given to this rumor because the commission, in recommending the extension of the rent laws last year, said there would not be any emergency after June 1, 1928.

Having forestalled the issue for so long, Gov. Smith has made it virtually impossible for the scores of tenants' organizations to mobilize demonstrations sufficiently powerful to force the legislators, fearful of losing votes, to extend the rent laws before the legislature adjourns.

All standing committees of the legislature, with the exception of the judiciary committee, went out of existence today. This means that it will be impossible to hold a joint open hearing on whether a shortage of relatively moderate priced apartments does or does not exist, as was done in former years.

### To Raise Workers' Rent.

Tens of thousands of workers living in apartments renting at \$15 per room and less per month will have their rent raised after June 1 if the Emergency Rent Laws die. There will be no check on the landlords. They may double a tenant's rent or dispossess any tenant within five days.

Tenants living in apartments renting \$15 per room and less cannot now be dispossessed except for non-payment of rent and unless the landlord himself wants to occupy his apartment. The real estate lobby is reported to have spent several fortunes this year and is expecting to "harvest" after June 1.

### Housing Crisis Severe.

Tenants' leaders assert that the housing crisis is worse than at any time in the past five years because the so-called building boom has been confined only to high-priced apartments renting between \$18 and \$25 per room.

They point to the unemployment situation which Gov. Smith's own state industrial commissioner reported was the worst in six years, as an added reason why the death of the rent laws will cause much suffering.

## MIKE GOLD ON RADIO.

Mike Gold, co-director of the New Playwrights Theatre broadcasted a number of his poems from Station WEVD last night as part of the weekly "Rebel Nights" program which is being conducted by Henry Reich, Jr., every Tuesday at 10:30 p. m.

## Charles Levine, Comic Hero, Arrives in Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Mar. 6.—Charles A. Levine, chronic flyer, arrived here at 1:35 p. m. today in his Bellanca monoplane "Columbia" after a 1,600-mile flight from Mitchell Field, New York.

He was accompanied by Wilmer Stultz, pilot and Miss Mabel Boll, known as "Queen of Diamonds" because of her collection of jewels.

## 90% OF GROCERS SIGN WITH UNION

The general strike call Tuesday on the day of expiration of the agreement of the employers with the Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union, met with such an enthusiastic response that over 90 per cent of the employers have already renewed their contracts with the strikers. This was the announcement made by the leaders of the strike committee at their headquarters, 117 Second Ave., yesterday.

In addition to getting a renewal of contracts with the store owners, the strike was called to organize the Brooklyn stores many of which are open shops. To aid the strike, all New York clerks as well as those in Brooklyn union shops, are out on a stoppage that is to last several days, according to the union. Many are acting as committees to visit non-union shops and to gain recruits.

Clerks in many of the non-union shops eagerly joined the organizing committee when they appeared, and even helped to visit other grocery stores. Numerous applications have already been received from shops that were formerly non-union. A list of newly organized stores will be made public in a few days, the union representative declared.

## Printers to Meet

At a recent meeting of Workers (Communist) Party members employed in the printing trades, at the Progressive Labor Center, 103 E. 14th St., the Party and left wing policy was discussed, much consideration being given to the unorganized workers in the printing industry.

Meetings will be held the first Saturday of every month at 1 p. m. All Party members who are printers are expected to communicate with the secretary of the printers' fraction, 103 E. 14th St.

## Food Workers Annual

The annual reception and ball of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Branch of the Amalgamated Food Workers will be held Monday evening, March 19 at New Palm Gardens, 52d St., near Eighth Ave. A musical program will feature the evening.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Metropolitan Workers Soccer League Games

Division "A."	W.	L.	D.	Pe.
Hungarian Workers	13	2	2	28
Bronx Hungarian	9	4	5	23
Scandinavian Workers	9	2	4	22
Spartacus A. C.	4	8	5	13
N. Y. Eagles	4	8	5	13
Atlantic Park	3	6	6	12
Armanian G. A. U.	4	3	3	11
Red Star	3	7	5	11
Freiheit	2	11	5	9
Division "B."				
Hungarian Worker	12	1	3	27
Prague F. C.	10	3	2	22
Red Star S. C.	6	7	2	14
Freiheit	5	8	1	11
Spartacus A. C.	3	7	3	9
Fordham	4	1	0	8
Clarmont	3	2	1	7
German Hungarian	3	3	0	6
N. Y. Rangers	1	9	0	2
Blue Star	1	7	2	4
Division "C."				
Prague F. C.	3	0	1	7

## NEGROES BARRED FROM NATION'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

### "Regrets" Sent to Negroes in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The Afro-American, local Negro weekly, charges in the current issue that Negroes will be barred at the dinner to be held Friday at the Southern Hotel, this city, in honor of Oswald Garrison Villard's 10 year editorship of The Nation.

According to Carl Murphy, editor, invitations to the dinner were sent out three weeks ago to every subscriber to The Nation. Last week, Murphy continues, Mrs. R. A. Soaeth, secretary of the local committee arranging the dinner, sent communications to the Negro subscribers in the city in which she said "it was unnecessary for me to point out the difficulties that might arise if you attempted to attend the dinner."

"We Regret Very Much." The letter closed by saying "we regret very much being unable to take advantage of your kind willingness to cooperate with us in this celebration."

In a telegram sent here by Villard, he passes the buck by stating that the dinner is being arranged by the local committee and adds that The Nation is opposed to "race discrimination." He does not say what action he will take. The committee in charge of the dinner are all liberals.

At the office of The Nation, "liberal" weekly, in New York City yesterday, The DAILY WORKER was informed by his secretary that Oswald Garrison Villard, editor, had no statement to make in reply to the charge that Negroes had been barred from the Baltimore dinner.

## Negro Workers' Club to Hold Meeting Thursday

The recently organized Ethiopian Social Club, consisting of Negro workers living in East New York, will hold a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Rosalie Thorpe, 306 Dumont Ave., Brooklyn. H. Williams will speak on "The Real Cause of Human Misery."

The club will hold a party for the striking miners Thursday, March 15, at the same address. I. Monsey will speak.

The officers of the club are: P. Osburn, president; Rosalie Thorpe, vice-president; S. E. Osburn, secretary and T. Thorpe, secretary-treasurer.

## Brain Mechanics Shown by U.S.S.R. Film Here

"The Mechanics of the Brain," a film prepared by Soviet Russian scientists, depicting the brain in action, will be shown Thursday night before the New York Society of Clinical Psychiatry at the Academy of Medicine. The film together with a motion picture study of "conditioned reflex" was prepared in seventeen laboratories in Soviet Russia under the direction of Prof. Ivan Pavlov, Russian scientist.

The American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia brought the films to this country. The films will be placed at the disposal of American scientific colleges and bodies.

## N. Y. Cavalry Formed

A full cavalry will be organized in the New York State National Guard, Major Gen. Haskell, commanding the state militia, announced. The brigade will probably be used to supplement the state police in case of "serious disturbances," such as strikes, it was reported. Both the cavalry units of the state militia and the state police have made themselves notorious in their treatment of striking workers in the past.



# Chinese Worker-Peasant Armies March on Canton in Victorious Drive South

## WAR LORDS RUSH TROOPS TO CITY TO STEM DRIVE

### Report Peasant Revolts Near City

(Continued from Page One)  
by the mass of workers within the city, the authorities fear. In spite of the wholesale execution of left wing leaders, the ruthless suppression of all trade unions and the arrest of thousands of workers, the workers within the city are believed to be secretly sympathetic to the worker-peasant armies.

Canton authorities fear that peasants in villages surrounding Canton will furnish aid. Villages surrounding Canton have repeatedly set up Soviet governments, which were ruthlessly crushed by the Kuomintang troops. The possibility of an attack on Canton by the Hunanese army, however, may stir the peasants to open revolt against the Canton authorities, it is believed.

## LEFT SWING IN POLE ELECTION

### Communists Gained in Big Cities

WARSAW, March 6.—The final results of the national election reveal substantial gains for the left wing. Although only five members of the Communist Party were elected to the Sejm, many left wing peasant candidates were returned with the support of the Communists. Only two Communists held seats in the last Sejm.

The votes cast for left wing candidates in industrial centers was particularly large.

## BOHEMIAN MINERS' STRIKE COMPLETE

PRAGUE, (By mail).—The situation in the miners' struggle in north-west Bohemia is unchanged. The strike is still complete with the exception of three small pits in the Koutou district. The reports of the bourgeois press concerning an alleged breaking-up of the struggle are false.

Everywhere meetings of the striking miners are demanding that the struggle be intensified should the negotiations which are at present being conducted lead to no result. The miners are determined not to give way to the provocative proposals of the coal barons. The mine owners are furious and started at the fact that the safety men who have been left in the pits are sabotaging. They are using this fact to conduct a furious anti-communist campaign in the hope of driving a wedge between the striking Communist miners and their fellow strikers.

All these attempts have shattered on the united front set up by the fighting miners.

## Rap Mussolini Speech

BERLIN, March 6.—Mussolini's bristling speech in regard to the Tyrol question has aroused a great deal of unfavorable comment in the Berlin press.

## Forced to Resign



Sarwat Pasha, Egyptian Premier, was forced to resign as the result of the widespread nationalist protest against the Anglo-Egyptian treaty which he concluded with Austen Chamberlain. The treaty virtually sanctioned the control of Egypt by Tory Britain and provided for the maintenance of British troops in Egypt.

## Pilsudski and "Free" Elections in Poland



As the "Pravda" (Moscow) cartoonist sees the elections in Poland. Pilsudski railroaded thousands of militant workers to jail and suppressed left wing papers in a frantic effort to stem the general swing to the left.

## OBREGON SCORES HAVANA CONFAB

### Move Designed With Eye on Elections

MEXICO CITY, March 6.—With an eye to the coming presidential election Obregon issued a statement last night in which he attacked various Latin American governments for their failure to adequately represent popular Latin American opinion at the Havana conference. Obregon studiously avoided any direct reference to the role of the United States at the conference.

"The conference had no further significance in my opinion," he said, "than to show what appreciable failure of civic, moral and patriotic sentiment which the mentality of some Latin American governments has suffered."

It may be deduced from the designs revealed by the representatives of these governments that they did not interpret the real sentiments of their peoples. Had they done so they would have called on moral and material forces sufficient, within their own frontiers, to guarantee their stability and would not have pretended that the authority which they stated they represented and which always sought to emanate from the sovereignty of the people found it necessary to appeal to the material forces of foreign countries.

"Apart from this aspect of the conference, which brings a blush to Latin America, I feel further comment unnecessary."

## 'LEADERS' BETRAY COTTON WORKERS

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 6.—In spite of the result of the recent conference at which the Federated Textile Trade Unions forced the Cotton Manufacturers' Association to withdraw their demands of a 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction, and a five-hour work time increase, the Aqueduct Mills at Stalybridge gave the union 24 hour notice to decide whether or not to accept the 5 1/2 hour week. The union officials advised the workers to return to work.

The decision of the conferences referred to was that a committee of equal size, from the workers and the employers conduct an investigation into the finances of the cotton textile industry, but the first meeting of the workers' and employers' representatives broke down completely when the bosses refused to accept the proposal of the unions that neutral personnel, such as accountants and skilled investigators be added to the inquiry commission.

The action of the first mentioned textile mill shows that the employers are determined to gain their demands regardless of the results of the investigation. Even the capitalist press here believes that a general textile strike is highly probable.

## TORIES TO RUSH MORE PLANES TO HALT ARAB DRIVE

### Natives Revolt Against British Rule

LONDON, March 6.—Planes are being rushed from India to reinforce the squadrons of the Royal Air Force operating against the rebellious Arab tribes on the Iraq frontier. Troops are also being rushed from Palestine, reports received here state.

The Wahabi tribes which have been struggling against British domination in the middle east have been considerably reinforced by Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, Sultan of Mejd and King of Hedjaz, most powerful Arabian ruler who has openly come out against the British. Ibn Saud, at one time, received a subsidy from the British for aiding them in their designs in the middle east.

There are at present eight squadrons of fourteen planes each operating against the tribesmen. Numerous air raids have been made on native villages and thousands of Arabs are believed to have been killed. The British war office plans to rush troops from India, Palestine and Egypt in an effort to stem the drive of the Arabs against Kuwait.

## Tories Bar Samuel Schwartzbard From Entering Palestine

JERUSALEM, March 6.—The desire of Joseph Schwartzbard, assassin of Simon Petlura, white guard general who terrorized the Ukraine, to settle down in Palestine—the Jewish homeland—has been thwarted by the British government, it was learned today.



Both Lord Plumer, British high commissioner for Palestine, and the English colonial office, concurred in the refusal to grant Schwartzbard a permit on the ground he is "undesirable."

Schwartzbard was declared not guilty by a Paris jury after a sensational trial at which evidence was submitted regarding the wholesale massacre of Jews by Petlura's white guards.

## English Woolen Workers Are Losing More Jobs

LONDON, March 6.—Further declines in the number of persons employed in the wool textile industry here, are revealed in the statistics recently published in the Ministry of Labor's Gazette.

Thirty-two per cent of the spinners in the woolen industry are working part time, while 25 per cent of the weavers lost the same amount of employment. Seventeen per cent of all the operatives in the worsted spinning industry are on part time also. All this in spite of the fact that textile unions have forced many mill owners to allow workers to operate less mills than heretofore.

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## STUDENT PROTEST AGAINST FASCISM

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 6.—A proclamation protesting against the arrest of more than four hundred students by the Venezuelan government has been adopted by students in the Ecuador universities.

A large number of students in Caracas university were arrested by the Venezuelan dictatorship several days ago for demanding a change in government.

## 20 WORKERS ARE KILLED IN JAVA

SAMARANG, Java, March 6.—More than a score of workers were killed and fifty injured today as a result of an explosion of a fireworks factory at Kodoes. A hundred houses, surrounding the factory, were destroyed by the blast.

Workers who survived the explosion claim that there were few safeguards in the factory. The explosion caused damage over a wide area.

## GERMAN METAL WORKERS URGED TO FIGHT CUTS

### USSR Workers Point to Reformist Treachery

MOSCOW, Feb. 17. (By mail).—The metal workers' congress of the Soviet Union, which is at present in session here, adopted an appeal to the German metal workers calling upon them to offer a determined resistance to the German capitalists and promising that the metal workers of the Soviet Union would do everything possible to fulfill their duty of international solidarity towards the fighting German metal workers.

The appeal points out that in accordance with the instructions of the German Social Democratic Party, the leaders of the German Metal Workers' Union are doing their utmost to avoid a decisive struggle and to hamper the defense of the workers. The leaders preferred to sabotage the fighting spirit of the workers and to address themselves to capitalist arbitration courts.

The appeal expresses the conviction of the metal workers of the Soviet Union that the German metal workers will not permit the German capitalists and their supporters to treat them with contempt, but that they, the German metal workers, will act as the advance guard of the German working class and refuse to be deceived any longer by opportunism and compromise.

## To Discuss Tyrol

VIENNA, March 6.—The Austro-Italian situation will be taken up tomorrow when the Central Committee of Parliament meets to discuss foreign relations.

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## FALL RIVER MILL CLOSES DOWN ON BREAKAGE EXCUSE

### Unionists Must Force Officials to Act

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
FALL RIVER, Mass. (By Mail).—Today the Arkwright Co., whose plant has been open for business as usual during the past week, announced that they would have to shut down until March 8 because of the break of a shay-bolt in the boiler.

Workers in Fall River are wondering if the real cause of the shut-down is not "labor trouble" rather than engine trouble. The fact that the workers have stayed solidly by the union has upset the calculations of the bosses somewhat and some excuse is necessary for general consumption as to why the mills cannot be run if the plant has sufficient force to operate.

The workers in this mill can win their demands for reinstatement of their discharged fellow workers only by broadening out the basis for a strike and rallying the 35,000 textile workers in this city in a general strike against the wage-cut and speed-up system.

Unless the workers force the hands of the leaders of the American Federation of Textile Operatives into departing from their out-worn policy of respectable, localized strikes, their efforts will not be of much avail in stopping the wage-cutting campaign of the bosses.

The only course open to the workers is a general walk-out in all the mills. W. G. MURDOCK.

## 'Miners' Spirit Is Very Good': Ohio Striker

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
BRIDGEPORT, O. (By Mail).—I have attended several meetings called in this district by the Save-the-Union Committee and I have not heard one word said by any speaker that would tend to split the ranks of the miners, but on the contrary, I find the rank and file in a better spirit than at any time in this struggle.

It was easy to see that the no-account officials had sent men whom they had filled full of booze and furnished with trucks and machines to try to disrupt the meeting. But when these men found 95 per cent of the miners for the Save-the-Union movement they had quite another thought.

It appears that there are about 50 men there who would rather have a shot of liquor than their union.

The capitalist press right now has very good connections with the sub-district office of the United Mine Workers and is trying in every way to beat down the progressive movement.

I get The DAILY WORKER and I wish that I could do something to help it. Now that I have been on strike for 11 months it is next to impossible for me to do anything for it. R.

## Lowden a Candidate

BOSTON, March 6.—Frank C. Lowden has admitted that he is a candidate for president on the republican party ticket. He said that the filing of his name in the North Dakota primaries "probably makes me a candidate."

## JOBLESS FREEZE IN CITY OF LOVE; THOUSANDS IDLE

### Man Knocked Dizzy in Fight for Work

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—I am out of work for nearly three months, like many others of my friends and comrades. The streets of our city are over-crowded with workers looking for employment, the offices of shops are jammed and the front of employment agencies with men and women hungry and cold, ready to do anything for any kind of wages, just to get off the street and to be able to buy a piece of bread or perhaps a cup of coffee for their hungry children.

But, no work is to be had, the few jobs that are listed with the agents, the workers cannot buy because of the high fees that these flunkies are trying to press out of them. (I know one man who was out of work three months, he is a clerk and receives about \$22 a week. He landed a job for which he had to pay \$46.) Although there is misery and poverty everywhere, the workers do not realize the necessity to organize themselves and the few that have courage enough to do so are driven off and jailed by our friendly city administrators, who are expressing their brotherly love towards their fellow men through the clubs of their blue coat lackeys. This is "prosperity."

The following are some of the incidents that I've experienced during the last few months:

Workers living in parks on the benches in spite of the cold weather, unable to secure employment and without food and shelter. Workers on the street begging for a nickel to buy a cup of coffee. Workers on the street in the front of some shops fighting, while each of them is trying to get inside first. One day last week about 600 to 800 men were trying to make application at the same place, one man was knocked half-unconscious and walking away he left a trail of blood that ran off his thin body. One meeting of the unemployed was disturbed by the police and 16 men and women were arrested. No doubt our blue coats are excellent heroes.

One worker I met had been out of work four months, unable to pay his board. His last job only brought him \$15 a week, working around acids, etc. He was thrown out of the house by his own sister. The boss came out and told us that no help was wanted, he then told me that if he doesn't soon get a job he's going to pick up a lead pipe. . . . When I told him about the meeting of the unemployed, he said, "they can't do anything anyhow." He could hardly walk and only had one meal a day for two weeks, I couldn't get very far with him because he was an ex-service man, and, of course, a good patriot.

These are only a few of the many incidents we come in contact with every day, but they are of no benefit whatever to the unemployed. Therefore, I would like to say to these men and women, let us stop to fight with each other, let us organize and together fight our common foes, the capitalists, and their system under which we are oppressed and exploited. —F. H.

## The Alimony Club

The divorced wife of Bainbridge Colby, former secretary of state, has obtained a judgement against him from Supreme Court Justice DeLahanty for \$16,500 alimony that the diplomat failed to pay.



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## Labor Party is Workers' Need in California

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal. (By Mail).—One of President Wilson's "wifful" men is in this city today to extend his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, or chairmanship of the executive committee of the capitalist class. He is James A. Reed, United States Senator from the "show-me-state"—Missouri. In order to show the workers and bourgeois element of this golden starvation state how "democratic" he is, he has made the Biltmore hotel, the finest hang-out for millionaires and other parasites in the city, his headquarters. Baltimore is just as much of a scab-joint as Alexandria, another center for idle members of the "400 club," used as headquarters by fat A. F. of L. officials during the last convention of that organization.

The senator will address a mass meeting at the Olympic Auditorium tomorrow night, Feb. 29, and it is expected that he will kick like hell at President Coolidge and his administration. Well, being both a Missourian and a member of the "mule party," he has a double reason of knowing the art of kicking like a Missouri mule.

Not a sound from Mr. McAdoo, the "crown prince" yet.

According to the capitalist press, one-sixth, or about 500,000 of the trade union membership are idle in this country at this time; and California has probably more than its "just" share of starving men, women and children. So what about a Labor Party for this city, state and nation? Instead of keeping up the hopeless game of rewarding friends and punishing enemies among parties made up of dumb animals, elephants and mules, etc., organize the workers on the political field.

L. P. RINDAL.

## TELL OF DETROIT UNEMPLOYMENT IN FORD'S SHOPS

### Woman Correspondent Describes Hardship

(By Mail).—First excuse me for my poor writing as I didn't get an opportunity to go to school very much. I went to work at 14 as all the slaves.

Always Worked.

I worked ever since I remember. Five years ago we lived on a farm. We got four small children. I didn't have much time to help hubby so he found it almost impossible to do all of his work, he got to work day and night. Finally we heard so much about Mr. Henry Ford, we sold our farm and came to Detroit. Hubby also started to work for Mr. Ford and served him faithfully four years.

Now after hubby lost his job in Ford's for several weeks he was running up and down the streets to get work. Now we have six children, the oldest 12 years old. Finally hubby got a job in Hudson's. Two months ago work became slack at Hudson's and hubby and a hundred others were laid off. We also bought a home when we came to Detroit, and we pay \$5 monthly.

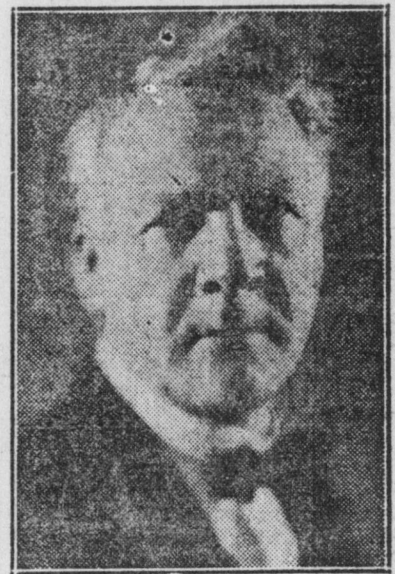
Our government also protects those men like Mr. Ford as we see in the coal mining districts, but what is done for protection of the workers—shooting them down like dogs, but our government's constitution writes if we're not satisfied with our present government we got to overrule it and elect another government. I think we should get a workers' government by the workers and I tell you we won't get a bit of justice for the workers of America till we get a workers' government.

A FORD WORKER'S WIFE.

## DRAMA

### "Jazz, Pep" At "Red Revue"

FEODOR CHALIAPIN.



The "peppiest, snappiest proletarian jazz follies ever presented in the history of the American labor movement"—this was the description applied last night by Edward W. Royce, business manager of The DAILY WORKER, to the forthcoming "Red Revue" to be held at the Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., Friday evening, March 16.

"It will feature," said Royce, "satirical take-offs on prominent political figures nationally and internationally known. Satire at the expense of public men is a diversion which flourished in old England during the Elizabethan period," declared the business manager of the "Daily." It must now be revived, he declared.

There will be a Russian gypsy scene, feature a 14-piece Balalaika orchestra in which songs of old Russia will be contrasted with stirring revolutionary songs of new Russia.

"A group of working class beauties," is also promised by Royce for the forthcoming event. "Their dancing and singing," he said, "will be among the outstanding features of the evening."

The Workers Theatre, under the supervision of Pauline Rogers, who recently returned from a visit to the Soviet Union, is directing the revue which will consist of nine acts.

The noted Russian basso will give his final song recital of the season at Carnegie Hall tonight.

Universal announces the forthcoming production of a chapter play titled "Terrors of the Unknown" which will feature, in addition to the regular characters, an aggregation of dinosaurs, ichthyosaurs, plesiosaurs, pterodactyle, diplotacod and other prehistoric monsters.

## Calls the "Hoboken Blues" Class-Conscious Vaudeville

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON.

I remember quite distinctly when as a youngster I was supposed to be studying or out looking for a job that the vaudeville theatre held a strange attraction for me. Many an afternoon when I was supposed to be running from office to office in search of gainful employment, I would sneak into a Keith or Loew theatre and sit throughout the afternoon watching act after act whiz by on the bill.

There was something fascinating in the technique of the vaudeville act. It took ten or twelve minutes and it moved with amazing speed and dispatch. It was neat, snappy and its hard efficiency reflected the raciness of modern American life. It mirrored the life that I knew so well, the cheap witticisms of the streets; the weeping sentimentality of the "song-hit" ballad, the wise-cracks, the rakish straw hats of the "hoofers"—this was the life that I knew. Of course, as I sat among the gallery gods, I didn't rationalize in this manner—I simply sat and enjoyed myself.

Then in the evening, I went home and listened with a heavy heart to the endless complaints of my mother and numerous other relatives who pelted me the never-ending questions, "Did you get a job?" "Did you look hard?" "My God, everyone seems to be able to find work, except you."

I mention my early attendance at the vaudeville theatres, to prove that I am a qualified expert of things vaudevilian. Equipped as I am with a complete knowledge of all the intricate technicalities of buck and wing and soft-shoe dances, with an almost perfect acquaintance with the position which an act should have on the bill, (for example that the one-act sketch should come before the next-to-closing act and so forth), I feel that I can speak on "Hoboken Blues" with an air of authority.

In 1928, any Negro (or white for that matter) who dares to dream of a day when the merciless exploitation of a leather factory will be no more, is almost certain to lose his wife and children and have his head cracked by police clubs. Sam is no exception. All these things happen to Sam in "Hoboken Blues." And with it all there is a boisterous humor, lots of music, jazz and light vaudevilian tears. But underneath the whole show lies a bitter and effective class-conscious wisecrack. "Hoboken Blues" is a glorious poke in the eye at a world run by get-rich-quickers, Wall Streets bankers and G. O. P. politicians. It is the sort of vaudeville that I should have seen in my early days. It is head-line vaudeville written by Michael Gold, based on the Communist Manifesto, not on sex, which explains the bitter attacks on it by the capitalist press. It is typically American. It has the guts of modern capitalist society with all its capacity and murderous exploitation condensed into two and one half hours.

Jacked it up and wrote a "review" under it. The Times, the Post and the Telegram were all equally vindictive. And why not? If any of these reviewers dared to call "Hoboken Blues" a good play and give the reason for so doing their sheets would have lost half of their advertising overnight. The big Park Row properties are not in business to boost revolutionary entertainment. Previous New Playwrights plays were called "radical" or "mildly interesting" or "novel"—but with "Hoboken Blues" the critics called the play "boring and tiresome"—a lie, if ever there was one.

Maybe after all, those delightful afternoons spent in the gallery of the Loew and Keith houses were not wasted.

For "Hoboken Blues" is vaudeville—delightful vaudeville but vaudeville, nevertheless. Then, how come, that in the jazziest vaudeville city in the world that Michael Gold's play should have been met with a vicious barrage of vitriolic dramatic criticisms. "Hoboken Blues" is a class-conscious vaudeville! It cracks wise, it is true, but the cracks are directed in a deft manner at the existing order. It is vaudeville with a poignant, heart-rending lynch scene. It is fast. It is sure. It has music. It has—yes—even tight. It is burlesque. It laughs, it cries. But always with the present economic order as the "foil."

At the New Playwrights one sees corked faces, but not the faithful "coons" I saw at the Keith houses during my novitiate. Come are the suffing old Sambos, who deferentially doffed their battered hats to Massa George. Gold's Negroes in their vaudeville roles speak of lynchings and police-cracked skulls.

Sam Pickens, the non-conformist, delightful banjo player, who somehow or other cannot get or keep a job, drifts through the "play"—15 acts—giving a slight appearance of continuity. Sam balks at jobs in a leather factory or in a can factory and flees terrified from offers of work for "colored; must be strong for excavation work under the East River." He dreams of a time when his race will not be exploited and mobbed and clubbed. He makes "speeches." He tells the street children of a mythical country that he has heard of—Hoboken—where 'they is po'k chop mountains, cigarette grass, soda water rivers and where they aint no black and white." In Hoboken, Sam has been told, you only work three hours a day and spend the rest of the days strummin' a banjo.

"Hoboken Blues" is a show—I refuse to call it a play—that every reader of the radical press should see. If the labor press and its readers do not support the New Playwrights then I am at a loss to know who will. I make this plea for support in the knowledge that the support given will not be of the self-sacrificing variety; because in return for the dollar or so you will spend, you will receive a riotous jazzy evening.

PLAN MILITARY PARADE.  
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# Shop, Terminal and Barn Committees Are Formed by N. Y. Traction Workers

## UNION OFFICIALS PREVENT TAKING OF STRIKE VOTE

### Militancy Among Men Is Rising

(Continued from Page One) The union was not even a party in the situation. The rising opposition of the rank and file against the continued postponement of action under such circumstances has led to the rise of a sentiment for rank and file control of the union and of the present situation.

Shop, terminal and barn committees have been formed in at least a score of departments of the road. The workers have been urged to form these committees of action as quickly as possible to guard against betrayal and to direct the strike when it is called.

The DAILY WORKER has carried a number of warnings which it is understood have been heard with interest by thousands of traction workers. These warnings were directed mainly against the danger that a strike would be used by the company for its own. The workers were warned to make it "Our Own Strike!" embodying their own demands, better pay, shorter hours, decent conditions. Down with the yellow company union. For a union of our own.

Further demands were suggested: The demand that the tried and trusted leaders who have sacrificed in the past be given their rightful places; the demand that a general strike call be sent out to include not only the I. R. T. but the B. M. T. and the surface lines as well; the demand that the labor movement be mustered to support the traction workers. The major warning is, however, that the workers proceed as rapidly as possible to form their rank and file committees in barn, shop and terminals to insure the carrying out of these demands.

## Finishers Meet Today

A meeting of all finishers, registered and unregistered, will be held tonight at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., at 7 o'clock, according to an announcement of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers Union.

In addition to a report on the general situation in the trade to be made by the Joint Board manager, Ben Gold, a special report will be given on the conditions of the finishers. Plans will also be mapped out for a drive against the lining contractors, a trade evil that has multiplied many times over since the A. F. of L. destroyed union conditions in the industry, the circular calling the meeting declares.

## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

**Workers School Classes.** The following courses are scheduled to begin this week at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St. Sunday at 2:30 p. m., American History For Pioneers, Tom Foley, instructor.

Sunday at 3:30 p. m., Fundamentals of the Youth Movement for Pioneers, Leon Platt, instructor. The week of March 12 will witness the beginning of three courses for young workers, students and Young Workers League members—Course for Pioneer Leaders, Problems of the Youth Movement and League Functionaries Course.

**L. L. D. Bazaar.** The annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense will be held for five days beginning tonight at New Star Casino, Park Ave. and 107th St. All articles and contributions should be sent to 799 Broadway, Room 412.

**T. V. E. L. Dance.** The Trade Union Educational League will hold a dance Saturday, March 31, at Harlem Casino, Lenox Ave. and 116th St.

**Junior Friends of Nature.** The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hold its monthly meeting Friday at 8 p. m. at the Bakers' Union Hall, 350 E. 85th St. Members of the Junior Section will hike Sunday to Buttermilk Hill.

**Foreign Bora Affairs.** The New York Council for the Protection of the Foreign Born Workers will hold an affair Sunday, March 18, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

**Mohegan School Dance.** The Mohegan Modern School will hold its fifth annual concert, bazaar and dance Friday at 8:30 p. m. at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St. Proceeds will be used for a new school building at Peekskill, N. Y.

**Freiheit Ballet.** A rehearsal of the Freiheit Jubilee Ballet will take place at the Irving Plaza, 4th Ave. and 14th St., today at 6:30 sharp, Edith Segal announced.

**Boro Park Concerts.** The Workers' Club of Boro Park will hold a concert and package party at 1373 43rd St., Saturday, March 10.

**Rebel Poets Night.** The Poets Forum will conduct a Rebel Poets Night at the Labor Temple, 2nd Ave. and 14th St., Tuesday, March 13, at 8:15 p. m.

**Mohegan Modern School.** The Mohegan Modern School will hold its fifth annual concert, bazaar and dance Friday, March 9, at 8:30 p. m. at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St. Proceeds will be used for a new school building at Peekskill, N. Y.

**Intermediate English Class.** There will be no session of the Intermediate English class tonight at the Workers' School. The next session will be on Monday at 7 p. m. F. Baxter is the instructor.

**Lecture on Birth Control.** Dr. Hannah M. Stone, director, Birth Control League clinic, will speak on "Birth Limitation and the Workers" at the Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park, E., Sunday at 11 a. m. Dr. B. Liber will preside.

**Unemployed Meetings.** The New York Council of Unemployed will hold the following meetings this week: A women's meeting will be held today at 2 p. m. at 11 W. 27th St. Another women's meeting will be held tonight at 8 p. m. at 1472 Boston Road.

The opening of the kitchen will be celebrated Thursday with a meeting at 60 St. Marks Place at 2 p. m.

## Will Be at 'Red Revue'



This is a futuristic portrait of one of the song-land-dance girls which will make the "Red Revue" at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., Friday evening, Mar. 16, one of the most attractive affairs of the year.

Dancing, Russian Gypsy scenes, lampoons on leading political figures and a 14-piece balalaika orchestra are only some of the features promised from the affair will go to the defense fund of THE DAILY WORKER.

## EXPOSE AL SMITH AS MISLEADER

### Communist Statement Attacks State A. F. L.

(Continued from Page One) tion of the labor movement. Smith is a lackey of the big business interests of the country which are supporting him because he is cunning, demagogic, and can pose as a "friend" of labor. The oppression of the working class by the Wall Street interests, the extensive unemployment in the country, the lowering of wages and living standards generally, is causing bitter resentment in the ranks of the millions of toilers throughout the country.

These millions are growing disillusioned with the two capitalist parties who act as one against the wage-workers of the nation. For that reason, the big exploiters of the country try to quiet this discontent by putting forward a champion of the capitalist system who is shrewd enough to speak the language of the people while acting unhesitatingly in the interests of the employers. These labor misleaders assist the big business interests in helping Smith to play the game for which they will get their Judas reward.

**Workers Awakening.** But injunctions, the breaking of strikes, the seven cent fare grabs, are making the masses understand the real character of the Walkers and the Smiths. They are realizing more and more that the Labor Party of the trade unions' masses and not the "non-partisan" policy of the trade union officials is the step that must be taken in the fight to organize against their employers.

This act of treachery, the endorsement of Smith by the federation officials, will only intensify the actions of militant workers to expose the Tammany demagogue, Smith, and their Tammany henchmen, Matthew Woll, William Green, Sullivan, Ryan and Co.

## "Hoboken Blues" Cast at New Masses Ball

The entire cast of Michael Gold's "Hoboken Blues" now playing at the New Playwrights Theatre will attend the annual New Masses Spring Frolic Friday evening, March 9 at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave. It was announced last night.

Gold, a co-director of the New Playwrights was one of the founders of the "New Masses" and also a contributor to its predecessors, the "Masses" and the "Liberator."

## WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

**Plenum Report Tonight.** A report on the recent plenum will be given tonight at 8 o'clock at a meeting of Section 7 at 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn. The report will be delivered by a member of the Central Committee.

**Downtown Concert.** Unit 2, Section 1, will hold a concert March 17 at 60 St. Marks Place.

**Instructions To All Units.** The membership drive leaflets and the unemployed leaflets are for sale to Party units at \$2 a thousand at 108 E. 14th St.

The Rubenberg leaflets must be distributed from March 7 to 9. They can be secured free of charge at the district office. Copies of THE DAILY WORKER should be distributed at all traction barns and power houses by all Party units.

**Unit 3-E 3-F.** Unit 3-E 3-F meet tonight at 6:15 p. m. at 191 W. 27th St.

**Plenum Reports.** Meetings to discuss the last Party plenum will be held in the units in the New Jersey sub-districts. So far the following cities have arranged meetings: Newark, Friday, at 8 p. m., at the New Progressive Workers' Center, 93 Mercer St.

Jersey City, Sunday at 2 p. m., Elizabeth, Wednesday, March 14, at the Labor Lyceum, 515 Court St., at 8 p. m.

Meetings in other cities will be announced later.

**Speakers** at all these meetings will be representatives of the Party central executive committee.

**Sevage Scandal Discussion.** The Queens sewer scandal will be discussed at a mass meeting arranged at the Long Island Section at Bohemian Hall, Woolsey and Second Ave., Astoria, L. I., Friday, March 16, at 8:30 p. m. Speakers will be W. W. Weinstein, Bert Miller and H. M. Wicks.

**Traction Stickers Ready.** Traction stickers at \$2 a thousand are now for sale at the district office. All Party units must come for their quota at once.

**Organizers Meeting Friday.** A meeting of all unit, section and subsection organizers will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St. Unit organizers will report on their experiences in the membership drive.

**Young Workers Dance.** The Young Workers League, Upper Bronx, will hold a Spring Dance Saturday, March 24, at 1347 Boston Road.

**Dance For Striking Box Workers.** The Downtown Section, Y. W. U., will hold a dance Saturday night at 60 St. Marks Place for the benefit of the striking paper box makers. Admission will be free.

**Paris Commune Celebration.** Sections 2 and 3 will celebrate the Paris Commune at an entertainment and dance Saturday evening, March 17, at New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

**District Literature Conference.** A district conference of literature agents and members of the literature squad will be held Thursday, March 8 at 108 E. 14th St., Room 42, at 8:15 p. m. The speakers will be William W. Weinstein, D. Benjamin and A. Gussakoff.

## Ruthenberg Memorial to Expose Wall St. War

(Continued from Page One) close of the national campaign for 10,000 new readers for THE DAILY WORKER and 5,000 new members for the Workers Party, which began with the Lenin memorial meeting at Madison Square Garden here.

**Mass Protest Needed.** "The marine corps can be compared to a great detective agency which is at the beck and call of American capitalists, who are squeezing vast profits from tiny countries," Weinstein continued. "Only the other day the so-called 'liberal' Senator Borah admitted that the senate had no power to compel President Coolidge to withdraw the marines from any place he had been influenced to send them."

"Only one thing can stop the outrages the marines are committing in Nicaragua, Haiti, China and other countries which American capitalists have invaded and that is a country-wide protest from millions of American workers." Weinstein will speak at the Ruthenberg meeting together with William Z. Foster, Bertrand D. Wolfe and Robert Minor, editor of THE DAILY WORKER. The Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra will play.

## Party Literature Agents to Meet Thursday Night

William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2 of the Workers (Communist) Party and D. Benjamin, agit-prop director of the district, will speak at a district conference of Party literature agents and literature squads Thursday evening at 8:15 at 108 E. 14th St., Room 42.

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## MRS. KNAPP GETS OFF WITH EASE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6. — Following the conference between Gov. Smith, Attorney General Ottinger and District Attorney Charles J. Herrick it was practically a foregone conclusion that the charges against Florence E. Knapp, former Republican secretary of state would be sidetracked.

Political expediency is to be served, it is stated here, despite the fact that Mrs. Knapp, during her administration of the 1925 census, is accused of misappropriating at least \$29,000 of the state funds.

## 25,000 Expected at Freiheit Anniversary

Twenty-five thousand workers from New York and neighboring cities are expected at the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish Daily Freiheit, Communist organ, at Madison Square Garden, Sunday, March 25.

A unique revolutionary ballot, under the direction of Edith Segal, is announced as one of the features of the affair. The new proletarian songs of the Soviet Union, gathered together on a special trip for the purpose by Sergei Rodomsky will also be sung by the Freiheit Chorus at the celebration.

## WON'T ABOLISH SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, March 6. — The Frothingham resolution to put congress on record for the abolition of submarines in naval warfare was defeated, 6 to 5, in the house foreign affairs committee today.

## JOBLESS SEAMEN CHEER DEMANDS

### Warn Against Being Duped by Army

(Continued from Page One) present at the seamen's club meeting not to be fooled into joining the army, by misleading promises made in recruiting posters.

**Attacks Seamen's Institute.** H. Waite, chairman of the meeting, attacked the Seamen's Church Institute, which he charged was hiring scabs for the I. R. T. The assembled unemployed workers showed their firm determination not to scab on the traction workers by their long applause of Waite's denunciation of the Seamen's Church Institute.

**Women's Meeting Today.** The first meeting of the unemployed women of this city will be held today at 2:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. The meeting has been arranged under the auspices of the newly formed Women's Section of the New York Council of the Unemployed, 60 St. Marks Place, and will be addressed by Juliet Stuart Poyntz and other speakers. Marion Emerson will be chairman.

**Workers To Demonstrate.** Demonstrations of unemployed workers will take place at the opening of each of the kitchens. Adults will be fed from 9 to 12 and children from 3:30 to 5.

A huge open air mass meeting, which will rally unemployed workers from all sections of the city, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Union Square. John Di Santo, secretary of the New York Council of the Unemployed, an ex-service man and other speakers will address the meeting and call upon the city to take action to relieve the present critical situation.

**Conference Called.** A city-wide conference on unemployment has been called by the New York Council for Saturday, March 17, at 2 p. m. at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. Labor and fraternal organizations and committees of unemployed workers are being asked to send delegates.

**BUTCHERS' UNION** Local 174, A. M. C. & B. W. of N. A. Office and Headquarters: Labor Temple, 243 E. 54 St., Room 13 Regular meetings every 1st and 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M. Employment Bureau open every day at 6 P. M.

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## GHOST OF THE CAESARS

By Fred Ellis



Mussolini again rattles a threat of world war. "This time words; the next time deeds," he said in a speech on the Tyrol question. The imperialist ambitions of the terrorist fascist government feed the sparks of the coming world war.

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**More Circuit Schools and Teachers.**  
The system will be extended to other districts as fast as additional circuit teachers can be secured or as soon as Early has finished his work in the other end of the Buffalo district.

All districts interested should write to the National Agitprop Department of Agitation and Propaganda, also individual comrades who believe that they are capable of conducting such work.

## Fighting Mood of the Miners

Those men of little faith who had thought the American working class had lost its fighting capacity and could be forever sold like sheep by William Green, John L. Lewis and company—have received a surprise and a shock in the tremendous wave of fighting spirit which is today sweeping through the United Mine Workers of America. It is a fighting spirit which promises to put an end to the treacherous and murder-laden rule over the mine workers by hired agents of the coal operators. Already the miserable Cappelini, his hands dripping with the blood of Tom Lillis, Sam Grecio, Alex Campbell and Pete Reilly, is headed for the scrap-heap for worn-out stoolpigeons. Others, too, will go.

But this fighting spirit, equally shown in the bituminous fields where 125,000 mine workers have fought and starved for eleven and a half months against the power of the bosses, the state gunmen and the treacherous John L. Lewis, is only beginning to gather its full power.

This fighting spirit is only an instrument—it is not yet the victory. The victory is still to be won, but with the present spirit of the miners it can be won.

The call of the Save-the-Union Committee of militant miners for the conference at Pittsburgh on April 1 is a call to the heart the mind and loyalty of every coal miner in the United States. If it is answered, if it is worked for with indomitable spirit and carried through with courage and true working class understanding it can be made to result in the biggest victory in many decades for the working class in general and the Miners' Union in particular.

The bloody-handed agents of the bosses must go out of office in the United Mine Workers of America! Lewis must go! Cappelini must go! Murray, Kennedy, Golden, Hall, Fagan, Fishwick, and all traitors of their kind must go!

The strike must be won! The miners of Illinois, Indiana and Kansas must walk out on April 1.

The mine workers must take the United Mine Workers' Union into the mine workers' hands!  
All eyes on the Pittsburgh conference April 1.

## Contempt of the Senate

Colonel R. W. Stewart's indictment for contempt of the senate ought to amuse Col. Stewart. It ought also to amuse John D. Rockefeller, jr., Stewart's boss, by whose acquiescence Stewart was re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana after telling the senate to go to hell.

Stewart ought to laugh because Stewart knows about the \$100,000,000 loot in the Continental Trading Co. steal—knows where it went and how it was used to put Coolidge into the power with Harding and thus led to his becoming president. Stewart must laugh because he will "go to jail" just like Harry Sinclair "went" and just like all of the rulers of the country put themselves in jail when caught in the routine technique of ruling.

And the senate ought to laugh because the indictment will save the senate's "honor" and capacity for bluffing.

Senator Walsh just can't help laughing, for now his candidacy for the presidency can be oiled with a new victory and a new alibi for not exposing the truth of the Teapot scandal which would show the United States government as a filling station for the Standard Oil Co.

And everybody in the bourgeois world should laugh because John D. Rockefeller, jr., is going to give just as much money to the republican campaign fund—and also to the democratic campaign fund—this year as either of these ever received before. And perhaps Harry Sinclair will give more than before. And Wall Street should laugh again and louder still because Stewart is both "repudiated" and rewarded, and won't talk, and the corruption of the United States government is covered up from the eyes of the less conscious masses with such little scraps of paper as the indictment of Col. Stewart.

Contempt for the Senate? The entire working class should open its eyes and become indictable for contempt of the senate.

## "Gutter Thrills" in the Movies

The nation-wide monopoly of moving pictures is consolidating itself so rapidly as to cause squawks of rage from some of the little movie men who are being frozen out by methods of prevention of loans from banks, and by temporarily cut prices in the trust theatres. The small proprietors describe the pictures they are forced to take (at unfavorable prices) as "gutter thrills."

This is a fight in which 5,000 small business men, running small moving-picture theatres, feel the iron heel of monopoly bent on exterminating them. It is a struggle similar to the one which is nearing its end in the retail tobacco trade, where the colossal chain-store combine of United Cigar Stores and Schulte Cigar Stores has exterminated many thousands of little businesses, reducing their former proprietors to clerks for the trust or driving them still lower into the scale of wage-labor or into the army of unemployed. Also in process is the monopolization of retail groceries, not so far developed as yet.

Monopoly in the distribution of commodities is a present social phenomenon of immense political significance.

But the monopoly in moving picture distribution has extraordinary political significance, for it, like the monopoly of the press and radio, means a direct added control over the ideology of the masses. No more do we hear of anti-trust laws except their repudiation of them by the rulers on high, Coolidge particularly.

Of course the masses are given "gutter thrills" by the entire apparatus of ideological control, including the pulpit, the schools, the press, the radio and the lecture platform. "Gutter thrills" are a necessary diversion of the masses from the truth of present-day social conditions and changes. But also the "heroic, upright, beautiful and ennobling" stuff for which the small producers are clamoring (at easier financial terms) is merely the propaganda of American imperialism (a la Lindbergh, for example).

This monopoly of the moving-picture field is only another evidence of the immense power of the Wall Street tsarism which the working class of America must learn to fight and destroy.

By EDITH RUDQUIST.

"HOME," a most sacred thing in American bourgeois society. A bungalow, with a back yard, pretty furnishings, mother and the children.

We build our billion dollar armies and navies to protect it. We send marines to China and Nicaragua to protect the honor of American women and the home. We electrocute "dangerous radicals" to protect the sanctity of the home. We elect our government officials because they are "home loving men." Scores of our current magazines reap immense profits on the fact that we are such home loving bodies: Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Farm and Fireside, Home Beautiful, only to mention a few. Yes, to hear us prattle one would get the idea that we all live in roseate charming surroundings.

**A False Picture.**

Yet how unlike crass reality this sham picture is! With over 8 1/2 million women working outside the home, with over 1,000,000 children over 14 years of age in industrial work, one gets a dim picture of the home life of a large percentage of the population. Add to this the even larger number of women who work outside of the home though not in "full-time" occupations, the picture is yet incomplete. One must add more: the small annual net earnings of the entire family, the frequent and long unemployment periods, high cost of the necessities of life, the many cases of industrial sickness, the wretched conditions in the workers' districts (even at a not inconsiderable cost in rent), and let us not forget the barracks and the tent colonies of the mine workers, and the picture nears completion, here in its misery is the ideal, the "home beautiful!"

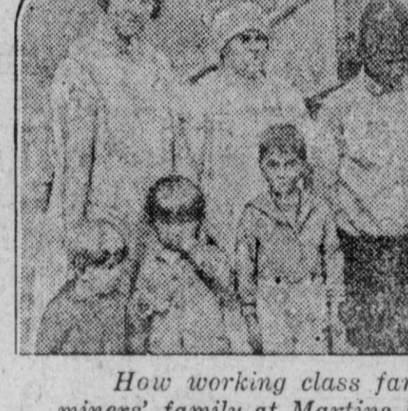
**"Women's Place at Home."**

We are told that women's place is in the home. That the father is the "natural" provider for the family. But capitalist society by its ever more intensive grind for greater and quicker profits demands the work of the woman and children. The duties of the "provider" are put upon the shoulders of the women and children, and the "home-maker" becomes an industrial slave. Capitalist society denies them the right of fulfilling their "duties." Then the cry goes out "mothers neglect their homes and children"; "fathers fail to provide for their families." Society condemns them, punishes them because they do not know, they do not understand their true "places!"

The question of women's place in society is not a question of morals or duties, as the bourgeois moralists argue. Women's place in society is governed only by one rule, whether or not she is a necessary factor in the economic life of society or whether she is a secondary, a subordinate factor in its economic life. In those societies where she is the custodian of the key to the economic well being of the group she is also privileged with complete freedom and is recognized as the leader, the head of the group. It is only in those societies where she plays a subordinate roll in its econ-

omic life that she loses her freedom, comes a slave to society and the property of the man.

**Obsolete Customs.**  
The evolution of society has produced many customs that persist and are accepted by the people even after the system of production in which they become fixed has long since passed. In tracing back some of our customs we can find a reasonable, often logical cause for such a custom, which cause naturally is obscured when the necessity for it is long passed. Such is the way that most of our moral laws are laid down, and we are told it always was so and always will be so. Even the some customs are passed down from one sort of society to another a change in morals is always taking place and what was once considered good morals in one form of society (because of economic necessity) becomes today immoral, not to say cruel or barbaric.



How working class families live in the stronghold of capitalism. Photo at left shows miners' family at Martins Ferry, Ohio; photo at right shows miners' barracks at Harmerville, Pa.

It is these things that we must consider when we go to discuss the sanctity of the home and the "immorality" of the present day. We have today reached a stage where many of the contradictions of capitalism are clearly exposed. While it is necessary for the self-preservation of capitalist society to keep within certain bounds of the bourgeois moral code, yet in order to develop capitalism to its highest stage, in order to wring out as much profit as possible, women and even little children are drawn into production, with the result that all home ties are split asunder, family relations are dismembered and we today can clearly see the crumbling of all home life, the disintegration of the family. It becomes more and more physically impossible for a father and a mother to keep together even the mere semblance of a home, and cries of alarm comes from the social workers (the adhesive plasters of capital-

ism) and from the preachers (the perpetrators of the capitalist class morals) of the highly immoral tendencies of the present day generation. The home has served its purpose in history, it now belongs to a past period of society, to a gone stage in the mode of production, and it will never return again. The drawing in of women into production destroyed the home. To assign any other reason for the destruction of the home and home life is to fail to recognize that the economic factors play the dominant role. With the old home life almost a thing of the past, a new set of social relations, of social morals, is in formation, one that will fit in with the newer mode in the method of production. But there is one obstacle to the full blossoming of this newer moral code: capitalist mode of production and distribution. As long as society produces for profit and not for the general wellbeing of the collec-



## WHOM DID THE RED ARMY FIGHT?

(Continued from Last Issue.)  
In the beginning of 1919, about 20,000 allied troops were landed in the district of Odessa, composed of British, French, Greek, Poles, Roumanians, etc., under the united command of the French General D'Amle. Approximately at the same time there were British troops landed in northern Caucasus and in Central Asia. Japanese, American and British troops were landed at Vladivostok and began to develop operations along the Siberian railway. At that time, the total strength of the allied troops upon the territory of Russia reached 180,000, exclusive of the troops of Poland, Latvia, Estonia, etc. All these forces had not only enabled the local counter-revolutionary forces to organize themselves in the fight against the Soviets, but have also taken active part and rendered armed assistance.

At the close of 1919 the ring was tightened around Soviet Russia. The country was surrounded on all sides by enemies armed to their teeth. Moreover, the Anglo-French fleet blockaded its shores, allowing no communication with the outside world and dooming the country to starvation.

To gain an idea about the manner in which the interventionists acted in Russia, suffice it to cite an extract from one of the documents, the protesting note of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic on March 14, 1919: "By orders of the French command, poor people were gathered from the outskirts of the town, old were locked up in bounds at the harbor and either burned or shot—"  
and further:  
"During the last few days the Greeks and the French, under the perpetrated incredible brutalities. On the whole, there were about 300 people shot on the mere suspicion of Bolshevism. They were locked up in bounds in the harbor, the buildings were drenched with liquid fuel and burned down together with the people inside."  
No comments are needed.

tive, we shall continue to clash over moral problems.

**Attitude Toward Home.**

In a form of society where production will take place for use and not for profit, where all members of society will have the right to be well-housed and clothed and fed in return for useful necessary work for the society, there will be no women's problem, and no further discussion of "women's place." Women will fill a very necessary part in society, she will be as she is now, a producer, with this difference, society will recognize her because she is a producer, a prime, necessary factor in the economic life of the community.

We must change the attitude of the majority of the people in regard to the home. Why should we insist on living in the same way as did our ancestors, in a small closed family group, when the necessity for such a mode of living has long since passed? In the homes of our ancestors the necessities of life were produced, everything centered in and about the home. This is not so today, we have advanced from the home manufacture period. We are modern in our methods of producing goods for society, yet most of us refuse to advance when it comes to the mode of living.

Yet, despite our old-fashioned ideas, an almost complete revolution has taken place in the mode of living, but only to the advantage of the wealthy.

Witness our modern apartments and hotels, with their day nurseries and playgrounds with trained attendants, its community kitchens, laundries, dining halls, living rooms, music rooms, club rooms, gymnasiums, swimming pools, solariums, libraries, etc., and containing every labor saving, electric device and contrivance yet invented, to be used by all the occupants who need or desire it. The days of private homes of immense size with private servants, etc., are counted: the whole trend of modern living as shown by modern architecture and equipment is towards the community idea, but this is only for the selected few, the rich, the idlers, the parasites!

When will the workers, the women workers learn the lesson of solidarity and cooperation? The Russian women workers, said to have been among the most backward and conservative-minded of women have learned a lesson and are working most energetically toward fulfilling their ideas on community living and community housekeeping. How much easier will this not be for the American women workers to do? In our country we produce all the necessary time and labor-saving devices known, we build cooperative community hotels, but for the parasites. When shall we begin to build them for ourselves? When shall we realize that it is only those who do a socially necessary bit of work that should enjoy the benefits of society? When workers come to see this, the women, the women-workers will become completely emancipated not only politically, but from the nerve-wrecking, back-breaking job of keeping together a "home!"

Besides the direct arming of those taking part in the Civil War, the allied imperialists extended material assistance to all the White Generals, such as money, arms, munitions, clothing, etc. Without this aid the counter-revolutionary forces would not have been able to survive even a few months. Particularly great was the assistance rendered to General Wrangel and subsequently to Poland.

From the terms of this treaty it is quite obvious that in the event of Wrangel's triumph, Russia would have been transformed into a French colony.

It was only thanks to the heroism of the workers' and peasants' Red Army that the plans of international imperialism have failed, and the country of the Soviets has emerged victorious from the unequal fight.