

STRIKE LOOMS AS 30,000 MILL WORKERS FIGHT CUT

MILITANTS APPEAL TO CONVENTION ON SIGMAN VOTE RULE

Conference Soon of All Taken Off Ballot

An appeal to the coming convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, drawn up and signed with the names of the participants in a conference held recently by all progressives ruled off the ballot by the right wing in control of Locals 33, 66 and 20 of New York, was made public yesterday by Don Wisniewsky of Local 33, one of the initiators of the conference. The appeal condemns the action of the administrative machine which refused to permit them to run for delegates to the convention when they declined to sign a statement "condemning a working class political party."

The letter accompanying the appeal also declares that the New York progressives excluded from the ballot are calling a conference of all those not permitted on the slates of other locals throughout the country. This conference is to be held in New York on Tuesday evening, April 17, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

The primary purpose of this new conference will be, according to the statement, to elect a committee of the excluded delegates to go to the convention in Boston on May 7 and present the appeal officially on the convention floor.

The signatures on the document adopted at the last conference, which will no doubt be endorsed by new additions from the out of town locals, show that the majority of them are members in good standing in the union for many years. Most of them are union members for from 10 to 19 years.

Condemn Board.
After condemning the action of the General Executive Board of the International in ruling them off the ballot for their political opinion and for their criticism of the reactionary administration which destroyed a once powerful union by their expulsion policy, the appeal quotes sections of the constitution adopted at the last convention of the union which expressly permits freedom of political affiliation in an organization composed of members of all shades of political thought.

The undersigned progressives, after pointing to their many years of activity in the union, end their statement with the following appeal:
"Delegates! We charge that the action of the General Executive Board in violating the laws of our union was taken with the object of perpetuating themselves in power against our organization, appeal to you the expressed wishes of the vast majority of our membership.
"We, the undersigned, members of many years standing and service in
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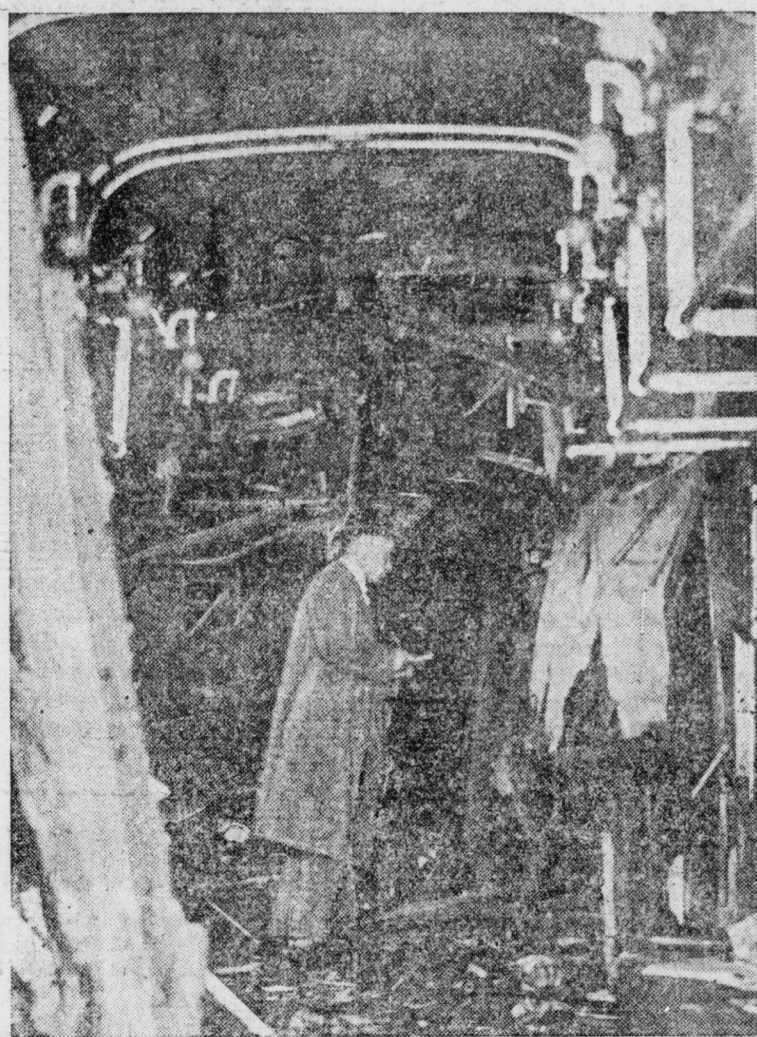
CANNON TO SPEAK AT SEATTLE MEET

To Conclude Tour in New York, May 18

SEATTLE, April 9.—Following a series of successful meetings throughout the states of California, Oregon and Washington, a number of meetings have been arranged in Seattle, Washington, and vicinity for James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, in his tour against the frame-up system which is covering the entire country. From April 11 to April 14, Cannon will be in Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, where he will speak at mass meetings and hold conferences with workers of the International Labor Defense. It is also planned during this period to arrange a conference with the Centralia I. W. who are imprisoned for life in Walla Walla penitentiary at which the continuation of a more effective campaign for their release will be considered.

Meetings Successful.
In Los Angeles a banquet was given to Cannon at which letters from a number of San Quentin prisoners, endorsing the International Labor Defense, were read. Tom Lewis was in the chair and after Cannon's speech, Frank Spector, local I. L. D. secretary made an appeal which brought in \$140. The mass meeting on the following night was attended by hundreds of workers who cheered the denunciation of the anti-labor frame-up system which Cannon described.
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Seven-Cent Fare for Trip to Grave



Two men were killed outright and fifteen others injured when wooden cars crashed on a stalled section of the Fulton St. B. M. T. "L" on Easter morning. The interior of the car in which the dead lay is shown above. The subway interests are fighting to charge seven cents instead of five for the privilege of dying in their wooden cars.

40 YEARS IN TRADE, OIL JUROR EXCUSED

The selection of the jury which will try Harry F. Sinclair, was complete today. All the jurors are men.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, and his friends financed the republican party's campaigns which kept the Coolidge government in power.

B.-M. T. SHIFTS BLAME FOR WRECK

Pass Buck For Accident to Dead Worker

Resorting to the usual procedure of blaming a dead worker, victim of the criminal defiance of safety regulations by large corporations, officers of the Tammany Hall city administration were yesterday seeking to fasten the responsibility for Sunday's B.-M. T. wreck on the dead motorman who drove the Liberty Avenue elevated train on its fatal journey.

Three Already Dead.
In addition to Curtin, Harry Smith, also a motorman, and Arthur Kennedy died as a result of what everyone is now forced to admit was the failure of the B.-M. T. to comply with transit commission rulings to install block signal systems. Of the 15 injured in the wreck, four are said to be in a very serious condition.

The accident occurred when a six-car train crashed into the rear end of a stalled three-car train at the Rockaway Boulevard station at Woodhaven, Queens, at 3:20 a. m.

Nearly two years ago the B.-M. T. was ordered by the New York State Transit Commission to install a block signal system. The company merely made a gesture of complying with the order by installing signals on an insignificant section of its lines.

Of even greater is the failure of the B.-M. T. to comply with virtual orders for the abandonment of the wooden cars which have contributed greatly to the death toll in many wrecks.

Commission and City Blamed.
The transit commission, it is believed, will not be able to escape its share of responsibility for the tragedy. It has been well aware of the violations of the law.

The city officials will be held equally responsible, it is believed, even though they are now seeking to pass the blame as usual to the dead workers.

The B.-M. T., according to its own admissions, is making nearly 8 per cent on watered stock. This company and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company are making millions of dollars yearly.

Miners' Families Continue Mass Picketing

DEFY TROOPERS IN BIG REVIVAL OF STRIKE WAVE

Women Again Lead in Union Drive

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—Threatening to ride over them if they appear on the picket line tomorrow, five mounted state troopers under Private Joe Francis herded more than thirty wives and daughters of striking miners into the road leading to Montour Number 10 mine at Library this morning, their horses and clubs forcing women on.

Although police declared the men might picket they were shoved along together with the women for a distance. One striker who did not move fast enough was helped along with blows by the state troopers.

Women gathered along the road at five o'clock this morning carrying signs, "Join the United Mine Workers of America," crudely traced on boards. About a dozen coal and iron police kept them moving.

Shortly after six o'clock, five mounted state troopers swooped down upon the pickets. Women shouted protests as they were driven from the line but the horses forced them on. "We suffer more than the men, we and our children," they cried. "But we'll stay on the line until we win the strike."

One elderly woman who ran to the Hillock side of the road to escape the horses was quickly brought back by troopers who rode after her rounding her up like a straggler from a herd of cattle. "My horse knows how to get them," one trooper later told reporters. "He has been through six strikes, he knows more than I do."

Martin McEverly, New York newspaper photographer, was forbidden to take pictures of troopers herding women. Later in the morning Mrs. Christine Dolane, Jennie Ruppnick, Margaret Woods, Anna Intehar, women pickets, called upon Sheriff Robert Braun to protest the brutality and demanded the right to picket. At first the sheriff seemed too busy to listen but when the women sat down to wait and newspaper reporters arrived he agreed to see them. But reporters were not admitted. Two in civilian dress, recognized as state troopers by women, were in session with Braun. "We don't want stories about Allegheny County in the papers," the women said the sheriff told them.

"People believe terrible things about troopers. They are afraid even to drive through the county."

As Mrs. Dolane left the office she told reporters the sheriff said that troopers had acted in accordance with his instructions. The women complained to the sheriff that cops threw tear bombs and rode horses over them. The sheriff announced that all women pickets would be arrested. "We don't mind going to jail," Mrs. Ruppnick declared, "but cops say they'll send us to the hospital instead. But they can't stop us."

Gov. Fisher Again Asked To Testify in Coal Quiz

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 9.—The senate coal investigation committee may again request Gov. Fisher of this state to testify regarding the terrorist tactics of the coal and iron police, it was learned today.

On a previous occasion, Fisher, who is counsel for one of the biggest coal companies in the state, refused to testify except on his own conditions.

GORDON IS TAKEN TO REFORMATORY

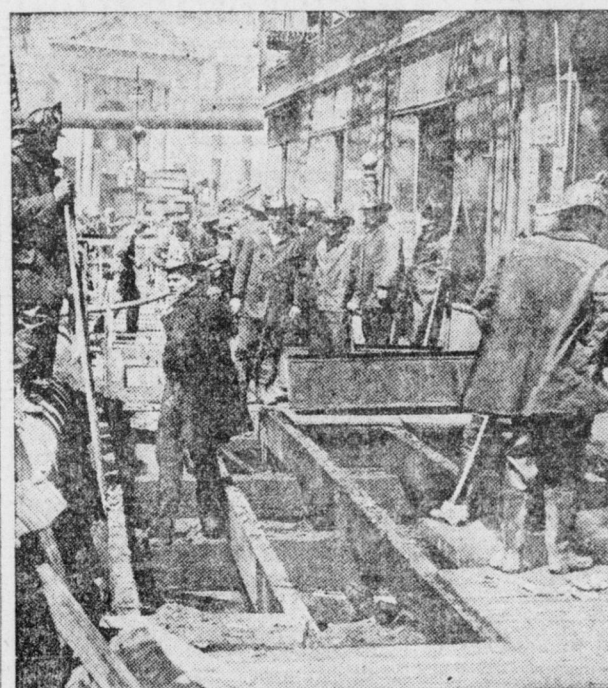
Funds Needed to Defend Worker from Further Attacks

David Gordon, young author of the poem "America," was yesterday taken from the Tombs to the New York County Reformatory at Hampton Farms. Gordon, who is 18 years old, will have to remain in the reformatory until he is 21. He was placed in the Tombs last week after being taken without warning from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a scholarship student, after the State Court of Appeals upheld a decision convicting the author for writing the poem and imposing a fine of \$500 on

The DAILY WORKER for printing it. The entire case against Gordon and the DAILY WORKER was trumped up by patriotic societies such as the Key Men of America and the Military Order of the World War, who used the poem, which referred in complimentary terms to capitalist America, as a pretext for an attempt to crush the newspaper that has for more than four years been a thorn in the side of the capitalist class. Describes Last Day in Tombs.

In a letter to The DAILY WORKER, Gordon describes the experiences of his last day in the Tombs. "I was interviewed by someone today," he writes. "He was a man of truly charming suavity. He listened very politely to my story and questioned me in so gentle a tone that I began to like him very much. "His last question was, 'You're pretty much filled with Communism, aren't you?' "Of course, but this doesn't pertain
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Workers Barely Escape Gas Explosion



Scores of excavation workers barely escaped injuries when gas exploded from undetermined causes in a section of the new tunnel at 13th St. and Greenwich Ave. Firemen prodding among the debris are shown in the above picture. Tunnel

CHICAGO ON EDGE AS 8,000 GUARD POLLS

CHICAGO, April 9.—With the echo of two new bombings in its ears, with charges and cross-charges of ballot stealing, assassinations, liquor wars, gangs, the faction-torn republican adherents today on the eve of the Illinois primary entered the final desperate "mud-slinging" battle.

The principal fight rages around the nomination for governor and for state's attorney of Cook county (Chicago). Senator Deneen and Mayor Thompson, field marshals for their respective forces, are not up for any office at this time, but their political fortunes depend on the success of their respective candidates.

Len Small, incumbent, is seeking the nomination to succeed himself as governor. He is opposed by Louis L. Emmerson of the Deneen camp. Robert E. Crowe, who seeks to succeed himself as state's attorney of Cook county, is opposed by Judge Swanson.

More than 8,000 special watchers have been assigned to polling places to prevent disorder and bomb squads have been ordered to tour streets in districts noted for election disorder. More than 1,600,000 persons are expected to cast their vote in one of capitalist democracy's characteristic orgies.

TAMMANY HALL EYE ON QUEENS

Boro Jobs Have Created Millionaires

Former United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who was named special attorney general to present evidence to the grand jury in the \$29,500,000 Queens sewer scandal, has announced he will attempt to have criminal indictments returned.

Maurice E. Connolly, who is alleged to have conspired with contractors so that the cost of the Jamaica trunk sewer was 50 per cent graft while he was president of the boro of Queens, said yesterday he had no fear that he would be indicted. Connolly built up a powerful democratic machine in his boro that was virtually independent of Tammany.

When he resigned recently at the height of a state investigation into graft charges looking toward his removal, the Smith-Walker democratic machine began plans at once to recapture control of the Queens government which has made several men wealthy.

USSR PURCHASES HERE INCREASE

\$2,284,000 Is Spent for Machinery

Purchases of industrial equipment by the Amtorg Trading Corporation in March amounted to \$2,284,000, the largest figure for this class of purchases for any one month since the opening of Soviet-American trade relations, it was announced yesterday by Saul G. Bron, chairman of the board of directors of the Amtorg.

Only 23 per cent of the value of purchases was paid for in cash, on the remainder credit terms up to two years being granted. This also constituted a record in Soviet-American trade. Total Amtorg purchases for March amounted to \$4,400,000 as against the monthly average for last year of \$2,700,000.

"The industrial character of the purchases made here for the Soviet Union is becoming more pronounced, as the figures for March show," stated Bron. "After raw materials, which are by far the largest item of Soviet purchases in the United States, industrial equipment is the most important group of commodities in Soviet-American trade. The Soviet Union needs more and more machinery to effect its extensive program of new factory construction.

"In 1927 our purchases of industrial equipment averaged \$1,000,000 per month, as compared with half that figure in 1926. This year we are likely to keep up the new record of machinery purchases exceeding \$2,000,000 per month, especially in view of improved credit facilities."

Appeal to Labor to Defend Three Miners

WILKES-BARRE, April 9.—On trial today for their lives on a trumped up charge and indictment for murder, Sam Bonita, Adam Molecki and Steve Mendola, three innocent progressive miners of Local 1703 of Pittston, through their defense committee sent out a new appeal to the labor movement for solidarity and support.

"The workers of the country must protect those who are at the forefront of their battle," the committee of which Stanley Dziengielewski is secretary, declared. Funds at this moment are urgently necessary. Send all communications to Room 513, Coal Exchange Building, Wilkes-Barre."

170,000 Are Jobless in California, Says Report

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 9.—About 170,000 men are unemployed in this state, it is estimated by the state labor commissioner's office. This is the largest number since 1921. Long breadlines exist here, in Los Angeles and other California cities.

UNIONS TAKING VOTE; MAY BEGIN FIGHT OF 100,000

Balloting Is On in New Bedford Unions

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 9.—A possible general strike of 30,000 New Bedford textile workers, the occurrence of which would rapidly spread a strike movement to other centers, may materialize as a result of the newly announced wage slash of 10 per cent made yesterday by the New Bedford mill owners. This opinion is expressed by the leaders of the American Federation of Textile Operatives, who have arranged meetings for the workers to take a strike vote on the wage cut.

The meetings were to be held tonight, and as yet no information is obtainable on results of balloting.

The New Bedford textile operators did not join in the huge wave of wage reductions that recently swept through the New England Textile industry, resulting in an average wage reduction of 10 per cent for more than 100,000 workers. At that time they benevolently declared that they would refrain from cutting wages, obtaining the same results however, by demanding that each worker operate an increased number of machines.

That resentment of the workers has reached the breaking point at this latest attack on their working standards, is apparent at the growing demand for an immediate strike. The increase in the quantity of production of each worker is equivalent to the wage reduction now ordered by the bosses. The hypocrisy of the employers' announcements when the other mills were cutting wages, which they had printed in trade journals, and in posted notices, did much to crystallize the determination of the workers to fight.

Ballot Simple.
The American Federation of Textile Operatives, has prepared ballots for the strike vote which was to be taken tonight. According to the union officials the ballot is to be very simple in form, having but three words on it, Strike, Yes, No.

The progressives in the various unions controlled by the bureaucratic officialdom, have done much to develop into strike sentiment the deep resentment of the textile workers in New England. This was done by forming progressive councils in mills organized and unorganized. Progressive workers declare that if the union leadership permits an honest ballot, the overwhelming majority will decide for a strike. Recently a strike vote conducted by an A. F. of L. textile council fell thru because the officials declared the vote to be 11 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

The existence of the progressive factory and mill councils is the basis for the belief that a successful strike vote in New Bedford would quickly spread till it encompassed most of the New England textile manufacturing area.

JOBLESS, SENDS SUB FOR MINERS

Brooklyn Worker Tells of Need for "Daily"

"Though I have been out of a job for nearly two months, I am sending \$6 for a year's free subscription for a striking miner. The DAILY WORKER has meant a great deal to me during the past few years and I know how necessary it is for the striking miners to be able to read our Daily every day in their great fight against the bosses and the Lewis machine. The workers must learn to help each other or they won't be able to win their common battles. I hope my little contribution will put fighting spirit into some striking miner, and only wish I could give more."

This letter from an unemployed worker living in Brooklyn is typical of many that have been pouring into The DAILY WORKER office since the campaign to provide free subscriptions for striking miners began. Though he is without a job, this worker has sacrificed \$6 in order that the miners may be strengthened in the fight
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Miners of District No. Five Defy "Yellow-Dog" Tactics of Lewis Machine

REFUSE TO SIGN PAPER OPPOSING SAVE-UNION MEN

Lewis Threatens to Cut Off Relief

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—In an attempt to starve the progressive miners of Western Pennsylvania into submission to the Lewis machine, the officers of District 5 are circulating a petition among the strikers demanding that they sign an agreement which calls for a repudiation of their support of the Save-the-Union Committee, on pain of being cut off from relief.

Militant Spirit Rising.
The reply of the miners to this yellow dog starvation policy has taken various forms but in all cases it has been an effective rebuke to the latest strikebreaking stunt of the discredited officialdom.

In Avella the miners' wives chased organizer Carville Wolcott and his yellow-dog pledge out of town. In Puckett Creek the miners stormed the organizers who were trying to terrorize the members into signing the pledge and sent them back to their headquarters at New Kensington with only a few signatures, afterwards repudiated on their sheets.

The miners of Renton and their wives are threatening to march on the headquarters of the sub-district at New Kensington, and demand their allotment of relief. Frank Hefferly, Lewis representative in the Allegheny Valley, ordered Renton to vacate the barracks unless they repudiate the Save-the-Union Committee.

"If you come to Renton," said an official of the Renton local to Hefferly, "we will point you out to the children as the one who is starving them."

Few Miners Sign.

Only in one local was the Lewis starvation brigade able to secure the signatures of most of the local members. And those signed it in a mistaken belief that they were putting one over on the machine. While signing the pledge they told the organizers that they considered it a scrap of paper and not binding, being signed under duress. But the officials want signatures badly, for publicity purposes, no matter how secured. The miners are now determined that the only signatures they shall get are those of their own henchmen. And these are getting fewer and fewer.

In New Kensington, where the revolt against the machine has assumed the proportions of a thoro clean-out, the organizers weakened and after threatening to cut off relief decided to withdraw the threat when only 65 out of 700 members signed the pledge.

Lewis Cuts Off Relief.

In Eastern Ohio, the officials cut off several locals from relief. Local 1840 of Bellaire held a meeting to discuss relief and the Save-the-Union Conference. They endorsed the sending of delegates to the conference and forced the officials of the sub-district to continue the relief. It was a complete victory for the progressives.

It is reported that the officials of District 5 offered the Harwick local \$300 provided Tommy Lochrane was expelled. Lochrane is a young militant fighter.

In Avella as elsewhere the policy of the machine was to distribute the relief for the entire local to the two dozen Lewis henchmen that have survived in that town. On Saturday morning, Organizer Wolcott attempted to distribute the check for \$275 that formerly went to the whole local among the twenty Lewis men. The miners' women demonstrated against him and charged him with attempting to starve the strikers into supporting a reactionary program that would mean the death of the strike and the destruction of the union.

Wolcott got frightened and called on President Fred Siders of the local union to "call off the women." But Siders refused to intervene so Wolcott had to pull out of town with the women at his heels.

Coerced Into Signing.

"We signed because our children are hungry and we had to have the money for food. But we told the organizers that we did not agree with a word of it and we won't pay any attention to it. 97 per cent of us are strong for the Save-the-Union. The pledges were signed under protest and against the will of the members." This statement was made by Charles Sanders of Curtisville No. 2 to a representative of the Save-the-Union Committee.

In District 2 an attempt was made to expel from the Cresson local those who attended the Save-the-Union Conference. The motion was voted down by an overwhelming majority. Members of the general relief committee at Portage who were ousted by the machine in their absence were put on again by the rank and file on their return.

Welcome Delegates Home.

At Portage and Jamestown, the delegates returning from the conference were enthusiastically received at packed mass meetings.

This is a copy of the yellow dog

RESPOND TO SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER MADE BY "DAILY" EX-KLEAGLE, IN

Scores of militant workers are taking advantage of the special offer of a two-month subscription to The DAILY for one dollar to ensure their receiving their paper daily for the next sixty days. Many who are already subscribers are sending the special subscription as a donation to workers who are on strike, laid off or unemployed.

"The eagerness with which the American workers are responding to the one dollar subscription opportunity is a further proof of their devotion to their paper and evidence that

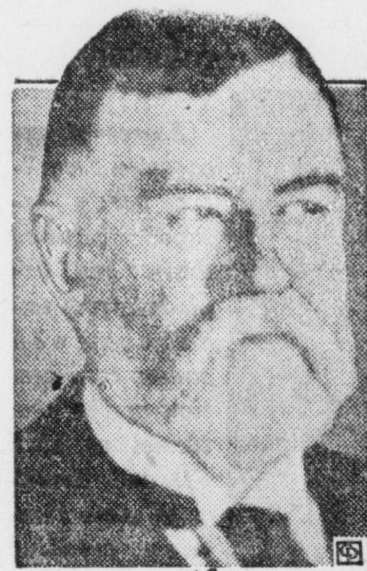
the increasing poverty of the American working class is preventing many elements from subscribing to the only paper which defends their interests," said A. Ravitch, circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER.

"The thousands of militant American workers who are carrying on strikes against their exploiters in the coal and other industries, the millions who are unemployed or idle as a result of lay-offs justify this special subscription rate, Ravitch continued. "The DAILY WORKER is as necessary as food to these workers. It is imperative that they receive their fight-

ing paper daily. The DAILY WORKER, in spite of the burdens which are being placed upon it by the Wall Street government thru its courts, is making this effort to bring the paper within the reach of even the most exploited workers. Let every class conscious working man take advantage of this unusual offer.

"May Day is approaching and hundreds of celebrations of labor's great holiday will take place thruout the United States," Ravitch said. "Every celebration must utilize the occasion to bring the dollar subscription to the workers."

R.R. Boss Seeks Merger



Railroad consolidation, which would combine some of the largest roads in the east, is the plan originated by L. F. Lovee (above). The railroad bosses like to pool their resources in the fight against the workers.

Miners' Fight To Be Topic at May 1 Meet

The struggle of the miners against the coal barons will be the chief issue discussed at the May Day demonstration at Madison Square Garden May 1 at 3 p. m.

The struggle of the miners against the treacherous labor bureaucracy and the oppressive coal magnates symbolizes the fight of the workers in the entire country to save their unions and to make them organs of class struggle. The historic rank and file conference just held in Pittsburgh will be discussed by representatives of labor and by a leading coal miner.

May first symbolizes the spirit of class-conscious labor, which is determined to free the working class from the chains of wage slavery. May Day is an international holiday which had its birth in the United States in the movement of the workers to establish the eight-hour day and to create an organized labor movement in the entire country. May Day in 1928 will express the best traditions of the American labor movement.

Thousands to Assemble.
It will show by the thousands of workers that will gather in Madison Square Garden in one united demonstration, that the American workers are conscious that only through struggle will they be able to free themselves from the scourge of unemployment low wages, speed-up systems, capitalist terror, injunctions, and all the horrors of the capitalist system.

The May Day meeting at Madison Square Garden will ring out the demands of militant labor for unemployment insurance, for an end to the rule of Nicaragua by the American imperialist forces, for struggle against imperialist war, for the defense of the Soviet Union, against the efforts of the exploiters to lower the standard of living by the seven cents fare in New York, by increasing hours, by lowering wages.

Among the speakers at Madison Square Garden will be representatives of the militant trade union movement of New York and of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Chicago Local Names Convention Delegates

CHICAGO, April 9.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Local 39 of Chicago recently held elections for delegates to the national convention of the union to be held in Cincinnati beginning May 14.

The right wing electoral administrative machine succeeded in counting into office 14 of their followers as delegates, it is reported.

DECLARATION OF POLICY.

We, the undersigned members of Local Union No. . . . U. M. W. A., hereby repudiate and denounce the so-called "Save the Union" and all other dual organizations and we declare that we will stand by the laws and policies of the United Mine Workers of America. We pledge ourselves to exclude by voice or vote in meetings of this local union all speakers, reports, or communications from the so-called "Save the Union" dual organization and all other dual organizations to the end that the laws and policies of our union shall prevail and that victory in this strike may be won at an early date.

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against the illegal and unconstitutional action of the G. E. B. We appeal against the abuse of its power in inaugurating a policy of expulsion and discrimination which has brought our union to the brink of ruin. We appeal to you, delegates, to repudiate the unconstitutional acts of the G. E. B. and restore to our members the rights and privileges to which we are entitled in accordance with the provisions of our constitution and the decision of our convention.

"Brothers and Sisters! Our union is today at the most critical period of its history. This crisis can only be met by removing the illegal barriers against the participation of all members in the affairs of the union and by bringing about the active cooperation of all elements, regardless of their political views, in an effort to rebuild our organization.

"We fervently trust that you will act favorably on this appeal and will once and for all time put an end to the policy of expulsion and discrimination and bring about unity on a basis of majority rule in our organization."

BAR NEGROES IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Proceedings Instituted Against Authorities

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., April 9.—The attempt of the board of education of this city to prevent Negro pupils and their parents from using the main library of this city has resulted in a mandamus proceedings being instituted against the authorities.

The immediate cause of the legal action followed a resolution by the board of education declaring that "the secretary be requested to write the librarian of the Charleston Public Library to inform any colored citizen who come into the library, that, inasmuch as the board has provided the Garnett Branch Library for their exclusive use, they must use such library instead of the Charleston Public Library, and that the librarian be instructed to refuse to serve them hereafter."

The petition filed by the Negroes charging discrimination denies the right of the school authorities to issue such an edict and points out that the libraries as well as the public schools and other public buildings were constructed out of common tax funds for which Negroes were assessed.

Bosses' Tool in Jail

CHICAGO, April 9.—Robert Tuft, former executive secretary of the Open Shop Association, which has fought the printing workers in their struggle for better conditions for many years, has been imprisoned for embezzling \$25,000 from the association. Tuft complained in court that the salary of \$125 a month paid him to be the bosses' tool was insufficient, and he was forced to embezzle.

WORKERS HAIL NEW \$30,000 CENTER

Union Square Is Now Hub of Activities of Militant Workers

The announcement that a home for the revolutionary movement, to be known as the Workers Center, would be established at 26-28 Union Square, has met with an enthusiastic response from all sections of the militant workingclass of this city and vicinity.

The need for such a center has been felt for years, but the revolutionary movement had not developed sufficiently to make it realizable. The growth of the Communist movement within recent times and its increasing influence among the exploited masses has now made a centralizing building necessary.

New Era Arrives.

Workers throughout the city have expressed the opinion that with the establishment of the Workers Center, a new era in revolutionary activity will be ushered in. Many have re-

Wall Street Applies the "Great Principles of Democracy" to Nicaragua



United States marines will see that General Moncada, agent of American imperialism, will be elected in the coming presidential elections in Nicaragua. When the United States enforced the principles of democracy in the Nicaraguan elections in 1912 only 80 people voted in the City of Leon, which had a population of 50,000 and marines saw that they voted "right." From left to right President Diaz, kept in office by the marines; General McCoy who is in charge of marine "supervision" and General Chamorro who hankers for the presidency already promised General Moncada.

FASCIST MURDER WILL BE PROTESTED SUNDAY

An appeal to all members of the International Labor Defense and all militant workers to take part in the mass meeting called by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America to protest against the murder by Mussolini of Castore Sozzi of the Italian Communist Party, was issued yesterday by the New York Section of the I. L. D., 799 Broadway. The meeting will be held next Sunday, April 15, at Tammany Hall, 14th St. near Third Ave.

The appeal, which was issued thru Rose Baron, secretary of the New York section of the I. L. D., states: "Mussolini has added another murder to his long and bloody record. Once more has the head of Italian fascism shown his contempt not only for the oppressed workers of Italy, but for the workers of the entire world, by killing in the most brutal manner one of the most devoted leaders of the working class.

Fought For Workers.
"The crime of Castore Sozzi was that he hated fascism and fought for its overthrow with all his heart and soul. It is the crime of which those who labor in the service of the working class throughout the world stand convicted. And the murder of Sozzi is not merely the murder of an individual. It is a direct attack on the part of organized fascism against all the workers whose growing power it fears.

"In this country too we have our Mussolinis and our fascists. The foul murder of Sacco and Vanzetti still burns in the memory of all class-conscious workers. And just as Mussolini gloats and becomes all the more arrogant with every new oppression, so Governor Fuller in this country has strutted and blustered since he murdered Sacco and Vanzetti. Only the other day he announced that he would not be a candidate for vice president since he considered the governorship of Massachusetts second only to the presidency. In other words, he would not exchange the role of chief murderer for a mere vice presidency.

Fights Fascism Here.
"The International Labor Defense, which fights unremittently against the Mussolinis and terrorists of this country, calls upon all its members and all class conscious workers to join in this protest meeting against Italian fascism. A blow at Mussolini is a blow for working class freedom everywhere. It is a blow against the Fullers and Coolidges of the United States and for the victims of our own class war. Workers of New York,

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To Conclude Tour in New York, May 18

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An excellent ground was laid building up the defense movement here.

Greet Mooney's Appeal.

In San Francisco a large mass meeting was held, together with a state conference of the organization, attended by 112 delegates representing 65 organizations, including numerous trade unions. The announcement that Tom Mooney had appealed to the International Labor Defense to recommence an international agitation in favor of the release of Mooney and Billings was enthusiastically greeted.

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The final meeting in the tour will be held in New York City Friday, May 18, at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., under the auspices of the New York local of International Labor Defense.

Republicans Afraid Of Exposure in Graft Trial of Mrs. Knapp

ALBANY, April 9.—Speculation as to whether the coming trial of Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former republican secretary of state, charged with graft in connection with the 1925 census fund, will disclose the members of the republican party under whose orders the former secretary conducted her alleged wholesale corruption, is the main topic of conversation in political circles here.

During the recent Moreland investigation of Mrs. Knapp, Dr. Walter Laidlaw, one of the principal witnesses referred to an unnamed republican power who it is claimed gave orders to Mrs. Knapp.

The defense counsel will be headed by John J. Conway, former assistant district attorney, of Albany, and P. C. Duran, another local lawyer, according to an announcement yesterday.

IOWA DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 9.—Although the Al. Smith forces were apparently "in" today, those who carried on the "favorite son" fight for a delegation for E. T. Meredith to the democratic national convention at Houston refused to concede defeat in Saturday's county conventions.

Meredith got instructed delegations from two of the state's eleven districts, while Smith got four, and lacked one vote in one district and five in another for a majority.

DELEGATES FOR HOOVER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 9.—Another state swung into the Herbert Hoover-for-president parade today when resolutions of the republican state convention all but instructed the seven delegates-at-large and the six district delegates to vote for Hoover at the Kansas City republican national convention.

COURT, TELLS OF KLAN KILLINGS

Plans for Murder of Coburn Told

CHICAGO, April 9.—Cold, calculated murder is described in the deposition of David C. Stephenson, once "Grand Dragon" of the Klan in Indiana. In his deposition Stephenson told a startling story of intrigue, official corruption and inciting to mob violence.

Stephenson told of plans to murder Captain William S. Coburn, one of the original Klan organizers under Col. Simmons. Coburn was assassinated in Atlanta.

They first tried to frame him with a woman, the deposition states. The date was July 12 in 1923 at Buckeye Lake, O., in a cottage which I occupied. There were three men present. One was a gunman. I was told: "Coburn must be eliminated by one means or another. He is trying to bring out some things in a lawsuit that will be extremely embarrassing."

The next time was at a yacht party on Lake Huron in August, 1923. I was seated next to a man and of a sudden he reached over, took my arm and said confidentially: "Can you get hold of someone to bump Coburn off?" I said "What do you mean?" He replied "I mean that Coburn must be eliminated. If he brings out what he's trying to in that suit I'll be ruined."

He said "Well, I'm going to get rid of Coburn and his whole outfit. If old Simmons don't keep his mouth shut we will send him down the road with a man that will come back alone."

Later at a hotel in Cincinnati I was told there was a plot underway to discredit Col. Simmons and Capt. Coburn by involving them with a woman. I was told they were going to take pictures of Coburn and Col. Simmons and others on the black list by the process of dual exposure, create a picture which would leave the impression with the public that Col. Simmons and Coburn were guilty of serious offenses against morality.

Klan Sued in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—Depositions and the taking of testimony in the suit of the Ku Klux Klan against five former members and the counter-suit of the defendants demanding an accounting of the Klan's affairs in Pennsylvania will probably continue the greater part of this week, it was thought likely as the trial opened in federal court here today.

Scores of witnesses from all parts of the country here, and sensational disclosures of murder, inciting to mob violence and political corruption by the Klan were promised.

Metropolitan Workers' Soccer Standing

Division "A"				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Hungarian Workers	20	15	2	3
Scandinavian Work.	20	13	2	5
Bronx Hungarian	22	11	6	5
N. Y. Eagle	22	7	10	5
Spartacus	20	5	10	5
Armanians Gen. Ath.	U.13	5	5	3
Freiheit S. C.	21	4	12	5
Red Star S. C.	19	4	10	5
Martian's S. C.	19	3	10	6

Division "B"				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Hungarian Workers	16	12	1	3
Prague F. C.	14	10	3	1
Red Star	16	6	8	2
Fordham S. C.	8	6	1	1
Freiheit S. C.	15	5	9	1
German Hungarian	8	5	3	0
Claremont S. C.	9	4	4	1
Spartacus S. C.	13	3	7	3
N. Y. Rangers	10	1	7	2
Blue Star S. C.	11	1	10	0

Division "C"				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Trumpeldor F. C.	4	4	0	0
Scandinavian Work.	5	4	1	0
Prague S. C.	5	3	1	1
Prague Juniors	5	3	1	7
Falcon F. C.	3	2	0	1
Y. M. H. A.	5	3	2	0
Spartacus F. C.	5	2	3	0
German Hungarian	6	1	3	2
Red Star S. C.	8	1	5	2
Vagabond F. C.	2	1	0	2
Cooperative	6	0	5	1
Claremont F. C.	1	0	1	0

Results of April 8 Games.

Bronx Hung. vs. N. Y. Eagle, 2:1.
Scandinavian vs. Freiheit, 5:0.
Red Star vs. Spartacus, 2:0.
Ger. Hung. "A" vs. Freiheit "B," 7:0.
Scandinavian Workers "B" vs. Falcon, 3:2.
Y. M. H. A. vs. German-Hung. "B," 6:1.
Red Star vs. Cooperative, 10:2.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

BUCYRUS, O., April 9.—William G. Sharp, of Elyria, son of the late William Sharp, Sr., former U. S. ambassador to France, is scheduled to appear in magistrate's court here tomorrow along with two other men, on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Philadelphia Transit Spreading Collaboration Bunk, Correspondent Shows

MITTEN ISSUES DOPE SHEET TO MISLEAD SLAVES

Progressives Only Hope of Traction Men

(By a Worker Correspondent.) PHILADELPHIA, (By Mail).—The Mitten Men and Management of Philadelphia, or in other words, the company union of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit is constantly fooling the workers with its plans of "collective bargaining," "cooperation," etc. One of the last shots of this company union was a circular with a big title: "Union Labor Adopts Mitten Plan."

Cooperation Bunk. In these circulars, which are being spread all over the city, the conscious exploiters of the big company are trying to mislead the workers of Philadelphia, and the employees of the P. R. T., especially, by trying to prove the possibility of cooperation between the employers and the employees, the gains the workers get through such cooperation and that the Mitten Management, as such, is not against organized labor. To prove this the Mitten company is issuing regularly all kinds of "literature" where they are trying to prove the accomplishments of cooperation. In the last piece the company presents the agreement between the management and organized labor. Everybody knows that the so-called agreement is merely another trick used to mislead the employees of the P. R. T. from the real issues these workers are confronted with.

The Mitten management today is practically controlling the entire transportation of Philadelphia, including bus lines, cabs, subways, street cars, etc. The workers of the Mitten management are not satisfied with their economic conditions at all, but in order to prevent the possibilities of the development of the dissatisfaction on the part of the employees the Mitten Management is sending its stool-pigeons into the ranks of the P. R. T. workers and, if some one is trying to protest against conditions, he finds himself immediately out of work. The company is also trying to fool the workers by telling them that the employees have their representative on the board of directors or other committees, that these "workers' representatives" fight on the board of directors for the interests of the employees. Of course it is easy to understand for every conscious worker that these so-called "workers' representatives" are merely other stool-pigeons for Mr. Mitten and his company.

Officials Sold Out. It is interesting that the officials of the labor movement in Philadelphia has never found it necessary to discuss this important question, and adopt an indifferent attitude towards the company unionization of thousands of workers of Philadelphia. The present officials of the Philadelphia labor movement, as well as the officials of the American labor movement, are unable and not willing to free the thousands of workers from company unionism. These workers look upon the progressives in every industry as their hope for better conditions and militant trade unions. —P. R. T.

\$10 a Week for Cable Splicer at 'Phone Co.

When I was 17 years old I enlisted in the United States army. I did my share over there and when I came home I couldn't even get a job. It's the same way yet.

26 Is Too Old. This is the sort of thing you get. I went down to the Telephone Co., on West St. and filed an application. I put down my age and my experience. When I was called by a Mr. Gronner, he told me I was too old for the position. All I am is 26 and American born.

Two days later I filed another application for a position as a phone installer. This time I put down that I was only 23 years old. I was put thru the same old stuff this time. I had to go to a man (I can't recall his name, but he is the first man that gives you your application). He gave me about three seconds of his time to sit there. He said, "I am sorry I can't help you, but you haven't a college education." And again I was turned away.

Knew The Ropes. On my way out I met a young man about 27. We got to talking about jobs. He said he had filed an application for the same job. He had never even been as far as 4-B in school, but he got the job as installer. I asked him how he did it. This is the racket.

If you are a Catholic or a Jew you are out of luck. Get a letter from someone in that department or at your club. Then you will get the position if you can get to see a Mr. Middendorf. He is the head of that department. He will give you the same old stuff. Then you go to the doctor. If you pass, O. K. If not five or ten bucks will help you get a job at the New York Telephone Co., on West Street.

\$10 Per Week. Two weeks later I went back and brought two letters to this Mr. Middendorf. The salary was \$18 a week for installers. I said, "O.K." Then he took a good look again at the letters and said, "I am sorry, there is no place I can get you. But for \$10 a week you can use a job in the department of Mr. J. J. Barr as a cable-splicer." I was angry but I said, "I will take the job." After seeing this Scotchman he said, "I am sorry, but no married man can live on \$10 a week. So you can't have the position." So again I was out of luck. That's what I got for fighting in the war, while Mr. Gronner, Mr. Middendorf, Mr. J. J. Barr and the application clerk are home having a good time. Well, the next war will have a hell of a time to get me. —C. B.

Nearing Lecture For Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—As a part of a national tour Scott Nearing will give an afternoon and evening lecture in Milwaukee, Monday 16 at St. Johns Cathedral Auditorium, 50 Jackson St. Both lectures will deal with his recent trip thru the Soviet Union and China. The first lecture, scheduled for 4:30 p. m., will deal with "Education in Soviet Russia." The subject of the 8 p. m. lecture is "Russia and China."

50,000 LUMBER WORKERS IDLE ON WEST COAST

Banks Move to Smash Peach Growers

(By a Worker Correspondent.) SACRAMENTO, Calif., (By Mail).—Oregon's resources, California's greatness and the wonders of Washington will be the sources of a great wave of prosperity in the near future. Such is the prediction of George Baker, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, according to the Sacramento Bee. By what stretch of the imagination he reaches this conclusion is a puzzle.

Own Everything. We are all familiar with the economic ebb in the states in question. Lumbering and agriculture are the chief industries of the states of Washington and Oregon. The lumber industry is highly monopolized. It is in the hands of less than a dozen timber pirates who own and control the standing timber, the land on which it stands, the tools of production and the lumber.

Due to modern machinery and the speed-up system of production, the market has long since been glutted and production is at a standstill. As a result more than 50,000 lumber workers are idle on the coast. Or is the mayor's optimism due to excellent conditions in agriculture? As far back as 1925 Oregon's and Washington's farm prosperity was mortgaged for 80 per cent of its total value. There are thousands of instances where, in 1927, the farmers of Oregon and Washington went bankrupt due to the high taxes, deplorably low crop prices, extortionate freight rates, etc.

Even tenant farmers are driven from the land by these circumstances as George Baker very well knows.

Banks Control. The Sacramento Bee recently carried in its pages an outline of California. More than half of this map was stencilled in black, across which was written the words "Bank of Italy," showing the control of one bank alone in the agriculture and industry in California. The rice, cotton and other farmers are bankrupt, with the fruit growers following closely on their heels.

The cannery association, which in reality, is a bank power, smote the peach growers on both ears this year. They notified the peach growers that the latter would have to "bill back" \$14.50 on every ton of peaches sold the cannery in 1928-27.

\$5.50 Per Ton. If any peaches grow this year and they are brought to the cannery, the growers must first divy up \$14.50 per ton. Advance prices for the 1928 peach crop run from \$20 to \$25 per ton. So you can see what the future holds in store for the peach growers. This is a deliberate move on the part of the banks to choke and crush private farming in California once and for all.

The mayor predicts further that golden opportunities lie in store for labor. Naturally the broadcasting of such propaganda will attract large numbers of workers to this section of the country. Therefore a word of warning to eastern workers: Stay away from the Golden West.

Breadlines. It is now April; things should begin to loosen up a little. Instead what have we? Breadlines in full swing. Hundreds of thousands are idle and starving who are forced to live in cheap tourist camps. Herded together like cattle they live on spinach and other greens.

Who dares to deny these statements, step forward. Underfed half-clothed, with scanty shelter, and often with such sanitary provisions as would put swine to flight, they sit and patiently wait for a job. And if a job really comes, the workers swarm over it like flies on carrion. For the workers' conditions are infinitely worse than can be told by a pen.

The mayor of course, has a swell position. All he has to do is to keep the boots of Big Business polished and he sits on the top of the world. So he spouts what he thinks is good dope for such suckers, by which he hopes to perpetuate his position at the expense of the suffering toilers.

The issues the mayor and his class represent are dead. Nothing for you in the future, George.

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400 Metropolitan Life Workers Get \$18 a Week

(By a Worker Correspondent) I want to cry with a big voice of protest against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in behalf of 400 brother workers. We are working here for \$18 a week.

Many times we have made complaints at the office and have asked for some increase. But our voices were shouting into the empty air. We don't hear nothing from the office. Please don't print my name. —S. S.

Cincinnati Sends \$400 to Miners

(By a Worker Correspondent.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, (By Mail).—Reading so much in THE DAILY WORKER of what is going on in other cities, I thought it would interest readers elsewhere, to know what we are doing in Cincinnati.

Primarily, we are devoting the major part of our efforts to helping the miners. The secretary of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee has been here for a few weeks and has arranged lectures, entertainments, etc., in behalf of the miners and has collected over \$400, together with shoes, clothing, etc.

An Unemployed Council was formed to provide work, relief, etc., for jobless men and their families. They called on the city manager, Col. C. O. Sherrill and, in cases where destitute families had been refused relief by the Associated Charities, took steps to see that they were provided for in the matter of food, clothing, rent, doctor, medicine, etc. But their demands upon the welfare director being so insistent, the most active members of the Unemployed Council were provided with jobs. The homeless and jobless men were handed over to the City Mission (which is maintained by Col. Wm. Cooper Proctor, one of the city's millionaires) and in that way caused the Unemployed Council to "fall by the wayside."

However, a new Unemployed Council has been formed with three of the comrades as a nucleus, around which we expect to form an active, go-getting committee that will produce tangible results.

We are also having a class one night a week for new members, their friends, families and interested sympathizers, for the purpose of teaching the principles of Communism. —W. C.

Favors Textile's Death

BOSTON, April 9 (FP).—Painless death for the Massachusetts textile industry is the hope of Rep. Henry L. Shattuck of Boston, chairman of the all-important ways and means committee.

The textile industry is a liability to the state, Shattuck affirmed in the debate on the women's right work bill. He favored getting rid of it as quickly as possible.

SOCIALISTS IN READING WON'T HELP WORKERS

Admit Betrayal in Own Slogans

(By a Worker Correspondent.) READING, Pa., (By Mail).—Can a betrayal of the interests of the workers, such as has distinguished every instance in which social democrats have acquired power in government or in workers' mass organizations, be expected from the new socialist party officials of the government of the city of Reading, Pa.? It can.

Same Old Misleaders. Is the socialist party of Reading different from other units of the same party in other parts of the United States and from other national sections of the Second or "socialist and labor" International, or are the leaders of the socialist party of Reading more Marxian than social democratic leaders elsewhere in this country and the rest of the world, as some Reading workers seem to think? They are not.

Answering, more specifically, the last question first, the socialist party, in this instance, being on the defensive, one is inclined to do so by asking further questions. Are not their program and policy identical with those of the national party and international of which they are a part? Is the record of the socialist party in Reading or are the records of its leaders essentially different, to date, from those of other social democratic parties and leaders at a similar stage in their careers? They are not. What reason can there be for believing that the future will show any divergency worth mentioning from the records of other social democratic parties and leaders?

Not only may the interests of the workers be betrayed by the socialist party city officials of Reading but the betrayal has already occurred repeatedly. It occurred in years passed, it occurred during the recent municipal election campaign and it has occurred since they assumed office. It occurred, in fact, in their inauguration.

Admit Betrayal.

At no time during the campaign or since have the socialist party leaders and city officials claimed that they would give the interests of the workers preference over those of the employing and owning class. In fact, the term "workers" was seldom mentioned and never emphasized; instead, they spoke of "the public," "the people," "citizens," etc. Even a socialist party, of democratic principles, would not necessarily be expected to do other than promise to serve the vast majority of the population—the workers. A genuine workers' party, its candidates or elected officials would pledge itself or themselves, first, last and always, to the service of the workers, promising to give to the problems of the non-working class portion of the population only the consideration which they deserve from representatives of the workers. —J. W.

DRAMA "PORGY" COMING BACK; STRINDBERG, MONDAY

The Theatre Guild production "Porgy," which had been playing on Broadway since November, and which closed at the Republic Theatre last Saturday is returning to New York early in June. The Negro folk play by Dorothy and Du Bose Heyward is making a short tour. The production is playing in Boston this week, where it will remain a fortnight. Following this the tour will take in the cities of Washington, Detroit and Cincinnati.

"Porgy" was to have been presented this summer in Germany under the sponsorship of Max Reinhardt, who saw it here two months ago, but the tour to Europe will wait a bit—at least until New Yorkers have had another view of the play, and the other American cities are visited.

During its final week here "Porgy" did almost capacity business, which was a big surprise, considering the lengthy run of the play.

EVELYN LAW.



One of the principals in the large cast of "The Greenwich Village Follies," the new review at the Winter Garden.

CENTENARY EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN VIENNA

A Schubert exhibition on a large scale is being prepared at the Fair Palace, under the title of "The Schubert Centenary Exhibition of the City of Vienna, 1928."

In honor of the composer a "Schubert Postcard," similar to that of Beethoven, which was released at the composers' celebration, will be issued, showing his portrait and some of the places where he lived.

"The Command to Love" is now in its final two weeks, the play will be followed at the Longacre Theatre by John Tuerk's production of "The Golden Age," the new script by Lester Lonergan and Charlton Andrews now in rehearsal with George Marion Donald Gallaher, Warren Williams David Landau, Leila Frost, Dianthe Patterson and Selene Johnson in the cast.

Broadway Briefs

An interesting item was released yesterday in the announcement of the revival of August Strindberg's drama "The Father," which Robert Whittier will present here next Monday night at the Eltinge Theatre. The play was recently seen in London, where it created quite a stir. The leading role will be played by Mr. Whittier. In his support are Kate Mayhew, Peggy Keenan, Albert Reed, Robert Sauer, Edward Everett Hale, 3rd, and Richard Terry.

"A Lady for a Night," a mystery play by Hutchenson Boyd will open this Thursday night at the 49th Street Theatre. The comedy was formerly known as "Nize Girl?" and has Esther Howard, Helen Lowell, Dorothy Hall and Betty Lawrence in the cast.

AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre Guild presents Eugene O'Neill's Play, "Strange Interlude" John Golden Then, 68th E. of W'way Evenings Only at 8:30. ALL THIS WEEK VOLPONE Guild Th., W. 52d St. Evs. 8:30 Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30 Week of Apr. 16: "Marco Millions"

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

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30th WEEK Extra Matinee Today DRACULA B'way, 46 St. Evs. 8:30 MATA, Wed. & Sat. 2:30 "Bilthey Blood-curdling." —Herald-Tribune.

National Theatre, 41 St. W. of B'way Evs. 7:30, Mats. Wed. & Sat. 1:30 Extra Matinee Today

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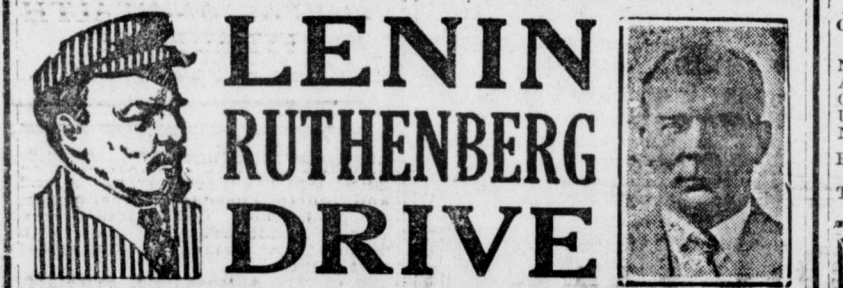
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400 JOIN STRIKE OF FRUIT CLERKS ON FIRST DAY

Large Firms Yield; Pickets Arrested

The first day of the general strike for the unorganized retail fruit store clerks, called at a mass meeting yesterday sponsored by the Retail Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union, ended with about 400 clerks joining the strike; the arrest of 10 strikers; and with applications of 10 per cent of the employers for settlements.

400 Clerks Join Strike. Early yesterday morning union clerks formed themselves into committees and were assigned to visit every fruit and vegetable store in a given district. The committees were supplied with the strike handbills calling upon those receiving them to immediately join the committee and go to strike headquarters. Four hundred responded to the call.

The 10 strikers arrested were serving on these committees. In preparation for the strike call several store owners in the neighborhood of Jennings St., and Wilkins Ave., Bronx, called in the police. When committees appeared and were joined by the workers the 10 were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Magistrate Smith in the Magistrate's Court on 161st St. and Third Ave., dismissed the charges.

Large Firms Yield. Many store owners have already applied for settlements. Several firms acknowledged to be among the largest in the Bronx have signed up. Two of them are A. Cohen, on Bathgate Ave., and B. Dittie, also on Bathgate Ave., Bronx.

The union has issued an appeal to all working class families not to patronize the stores of fruit and vegetable dealers not displaying signs of settlement with the workers' organization.

The clerks in the fruit stores are the most exploited of all retail store workers, their hours being up to 14 a day for 7 days a week. The speedy victories attained in a similar strike of the grocery clerks in spite of injunction of the United Hebrew Trades, and the bosses, has convinced the fruit clerks that this fight will be of short duration.

HOLD LITERATURE MEET THURSDAY

The immediate steps in the membership drive of the Workers (Communist) Party will be taken up at a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. of all literature agents and members of literature squads, at the Progressive Labor Center, 103 E. 14th St. William W. Weinstein, secretary of District 2, Workers Party, will address the literature workers on "The Relation of Agitation to the Worker's Everyday Work." All literature agents and members of literature squads are urged to attend the meeting.

Daugherty's Pal Must Serve Jail Sentence

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, who was tried with former Attorney General Harry B. Daugherty for conspiracy to defraud the government in the handling of seized German property, today lost his appeal to the supreme court. Miller must serve a sentence of 18 months in prison and pay a \$5,000 fine.

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WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

Spring Dance. A "Red Spring" entertainment and dance will be given by Branch 4, Section 5, this Saturday, April 14, at 2075 Clinton Ave.

1D Meeting today. 2F and 3F of 1D will meet today at 6 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

Section 2 Organizers Meet. A meeting of all subsection and unit organizers of Section 2 will be held this Thursday, April 12, at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All organizers must be present.

The International Branch, Unit 11, Section 1D, will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

Night Workers Meet Today. The Night Workers Branch will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 60 St. Marks Place. A discussion on unemployment will be led by our agitprop director.

Literature Agents Meet Thursday. William W. Weinstein will talk at the district conference of literature agents and members of the literature squad, Thursday at 8 p. m. at 103 E. 14th St.

SS 3E FE. Harry Freeman will lead a discussion on "Nicaragua" at an educational meeting of SS 3E F2 tomorrow at 6 p. m. at 301 W. 27th St.

Unit 3E 1F. Unit 3E 1F will hold its regular meeting today at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Unit 3E 2F. Unit 3E 2F will meet this Thursday at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Branch 5, Section 5. A special meeting of Branch 5, Section 5 will be held today at 8:30 p. m. Every member must be present.

Class in Lower Bronx. The A B C of Communism class in the Lower Bronx will start tonight at 8:30 o'clock at 715 E. 133rd St.

Mass Meeting on Traction. Louis A. Baum will talk on the traction question at 140th St. and Third Ave. Thursday night.

Subsection 2E 3F. Subsection 2E 3F will meet today at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Course for New Members. A course for new Party members is given at the Workers School, 103 E. 14th St. on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Every new member of the Party should attend this course.

Meeting For \$30,000 Drive. All units, sections and subsections are to call special membership meetings this week to take up plans for raising \$30,000 for the new Workers Center in Union Square.

May Day Tickets. Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now ready at the district office for distribution, and can also be obtained thru section organizers. Comrades who can dispose of tickets are urged to get them at once.

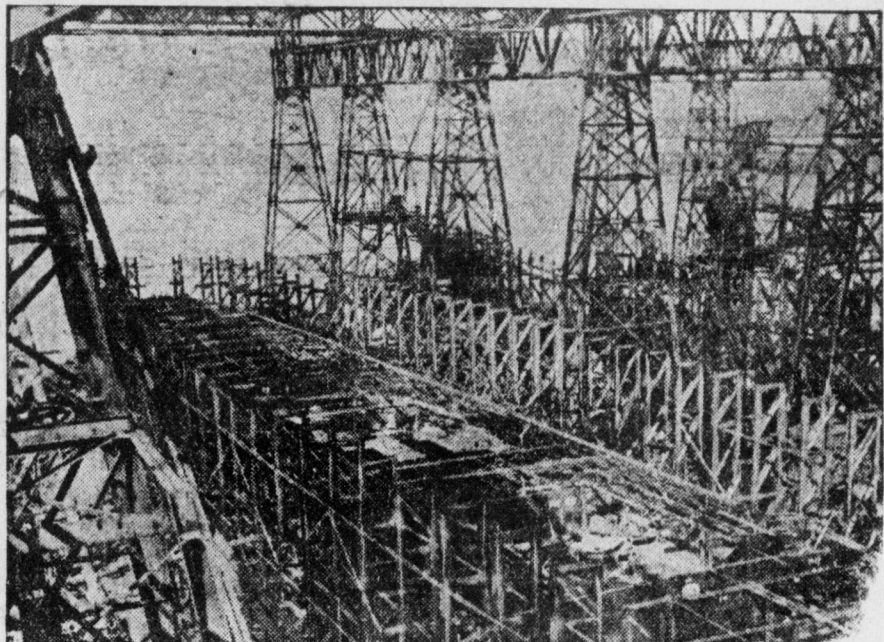
Borah Questioned on Roosevelt Oil Salary

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (FP).—Rep. John J. O'Connor of the 16th New York district in an open letter to Sen. Borah says: "For sometime I have followed with a great deal of interest your efforts to raise a fund to reimburse Sinclair for the \$160,000 he gave the republican party. I note that Theodore Roosevelt, jr., is numbered among the few contributors. It occurs to me to inquire if you have made any effort to persuade the Roosevelt family to return to Sinclair the fabulous 'salary' Sinclair paid to Archie Roosevelt while Archie's brother, the little colonel, was assistant secretary of the navy, acting as messenger boy carrying the Teapot Dome papers."

Wave Rocks Leviathan

According to Commander Cunningham, of the Leviathan, the world's largest steamship, an 85-foot wave which struck the vessel two days out of Southampton wrecked a searchlight on the foremast eighty-five feet above the water, bent upright steel stanchions supporting the foredeck, causing the deck to sink fourteen inches; damaged four lifeboats; flooded the third-class cabin forward, causing a momentary panic among about twenty passengers drenched in their beds; drenched the quarters of the deck crew; smashed an electric ventilator and caused it to take in water, flooding the fore part of the ship. No passengers were injured.

Disarmament; First Large U. S. Cruiser Built Since Arms Meet



The skeleton of the U. S. S. Pensacola, above, a new 10,000-ton cruiser is nearing completion at the Brooklyn navy yard. This is the first of the large cruisers to be built by the United States since the disarmament conference.

SEEK TO ENJOIN WINDOW WASHERS

Last Resort of Bosses to Crush Strike

An injunction to restrain the Window Cleaners' Protective Union, Local 8, its officers and certain prominent members of its strike committees from carrying on union activities has been applied for by the Beaver Window Cleaning Company, one of the firms against whom the union is now carrying on a strike.

Failing to prevent the successful waging of the union campaign, Stephen Turash and John Turash, co-partners doing business as the Beaver Window Cleaning Company, have resorted to the traditional tool of the bosses—the injunction.

Case up Friday. The case is to be argued Friday before Supreme Court Justice John Ford who issued the preliminary summons. The application for the injunction would restrain the union, "John Ratonburg, Sam Feinstein, Joseph Shewchuck, Michael Maycheck and Stephen Lofkow" and "their agents, servants, employees, attorneys and any and all persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them" from carrying on any form of strike or union activity such as "picketing, carrying signs, banners or in any other way declaring, publishing, or proclaiming in any manner that the plaintiff's employees are on strike, or words of similar import."

Officers of the union declared yesterday that they would not permit the stoppage of union activities and intimated that the company would be forced to come to terms with the union shortly.

"Icor" Week in New York Starts May 19

National "Icor" Week in New York will open with a concert at Carnegie Hall May 19th. Artists are being engaged for this concert whose program will be shortly announced in the press. May 25th, 26th, 27th, tag days will be held throughout greater New York.

Sewage Disposal

Plans for city wide control of sewage disposal and the collection and disposal of garbage and other refuse by a sanitary bureau to be appointed by the mayor is now under consideration by the city administration. Workingclass sections of the city are the worst sufferers from the backwardness of the Tammany methods. Piles of refuse accumulate in the streets and menace the health of thousands of workers and their families.

Left Wing Leaders at Farewell to Epstein

Leaders of the Jewish revolutionary movement and well known left wing writers will be among the speakers at the farewell evening that will be given tomorrow night at Cooper Union in honor of Shachno Epstein, associate editor of the Freiheit, Yiddish Communist daily.

Epstein, who has been in the revolutionary movement for more than two decades and was one of the founders of the Freiheit, is leaving for an extended trip. His new book, "In the Land of Social Revolution," will also appear on the occasion of the farewell. Moissaye J. Olgin, editor of The Hammer, Yiddish Communist monthly, will be chairman of the evening.

JOBLESS MASS MEET TOMORROW

The New York Council of Unemployed will hold a mass meeting Thursday at 2 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

An open air meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. at 138th St. and Anns Ave. The speakers at the second meeting will be John Di Santo, secretary of the council and Louis A. Baum, secretary of the Photographic Workers Union.

Baby Abandoned; Two Parents Unemployed

Stanley J. Rose, an unemployed linotype operator and his wife May, were arraigned in court yesterday charged with abandoning their six months' old baby. "When asked the reason for leaving the baby in a vestibule of a post office, Rose answered bitterly, "She was too much of a luxury for us." The answer of Mayor Walker's police was jail.

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PRESENT MINERS CONCERT SUNDAY

Bledsoe, Negro Singer, Features Program

The singing of Jules Bledsoe, who has made a wide reputation as a singer of Negro work songs, will be a feature of the "Miners Varieties," to be presented at the Central Opera House, Third Ave. and 67th St., this Sunday. Bledsoe has also earned a reputation as a talented actor, having taken leading parts in "Abraham's Bosom," and the "Emperor Jones."

The Miners' Varieties will be given under the auspices of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee.

Bledsoe has proffered his services for the miners' relief concert free of charge. Another feature will be the Miners' Trio, from the Illinois mine region, who will give a program of miners' songs. The Workers Theatre will present "Aftermath," a one-act play of Negro life in the south. Dorsha, the famous interpretive dancer, will give her services free of charge. Tickets may be obtained in advance at 50 cents from the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee at 799 Broadway. The admission charge at the door will be 75 cents.

OFFICERS LOOT BANK. GRETNA, La., April 9.—Joseph W. Stinson, president, and Godfrey Owen, assistant cashier, of the Union Trust and Savings Bank here were arrested last night charged with embezzling \$48,000. The bank has been closed.

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Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Nearing To Lecture in Yonkers. Scott Nearing will lecture on "What is Happening Today in China and Soviet Russia," at the Workers Cooperative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, on Friday, April 20, at 8 p. m. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Workers International Relief, and the proceeds will go for miners' relief.

Bronx Miners' Relief Meet Put Off. The Bronx Branch of the Miners' Relief Committee will hold its executive meeting tomorrow at 8 p. m.

League for Mutual Aid. The League for Mutual Aid will hold a Spring Revel, this Friday, April 13, at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St.

Dunn Course Postponed. The final session in the course in Present Tactics of Employers, given by Robert W. Dunn will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St.

Plumbers' Helpers Mass Meet. A mass meeting of the Plumbers' Helpers' Union will be held on Thursday at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball. The United Council of Workingclass Housewives, Councils 1, 2 and 8, will hold a concert and ball this Friday, at 3692 Third Ave., near 103rd St. The proceeds will be donated to miners' relief.

Unemployed Rally Wednesday. The New York Council of Unemployed will hold a rally this Wednesday in Union Square, tomorrow at 2 p. m.

Dr. Liber To Lecture. Dr. B. Liber will lecture on "Religion and Health" at the Ingersoll Forum, Guild Hall, Steinway Building, 113 W. 57th St., this Sunday at 8 p. m.

Dance For Miners Saturday. The Lower Bronx Branch of the Workers International Relief will hold a dance Saturday night at 715 E. 138th St. to raise funds for the relief of the striking miners.

China Lecture by Shachtman. "Bleeding China," an illustrated lecture by Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will be given at the Czechoslovak Workers' Home, 247 East 72nd St., tomorrow at 8 p. m. The lecture will be illustrated with the latest pictures from China shown for the first time and is to be held under the auspices of the Harlem and Czechoslovak branches of the International Labor Defense.

Workingclass Housewives' Ball. On April 14th, Councils 1, 2 and 8, of the United Council of Workingclass Women of the Bronx, will give a concert and ball at 3296 Third Ave. for the benefit of the striking miners. An interesting and varied program will be presented. All Bronx workers should demonstrate their solidarity with the striking miners by their attendance.

Lovestone Course. A course in "America Today" by Jay Lovestone will be given tonight at 8:30 at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St.

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Removal of patients from at least a portion of the firetrap Kings County Hospital was at last ordered by the city yesterday, when plans were made for the evacuation of the Women's Chronic Division wing of the hospital. The order came from the committee of the whole of the Board of Estimate, following a report by Fire Commissioner Dorman. The action came after Kings County and practically every other city hospital in New York had been described as firetraps for many years and after many threatening blazes had broken out in the antiquated public institutions.

No mention of the other city hospitals, equally hazardous to the patients, was made in the report which ignored charges of mistreatment of patients and of the poor food served in the city hospitals.

Charges of brutality in the treatment of patients in Kings County were made over a year ago, as an outgrowth of the hazarding of several Jewish interns. It was alleged that the superintendent of the hospital, who has since resigned, defended the interns who had committed the hazarding.

PENNSYLVANIA R. R. STOCK. WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Pennsylvania Railroad today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$62,405,250 of capital stock.

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Lewis' Yellow Dog Pledge

Time and again we have pointed out that the policies of John L. Lewis, president-by-fraud of the United Mine Workers' Union, are policies which necessarily make him an ally of the operators against the mine workers and against the United Mine Workers' Union.

Nothing shows this any more clearly than what Lewis is doing now in regard to the relief of the starving mine workers' families. This traitor to the Union is not only minimizing relief that the mine workers could receive from many sources but he is trying especially to shut off the most effective source of relief, that which is being poured into the mine fields through the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee.

In addition, Lewis is now resorting to other forms of strike-breaking traditional with scab operators—he has through his henchmen been circulating a "yellow-dog" pledge forcing members of the union to declare their loyalty to his machine and repudiating their connection with the Save-the-Union Committee.

Thus at every turn John L. Lewis shows himself to be an agent of the operators and not of the United Mine Workers. Lewis' only real function with the United Mine Workers' Union is as an agent of the operators. His strangle-hold on the organization, secured by election-stealing, is utilized to prevent relief measures through the machinery of the Union reaching anything like adequate proportions. This gives the weapon of starvation into his hands, which he uses with the same ruthless cruelty as a scab operator would use it, and with the same effect—to weaken the strike.

When the mine workers, in desperation, build up their own relief organization so as to bring food and clothing to their families and so to enable them to fight the operators, Lewis through his inspired accounts in newspapers controlled by the operators, denounces the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee.

When the miners begin to repudiate his treachery, Lewis resorts to the "yellow-dog" list in a manner that Don Chapin of Logan County would envy. When the miners balk at the "yellow-dog" pledge, Lewis resorts to the methods of the coal and iron police in trying to evict the miners' families from their homes even where the coal and iron police have thus far failed to accomplish it.

Of course Lewis' purpose is mainly directed toward stopping mass picketing. Mass picketing will win the strike. Lewis and the operators know it. If the workers throughout the United States support the mass picket-line by sending enough food and clothing to the miners, the miners will win.

Lewis wants to stop the mass picketing; therefore Lewis will resort even to stopping food that is coming to the miners.

The answer of the working class to this piece of fiendish cruelty and strike-breaking on the part of Lewis must be.

Support the Save-the-Union Committee!

Down with Lewis' yellow-dog pledge of starvation! Send more contributions to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee!

John L. Lewis must go!

The fight of the United Mine Workers' Union to rid itself of this company agent now centers in the emergency district conventions soon to be held in all districts. Feed the miners, and boost the emergency district conventions to get rid of Lewis.

The United Mine Workers cannot afford to lose this strike. The strike must be won. The miners must be fed, and Lewis must go!

The Future of the Working Class Belongs to the Children

By LOUIS SISSELMAN.

"From all I have witnessed in the last years, I can safely say, that it is the Pioneers that can most delight a Communist heart. In them one sees the picture of the future."

These are the words that Comrade Bucharin used to describe the Pioneers, in a report on that phase of work which he gave at the 13th Congress of the Russian Communist Party in 1924. He stated further: "The future belongs to that class which can win the children ideologically."

In Soviet Russia, where workers' rule prevails, and where the educational institutions are under the control of the workers, the children are brought up in the spirit of Leninism, in the spirit of international workers' solidarity. In the capitalist countries, on the other hand, and especially in the United States, the symbol of imperialism, all efforts are being made by the ruling class to raise the youth under the influence of capitalism.

The ruling class understands, and is very conscious of its interests. It knows that the child of today is the worker of tomorrow, the worker who will be harnessed to the wheels of industry. The capitalist class realizes, therefore, that it must raise the child to be obedient, and a fit tool, that is an unresisting one, for exploitation. In this lies the double importance of winning the workers' children for the working class.

To win the children ideologically is important not only for securing the future of the working class, but also for involving the children as an aid in the daily class struggle. On many occasions the children un-

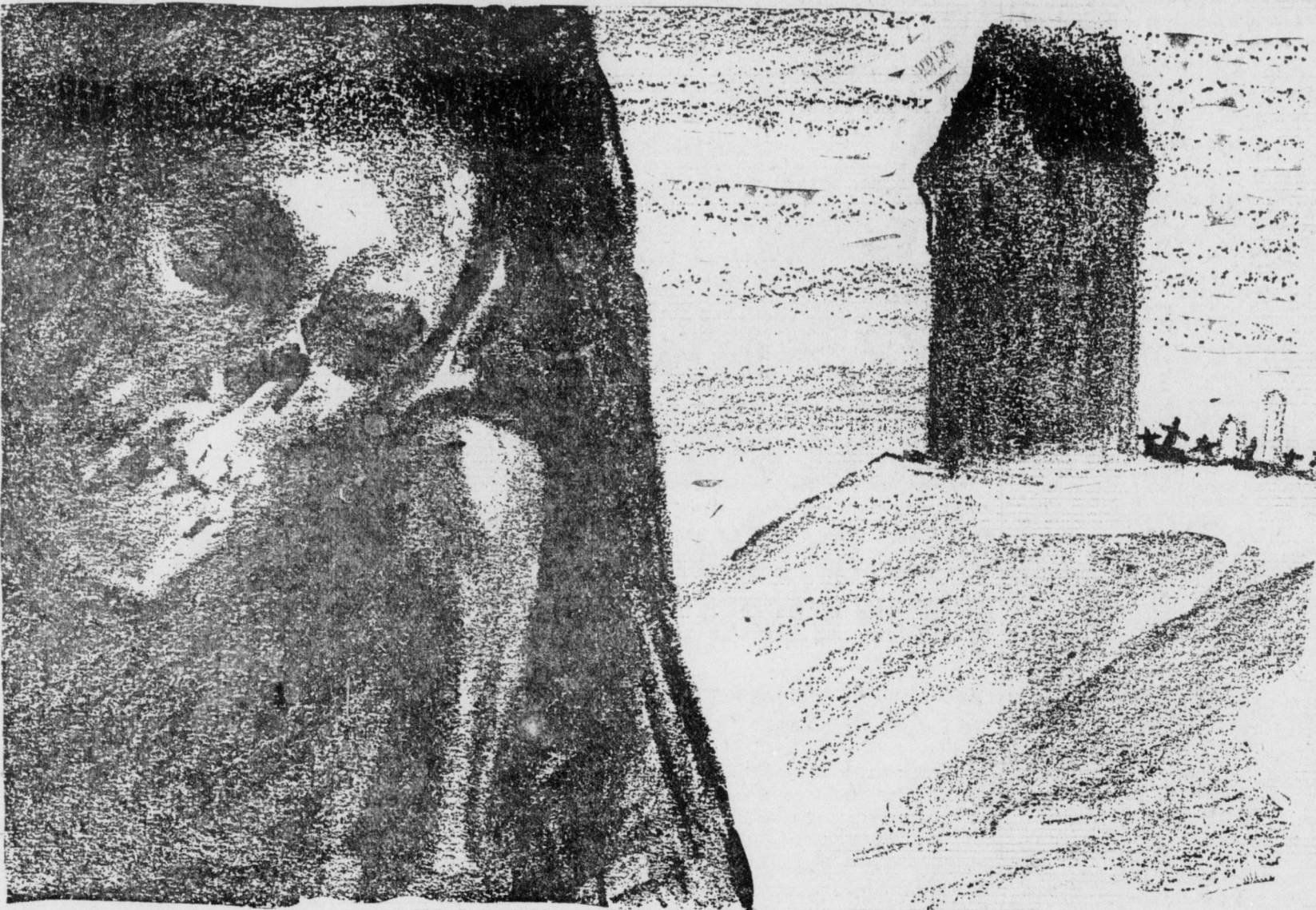
der the leadership of the Pioneers have called school protest strikes against the cossacks-like action of the police against their striking fathers and mothers. Influenced by their schoolmates, children of strikers, the children of the scabs would come home and beg their parents to leave, and to stop scabbing.....it helped!

In the mine areas today the struggle is bitter and sharp. There, too, the action of the children is a symbol of solidarity with their striking parents. The children of the scabs are despised and hated by the strikers' children.

The latter will under no circumstances ever sit on the same bench with a scab child. And many a time more active and demonstrative action is taken against the scab children.... even when the teacher is looking. The work of the children is so effective that the coal barons found it necessary to hire henchmen to fire machine-guns into a class room full of children. Many a time a worker's morale is broken because of the suffering of his children in the time of a strike. But when a striker comes home from the picket line or jail, and finds his children are with him, he will continue his fight and he will be inspired towards victory.

The children are attracted to the picture movies, the press—especially the "jokes," which are bits of propaganda sugar-coated. The children are attracted into military organizations in the schools, besides having other forms of such training. Children are urged to join the various jingoistic, and anti-labor children organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Naval Reserves, etc.

IN THE SHADOW



Bonita, Moleski and Mendola, enemies of the Lewis-Cappellini machine, face death. They must be saved!

By Fred Ellis

"Salary Buying" Loan Sharks Are Exposed

The latest group of "loan sharks" to be exposed in the investigation now being carried on in the New York State courts is the group of "salary buying" brokers. This investigation was brought about by complaints of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the New York Central Railroad. They charge that railway men had in many cases pledged their wages to pay back loans at usurious interest and as a result of the consequent annoyance to the company were dismissed from the railroad.

This "salary buying," which is definitely illegal, is a type of lending whereby a loan shark will give a worker \$20 today in return for his next week's \$25 salary.

State Attorney General Ottinger announced that all persons who are under contract to pay usurious rates of interest or have already paid them within the last year should bring suit against the company immediately. Most of these borrowers, however, are workers who would find it impossible to retain lawyers to fight to regain money already paid to loan companies, many of which are no longer in existence.

Walker to Convert KKK

ATLANTA, Ga., April 9.—The coming to this city of Mayor James J. Walker of New York to deliver the principal address at the unveiling on Stone Mountain of the equestrian figures of General Robert E. Lee is said by labor observers to be part of the hopeful Tammany Hall program to win over the Ku Klux Klan elements who are now opposing Gov. Al Smith for president.

Militancy of Illinois Miners Is Rising

By ARNE SWABECK.

Five months ago when the District 12 temporary agreement was signed jointly by the officials of the mine workers' union and the coal operators, the "Illinois Miner," official organ of the Lewis-Fishwick machine, heralded the dawn of a new day. The Illinois coal miners were pictured as marching to the sweet tunes of the mine whistle armed with a full dinner pail. Work was to start up again. Prosperity was to enter all the little shacks which the coal miners call homes.

Results of Betrayal.

It turned out differently. Only a few days' work each pay day. The grocery bills could not be paid. Many men found their wages garnished. Starvation stalked the field. The Illinois miners found that this temporary agreement, including the loading machine contracts, spelled the loss of all the conditions gained through hard struggles of the past. The Illinois miners were taken out of the fight. Their Pennsylvania and Ohio brothers were left to battle alone. It pleased the operators, they had everything to gain. They could concentrate all their forces on smothering the union in Pennsylvania and Ohio and later the turn would come to Illinois. The union officials had done splendid service to the operators and were able to pocket their Judas' share.

Illinois Now Militant.

Again the Illinois miners are marching. They are fast becoming disillusioned from the "prosperity" pictures. The betrayal through this district temporary agreement is now clearly recognized. Their faces show

determination. They are getting set for the fight.

The miners are marching from the camp to the nearest town. There is going to be a meeting in the biggest hall, called by the Save the Union Committee. Maybe when they arrive the hall will be closed to them. It is the work of some of the machine henchmen. But it does not matter, the miners march on to get a hall in the next town. Their meeting will be held, nothing can stop it.

The miners are marching to the left. They now follow the lead of the Save the Union committee. It is a great movement sweeping the coal field. There is hope in that movement.

Before this movement began in Illinois most of the miners were thinking in terms of accepting a wage cut. The operators demanded it. The union officials, true to their role of traitors, propagated the acceptance of the wage cut. Nobody had any other solution to offer. There seemed no way out. Now this has all changed. Every coal miner now speaks of how to prevent any and all separate agreements how to join most effectively in the national strike for a national settlement. The Save the Union Committee has shown the way.

Fight On in Springfield.

Going down toward the southern part of the state one will find Springfield the first important mining center. Here are fourteen mines of which only nine were working prior to April 1st. Those working, the men complained, were terribly overcrowded. Doubling up everywhere, cutting down the earnings of the miners. One miner told me he had drawn \$18 for five days' work. Here the coal is shot out of solid

rock with veins of clay spread in between, making it difficult to load clean coal. If as much as a handful of clay appears with the coal on the surface the miner is docked, the first time 50 cents, the second time \$1, the third time \$2, repeated again it becomes cause for a lay-off. The company decides and the man has no show.

In Springfield is located the headquarters of District No. 12. The machine, as the staff of officials is called, has spacious offices in the miners' building, but the rank and file miners don't go near it. The Save-the-Union issue has drawn a sharp dividing line. It is the thousands of rank and file coal miners versus the operators with the machine desperately trying to put over the operators' policies as exemplified in the separate agreements.

Some Deserters.

The machine is worried at the rapid, tremendous growth of the Save the Union movement. Several of the machine men once posed as progressives; now they cannot even hang on the fence but are compelled to take their stand. They all joined with the reaction. There is Gus Fritz, board member, once posing as a progressive now hanging on to the job with the rest of the machine. There is Allan Heywood, board member, once posing as a progressive, and elected as such, now defending the Lewis policies. Joe Loda, board member, also tried once to pose as a progressive. He never knew much about anything. Recently he led the gang in the slugging attack upon Joe Angelo, the secretary of the Save the Union Committee, in Springfield streets. Hindmarsh, the sub district president, once posed quite successfully as a

progressive. Now he goes all the way down the line with the district machine. Thus objectively he supports the Lewis policies as well as the corrupt Governor Small republican political machine.

Miners Closing Ranks.

The Springfield miners are closing their ranks in the Save the Union movement. The machine fought it tooth and nail, even bringing in policemen to one local union meeting to keep the progressives down. The rank and file elected fourteen delegates to go to the great Pittsburgh national conference but there were no finances available. When the time drew near for the delegates' departure, something had to be done, and it was done. The miners were poor and starving, yet the active members went out to the miners going from house to house and in one day \$257 was collected. Everybody did their bit and the delegates went to Pittsburgh.

Militancy in Taylorville.

This used to be a progressive sub district. Brophy received an overwhelming number of votes against Lewis in the last election. Yet with the scarcity of available organizers it was difficult for the Save the Union committee to give the favorable sentiment in this sub district organized expression. That is until Fred Bode, a local coal miner, took things in hand. The fact that he had the guts to stand up and fight for the interest of the rank and file developed the movement rapidly, but it also earned for him the bitterest enmity of the machine. They dubbed him the "Iron Dictator" of Taylorville.

Fred Bode, a picturesque figure, looking somewhat like the generally

accepted version of Buffalo Bill. Sixty-two years old with a splendid fighting record amongst the coal miners, Fred Bode helped to build the miners' union from its inception. He considers the United Mine Workers his child. When I met him he discussed the ailments of this child. He spoke slowly and calmly, puffing away on his pipe, now and then showing a twinkle of youthful keenness in his eyes.

"Well," he proceeded, "the machine accuses me of wanting to destroy the union. Destroy my own child? No, but it is sick; it needs medicine which will again make it healthy and vigorous, and I am going to help administer some."

There was a meeting in Kincaid, which is part of the Taylorville sub-district. Joe Angelo, secretary of the district Save the Union Committee, came to speak. Progressive miners were invited and about 250 of them appeared, mostly Italians, eager for the fight. In came also the district board member, Allan Heywood, and the sub-district president, Glasgow. They had no interest in the meeting. They did not dare to stop it and so they thought only of interfering as much as possible. Both continued to ask questions intended to sidetrack the real issue. They were accorded the floor until Fred Bode, who acted as chairman, thought it was going just a bit too far. He said to Allan Heywood: "Now you have had the floor a little bit too much and I am going to apply one of Lewis' famous convention rules—You popped up and you popped down, but the next time you pop up again you will be popped down." Heywood said nothing further but Fred Bode now carries the distinction of the "Iron Dictator."

Workers Party Must Be Placed on the Ballot for 1928 Elections

By JULIUS CODKIND.

A good line on the inherent strength of our Party and the political vigor of the American working class may be gained from a study of the election returns of 1924.

La Follette Betrayal.

Fresh from the betrayal of the Farmer-Labor Party movement by the Fitzpatrick-Nockels and the Mahoney-Starkey-Cramer groups, together with the betrayal of the principle of independent political action by the Conference for Progressive Political Action (C. P. P. A.) followed by the repudiation and final disruption of the Farmer-Labor Party by La Follette, the Workers Party found itself placed with the necessity of hurriedly placing a ticket in the field to help crystallize the idea of a "class" labor party as against the "classless" third party of La Follette and the A. F. of L. bureaucracy.

The Conference for Progressive Political Action, which finally nominated La Follette officially, had opened its convention on July 4th and it was not until the last spark of hope for a labor party in 1924 was finally extinguished that the Workers Party was able to announce the nomination of Foster and Gitlow as the standard-bearers in a new struggle for a labor party.

Already it was too late to file nomination papers in any of the states. Preparations had nowhere been made to comply with the varied provisions of the law in the different states. It became necessary to make a hurried, haphazard study of the law and at-

tempt to file candidates. Valuable months that might have been used to conduct the campaign were spent in the rush to secure signatures to petitions or in the hurried organization of state nomination conventions to place our candidates on the ballot.

Vote in 1924.

When finally the time was up for filing, we had succeeded in gaining a place on the ballot in 15 states but there was only one month left to car-

ry on a campaign. In doing this, even, our Party had performed a seeming miracle. Still it was outdone by the workers who rallied splendidly to the support of the movement and the campaign, so that when the vote was finally reported, it was found that 34,089 votes had been counted for us, distributed as follows: Massachusetts 2637
Rhode Island 289
New York 8244

New Jersey 1560
Pennsylvania 2735
Indiana 987
Illinois 2622
Wisconsin 3773
Minnesota 4427
Colorado 562
Iowa 4037
Washington 761
Connecticut 728
Montana 357
North Dakota 370

In the light of the difficulties encountered, the results achieved were splendid, and are an indication of the tremendous opportunity lying before us if we will enter seriously into the work and make it the chief campaign of the party in the coming months.

Great Opportunity this Year.

This year we have the opportunity to accomplish most of the preliminary work of gathering signatures and holding state nominating conventions to file our candidates during the spring, thus enabling the Party to conduct a real campaign during the whole of the fall and summer.

Our first task is to put the Party on the ballot. To the 15 states where we were on in 1924, we must add at least the following 24:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, California, South Dakota.

By June 1st, and with an early response from the membership in the drive to raise funds to put the Party on the ballot, we should be enabled to spring a few surprises by putting up a ticket in some of the southern states, such as Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Put the Party on the ballot!
A quarter of a million votes.
Five thousand new members.

A vigorous campaign that will stimulate the growth of a labor party.

Huge Bank and Coal Combines Are Increasing

By HARRY GANNES.

Two bank mergers and a big coal combine, involving in all \$1,310,000,000, within the space of a week, indicate a recent spurt in trustification.

Billion Dollar Bank Combine.
The largest of these is the billion dollar consolidation of the Bank of America, the Manufacturers Trust and the Bank of Italy, the details of which are practically agreed upon.

The Bank of Italy has the greatest number of banking branches in the United States. The other bank fusion comprises the Peoples State Bank of Wayne County (Detroit), and the Wayne County and Home Savings Bank. The first of these banks has 96 branches, a number which is exceeded only by the Bank of Italy.

"Poor marketing conditions on high volatile coals in the east" is the excuse given by financial papers for

the merger of 17 mines valued at \$20,000,000 in Eastern Kentucky. This follows the recent \$500,000,000 coal combine in the Pocahontas and New River fields of West Virginia.

Mining Trust.

The consolidation of the mines is made with a view to reducing production costs and increasing profits. The individual operators whose mines become part of the combine are transferred to the rentier class.

They are given stock to equal the value of their particular properties. The consolidated enterprise is run as a unit and is really under the domination of the richer and more powerful operators. Government support is expected by the mine capitalists. One of the leading operators arranging the merger, Al Allais, issued a statement in which he said:

"Having succeeded in grouping individual properties, the government

will have to assume its share of the responsibility to keep the industry on a healthy basis by giving full power to the interstate commerce commission or a similar agency to decide when and where new mines shall be opened."

Monopoly on Coal.

The operators look to their executive committee in Washington to aid them in developing a few large coal combines which will have a monopoly on coal production in the United States and which no doubt could deal "properly" with the miners.

Recently in an entirely new field, the retail distributive, a gigantic chain-store system was initiated. Even under territorial difficulties in the United States huge bank combines are made involving branches with scores of branches. With a spurt in the internal development of the imperialist base comes a pressure on the external, world activities of American imperialism.