

# 100,000 WEST-PENN COAL MINERS WILL STRIKE MONDAY; ALL PLANS READY

(Special to The DAILY WORKER)

PITTSBURGH, April 13.—Preparations by the Save-the-Union Committee for the great strike of the west Pennsylvania unorganized fields are going on at tremendous speed. Over 100,000 miners will walk out on April 16, the scheduled date.

An attempt to confuse the issue of this great mine strike in

the four west Pennsylvania counties is seen here in the mysterious radio announcements which have been made recently declaring that the strike has been postponed until April 20. That officials of the Lewis-Fagan machine of District 5 or the coal operators or both are behind the attempt to stem the rising sentiment among the 100,000 miners for a complete walkout appears certain from evidences at hand.

The strike has NOT been postponed, but will take place Monday, April 16.

Organizers of the Lewis machine and professional stool pigeons in the pay of the coal operators are touring Somerset, Fayette, Greene and Westmoreland counties seeking to confuse the unorganized miners as to the date of the walkout.

The miners in the four counties who are called out on Monday are those who came out in 1922 in support of the other miners then on strike. When the 1922 strike settlement was made by

John L. Lewis, he deliberately left out these 100,000 union men from the agreement. It has since been shown that in so doing Lewis carried out the demands of the steel companies by whom these workers are employed. As a result of this great betrayal, the miners have refused to answer any later strike call from Lewis. They have, however, sworn to answer the call of the Save-the-Union Committee and all facts show that there will be a 100% walkout Monday.

THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNORGANIZED FOR THE 40-HOUR WEEK FOR A LABOR PARTY

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# 30,000 TEXTILE WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE MONDAY

## SOFT-PEDAL FALL GRAFT IN SINCLAIR CONSPIRACY TRIAL

### Judge Grants Objection to Damaging Evidence

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The special government prosecutor in the Harry F. Sinclair oil conspiracy trial now politely refers to former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall as having been "in a corrupt state of mind," when he took \$304,000 in Liberty Bonds from Sinclair and \$100,000 from Edward L. Doheny, lessee of the Elk Hills oil reserve.

The conspiracy charge against Fall, who is now vacationing in California, has virtually been dropped.

### Object to Evidence.

The Sinclair defense objected to the introduction of evidence that Doheny gave Fall \$100,000 and that Sinclair, moreover, gave him an additional \$35,000 for a trip to the Soviet Union as an oil agent in 1923. Justice Jennings Bailey was inclined to agree that this testimony should be excluded.

"I am trying to show that Fall was in a corrupt state of mind," Prosecutor Owen J. Roberts explained. Justice Bailey took the defense's objection under advisement.

Simultaneously with the announcement that E. L. Doheny, Jr., son of the oil magnate, had been summoned as a witness in the Sinclair trial, it was announced by the government that the bribery indictment against him in connection with the leasing of the Elk Hills reserve through Fall had been nolle prossed.

### Government Won't Prosecute.

It was the younger Doheny who delivered the "little black satchel" with \$100,000 to Fall.

It is certain now that the government does not intend to prosecute Fall for his part in the oil conspiracy which followed the slush funding of the republican party in 1923. And it is more and more apparent as the trial proceeds that "a way out" is being sought for Sinclair also.

## WILL PROTEST SOZZI MURDER

### Anti-Fascists Will Meet Tomorrow

Anti-fascists here will hold a protest meeting at Tammany Hall, 145 E. 14th St., tomorrow at which the Italian Mussolini government will be denounced for the murder of Gastone Sozzi, 23-year-old anti-fascist and labor leader, who was killed at the Perouse prison, near Rome, on the night of February 7.

The speakers will include Dr. Nitti, son of the former Italian premier, Dr. Charles Fama, Carlo, Robert Minor, William W. Weinstein, Norman Thomas, Moissaye Olgin and others. Norman Hapgood will be chairman. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m.

## STRIKERS BREAK FRUIT BOSS' RANK

With the approaching end of the first week of the general strike of the retail fruit store clerks in the Bronx comes the announcement that the backbone of the newly formed bosses' association has been broken by the capitulation of its largest member who reached a settlement with the strike leaders last night.

### Large Firm Yields.

The firm of Mason and Forman, operating 6 retail fruit and vegetable stores throughout the Bronx, and employing 35 workers, signed a check of \$1,000 to be deposited as a security that the agreement signed with the Grocery, Fruit and Dairy Clerks' Union shall not be violated.

This firm had settled with the union several days prior to the start of the general strike, but broke the

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## Scores Haiti Rule



W. E. B. DU BOIS

## DU BOIS SCORES EMPIRE IN HAITI

### Protest To Be Held on Sunday Afternoon

"There has been no more disgraceful episode in the history of modern imperialism than the occupation of Haiti," declared W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of "The Crisis," in commenting yesterday on the report on Haitian conditions recently presented by Gen. John H. Russell, high commissioner to Haiti.

A mass meeting to protest against the American occupation of Haiti and to demand the immediate withdrawal of all marines, at which Dr. Du Bois will speak, will be held at the Embassy Mansions, 20 W. 115th St., Sunday at 2:30, under the auspices of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League.

Among the other speakers at the meeting will be Robert Minor, editor of The DAILY WORKER; Henry Rosemond, of the Haitian Patriotic Union; L. T. De Bekker, secretary of the Committee on Haiti, and Richard D. Moore, of the American Negro Labor Congress. Harriet Silverman will be chairman.

## Pioneers Hear Lovestone Talk

The keynote of the convention of the Young Pioneers of America, District 2, at their gala "Welcome Convention" meeting last night at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., was struck by Jay Lovestone, general secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, who greeted the convention in the name of the central executive committee of the Party.

"The Young Pioneers are fighters of today, not tomorrow," said Lovestone. "They are active participants in the class struggle side by side with their parents. The activity of the children in coal strike regions is one of the outstanding indications of this."

He congratulated the parents there for encouraging the youngsters to join the ranks of these fighters for working class freedom.

The Pioneers themselves presented a living newspaper depicting vividly on a mass scale every phase of Pioneer life.

Among the other speakers were Juliet Stuart Poyntz, who represented the United Council of Working Class Women, Miriam Silverfarb, district Pioneer leader of New York, and Charles Wilson of the Young Pioneers. Bessie Bogarad, a Pioneer, acted as chairman.

The convention acknowledged greetings from the Workers (Communist) Party, the Young Workers (Communist) League, the Workers' Library, the Workers School, the Mexican Pioneer League, the Philadelphia Pioneers, and Uj Elore, the Hungarian Communist daily.

The convention proper will continue this morning with a regular business session at 101 W. 27th St. and tomorrow at 108 E. 14th St.

## Bonita Defense Scores Vicious Lewis' Officials

### SHOWS HOW THEY BETRAY MINERS; ASKS ACQUITTAL

### Jury Out Since Thursday Afternoon

(Special to The Daily Worker.) WILKES-BARRE, April 13.—The jury in the case of Sam Bonita, young Pittston mine leader, on trial here in connection with the shooting of Frank Agati, contractor and Cappellini henchman, was still out last night after a whole night and day.

Charges to the jury were made late Thursday. At 4:30 the jury was locked up and has been in session ever since.

### Appeals For Bonita.

In presenting his argument to the jury Chief Defense Counsel, Thomas Dando, spoke for two hours, making a fervent, sincere appeal for the life of the man whom he said he had come to love in the days when he visited him in jail.

Dando is an Irishman "from the patch," formerly a mine worker; at one time an attorney for the United Mine Workers. His address at times was florid, patriotic, and religious but seemed to make an impression on the jury. He hammered hard on the salient points of the case, that the officialdom of the United Mine Workers, particularly the officers in District 1 of which Rinaldo Cappellini is president were the witnesses against this humble rank and file worker, now president of local 1703 Pittston, and a devoted fighter for his 1700 members.

Dando stressed the fact that of the 33 witnesses called by the prosecution, 14 were members of the police force, or detective bureau, none of whom were eye-witnesses; five others were called, including employees of the Miners Bank Building in which the union office is located, and the rest, some 15 in number were all officials of the union.

"Such a procession of officials, as were in that office," said Dando, "such a procession that took the stand, international organizers, or"

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## CAP JOINT BOARD RAPS UNION HEAD

### Chicago Local Demands Return of Salzburg

CHICAGO, April 13.—Despite the threats of International President Max Zaritsky that their decision would be overruled, the Chicago Joint Board of the Cap and Millinery Workers' Union voted overwhelmingly to revoke the decision of the national General Executive Board that their manager, J. Salzburg, be removed from the leadership of the four-month old strike and from the leadership of the union.

Zaritsky came to the meeting of the Joint Board, which was held here Thursday night with the decision of the general executive, and instructed the delegates to endorse the board's decision. Almost unanimously the members of the Joint Board vehemently attacked the action of the present

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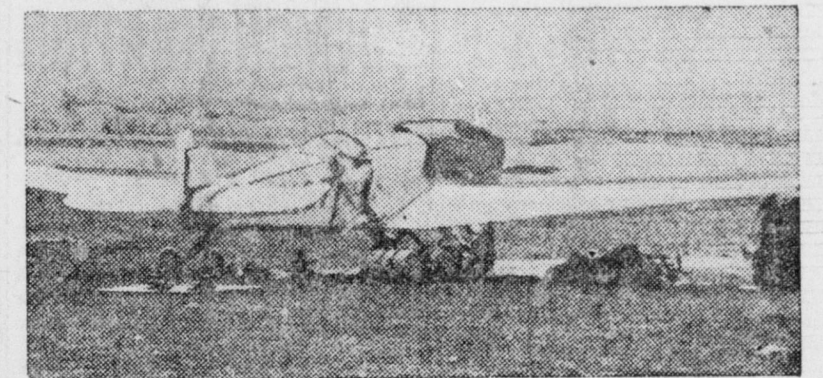
## BOSSSES' GUNMEN FAIL IN TAXI STRIKE

### Policeman, Mistaken for Picket, Beaten by Newark Scabs

NEWARK, N. J., April 13.—Strike-breakers of the Yellow Taxicab Co. in Harrison near here mistook a policeman for a striking cab driver today and beat him up so badly that he had to be taken to the hospital. Three stitches were made in a cut near his eye.

The policeman is Joseph Finnegan. He was driving his car in plain clothes when he observed a Yellow taxicab

### Junker Plane "Bremen" Found in Newfoundland; Flyers Are Unhurt



Upper photo shows view of the German Junker monoplaner "Bremen" shown at Baldonnel airbase, Dublin, Ireland, just before it left Thursday morning. Photo upper right is that of Baron Guenther von Huenefeldt and lower right Herman Koehl, flyers who attempted to make the first westward flight across the Atlantic. Like the spectacular flight of Lindbergh which was used by the American imperialists for propagandist purposes in Latin America, the present venture of the Junker flyers was an attempt on the part of the Hindenberg-Stressman monarchists to strengthen their own imperial power.

## S. P. BETRAYS LABOR

### Workers Party Scores "Socialist" Meet

On the eve of the socialist convention which opens today in New York City, the Workers (Communist) Party last night issued the following statement:

## MINERS' FAMILIES MAINTAIN FIGHT

### Repudiate Lewis-Fagan "Yellow-Dog"

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY. AVELLA, Pa., April 11 (By Mail).—Not having received a nickel's worth of relief in two weeks and confronted with the decision of the representatives of the official machine of the United Mine Workers of America that no relief will be given unless they repudiate their progressive policies, nine hundred families in this mining town are today looking starvation in the face.

The entire community with the exception of a few followers of the Lewis-Murray-Fagan machine turned out today at a mass meeting to protest against the starvation policy which waves the sword of hunger over the heads of the embattled miners and their heroic women, who have stood steadfastly by their union and their principles despite the worst terror that could be let loose among them by the agents of the coal operators, coal and iron police, state troopers, deputy sheriffs and agents of John L. Lewis.

President Fagan of district five insists that unless the progressive

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## Women in Workers Party Meet Today

A general membership meeting of all women members of the workers (Communist) Party of the New York district will be held at 1:30 p. m. today at 108 East 14th St.

The order of business will be discussion of plans to mobilize all working women in the campaign for relief of the striking coal miners and the building of the New York Federation of Working Women.

The District Women's Committee of the Party issued a statement last night pointing out the importance of the meeting and requesting that all women Party members be present.

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## "BREMEN" LANDS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

### German Trans-Atlantic Flyers Unhurt

The monoplaner "Bremen," which left Ireland Thursday morning with Baron Von Huenefeldt and Herman Kohl aboard, landed on Roe Island, Newfoundland, last night. The flyers, who were long overdue, were reported unhurt.

The report was made here last night by the Radio Marine Corporation.

## HOLD MINERS' CONCERT SUNDAY

### Coal Diggers Troupe on Program

The five Illinois striking miners of the National Miners' Relief entertainers will arrive here this morning.

The act of this troupe, to be presented at the "Miners' Varieties," the benefit variety show to be given tomorrow afternoon at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., is expected to be the high light in an exceptionally interesting program. Others to be presented are Eugene Helmer, well known pianist; Dorsha, interpretive dancer; Jules Bledsoe, the famous Negro baritone, and the colored cast which will present the one-act play "Aftermath," dealing with the reaction of a South Carolina Negro to the World War.

While the workers have responded generously to the appeal of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee for funds and clothing to aid the striking miners, the need for relief will become more acute when the 150,000 unorganized miners join the strike on Monday, Fanny Rudd, secretary of the Relief Committee, announced yesterday.

### FOR THE "DAILY" DEFENSE.

Friends and sympathizers of The DAILY WORKER will attend a concert and vetcherinka given by Local 7 of the United Council of Working-class Women at 122 Osborn St., Brooklyn, tonight. All proceeds will go to the defense of The DAILY WORKER.

## FIGHT ON WAGE CUT IN 27 NEW BEDFORD MILLS

### Bote Overwhelmingly in Favor of Walk Out

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 13.—Thirty thousand textile workers in 27 New Bedford mills will go on strike against the 10 per cent wage cut made by the Cotton Manufacturers' Association when the reduction in pay goes into effect Monday morning.

By an overwhelming majority, the membership of the 7 textile workers' unions affiliated with New Bedford Textile Council demanded a strike for Monday morning, according to strike returns made public yesterday. The vote shows 15 favoring a strike to every one opposed.

### To Strike Despite Officials.

The frantic attempts of the union officialdom to avert a walkout by offering to withhold the counting of the votes, if the manufacturers agreed to postpone the wage cut for a week, were fruitless when the mill owners refused to concede to their request.

Only the overwhelming indignation of the membership at this attempt at stopping the strike finally compelled the council officialdom to allow tabulation and publication of the strike vote returns. The sentiment of the workers organized and unorganized is such as to make it very difficult for further attempts to stop the strike to be successful.

### Won't Delay Cut.

Before the strike vote began late Thursday night the mayor of the city came to the union leadership with an

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## JOBLESS MEET IN RUTGERS SQUARE

### Worker's Child Starves To Death

With men waiting in line for soup, bread or shelter still crowding the sidewalks of New York, the New York Council of the Unemployed has announced a protest mass meeting for Rutgers Square at 1 p. m. today.

John Di Santo, secretary of the council, and others will voice the demands of the thousands of unemployed men and women in the New York district for relief.

### Baby Dies of Hunger.

The four-months' old baby of Joseph Blandino is dead at his home 94 Starr St., Brooklyn. The child died of starvation resulting from the father's three months' unemployment.

Blandino's wife and three other children were also starving when discovered at their home. He said he had not been able to find work for the last three months, coming here at that time from Wallingford, Conn., where he was unable to find a job. Neighbors, in circumstances not much better than Blandino and his family, bought groceries, giving them the first real meal they had in weeks.

## "Tammany Hall" Forum Topic Tomorrow Night

William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, Workers (Communist) Party will speak on "The New Tammany Hall" at the open forum of the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., tomorrow at 8 p. m.

The Tammany Hall of Tweed, Croker and small business will be contrasted with that of Olvany, Al. Smith and finance capital, it is announced.



# OHIO GUARD HALTS RELIEF WORK AS MINERS' MILITANCY RISES

## S. P. BETRAYER OF LABOR, WORKERS PARTY CHARGES

### Scores "Socialist" Convention Here

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ates, against the government which serves them with anti-labor injunctions, police, courts, jails, etc., a struggle against the agents of the coal operators in the miners' union—the Lewis machine.

In this struggle the Workers (Communist) Party is putting in every ounce of its energy and all its organized strength. In this struggle every honest and militant worker is lining up behind the Save-the-Union movement which organizes and leads the fight of the miners against the operators and the Lewis machine.

Where is the socialist party as a party and its leadership lined up? They are lined up behind Lewis and against the miners. Their support, as much or as little as it is worth, goes in the last instance to the coal operators. Because the socialist party opposition to the Save-the-Union movement means support for the Lewis machine. Because support of the Lewis machine means support for the coal operators.

The days are gone by when the socialist party had in the miners' union militant and progressive fighters. Most of these militant workers are today outside the socialist party. They are either in the ranks of the Workers Party or are closely collaborating with the Communists in the Save-the-Union movement which leads the struggles of the miners. The few socialists in the miners' union that may still be in the socialist party and yet are lined up with the progressives, are doing so against the policies of the socialist party and in opposition to the wishes of its leadership.

Then examine the record of the socialist party in another important struggle of the workers, the glorious fight of the masses in the needle trades.

Here also the masses have been struggling against the offensive of the employers supported by the agencies of capitalist government, among them the governor of New York, Alfred Smith. Here, as in the miners, the rank and file rose up against the reactionary bureaucracy, the agents of the bosses in the union, and under the leadership of the left wing, proceeded to fight the employers.

And who is that reactionary bureaucracy in the needle trades that fights in alliance with the employers against the workers? These bureaucrats are leading members of the socialist party. These "socialist" leaders in the needle trades, who once upon a time stood upon the platform of the class struggle, who were different from the reactionaries of the old Gompers machine, are now the same as the reactionary gang in the American Federation of Labor, are completely merged with them.

Here, too, the socialist party and its leadership are lined up behind the treacherous union officials and the employers. The left wing and the Communists are leading the workers against the employers.

### Lackeys of Capitalism on Political Field.

Proceeding from the record of the Socialist Party in the struggles of the masses in individual industries to its role in the struggles of the American working class as a whole, on such burning issues as unemployment, imperialism, the war danger, the defense of the Soviet Union, the Labor Party, etc.—what do we find?

Nearly five million workers and their families are suffering the agonies of unemployment. Millions of this unemployed army have become permanently dislocated from industry due to basic changes in American capitalist economy and fundamental crises in several basic industries. The increasingly sharpening contradictions of world and American capitalism are bound to produce a crisis for which there is no other solution save the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

The Workers (Communist) Party is educating and organizing the toiling masses in the struggle for such a government. The Socialist Party is lining up behind the ruling class in favor of the existing capitalist "democracy" and against the working class democracy of a Soviet System of government.

The Workers (Communist) Party, in cooperation with all the militant, left wing and progressive, is organizing councils of unemployed. These organizations are mobilizing the unemployed masses and leading them in struggle against the employers and against the government for immediate unemployment relief.

The Socialist Party wages no real struggle against American imperialism, as is seen from its position on Wall Street's war in Nicaragua. The Socialist Party accepts American imperialism. It only wishes to make the brutalities of American imperialism a little less palpable and obnoxious in order that the masses may be deceived more easily.

The Socialist Party refuses to see the war danger and the inevitable

## Fall Seeks "Health"



Albert B. Fall, above, is on a "health vacation" in California after deposing for the oil scandal investigation in El Paso, Texas. Fall is taking this rest "on his physician's advice." The tracks seem to be so well oiled this time that Fall is to be permitted to skid right out of the oil inquiry via the Golden West.

coming of a new imperialist war with American and English imperialists as the chief contestants. Hence, the Socialist Party is trailing behind the petty-bourgeois pacifists refusing to mobilize the masses for a militant struggle against the war danger.

Most outrageous and treasonable is the struggle of the Socialist Party against the Soviet Union. Whereas all honest workers throughout the world are uniting their forces to defend the Workers Republic against the threatening imperialist attack, the Socialist Party is giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the Soviet Union despite its hysterical professions to the contrary.

On the burning and fundamental issue of independent working class political action, the Socialist Party, as a party, and its dominant leadership have been and are doing all in their power to sabotage the movement for a Labor Party. The Socialist Party today, even more than in 1923-24, is combating all efforts towards the formation of a Labor Party, maneuvering instead to establish itself as a middle class reform party, a so-called opposition third party, whose only function can be to strive to save capitalism and perpetuate capitalist exploitation.

The Socialist Party today stands for a refined and reformed capitalism which would make the subjection of the toiling masses to capitalism even more complete than it is now. This they advertise as industrial democracy established by peaceful, parliamentary means as against socialism leading to Communism through the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat by the revolutionary overthrow of capitalist rule.

In championing industrial democracy without destroying the rule of the capitalist class the Socialist Party is giving its support to the schemes of Big Capital and its efficiency experts to foist upon the workers a system of "ideal" capitalism where the workers meekly submit to capitalist exploitation, carry on no struggle for power and cooperate with the employers to increase their profits and strengthen the present system generally.

### Another Step Away From Working Class.

This national convention of the Socialist Party will mark another move towards the middle class and away from the working class. Every recent declaration of the National Committee of the Socialist Party, every recent statement by Hillquit, Berger, Thomas, etc., point in that direction. The proposals of Hillquit and Berger to build up the Socialist Party organization as a vote-catching machine in elections (by clubs) and to formulate its program in line with petty bourgeois opposition to the Republican and Democratic parties is before this convention as its main task.

The Socialist Party of America has gone the same way as the so-called socialist and social-democratic parties of other countries. The ambition of the Socialist Party leadership is to become the Hendersons, McDonalds, Vanderveldes, and Loebes of the United States. Henderson and McDonald have once been the government of England for the Labor Party and have proven to be as loyal to the capitalist system as Baldwin or Lloyd George.

Vandervelde, leader of the Socialist Party of Belgium, formerly a minister of the Belgian King, is doing his utmost to maintain the rule of the capitalists against the rising working class. Loeb, leader of the German Social-Democratic Party, friend

# Chicago District Street Nucleus Plans Distribution

## PAPERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FREE AT SHOP GATES

### Small Unit Is Example to Others

Hundreds of readers will be added to the lists of The DAILY WORKER and many of them will become subscribers if the energetic measures which Street Nucleus 9, Section 2, Chicago have begun with such enthusiasm are carried out in the same spirit.

One hundred copies of The DAILY WORKER will be distributed every week in an active effort to build the circulation of the paper in the shops, factories and union halls within the territory close to Street Nucleus 9.

"We appeal to all Party members to do the same," says the report of the Nucleus secretary to the office of The DAILY WORKER. The work of free distribution is one of the most powerful forces in building the circulation of the workers' press and units of the Workers (Communist) Party are urged to follow the example of the Chicago Nucleus.

"We have also elected a DAILY WORKER agent," Nucleus 9 reports. The agent, who is the secretary treasurer of a local union, will push the subscription drive in the section.

The energy with which this small nucleus is attacking the problem of building the circulation of their press should be a guide and incentive to all organizations and individuals throughout the United States.

The initiative they are taking the work of distributing the paper must be followed by all units of the Workers Party in view of the coming special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER which will be distributed free in factories, shops and union headquarters in all parts of the country.

and collaborator of Noske and Scheidemann, is pursuing the same ends in Germany.

It was very fitting, therefore, that these traitors, and hangers on of the working class should send greetings to the Party of Hillquit and Berger on the occasion of its forthcoming convention. The Socialist Party of America, as part of the Second International, shares equally the crimes of that treacherous organization against the working class.

No class-conscious worker will be deceived as to the true nature of the American Socialist Party by some declarations of the so-called "lefts" in its ranks. The flirtation of such "Socialists" as Norman Thomas and his like with left phrases while in deed they support the anti-working class policies of the dominant bureaucracy in the Socialist Party, only proves the real role of these "lefts." Their role is to cover up the dirty and frankly reactionary deeds of the Socialist Party, thus helping Hillquit and Berger to fool the workers more successfully.

Norman Thomas, one of the likely presidential candidates of the Socialist Party, is playing this role. His so-called left phrases have nothing to do with the struggles of the working class, but are the result of his being less closely attached to the Socialist Party machine than are such bureaucrats as Hillquit, Berger, etc. In fundamental questions of the class struggle, Norman Thomas is a typical middle class pacifist and reformer who is foreign and antagonistic to the proletarian class struggle.

### Break with Capitalist Lackeys.

The immediate great historic task of the American working class is to break with the parties of the capitalist class and enter the arena of political struggle with its own political party. But an important condition for the consummation of this task is to defeat in the labor movement and among the workers those who falsely represent themselves as friends of labor, labor leaders, socialists, etc.

The Workers (Communist) Party of America calls upon the workers to

# 300 MINERS ASK FOR SUBS FOR 'DAILY'

## Workers Must Help Save Union by Sending Copies of 'Daily'

More than 300 miners in the anthracite regions in Pennsylvania have sent in requests that free subscriptions to The DAILY WORKER be sent to them.

These 300 miners know what the Daily has meant to them in their struggles. They know that The DAILY WORKER is the only English language newspaper that they can look to for unflinching support in their fight against the coal barons and the corrupt Lewis machine. And they represent only a small part of the thousands of striking miners who must have The DAILY WORKER if the fight to save the miners' union—the backbone of the American labor

## They Told Tales on Klan in Court; Were Members



Revolting disclosures of murder, burning alive, bombings, corruption and malpractice by the Ku Klux Klan were only incidentals in the suit brought to prevent the above ex-Klan members from interfering with the secret order. These gentlemen do not disbelieve in the Klan but they object to some of its officers.

# JOBLESS WILL ATTEND MAY 1 DEMONSTRATION

### Will Present Demands for Relief

May Day, 1928, coincides with the attempts of the bosses to reduce the wages of the workers, to lengthen the work day, to load new taxes on the shoulders of the workers.

From the birth of the First of May as a demonstration of labor solidarity, when the general strike for the eight-hour day was called in 1886 in America, unemployment was a great factor and played a decisive role in the formulation of the program. If those who have jobs work less hours, then those who have not will find work, reasoned the workers of that time. And so they decided to work no more than eight hours after May 1st, 1886.

At Madison Square Garden on May First, one of the chief slogans will be the fight for unemployment insurance, and the organization of the unemployed.

All workers out for May Day! Demonstrate your solidarity with the unemployed—with all the workers of the world!

# Large Firm Yields To Fruit Clerk Strikers

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agreement with their workers a day after the strike call, and locked out their workers. The settlement of this firm means that the association will be completely disintegrated in a few days, the strikers are convinced.

### Jail 4 More Pickets.

Four more pickets were arrested while on duty near stores in the Bronx. They were dismissed, however, when brought up in the 8th District Magistrate's Court.

The union is arranging open air meetings outside of the fruit markets, which are mostly in working class residential sections. Such strong support was pledged by the assembled workers at the open air meetings that many bosses applied for settlements immediately. The union announces that it will make public in a few days the names of about 45 employers who have signed contracts with the union.

that unity of the workers against the employers is possible only over the heads and against the Socialist Party leadership and the reactionary trade union bureaucracy.

Join Workers (Communist) Party. Break with the capitalist parties and join the struggle for a labor party. Break with the middle class reformers, the betrayers of socialism who still call themselves the Socialist Party, and join the Workers (Communist) Party. Sever your connections with the party of the Second International which is trying to save capitalism, and join the Party of the Communist International, the only true leader of the working class.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA.

# Cap Joint Board Raps Zaritsky, Union Head

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sident and his henchmen in the general board, for attempting to demoralize the ranks of the strikers, who are conducting a bitter struggle against the piece-work demand of the bosses.

Opening the discussion against the decision of Zaritsky, Salzberg pointed out that the reason for his removal from membership in the general executive board and from the leadership of the strike, was that he had sent out a letter to all the locals telling of the plans of the right wing officialdom in control of the union to assist the employers in obtaining the piece-work system in spite of the opposition to piece-work by the membership.

In the letter he also exposed the carefully mapped-out campaign of the right wing to begin a fight against the progressives in the union by removing from leadership militants in several locals of the union. He told of a plan to depose Anna David, organizer of Local 52, the best organized local in Chicago, and leaders of other cap and millinery locals in New York and Boston.

After the discussion, in which nearly all those present joined in denouncing the union wrecking activities of the general board, the vote of confidence was overwhelmingly carried.

# Commonwealth Co-op. Acquires Camp Acreage

Papers have been signed transferring 350 acres at Monroe, N. Y. to the Commonwealth Co-operative for development as a co-operative camp. The property fronts on Walton Lake, about two and a half miles from the Monroe station.

The Commonwealth Co-operative, started by a group of members of the Union of Technical Workers, New York City engineers and architects, will begin at once the building of bungalows, tennis courts, an athletic field, and central recreation buildings, which will be ready for the formal opening of the camp Decoration Day.

This co-operative camp is the first of a number of ventures planned by the Commonwealth Co-operative, the next contemplated project being the building of an apartment house. The constitution of this organization limits membership to those who "are not exploiters of labor."

### THREE FIREMEN HURT.

Three firemen were hurt yesterday in a fire that almost destroyed the three upper stories of a five-story building at 142 and 144 Greene St.

# ARTISTS PLAN DECORATIONS ON WORKERS CENTER

### \$30,000 Drive for Building Is Pushed

The new Workers' Center at 26-28 Union Square will be the most attractive working class building in the country, plans now under way, indicate. A number of the leading revolutionary artists in New York, at a meeting held at the building, outlined plans for decorations that will make the Workers' Center distinctive.

Those present at the meeting were Hugo Gellert, Herman Jesser, architect for the Workers' Cooperative; Adolf Wolff and W. Runckelbach, a few of them members of the Art Workers' Cooperative Studio. Others, who will aid them in their work are Lydia Gibson, M. Pass and Yossel Cutler. The tentative plans call for a polychrome exterior. The Workers' Center will symbolize hope to every worker.

### The Presses Go In.

The Cooperative Cafeteria on the ground floor will have a frieze showing the evolution of bread from the seed of grain to the oven. Work on the exterior and interior decorations will start in the early part of next week.

Remodeling of the new Workers' Center started yesterday when workmen began partitioning off the rooms of the Workers' School, which will occupy the entire fifth floor. Work on the foundation of the press of The DAILY WORKER also began in the basement.

More units are swinging into activity in the campaign for \$30,000 to finance the new home of the revolutionary movement of this city and district. Unit 1B 1P has collected \$65 in cash and has pledged \$150 as its first contribution to the campaign. Unit 2A 3F has collected \$21 and each member has made an initial pledge of \$5.

### Units Raise Funds.

Other units are also collecting funds in an energetic way. The slogan that has been raised for this campaign is "\$10 a Member." Each Workers (Communist) Party member must raise \$10 from his own contribution and those of friends and sympathizers in order that the campaign for \$30,000 may be a success. It is stressed by the board of directors of the Workers Center that this will be the only time contributions will be asked for the building as the rents in the future will be sufficient to pay all the expenses.

The high point of the drive will be marked by the banquet Saturday evening, April 17, which will be attended by hundreds of militant workers. Throughout the duration of the drive the Workers Center will be open for inspection all day until 10 p. m.

A meeting of all section, subsection and unit organizers of District 2, Workers Party, will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. in the Workers Center for the purpose of discussing plans for intensifying the drive.

All contributions are to be turned in as soon as collected to 26-28 Union Square or 103 E. 14th St. Collection lists, receipt books and tickets for the banquet can also be secured at these places.

# Talk on Mooney Frame-Up at I. L. D. Branch

"The Mooney and Billings Frame-up" will be the subject of a lecture by Louis A. Baum, secretary of the Photographic Workers Union at a meeting at the Cooperative Auditorium, 2700 E. Bronx Park, at 8 p. m. Monday, when a new International Labor Defense branch will be formed.

A national campaign to free Tom Mooney and Warren Billings from the California prison where they have served 12 years has been started by the International Labor Defense. They were framed up in connection with the San Francisco Preparedness Day Parade in 1916.

# TRUE NATURE OF SCHEME EXPOSED BY UNION LOCAL

### Penn.-Ohio Committee in Urgent Appeal

BELLAIRE, Ohio, April 13.—Relief work which has been conducted in Eastern Ohio for the benefit of the destitute children of striking miners by the Ohio National Guard will be discontinued on April 25, according to a statement issued by Adjutant General Frank D. Henderson, who says that contributions to relief have practically ceased.

This relief drive of the National Guard was started several weeks ago as a political move on the part of Governor Dohoney, with the object of gaining favor among the voters and also to undermine the determination of the miners to fight for a victory in the strike.

This fact was pointed out by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee at the time. Events have justified the warning.

It was made clear before long that instead of raising money for relief the guardsmen were being used for strikebreaking purposes, quelling demonstrations and arresting strike pickets.

### Stop Relief.

The relief work, such as it was, is called off now, it is believed here, because the militant spirit of the miners has been on the increase and the progressive forces are sweeping the fossilized leaders out of the union offices.

The following report is made by a committee of Local Union 202, Hollister, Ohio:

"Conditions among the miners now out on strike here are terrible. It is reported one man starved to death this last week. Our benefits are cut down to 75 cents a week, no matter how many you have in the family.

"Our state and national leaders do not seem to be doing a thing to help us out, and all we get to do is sit around and starve.

"When the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, sent the \$2,000 to the committee here at Glouster, there was a big yell out of a lot of them, but now the yell is not so pronounced. In fact they feel they talked too quick.

### Officials Approve.

"Scab mines are working in the valley, some that are supposed to be paying the scale are working but they scheme to get around the scale in some way. The officials approve of it.

"They tell us the National Guard will stop feeding the children April 25th, but it is reported they will keep a force of men here for military work!

"Some of the ministers have maintained relief stations for several months. Now they are also closed. So all in all it is a very desolate future that faces Hocking Valley, especially around Glouster, Ohio.

(Signed) Committee, Local 202, U. M. W. of A., Hollister, Ohio."

# RELEASE HOUSE WRECKER PICKET

John Macik, member of Local 95 of the House Wreckers' Union, on strike against an attempted wage reduction, was yesterday released on \$1,000 bail by Magistrate William Allan.

Macik, who has been held in the Tombs without bail for nearly a week, is a victim of an attempted frame-up by the bosses in the trade, according to information from union headquarters, 15 East 3rd St.

Bail was furnished by the union.

The strike is going strong, officials of the union report. Although the employers' association has attempted to break down all relations with the union, a large number of the largest firms have already signed up. If the association does not come to terms very soon, indications are that it may be broken up due to desertions of large bosses from its ranks.

The union is fighting for a number of demands in addition to those contained in last year's agreement which the bosses have refused to renew.

# Police Chief Stole Booze

MINEOLA, L. I., April 13.—Police Chief Robert Ferris of Floral Park today pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree. He was remanded for sentence Tuesday. Ferris and Sergeant George Considine are accused of stealing \$3,000 worth of liquor from a resident of Floral Park.



# German Metal Kings Lock Out 250,000 Workers in Saxony; Struggle Grows

## WORKERS FIGHT FOR 8-HOUR DAY, WAGE INCREASE

### Lockout Follows Strike by 26,000 in Saxony

BERLIN, April 13.—More than 250,000 metal workers in Saxony will be locked out, according to notices posted by employers today.

The lockout followed the refusal of 26,000 strikers, who had walked out after their demand for an eight hour day and a wage increase had been refused, to return to work. The struggle in Saxony may involve more than half a million more metal workers in other sections of Germany.

The struggle in the metal trades is only one of the nation-wide labor struggles now going in Germany. With wage agreements expiring in many of the basic industries, a drawn out struggle looms in the chemical and mining industries.

BERLIN, (By Mail).—The left wing candidates won an overwhelming victory in the election of officials in the Metal Workers Union in Hall (Central Germany), where metal workers recently engaged in a six weeks strike. The reformist candidates in the metal workers union have been trying to prevent a national strike for an eight hour day.

## FAMILIES AID IN FIGHT OF MINERS

### Repudiate Lewis-Fagan Yellow-Dog

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miners sign the yellow-dog-stipulation pledge which calls for the repudiation of the Save-the-Union program, the district office will let them starve.

This is probably the most cold-blooded and inhuman weapon ever used by a desperate and discredited bureaucracy in the history of the American labor movement to keep an organization in its grip.

Fortunately for the Avella miners and the striking coal diggers thruout Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is coming to their aid with food and clothing. Straining every effort, this relief organization of rank and file miners is mobilizing its forces thruout the nation to make good the relief deficiency caused by the action of the Lewis machine.

Misery.

A news reporter who visited the barracks in Avella was struck with the extent of the misery that prevailed. He went through the flimsy structure where a miner, his wife and five children lived. The mother showed her scanty food supply and pointed out the cracks in the sides of the wooden walls. Other dwellings told the same story. Cramped living quarters! Ragged clothing! Nothing to eat!

This is the mining camp that drove organizer Wolcott of the "Miners' Union out of town last Saturday when he tried to force the miners to sign his starvation pledge and failing to do this to distribute \$275 worth of relief among the twenty supporters of Lewis in the local.

"Do you blame us women for what we did yesterday when that district organizer told us we wouldn't get any relief?" a mother of five children asked the reporter.

Typical Situation.

The situation in Avella is typical of the conditions prevailing in many other mining camps. The gallant battlers, after having fought the operators through a year of suffering, are now facing a fresh onslaught from the reactionary union officials.

No more serious duty ever faced the American workers than to renew their efforts to provide adequate relief for those brave men and women who are holding the front line trenches for the American trade union movement. Raise money immediately and forward it to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee at 611 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### New Quake in Smyrna

LONDON, April 13.—Five heavy earthquake shocks were felt in the Smyrna district on Thursday, said a Central News Dispatch from Constantinople this afternoon. Thirty houses were destroyed. Many persons, still nervous from the recent series of quakes were panic stricken.

### BROKERS INDICTED FOR FRAUD

The federal grand jury Wednesday issued indictments charging three officers of Cameron, Michel & Co. with attempts to use the mails to defraud in the sale of stock of the Canario Copper Co. by misrepresenting its value. Ralph H. Cameron, former United States senator, is reported to have organized the firm.

## OUTLINES PARTY TASKS SET UP SOVIETS IN 6 DISTRICTS

### C.I. Resolution on Trade Union Question

(Resolution Adopted by Communist International at the Session of Feb. 25, 1928.)

I. Industrial Struggle and the Tasks of the Communists.

1. Owing to the particularly rapid centralization of capital that is taking place at the present time, the growth of capitalist organizations (trusts, concerns, etc.), and the fusion of these organizations with the apparatus of bourgeois state power, industrial struggles tend to assume very quickly a political character in which the forces of the proletariat come into collision with the forces of the bourgeois state. Under such circumstances it is the task of the Communists to explain to the masses the prospects of the struggle, to mobilize as large sections of workers as possible, to help in every possible way to bring about their revolutionary unification and to raise the whole struggle onto a higher plane.

2. Main Tasks for Party.

2. Communists and revolutionary workers generally must base their tactics upon a determined and relentless struggle against so-called "industrial peace," which is nothing but one of the modern forms of subjection of the working class to the bourgeoisie. Therefore, while the mobilization of the masses must proceed on the basis of concrete demands concerning wages and hours the following slogans must be advanced simultaneously: freedom to strike—against compulsory arbitration, against social-democratic adherence to wage agreements and, as a general rule, for short-term wage agreements.

3. Mobilization of the masses on a large scale, now more than ever before, demands the rapid penetration of big concentrated enterprises. To bring about the utmost fighting unity of the working class, to organize the unorganized, to organize the broad masses of unskilled workers, to improve the state of organization of the workers in big enterprises—this must be the central task of the Communist vanguard.

4. The adoption of new forms of attack against the working class by the bourgeoisie is accompanied by an orientation to the right on the part of the social-democratic politicians and the trade union leaders who actively support the tactics of industrial peace, impede industrial struggles or betray them at the most critical moments. For that reason Communists must adopt tactics which will make it possible to remove the reformists from the leadership of the industrial struggle. The utmost must be done to secure the initiative in forming strike committees and to place ourselves at their head.

5. The task of the Communist vanguard in each strike is: to mobilize broad masses of the workers on the basis of concrete slogans corresponding to the given stage of the struggle. This means that Communists must not merely try to put forward more far-reaching demands than those put forward by the reformists but must expose the defeatist maneuvers of the reformist trade union bureaucracy to the masses by being themselves ready for the fight. Every strike must serve as an arena of struggle for leadership between Communists and reformists.

Therefore, Communists must aim above all to secure Communist leadership in strike struggles. It is essential to mobilize the masses under Communist slogans, to endeavor to carry out our tactics through the trade union organization, to expose the treachery of the reformists at every stage of the struggle and, if conditions are favorable, to organize strikes notwithstanding the opposition of the trade union bureaucracy. For this purpose it is essential to form strike committees, of which we must take the leadership and through them assume leadership over the whole industrial struggle.

6. To be a good Communist certainly does not mean to advocate an immediate strike at all times and under all circumstances. Particular care must be taken not to abuse the slogan of the general strike. Communists must be able to select the right moment for the struggle, and have a clear idea of the correlation of forces; they must neither drag at the tail of the masses, nor run too far ahead of them. They must not decide on strikes lightly, but having decided they must make use of every chance and opportunity that offers to make the fight successful.

Under present conditions, when the strength of the organization of the bourgeoisie and the close connections that exist between the various trustified branches of industry make it extremely difficult to conduct partial struggles, Communists must devote special attention to the careful preparation of strikes, to the organization of kindred enterprises, kindred branches of industry, etc.

The magnitude of a strike must not be determined independently of the concrete situation. As a general rule, strikes at the present time must be conducted on a large scale, this necessitates adequate and timely preparation. It would be a mistake, however, to assert that partial strikes

must not be carried on. A partial strike can be successful and must be therefore utilized to the utmost. Partial strikes serve a revolutionary purpose if they succeed in breaking through the reformist ring that encircles and strangles the mass movement, if they serve to signalize the state of tension prevailing among the masses and as a starting point for setting the whole movement into action. Everything depends on the concrete situation, upon a sober appreciation of which every maneuver in the industrial struggle must be based. Communists must strenuously combat every attempt made to impede the development of the partial strikes movement on the plea of weakness of trade union organizations, the risk of repressive measures on the part of the government, etc.

7. To be able to lead the masses during strikes, energetic preliminary work must be carried on before each strike. Communists must always be with the masses, and prove by their continuous everyday work, and able and energetic defense of workers' interests that they are better than the reformists. Workers judge Communists not by their words, but by their deeds—that is why the everyday, painstaking political and organization work in enterprises is so important as a preliminary condition for success and which must be carried on if our claim to leadership in strikes is to be effective. It will be much easier for Communists to secure the leadership in the strike movement if prior to the strikes, they succeed in developing a broad movement for the formation of factory committees in enterprises, or capture good positions in factory committees wherever they exist. These committees represent the most suitable basis for the establishment of strike centers, elected and recognized by the working masses.

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## TEXTILE WORKERS STRIKE MONDAY

### Fight on Wage Cut in New Bedford

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offer from the employers to postpone the wage reduction for one week if the strike vote was also postponed. This offer came too late for the union leadership to accept. They therefore declared their willingness to halt the count of votes if the employers would postpone the cut.

Knowing that the sentiment among the 30,000 textile workers was overwhelmingly for strike action, and that the workers would demand a public counting of votes, the manufacturers refused to delay the date on which the wage cut goes into effect.

The United Textile Mill Committees thru their New Bedford unit declared their support of the union membership in their fight against the vicious wage slashes and speed-up systems. Tens of thousands of leaflets are being issued by the mill committees to the workers at the mill gates.

The circulars call upon the unorganized workers to come out 100 per cent with their brothers in the unions. They also call upon the workers in each mill to organize mill committees and to establish connections with the central offices of the organization.

### COSTES LEAVES SYRIA

PARIS, April 13.—The French world-flyer, Diéudonne Costes and Joseph Lebrun, who are making a flight from Tokio to this city hopped off at Aleppo, Syria, at 9 o'clock this morning (Turkish time), according to a dispatch from Aleppo, for Rome.

### Workers Fight Against General Feng

CANTON, April 13.—With six districts in southern Honan in complete control of worker and peasant governments and with Swatow in imminent danger of capture by Red Guards the position of the Kuomintang generals in southern China is becoming increasingly difficult.

All efforts by General Huang Shaohung to crush the peasants armies above Canton have failed because of the sympathy of large sections of the army with the peasants and because Huang, fearing a revolt within the city of Canton, is reluctant to despatch a large body of troops against the peasants.

### Struggle Against Feng.

Reports received here from Honan state that workers and peasants are actively carrying on a struggle against General Feng Yu-hsiang in spite of numerous executions. When Chiang Kai-shek spoke at a meeting arranged in his honor at Kaifung, capital of the province, representatives of the Union of Workers of the Peking-Hankow Railway and other workers distributed leaflets denouncing Feng, Chiang and the Kuomintang.

Numerous Communists have been executed in Honan, the reports state. Three hundred and sixty-three workers are reported to have been executed, and about five hundred jailed at the orders of Feng.

### Secret Confab.

Chiang Kai-shek and General Feng are reported to have held another secret conference at Hsueh on April 9th. Chiang has promised to help Feng in his campaign in Shantung while Feng is reported to have promised Chiang aid in his struggle against the Kwangsi group.

General Hsu Chung-chi, a member of the Central Executive of the Kuomintang, who is now in this country is believed to be negotiating for an American loan to the Nanking regime.

### Patent Theft Charged To Telegraph Trust

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company is defendant in a suit brought in the United States District Court today by Noah S. Amstutz of Valparaiso, Ind., who charges the company with infringement of three of his patents.

Amstutz claims that he secured these patents in August, 1911, applied to the device known as tele-photography by which photographs are sent to publications over telegraph wires.

### Bridge Graft Unchecked

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Attempts to put toll-bridge-permit bills through congress have not been stopped, although huge profits from mere possession of such free permits have been shown. Rep. Dennison and Sen. Dale are the sponsors of these bills, which represent a new graft growing out of the construction of motor roads.

E. M. Elliot, who had 30 bridge permit projects up in congress recently, was shown to have made \$260,000 profit on the Gandy Bridge in Florida in one year. He was indicted and pleaded guilty to failing to file any income tax return.

## "RED RAIDS" IN ITALY PLAN TO EXPEL MILITANTS FROM BRITISH UNIONS

### Arrests Many After Bomb Frame-up

GENEVA, April 13.—The wholesale arrests and raids that were expected following the explosion of a bomb at the Milan fair, took place today when more than two hundred persons were arrested. According to rumors widely circulated here, the bomb was planted by Mussolini agents as a basis for wholesale arrests of enemies of the fascist regime.

With unrest widespread in Italy as the result of low wages and high prices, Mussolini is believed to be planning a new round-up of radical workers. The Milan explosion would serve as an excellent basis for a series of "red raids."

## MACHADO HANGS ON TO HIS JOB

### Alters Constitution to Keep Regime in Power

HAVANA, April 13.—With the Machado regime forcing thru an amendment to the constitution which will extend the presidential term from four to six years, Machado will be a candidate for re-election in the elections on November 1st, it was announced yesterday.

The proposed amendment will come up before the assembly which will meet within a few days and will in all probability be approved, since the majority of the assembly is controlled by Machado.

### Knapp Graft Trial Is Conversation to Date

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former secretary of state, who is under eight indictments for alleged juggling of the \$1,200,000, 1925 census fund, was to be told today of the exact charge upon which she will go to trial opening April 30.

Six of the eight indictments charge Mrs. Knapp with the commission of felonies in the handling of the census money, while two allege misdemeanors. Other republican and democratic party committee members and office holders were shown to be involved, but were not indicted.

### Estimate Board Takes Orders From Oil Men

John Rockefeller, Jr., and other owners of property on Fort St. George Hill in the Washington Heights section were saved large sums today when the board of estimate revised assessments on the property.

Rockefeller, who owns 1,000 lots in the assessment area, led other property owners in protesting against the original apportionment. The board of estimate then reduced the private owners' assessment from 50 to 20 per cent.

### Transport Workers of Berlin Go on Strike

BERLIN, April 13 (By Mail).—More than three thousand Berlin transport workers went on strike yesterday when the employers refused to accede to their demands for a wage increase.

### STRIKE OF INDIA METAL WORKERS

### Protest Murder of Rail Road Pickets

LONDON, April 13.—More than six thousand Indian metal workers have gone on strike in sympathy with the 20,000 railway workers as a result of the killing of five and the wounding of forty strikers by British police at a demonstration at Bamangachi, near Calcutta, according to reports received here.

A storm of protest has risen thruout India and other trade unions are reported to be contemplating sympathy strikes. The strikers were peacefully picketing a railroad yard when the police opened fire.

### Kellogg Fake Peace Treaty Is Submitted To Other Countries

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The United States today submitted to the governments of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Japan the proposal of Secretary of State Kellogg for a world-wide treaty "renouncing war as an instrument of national policy."

With the approval of France, the American ambassadors at London, Rome, Berlin and Tokyo presented to the respective governments all the correspondence which has passed between France and the United States relative to the suggestion of Foreign Minister Briand of France, that France and the United States sign such a treaty between themselves.

### MAL-NUTRITION IN PRUSSIA

BERLIN, April 13.—One tenth of the children examined in 58 rural cities of Prussia last year were discovered to have rickets.

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### General Council Session Plots New Attack

London, April 13.—A proposal that all members of the Communist Party and the Minority Movement be expelled from British trade unions is expected to be made at the next meeting of the General Council on April 25.

John Hill, Secretary of the Boiler Makers Society, made it clear at the last meeting of the General Council that the whole question of militant wing in the trade unions would be taken up at the next session of the General Council. Hill's motion, it is believed, will be sponsored by Walter Citrine, Ben Turner, conservative head of the Textile Workers' Union and other trade union leaders who advocated the Mond "industrial peace" conferences.

### 2,500,000 Women Are Trade Union Members In the Soviet Union

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—Two and a half million women are enrolled in the trade unions of the Soviet Union, according to statistics recently published in connection with the celebration of International Women's Day. Thousands of women hold high trade union and administrative posts.

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### Moishe Katz

known journalist, just arrived from the Soviet Union is on a tour on behalf of the "Icor." He will deliver a series of **LECTURES** on

**Jewish life and Jewish colonization in the Soviet Union,** and will visit the following cities:

- Erie, Pa., April 16th; Cleveland, Ohio, April 17th; St. Louis, April 18th, 19th and 20th; Kansas City, April 21st and 22nd; Denver, April 24th and 25th; Los Angeles and San Diego, April 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and May 1st; Petaluma, May 2nd; San Francisco and Oakland, May 3rd and 4th; Omaha, Neb., May 8th; Sioux City, May 9th; Minneapolis, May 10th; St. Paul, May 11th; Winnipeg, May 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th; Duluth, May 17th; Milwaukee, May 18th; Chicago, May 19th and 20th; Detroit and Windsor, May 21st, 22nd and 23rd; Toledo, May 24th; Pittsburgh, May 25th.

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# IBSEN ASSAILANT OF BOURGEOIS PHILOSOPHY

By LEWIS WYNNE.

THERE is, I protest, a vast amount of unblushing humbug about these centenary "celebrations" which periodically bring out the literary journals in a rash of large type adulation.

How, for instance, would Henrik Ibsen's grim shade behold the flapping and the flummery that is being piled up to his posthumous honor throughout the length and breadth of Europe and forbear an ironical chuckle?

He wore out his flesh trying to teach men not to be dull brutes; his countrymen and practically all the world united in crying him down, and only after long poverty-ridden years, when grudging recognition was forthcoming, flung him a pittance to save his aged body from the gutter.

His Unforgivable Sin. Ibsen today is a great tradition: not so long ago, well within living memory, he was a scandal and an outrage. He committed the unforgivable sin of rending and exposing bourgeois morality. Therefore, of course, Ibsen instantly became everything that was foul. To mention his name in polite society was indiscreet, to read his plays was daring, to see them acted was indecent. Mr. G. Bernard Shaw (then a highly improper person himself, who ran no risk of the canonization which has befallen him subsequently) wrote a brilliantly impudent book called "The Quintessence of Ibsenism," which made the bourgeois intellectuals sit up and take notice.

But no matter what abandoned Philistines like Mr. G. Bernard Shaw might say, Ibsen was "a crazy fanatic... a crazy, cranky being... not only consistently dirty, but deliberately dull," they emphatically declared through "Truth."

Tabooed. Thus, for a considerable period, Ibsen was absolutely taboo. He was not "quite sane." But all this is ancient history now and Ibsen has entered the sacred limbo of the Immortals. The "Doll's House" is no longer the cherished Baedeker of a militant feminist movement. Woman's economic enslavement is gradually passing and her post-war political emancipation has set a "date" upon the purpose of Ibsen's iconoclasm.

"Nora" no longer constitutes a prophetic study—a bold character sketch of the new woman. She is with us in her millions, alive and forging further ahead than ever Ibsen's spectacles saw. The outworn moral code which "Nora" flung on the fire with such magnificent bravado has almost disappeared in the quivering flame of a new social morality with which revolutionary-minded man and womankind are fighting up their world.

Ill-Required Genius. Ibsen was born in Skien, in Norway. His early years were spent in poverty and neglect. Attached to a small theatre in Bergen he was forced to work as a hack playwright and general maid of all work in the theatre. His first great historical plays were laughed at, his work won no recognition, and finally in 1864 he fled abroad, working in Italy and Germany for twenty-seven years, producing the masterpieces which have made him immortal.

In some ways Ibsen's subjects may be said to date, the world has passed on beyond the struggles of the Noras, the self-tortures of the Hedda Gablers. But his people do not date. They are as alive and as passionate today as ever, only the conditions of their struggles have changed.

"Great Vision." To us the importance and interest of Ibsen's work lies in his great imaginative vision of the forces of rising capitalism. Such plays as the

"Master Builder" are magnificent as pictures of those half crazy geniuses of capitalist individualism. Men such as Leverhulme or Henry Ford, who set their mark upon one phase of capitalist society, are characters made for an Ibsen.

In "Pillars of Society" and "An Enemy of the People" his criticism of society hesitates on the verge of plunging deep into the future, of recognizing the force which in time was to sweep away all the folly and hypocrisy he flayed and hated so. But the time was too early. He drew back unable to see the constructive apart from the destructive genius of the working class.

Ibsen's Achievement. Nevertheless the real greatness of Ibsen is in that he, first of all the prophets of the nineteenth century, recognized the tremendous significance of the changes wrought by the new monster of capitalism. He saw that with its coming humanity was on the march to a tremendous future. The agonies and passions of this changing society are the stuff of his plays.

He lives in our remembrance today as one of the most damaging assailants of the bourgeois philosophy that the last century produced; as a past-master of the playwright's art, and as a fundamentally honest man whom neither scorn nor misery nor cant could hound into silence.

## \$500,000 SUIT OF KLAN DISMISSED

PITTSBURGH, April 13.—Federal Judge W. H. S. Thomson this afternoon dismissed the \$500,000 damage suit of the Ku Klux Klan against five banished Pennsylvania members, placing the costs of the cases on the Klan.

Hiram A. Evans, imperial wizard of the Klan, had testified earlier in the day that as the head of "a patriotic organization, military in form," he never made anti-Catholic speeches, nor inspired the riot at Carnegie, Pa., several years ago in which one man lost his life.

## Screen Notes

"Love Hungry," a new Fox production, is the screen headliner at the Roxy Theatre this week. Lois Moran is the featured player.

Universal has purchased Jacques Futrelle's mystery story, "The Diamond Master," for production as a chapter play. Production is scheduled to commence May 1 under the direction of Jack Nelson.

A cinematic study of reincarnation is "Beyond the Wall," a UFA film, which features the program at the 55th Street Playhouse beginning this Saturday. The picture was directed by Fritz Lang, with the role portrayed by Lil Dagover, the German actress and Rudolph Klein-Rogge.

The film version of Anne Nichols' "Abie's Irish Rose," will have its premier at the 44th Street Theatre. Thursday, April 19. Nancy Carroll and Buddy Rogers who play important roles in the picture will appear in person at the opening.

Leonora Sparkes, soprano, will include the Jewel Song from Faust in her Steinway Hall program Thursday evening, April 26.

## A Merry Circus Group



Highlights of the four ring circus now holding forth at the big arena on Eighth Avenue. Madison Square Garden has been crowded all of this week, due no doubt, to the many grown-ups who were "compelled" to "escort" the youngsters to see the antics of the acrobats, jugglers—and of course the animals.

J. C. NUGENT.



Co-author and principal player in "The Breaks," a new play dealing with greedy and grasping land-owners of Texas, opening Monday night at the Klaw Theatre.

## Shaw Ranks Ibsen Above Moliere and Shakespeare

SPEAKING before a large audience in London during the recent celebration of the Ibsen centenary, George Bernard Shaw gave his opinion of Henrik Ibsen's work as a dramatist in comparison with Moliere and Shakespeare.



In his lecture he pointed out that Shakespeare and Moliere were far below Ibsen in dramatic art. "I say without hesitation that Shakespeare and Moliere were always like beginners, compared with Ibsen, in valuation of the human mind, in faculty of insight and in the fundamental genius of the story teller," said Mr. Shaw.

He compared the pre-Ibsen woman with the post-Ibsen woman, and said that Jane Austen, George Eliot and Charlotte Bronte were not real women, but only stage women, playing parts and living up to the ideal of womanhood. Continuing Shaw said: "I have my dreams of the past and when I think of the women I loved I see nothing like the present-day young person with legs, but I see a woman with long skirts and ample bodice. But we knew the real animal was there all the time."

"Ibsen broke the Jane Austen spell and smashed the stage figurine, with the result that the next generation of women came up as real. They came up almost exactly like new."

## Broadway Briefs

Eva Clark with Dan Caslar and the Crooners form the chief feature on the vaudeville bill at the Broadway Theatre beginning Monday. The Colleanos featuring Maurice Colleanos; Russ Brown and Jean Whitaker; Gilbert and French; Frank Wheeler and Dorothy Sands, and Palermo's trained dogs are other acts on the program. "The Crimson City," a drama of the China coast, featuring Myrna Loy and John Miljan is the screen feature.

"Take the Air," Gene Buck's musical comedy, will move from the Waldorf to the Earl Carroll Theatre Monday night.

"The Ladder" will omit its Monday and Tuesday night performances next week, and reopen next Wednesday evening at the Cort Theatre, where it will move over from its present quarters in the Belmont. The policy of free seats will be continued at the Cort.

Edith Wynne Matthison, Walter Hampden, George Abbott and Louis K. Auspacher will be the speakers at the Augustin Duncan tribute Monday night at the Klaw Theatre. The tribute will be held at the close of the opening performance of "The Breakers," J. C. and Elliott Nugent's new play, which Duncan has directed.

Remo Bufano will give an extra performance of his Marionettes at the Laboratory Theatre this Saturday morning.

## Music Notes

Tamaki Muira, Japanese soprano will make her only local appearance Saturday evening, April 28 in Carnegie Hall. Her program will include Puccini, Mozart, Grieg, Schubert, Schumann, Debussy, and also a number of Japanese folk songs.

Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman, both formerly connected with the Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn troupe of dancers, are giving a dance recital at the John Golden Theatre this Sunday evening. They will be assisted by dancers of the Denishawn School, by three pianists and an orchestral ensemble. The program ranges from Bach to Scriabin and includes a novelty "Color Harmony," a symbolic dance by Clifford Vaughn.

Sigismund Stojowski, pianist, and Paul Koehanski, violinist, will give a joint recital next Thursday evening in Town Hall.

# "VOLPONE" WELL DONE BY THEATRE GUILD

ANOTHER play "by one of those Englishmen," this time a dead one, "Rare Ben Jonson," talked about for centuries but not acted very much in recent years. Now his "Volpone" is being done in a rather remarkable way at the Guild Theatre.



Alfred Lunt

A certain Herr Zweig wrote a very good play, on the modern style, for presentation in Central Europe, in German, of course, and called it "An Uncharitable Comedy," "freely adapted from Ben Jonson." The Guild has this German comedy, "clawed back into English," with the Jonson title restored, but other alterations remaining—much to its improvement.

Jonson's production was a morality play, rank and filth as are always the preachments of most effective preachers. It was the story of a clique of Venetians scrambling for the chance to inherit the wealth of a supposedly dying Levantine, Volpone (the Fox). Those squabbling for Volpone's probably ill-gotten gold, jewels and houses include representatives of most of the ruling classes of Republican Renaissance Venice, and therefore have their counterparts in modern capitalist society.

Volpone (the Vulture) is an advocate, rich in ways and means of evading the law. His black cloak and bird-like chatter and croak were most successful parts of the play. Corvino (the Crow) is a capitalist, fat as his money bags, but with desires unlimited for further wealth. His jealousy over his pretty wife, Colomba (the Dove) is something amazing, but not greater than his eagerness to sell her to Volpone for a chance at the inheritance. Corbaccio (the Raven) cheerfully disinherits his son, Leone, for a chance to inherit Volpone's wealth. Canina (Italian dictionaries needed!) is willing to marry either Volpone or Corbaccio—her intentions are on the inheritance.

All shower Volpone with gifts, to win his affections and get the inheritance, while Volpone, fox-like, pretends to be on the point of death, in order to stimulate them. Such a groaning wheezing, gasping bed-ridden old invalid when any of the givers are around, and such a fleeful, skipping hard drinking and heavy eating villain, when they go out! How he gloats and smacks his lips over the way he is looting his anticipating friends, cheating and deluding them and gaining more and more from them. It is a grewsome drama of the rich man's death bed.

Mosca (the Gadfly) bond slave of Volpone, is one of the most unusual characters ever produced. His origin seems to be related to that of the Shakespearean clown, but his philosophy is that of the latter day cynic. He is jolly and misanthropic at once the cleverest adviser of his master and his greatest enemy—willing to ruin him but too timid to have him killed. It is probably in character that he should have contempt for money. Most of the Fox's tricks are suggested by the Gadfly, and in the end he leads Volpone, with impudent warnings meanwhile, to enjoy a last huge joke, that of pretending to die and having his will read to the greedy friends—with Mosca entered as beneficiary instead of any of them.

However, first of all there is a little trial. A lewd scene in Volpone's bedroom is interrupted by one of

Zweig's renamed characters, Leone (the Lion), the son of the Raven, who calls the Sbrì, These Venetian style cops, dressed in blood red garments are nevertheless acting naturally enough like the modern bluecoats. They are guzzling in a tavern when Leone begins to yell. Leone, captain of the fleet, is disgusted at the attack on Colomba, and still more at being disinherited. In court he is absolutely at the mercy of Voltaro, and loses his case. Volpone is acquitted, and Leone placed in the stocks.

The greedy rivals give the game away when they rage at Mosca after the pretended death of Volpone, and the judge, called in as witness, declares that if the Fox were still alive he would have him skinned and nailed to the gallows.

So Mosca gets the inheritance, for Volpone can't come to life in Venice and must flee the country. Mosca hurls Volpone's treasure to the multitude, the police and the clerk of the court join the rabble and grovel for chance gold pieces as Mosca showers them out.

Fine lines abound throughout the play, notably in the court scene, where justice is particularly warped. The honest but low-browed judge himself sets the tune when he thunders at the abashed and weeping Colomba that "Justice knows no shame." It is also made clear by the lawyer in the beginning that "A rich man is generally innocent."

Alfred Lunt as Mosca and Dudley Digges as Volpone carry off the honors, but the rest of the cast is good. The whole of the action is in a blatant, rip-roaring, clownish tone something of the free and easy wildness of gesture that seems typical of the modern German stage is preserved here, and is in keeping with the plot.

## "THE LAST MOMENT" TO BE SHOWN ON CAMEO SCREEN

Paul Fejos' "The Last Moment," which comes to the Cameo Theatre this Saturday has received high praise from the National Board of Review, national film bodies, who have enthusiastically endorsed the first screen effort of Dr. Paul Fejos. "The Last Moment" is unique in theme and in treatment. It brings psychology and the most advanced motion picture technique together. The picture is made without subtitles, it shows the thoughts that flash through the life of man in the last moment before death.

Emil Jannings is almost finished on his latest film, "The Patriot," a story based on Ivan, the mad czar of Russia. The Paramount organization is turning its attention to Jannings' next, scheduled to follow "The Street of Sin." This will be "The Man Who Never Missed," adapted from Mildred Gram's magazine story, "The Feeder." The star will play a veteran troupier in four-a-day vaudeville. Lothar Mendes will direct.

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Phyllis Krauter, cellist, and Kar Krauter, violinist, will appear in joint recital at Town Hall Monday evening, April 23.  
Martha Graham, assisted by Louis Horst, will give an entirely new program of dance at the Little Theatre Sunday evening, April 22.

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NEW PLAYS  
"THE BREAKS," a new play by J. C. Nugent and Elliott Nugent, will be presented by Richard Herndon Monday night at the Klaw Theatre. The cast, headed by the two Nugents, also includes Frederic Burt, Claude Cooper, Malcolm Williams, Serena Dale, Helen Carew, Conrad Cantzen, Harry Blakemore and Edward Loeffler.  
"FORBIDDEN ROADS," a play from the Spanish of Jose Lopez Penillos, at the Liberty Theatre Monday night. Among those in the cast will be Alan Birmingham and Judith Vossell.  
"A LADY FOR A NIGHT," a mystery play by Hutcheson Boyd, will have its premiere at the 49th Street Theatre Monday. Among those in the cast are Esther Howard, Helen Lowell, Dorothy Hall, and Betty Lawrence.  
"THE FATHER," a drama by August Strindberg, will be presented by Robert Whittier Tuesday night at the Eltinge Theatre. The leading role will be played by Mr. Whittier. Others in the cast are, Kate Mayhew, Peggy Keenan, Albert Reed, Robert Le Sueur, Edward Everett Hale, 3rd, and Richard Terry.  
"HIM," by E. E. Cummings, will open Wednesday night at the Provincetown Playhouse.  
Katherine Bacon will give her second recital of pianoforte music of Schubert at Town Hall this Sunday afternoon. The program: Sonata in C minor, Op. Posth.; Sonata in A major, Op. 120; Four Impromptus, Op. 142; Sonata in A minor, Op. 143.  
Anna Robenne has postponed her farewell dance program announced for the 48th Street Theatre on April 15. It will be given instead at the Gallo Theatre, Sunday evening, April 29.



# THE THIRD DEGREE: A POET'S PRISON DIARY

By DAVID GORDON.

HERE'S a pretty tid-bit. Tony tells me this story:

He and a certain cop were good friends. However, since Tony had need of some money he "double-crossed" his friend by attempting a store robbery on his beat. The cop was tipped off and Tony will accompany me to the reformatory the day after tomorrow.

Said Tony: "He was my best friend but he said if I'd try anything on his beat he'd ride me good. Boy, he sure did wallop me on the head with his club. He said he'd do everything if I'd be caught 'robbin' on an under cop's beat but if I double-crossed him he won't do anything for me."

This morning I harvested an excellent crop of mine. There was good cheer from the American Civil Liberties Union and from The DAILY WORKER. A former teacher of mine promises to get my old high school teachers to sign a letter to the court in my behalf.

Before I could finish reading my correspondence I was compelled to be "interviewed." He must be a very old man because his brains are very rusty and his intemperate temper is disgustingly crusty. He asked me to answer questions. When I tried to answer them he stopped me. I wished to be exact since I do not trust the future kindness of any court if I am not exact. He testily denied me this privilege and figuratively spat his senility into my face. I tried to feel humble, to spare his filthy impatience but I guess my true feelings reflected themselves in my eyes whenever I met his sneering gaze. In consequence he raged on until I was dismissed, threatened with, "I'll fix you!" I suppose this means an unfavorable report of myself.

Each time I look at the fellow with the jaw broken by the "bulls" he is shaking his head bitterly at the irreparable loss. When he discovered that I'm a Jew he said, "Well, I'm no fanatic myself."

Conversation about "bulls." Said one future "reformatory boy," interrupting: "You got nothing on me. See this," he said opening his mouth. It was filled with a rubber jaw. "The 'bulls' did that. I was about half dead before they threw away the pipe."

"Listen to this," the first fellow said. "They once wanted to make a fellow admit something. After they beat him a while the poor sucker ran up the stairs. Well, he met another keeper at the head of it with a pipe. He got slugged and ran down the stairs like a rat and got slugged by both until he dropped from exhaustion."

No, I'm not sorry to leave this place. Even the boys here are not such a bad bunch. It will concern me no longer how much the cockroaches scurry about the cell, nor any longer of the killing air and senselessness of this grave for living beings.

It's very late now. There is no use waiting for a word from home. The keeper just passed on his hourly round. I don't suppose they even had the decency to telephone my parents. I wish the nickel is returned to me.

The 1928 "Red Cartoons," edited by Walt Carmon will be published in time for May Day distribution, it has just been announced. The volume, which is the third to be published, will contain the work of Ellis, Gropper, Gellert, Burck, Siegel, Don Brown, Savanto and others published during the past year.

# THE SPEECHES OF LENIN

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York, have just published a small volume of speeches of V. I. Lenin, made between 1917 and 1923, as Volume 8 in the series "Voices of Revolt." The most important utterances of Lenin from the moment he stepped on Russian soil after the March Revolution until his grave illness in 1923 are included in the volume. The address to the soldiers of the Izmailov regiment on April 23, 1917; the speech on the "immediate situation," delivered before the Petrograd Conference of the Bolsheviks, May 10; speeches delivered on the day after the November 7th Revolution, discussing the Soviet decrees on peace and land; speeches dealing with the nationalization of the banks; the dispersion of the constituent assembly; the Brest-Litovsk peace; short speeches delivered at various Moscow factories where workers were being recruited for the front; as well as important speeches dealing with the origin of the world war, and the relation to the peasantry, are included.

The volume also contains the last speech made by Lenin, at the plenary

JIM TULLY



American novelist and short story writer, author of "Circus Parade" which is illustrated by William Gropper. Tully recently returned from a visit to San Quentin Prison, California, where he saw Tom Mooney.

# Claude McKay's First Novel: A Story of Harlem

HOME TO HARLEM. Claude McKay. Harper & Bro. \$2.50.

Reviewed by WALT CARMON.

CLAUDE McKay, after a long absence, comes back to Harlem, the Harlem he evidently has missed a lot, loves, so well, knows so thoroughly and presents in such vivid, gay colors in his first novel "Home To Harlem." Claude McKay, poet that he is, gives us Jake, a poet of life. He presents Jake in a Harlem setting, and around him revolves the life of Harlem in a good deal of its sordidness and beauty, its poverty of living and its richness of life; its simple minded and very human mass of Negro workers who love life above everything, who can find so much song and dance and music in it. It's a picture a poet would give us, not a realist, yet realistic for all that.

In France, during the war, Jake escapes from the army when he finds Negro soldiers are given the heavy work to do instead of fighting Germans. He is in England when the armistice is called, and finally the call of Harlem brings him home. On his first night home, he meets a little girl who charms him. The code of both is unimpaired. Likeable children, they respond joyfully to each other, and when he plans to call again he finds he did not get her address. Only after a long time does he find her again, this time to keep.

It is a simply-told story of the labor, loves and adventures of Jake. Unmoral, plain-spoken, a warm, passionate note runs thru it all, intense but human and unspoiled. Told in a simple pleasing style, it makes delightful reading. Yet with all its virtues, "Home To Harlem" can by no means be a complete, or near complete, picture of Harlem life. McKay, brilliant poet in the days of the "Liberator," is still more poet than serious novelist. Authentic as is his picture, it is only a part of the whole canvas. His Jake, simple-minded, lovable proletarian, who instinctively knows that scabbing is not the thing to do, is pictured in a life that leans too heavily to cabarets, bar-rooms, unmoral and immoral women—a life generally that is not a life of the bulk of Negro workers, if eight to ten hours of heavy labor a day mean a thing. It simply can't be done.

As a whole, "Home To Harlem" is only a simply told story. But in that simplicity there is an unescapable quality that makes it a pleasure. Claude McKay of "Liberator" days, is poet again in his first novel.

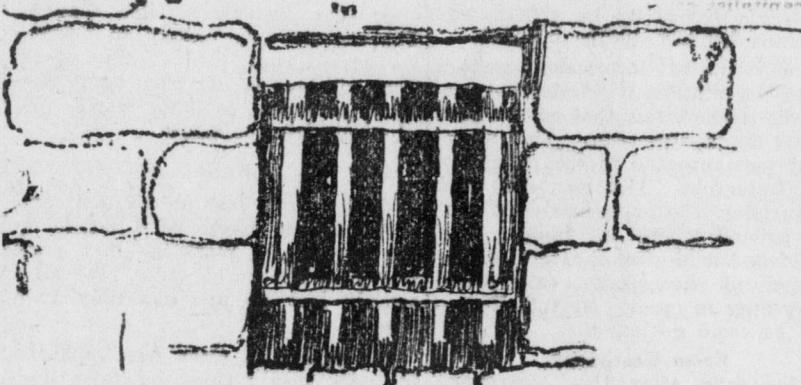
# Tom Mooney

By WILLIAM ELLERY LEONARD.

Tom Mooney sits behind a grating, Beside a corridor. (He's waiting.) Long since he picked or peeled or bit away The last white callous from his palms, they say. The crick is gone from out his back; And all the grease and grime Gone from each finger-nail and every knuckle-crack. (And that took time.)

Tom Mooney breathes behind a grating, Beside a corridor. (He's waiting.) The Gold-men from ten cities hear in sleep Tom Mooney breathing—for he breathes so deep. The Gold-men from ten cities rise from bed To make a brass crown for Tom Mooney's head; They gather round great oaken desks—each twists Two copper bracelets for Tom Mooney's wrists. And down sky-scraper basements (all their own) They forge the spikes for his galvanic throne. The Gold-men love the jests of old Misrule— At ease at last, they'll laugh their fill; They'll deck Tom Mooney king, they will— King over knave and fool. And from enamelled doors and rearward office-vaults, Lettered in gold with names that never croak, They will draw back the triple iron bolts, Then scatter from the ridges of their roofs The affidavits of their paper-proofs Of pallid Tom fool's low and lubber stock.

Tom Mooney thinks behind a grating, Beside a corridor. (He's waiting.) (Tom Mooney free was but a laboring man; Tom Mooney jailed's the Thinker of Rodin.) The Workers in ten nations now have caught The roll and rhythm of Tom Mooney's thought— By that earth-girdling S. O. S.,



The subtle and immortal wireless Of Man's strong justice in distress. The workers in ten nations think and plan; The pick-axe little Naples man, The rice-swamp coolies in Japan (No longer mere embroidery on a screen), The crowds that swarm from factory gates; At yellow dusks with all their hates, In Ireland, Austria, Argentine, In England, France, and Russia far (That slew a Czar)— Or where the Teutons lately rent The Iron Cross (on finding what it meant); At yellow dusks with all their hates From fiery shops or gas-choked mines, From round-house, mill, or lumber-pines, In the broad belt of these United States. The Workers, like the Gold-men, plan and wake,— What bodes their waking? The Workers, like the Gold-men, something make,— What are they making?— The Gold-men answer often— "They make Tom Mooney's coffin."

Tom Mooney talks behind a grating, Beside a corridor. (He's waiting.) You cannot get quite near Against the bars to lay your ear; You find the light too dim To spell the lips of him. But, like a beast's within a zoo (That was of old a god to savage clans), His body shakes at you— A beast's, a god's, a man's! And from its ponderous, ancient rhythmic shaking You'll guess what 'tis the workers now are making. They make for times to come From times of old—how old!— From sweat, from blood, from hunger, and from tears, From scraps of hope (conserved through bitter years Despite the might and mockery of gold), They make, these haggard men, a bomb,— These haggard men with shawl-wives dumb And pinched-faced children cold, Descendants of the oldest, earth-born stock, Gnarled brothers of the surf, the ice, the fire, the rock. Gray wolf and gaunt storm-bird. They make a bomb more fierce than dynamite, They weld a Word. And on the awful night The Gold-men set Tom Mooney grinning (If such an hour shall be in Truth's despite) They'll loose the places of much underpinning In more than ten big cities, left and right.

(From "May Days," Edited by Genevieve Taggard. Boni and Liveright, N.Y.)

# Vets for Suppression

PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—Aroused by criticism of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Legion, made by Dr. Thomas Woody, a professor of the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia county council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has adopted a resolution demanding that the doctor be "silenced."

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# FACTORY SKETCHES: "BERTIE'S" COSTUME

HER full name is Bertolina Migliaccio. She works in the cutting room. When one of the cutters needs a pattern or a cutting ticket he shouts "Bertie!" at the top of his voice, and presto! there is Bertie, like Aladdin's genie, risen out of the floor with the desired article.

Bertie is scarcely five feet tall in her high-heeled department store shoes. On first glance she seems to be a child scarcely more than seventeen years old. It is only when one has come closer that one sees the tiredness of her flabby body, the drooping mouth (that with intense effort she manages to bolster up into a smile); it is only after one speaks to her that the listlessness of her voice and the burnt redness of her eyes become plainly visible. And then, from the bitterness of her words, one immediately knows that Bertie is not a child, that she is a woman, an old woman. Old with the despair that shattered illusions create, old with the horror of the deadly monotony of the factory, broken with years of pain and self-denial and intimidation.

In reality she is twenty-five years of age. She has worked in the factory for twelve years. As a reward, she now receives twenty-two dollars a week, and even the manager, even Mr. Bright condescends to call her "Bertie" in a familiar tone. In answer, Bertie usually twists her little face into a synthetic smile and answers "Comin', Mister Bright," or "N a minnit!" And after she has done what she has been told to do, the corners of her mouth droop again, her breasts hang limp like pouches attached to her skin, and she relapses into gloomy lethargy.

But this week Bertie is happy. She flits through the factory whistling like a caged bird, singing continually. "The song is ended but the melody lingers on..." There is a sparkle in her brown elf-like eyes as she rushes from one job to another. "Just Charlie and me, and baby makes three—we're happy in my blue heaven..." All notice unusual gaiety and are happy and sympathize with her. "Tell why your song is sad, never glad, blue river, blue river—do you hold the memory of a vanished dream?" Bertie is working here for the last week. Next week and she will be married to Charlie, and goodbye! forever, to the factory! And so Bertie is happy. Mr. Bright is giving her her bridal costume in reward for the twelve years of youth she gave him, and the workers have collected fifty dollars amongst themselves and are buying her a set of silverware, and Ted Lurie, the college student who is working there in order to save enough money to continue his education, has promised her a copy of "Sapho" with which to start her library. (Poor child, she will not understand it, and place it in a corner of her room unread.) What more can a girl want?

"Only one thing, John," says Bertie to Muller, the cutter, "I'd die before I let my children work in a factory!"

# Books Received

- The Republican Party: A History. By William Starr Myers. The Century Co.
The Democratic Party: A History. By Frank R. Kent. The Century Co.
Women in Soviet Russia. By Jessica Smith. Vanguard Press.
America in Santo Domingo. By Melvin M. Knight. Vanguard Press.
Foma Gordeyev. By Maxim Gorky. 2 vol. Bee De Publishing Co., New York.

# 1928 Elections Coolidge Program

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# Balance Sheet of Bourgeois Revenge

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND men, women, and children killed during the battle or after; three thousand at least dead in the prisons, the penitentiaries, the forts, or in consequence of maladies contracted during their captivity; thirteen thousand seven hundred condemned, most of them for life; seventy thousand women, children, and old men deprived of their natural supporters or thrown out of France; one hundred and eleven thousand victims at least. That is the balance-sheet of the bourgeois vengeance for the solitary insurrection of the eighteenth of March.

What a lesson of revolutionary vigor given to the workmen! The governing classes shoot in a lump without taking the trouble to select hostages. Their vengeance lasts not an hour; neither years nor victims appease it; they make of it an administrative function, methodical and continuous.

(Lissagaray's "History of the Commune of 1871.")

Charles E. Ruthenberg: Selections from Speeches and Writings. Voices of Revolt Series. International Publishers.

The Story of the American Indian. Dr. Paul Radin. Boni & Liveright.

# Robbing Union Treasuries in Strike Periods

STRIKES offer prolific opportunities for corrupt union officials to fatten their bank accounts at the expense of the workers and they often take advantage of them. Although strikers may be hungry there will only too often be found union officials degraded enough to steal from their meager strike funds. The miners have suffered much from this evil. The scandal in District 5 of the United Mine Workers of America following the 1922 strike was only one of the many cases of such corruption that might be cited. The needle trades and other unions have also had their experiences in this respect. The recent cloakmakers' strike in New York was an example. Although the general control of the strike was in the hands of the left wing, the right wing leaders were strong enough to intrench themselves in various committees carrying on vital strike activities. Result, extensive graft by them in spite of all efforts at proper control. Then, with fine irony, these same ultra-reactionaries raised cries of graft against the left wing leadership.

Under the head of "organizing expenses" the labor corruptionists cover up much of their dishonesty. Vast sums of money are swallowed up in fake organization campaigns. An example was the recent A. F. of L. campaign to organize the steel workers. This burned up some \$75,000 left over from the 1919 steel strike as an organizing fund. Only a few score of workers were actually organized. Another case in point is the U. M. W. A. "organizing campaign" in West Virginia for the past couple of years. This, under the leadership of the notorious Van Bittner, has squandered scores of thousands of dollars with no tangible results. What reactionary labor leaders understand under the head of "organizing expenses" was evidenced by the banquet given by Frank Feeley in May, 1925, to the Philadelphia "open shop" employers at a cost of \$7,000.

(From "Misleaders of Labor," by William Z. Foster, Trade Union Educational League, New York.)

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# Associated Shoe and Slipper Union Growing, Worker Correspondent Writes

## MEN WORK FROM 48 TO 60 HOURS IN VILE SHOPS

Must Support Families Thru Long Slack Time

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
The spring season for the shoe workers has just come to an end and the workers, like the bosses, have to take inventory to determine what were their gains or losses.

**Bosses' Gain.**  
There is no need of worrying about the bosses because their's was all gain. Not only did they make a profit on the completed product, which is made of the sweat and blood of the workers, but have resorted to all sorts of schemes by which to keep the workers in subjection, among which are company union, yellow dog contracts and compulsory payment of security against union affiliations.

The workers were obliged to work from 48 to 60 hours under the worst conditions conceivable. But at the end of the week found in their pay envelopes from \$35 to \$50. Out of these earnings most of the shoe workers will have to support their families through a three months period of slack which is rapidly approaching. While the bosses are trying to secure themselves against the workers that they would not create any trouble, yet the workers are not safe with their jobs, because the boss has the right to throw them out of the shop at any time and under any pretense.

**Now a Union.**  
These conditions are due to the fact that there was no union to which the workers could turn for protection. With the establishment of the Associated Shoe & Slipper Workers Union of Greater New York which has recently been organized by the rank and file of the shoe workers of Greater New York an effort to end these deplorable conditions is being made.

The union is now established on a functioning basis. New members are joining the union daily. By-laws for the organization have been adopted and officers elected. Plans for intensive organizational work have been mapped out. The various shoe districts in the city will be covered by semi-monthly committees.

Shoe workers, there is only one remedy by which we may be able to improve our conditions in the factories and that is by building the union. Join now the Associated Shoe & Slipper Workers of Greater New York, come to the office of the union at 51 E. 10th St., N. Y. C.

**LEVINE CLAIM SETTLED.**  
WASHINGTON, April 13.—Settlement of the government's claim of \$500,000 against Charles E. Levine, trans-Atlantic flyer and aircraft manufacturer, for \$150,000 virtually has been arranged it was learned today.

## Jersey Taxi Drivers, Send Us Letters

Five hundred taxi drivers are on strike in Newark and vicinity. They have been striking for a week against the intolerable conditions of their industry in northern New Jersey.

They are striking for an increase of receipts from thirty-three and a third to forty per cent, abolition of drivers' liability for accidents and holdups, abolition of the 18 hour day driver and recognition of their union.

During the time they have been on strike the bosses' press has constantly thrown cold water on their struggle. The bosses are out gunning for the taxi strikers and it is the policy of their press to keep suggesting: "You are going to be defeated." It is time for the Newark taxi drivers themselves to answer this attitude of the boss press by writing their own stories of their fight to THE DAILY WORKER, which has consistently supported them.

A letter by a New York taxi driver in this edition of the paper gives the Newark taxi men an example of how the workers can use the columns of THE DAILY WORKER to tell the stories of their strike and hardships. These letters do not have to be typed or written in swell English. Facts about the day to day struggle and the conditions out of which it grew are what is needed.

Newark taxi drivers, let the whole American labor movement read your own accounts of your strike. Simply write your letters to Worker Correspondence, THE DAILY WORKER, 33 First St., New York City, and they will be corrected for spelling and published as you wrote them. You will receive special copies of the paper containing your letters. Bring your strike and its issues before the whole American working class so that it may receive the widest support.

## When Mine Delegates Gathered at Save-the-Union Meet



From right to left, above, are James Lamarin of Pittston, John Brophy, chairman of the national Save-the-Union committee, Mike Denchak, of Shenandoah, Pa., one of the many men slugged by Capellini thugs, and Powers Hapgood, a member of the national committee.

## IN THE ARMY AND NAVY

This section is conducted in the interest of service men and ex-service men and all letters dealing with conditions and experiences in the army and navy will be gladly printed. Contributions should be addressed to THE DAILY WORKER, 33 First St., New York City. The name of the writer will not be used.

### TELLS "BENEFITS OF WAR."

Dear Friends:  
A few lines to my old shipmates, and, of course, the marines whom I had a few interesting experiences with. I believe most of you are workers, and I want to ask if you have ever stopped to think what we are asked to defend—"our country."

**Bosses Are the Danger.**  
Well, if it ever was in danger it is now—from the bosses, the Wall Street class which robs the workers and even uses the government to swindle the people as in the oil deals—and now has the guts to ask us to fight for them. At present they just ask us, but as soon as they start a big war they draft us and we get lousy, T. B., legs off, and other things which those bosses which cause the war always manage to escape.

Then what do we receive as our reward? Well, first we have unemployment, child labor, the degrading sight of ex-servicemen begging for a living, sights of state police clubbing ex-servicemen on strike and in our hospitals bossing from ones who never experienced service. What real benefits do we get for killing workers in China, Nicaragua and all over the world. We get none, but just the opposite of benefits—worse conditions at home.

**Used Against Workers.**  
I have seen crippled ex-servicemen cleaning toilets, in fact paying for this privilege to beg in the toilets. Would they do this if they were not forced to do so? While those who cause the wars, do they live or would they want to live as we do?  
I am American by birth and also a worker and know the class I am in is the suffering one and know that we are not murderers but just workers in uniform who don't think what we are doing.

But when we do, this mighty army which is trained at present to oppress unarmed workers all over the world, will go to smash, and we will use our training to establish a workers' and farmers' government for the class which produces everything useful but is robbed by the common enemy of all workers—the capitalist system!  
The bosses are always ready to take US and use us to further their interests, and when we start thinking and cease to be their tools then we will fight for our own interests instead of against our interests for the bosses.

**Use Training for Workers.**  
When we take notice of the past injustice to our class and recognize that an injury to a worker by the capitalist class is an injury to all, we will then use our training to see that the industries which our labor has built up is placed into the hands of the workers and farmers of this country.

I again state I am an American and want to see the resources of my country and means of production, in the hands of those who produce all wealth. And workers, whether you are in the army or navy, what's the difference—we are all workers and let us think and believe me the fiends who caused the last slaughter will not repeat it without opposition like before—but will have a lot of workers, including those in uniform, fighting against them.

Write to THE DAILY WORKER Column, agree or disagree with what I say, but think about these things if you are a worker—because the master class is getting ready to use us again in another war soon.

—"NAVY MAN,"  
Philadelphia, Pa.

### Brooklyn Dance Tonight

A Concert and Vetcherinka will be held tonight at 122 Osborne St., Brooklyn, under the auspices of the United Council of Working Class Women, Branch 7.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the early part of the evening to be followed by dancing. The proceeds will be donated to The Daily Worker.

## TAXI DRIVER IS POLICE VICTIM FOR KIND DEED

License Taken for Aid to Dying Man

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Taxicab drivers of New York City, on account of police control over that industry are often victims of the most brutal persecution and oppression of which the following cases are typical. It will be noticed that in this instance, the driver was victimized by the police solely because of his efforts to help a fellow human who had been mortally injured.

**Picked Up Injured Man.**  
David Rosenfeld, a taxicab owner and driver of 5110 Ninth Avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, March 18, while driving thru 42nd St., near 11th Avenue noticed an injured man lying in the road. The street being deserted at the time, he placed the dying man in his cab himself and rushed him to the Roosevelt Hospital on W. 59th Street. On the way Rosenfeld picked up an officer who accompanied him to the hospital.

The victim of the accident made a death-bed statement to the hospital interne to the effect that he had been struck by a street-car. This statement was repeated to the policeman and Rosenfeld. The man died five hours later. The policeman went over the ground where the injured man was found and, after a careful examination of Rosenfeld's cab, found everything in order. He told Rosenfeld he could go home.

**False Testimony.**  
Two days after this occurrence, Rosenfeld was asked by another officer, named Hooks, who had been assigned to investigate the case, to take his taxicab to an address on W. 56th St. A man came out, who it was later revealed was a street car motorman and, barely glancing at Rosenfeld or his taxicab, accused him of having struck the deceased with his cab.

The street car company, evidently sensing a possible law suit for damages by the estate of the dead man, tried to avoid the claim by forcing the poor motorman to testify falsely regardless of what might happen to Rosenfeld who, after all, is "only another taxicab driver."

However, upon calling at the interne's home he corroborated in front of officer Hooks what the dying man had said about being struck by a street car.

In spite of this evidence of Rosenfeld's innocence, officer Hooks, on March 22, four days after the accident, hailed Rosenfeld before magistrate Glatzmeier, who ordered him held for homicide and set bail at \$1000. Rosenfeld had to pay \$40 of his own money to furnish bond.

**Take Hack Credentials.**  
At the same time his hacking credentials without which a hackman cannot work were taken away. Notes were due on the cab, insurance premium was due, and Rosenfeld found himself without money.

At the trial in the homicide court before magistrate Macrery, on March 23, the motorman's testimony was proved false. The interne testified to the truth. He also said that the nature of the injuries indicated that the deceased must have been struck by a sharp and heavy object and not a vehicle as light as a taxicab. Magistrate Macrery dismissed the case against Rosenfeld.

**A Hearing.**  
Thereupon Rosenfeld went to the Hack Bureau, presided over by a czar in the person of Fourth Deputy Police Commissioner Nelson A. Ruttenberg. But even in the face of such overwhelming evidence of his innocence of any crime, Rosenfeld was told that he would have to come back for a hearing on April 13. In other words, unless his hack license is restored sooner, Rosenfeld will have been deprived of making a livelihood from March 22 until April 13, a period of 22 days.

**Unorganized.**  
On account of the disorganized state of the industry, there being no trade union among the drivers, police oppression of the drivers continues unchecked. Having none except petty politicians who demand their "bit" to go to the front for them, taxi drivers often plead guilty to charges of which they are innocent, realizing that if they do otherwise it will go much harder with them. Often the victims of loan sharks, etc., they have little money with which to carry on a court fight.

Many workers who wish to remain in the industry feel that there is only one way to stop police persecution and oppression and improve conditions of work generally and that is to get together in a strong trade union. Questions are often asked as to why the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Stablemen's Helpers, a regularly constituted branch of the American Federation of Labor, does not conduct an organization drive. There isn't any doubt but that the 50,000 taxicab drivers of New York would welcome such an effort and would join up solidly, especially in view of the present rotten conditions that prevail in the industry.

## FARMER DESCRIBES STRUGGLE ON LAND

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
ELWOOD, Ind. (By mail).—Am sending you one dollar for the May Day honor roll. There isn't much honor on my part in only one dollar, but, comrades, we're having a struggle here to get thru on the farm. The economic question is driving the working class to look thru a new pair of eyes. The worker knows he will be harder hit yet, but he doesn't always know which way to jump.

To City Slums.

Many are being driven from the farms by economic forces. They go to the cities to swell the ranks of the already unemployed. Those that are able to continue on the farm are struggling under absolute economic slavery.

If the workers in the mines, the mills, shops and factories will throw their strength to the last ounce of their ability into the labor movement, they will save their unions and will grow in power until we are able to penetrate the farm districts with our fundamental arguments of self-evident facts. Thus we will draw the farmers to help in the mighty movement that will unite all the working class of every nation, kindred, tongue and color under one Red Banner. That is the only agency to destroy the cursed capitalism in this world. That will help us out from under economic servitude, in other words, private industrial bondage.

Unite!  
When I have used up my last cent, I will use my mouth until hushed by prison walls. Working men and women of the world, unite. We have already lost all and can only gain now.

The capitalist class has kept the working class divided by false doctrines, race hatred, craft divisions, war hysteria. They have kept the working class of one nation fighting against that of other countries. Yet in our misery, comrades, take courage. Capitalism is digging its own grave broad and deep. This is becoming so plain that the way-faring man, the fool, can't help see and even the blind can feel its destructive forces. Let us unite as quickly as possible.

—A FARMER.

### Citizenship Refused

WENATCHEE, Wis., April 13.—Application by Leslie P. Dunning, of Wenatchee, for American citizenship has been "dismissed without prejudice" by a federal examiner on the ground of Dunning's conscientious objections to war. Dunning is a Canadian.

### Flyer's Body Found

NORFOLK, April 13.—The body of Commander T. G. Ellyson, of Richmond, Va., one of the three naval aviators who disappeared while flying from Hampton Roads to Annapolis February 28 last, was recovered at Willoughby, a suburb, yesterday.

## UNION HEADS USE TRICK TO DELAY TEXTILE STRIKE

Mill Committees Call Workers Out

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., (By Mail).—With the rising tide of feeling among the workers here against the proposed wage cut, threatening to break into a general walk-out after tonight's strike meeting, the union heads and the manufacturers' interests are already preparing to avoid the clash in its fullest force.

**Delay Strike.**  
The mayor and the New Bedford Times have called for a conference between the Manufacturers' Association, and the union heads, which is a time-honored method of delaying action until the full force of resentment against the cut has spent itself.

At the same time the Slasher Tenders' Union instead of carrying out the original plan of taking a strike vote at tonight's special meeting, took the strike vote at their regular meeting last night, thereby preventing numerous workers from casting their vote.

Counteracting forces are at work, however, and by the distribution of 10,000 strike calls to all the mills, the Textile Mill Committees are appealing to the workers to turn out to their meetings and vote strike.

Whether the American Federation of Textile Operatives is to live or die depends upon the action of the leaders in this crisis. If they strike and carry out the mandate of the workers in the mills, the union may recover from the Fall River fiasco. If the leaders follow the example of the Fall River Council and betray the workers, then they shall be swept aside and their place taken by a fighting union.

—JOHN MACDONALD, WEAVER.

## Organ Makers Enter The Injunction List

Oregon manufacturers have asked the government to help them defeat efforts of the Piano and Organ Workers International to organize their employees. They have asked a federal injunction against the international and other unions concerned in making and installing the big music boxes which would bind the unions hand and foot in all organizing activities. The companies seeking the writ are Eolian, Wurlitzer, Moller, Estey, Skinner and Austin.

## Workers of the World Unite!



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# Four Cloak Manufacturers Close Down Plants; Chaos Increases in Industry

## SAY THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO COMPETE WITH SWEAT SHOP

### Right Wing Responsible for Present Condition

Four large union cloak manufacturers have just closed their plants, it became known yesterday. They are the firms of L. B. Vogel, Louis Lustig, Gotthelf and Ravetz, Kraus and Mondscheiner.

This fact, it is pointed out, is another vivid example of the complete chaos existing in the cloak industry, despite the boasts of "The Daily Forward" which declares that the right wing Cloakmakers' Union has succeeded in organizing the trade by means of President Sigman's fraudulent organization drives.

Open Shop Conditions. In closing their factories the four employers declared that they cannot compete with the open shop conditions now existing in the trade since the demoralization of union control set in.

Samuel Klein, president of the Industrial Council, an employers' organization, said in a statement yesterday, that there will be many more firms who will be compelled to close their factories because of the necessity to compete with sweat-shop conditions. Klein was one of the co-partners of the right wing Sigman forces, when they began their attack on the left wing leadership of the Joint Board, which finally resulted in the shattering of that once powerful organization.

Urge Selection of Delegates. Thousands of circulars are being distributed in the cloak and dress manufacturing districts calling upon the workers to register their protest against the union-wrecking activities of the right wing in control of the International, by a mass participation in the elections for delegates to the convention of the union in Boston.

To Send Full Delegation. Although it is known that the delegates from the left wing locals will not be recognized by the clique which is to control the convention, the Joint Board intends to send a full delegation to demand their seats. The circular in calling for a mass vote declares:

"Tuesday, April 17, is the day when the cloak and dressmakers, registered and unregistered, must thru the size of their vote make it clear that the struggle will go on unabated until the pogrom clique has been defeated and one union again established in the organization."

## Workers Party Activities

**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.

**Spring Dance.** A "Red Spring" entertainment and dance will be given by Branch 4, Section 5, today at 2075 Clinton Ave.

**Downtown Y. W. L.** The Downtown section of the Young Workers League will have its next open forum tomorrow at 8 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place. The subject for discussion will be "American Youth and the Press." Dancing will follow.

**To Unit Organizers.** Unit organizers should call for collection lists for the Workers Center Building fund at 26-28 E. Union Square or 108 E. 14th St.

**Unemployed Comrades.** The Party calls upon all unemployed comrades to respond for work of first rate revolutionary character. During the next few weeks special tasks in connection with addressing and organizing unemployed forces in the present campaign, will demand the efforts of all comrades who can be secured. Organizers at the local district office immediately.

The response to this work must be larger than for any previous task. Bert Miller, Organization Secretary.

**Women's Work Meet.** All women Party workers are called upon to attend an important conference on women's work today at 108 E. 14th St., Room 42, at 1:30 p. m. to take up the mobilization of working women in the mining campaign, and organization of a New York Federation of Working Women. Organizers of women's work must all be present.

**Open Air Meeting.** Tonight at 8 o'clock at Steinway and Jamaica Ave., Brooklyn, under the auspices of Section 3A.

**Meeting For \$50,000 Drive.** All units, sections and subsections are to call special membership meetings this week to take up plans for raising \$50,000 for the new Workers Center in Union Square.

**Special Meet. IAC 6FD.** A special meeting of Section IAC 6FD will be held on Monday at 6 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

**3F and 2F, Subsection B.** A special meeting of Units 3F and 2F, Subsection B, will be held Tuesday, April 17, at 60 St. Marks Place.

**Spanish Fraction Meeting.** The Spanish Fraction will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 8:30 p. m. at 143 E. 163rd St.

**Course For New Members.** Another course for new members of the Party is being given at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., on Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. No fee is charged.

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## Pioneer Convention.

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**FDS, Subsection 2E.** FDS, Subsection 2E will meet Monday at 6 p. m. at 126 E. 16th St. at 6 p. m.

**Literature Agents, Attention.** The April "Communist" is out. Get your bundles and other literature at 108 E. 14th St. All the latest numbers of Inprocar are also to be obtained there.

**Gobel-Kerns Meet.** A joint meeting of the organization committee of the Gobel and Kerns plants will be held tomorrow at the same place as the last meeting was held.

**Executive Committee, 3E.** An important meeting of the enlarged Executive Committee of Subsection 3E will be held Monday at 6:15 p. m. in the same place as the last meeting. Every unit organizer, secretary, agitprop and industrial organizer must be present and on time. A roll call will be taken.

**3E International Branch.** The regular meeting of International Branch 1 will be held Monday at 101 W. 27th St.

**Unit 3E 1F** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:15 p. m. at the same place as last meeting.

**Unit 3E 3F** will meet Thursday, April 17, at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Lodi Mayor Jailed on Charge of Malfeasance**  
LODI, N. J., April 13.—Nicholas Monetti, mayor and chief of police of this city was today arrested on charges of malfeasance in office following a raid last night on a performance in the community auditorium at which six nude young women were dancing. Officials in Lodi led the police reign of terror against the Passaic textile strikers two years ago.

**Grant Tax Exemption to Cooperative Houses**  
The block of houses now being constructed by the United Workers' Cooperative at 2700 Bronx Park East was yesterday granted tax-exemption by the State Housing Board. The decision of the housing board will save the thousands of workers who own the apartments on a cooperative basis thousands of dollars.

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## BONITA DEFENSE ATTACKS LEWIS

### Jury Out Since Thursday Afternoon

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organizers, auditors, international board members, district board members, and local board members!"

The only eye-witnesses were August Lippi, district board member and Anthony Figlock, international organizer, upon whose testimony Bonita's fate hangs. In characterizing Figlock, who is supposed to have hidden the missing "high powered, special army Colt revolver, of the most expensive make, "from which the mysterious sixth shot was fired. Dando was merciless in his scathing denunciation.

**Agati, Parasite.**  
Dando described Agati as a "bully, tyrant, opulent man, who lived and thrived and grew fat on these he would make slaves." He quoted his remark when speaking to rank and file insurgent members, "if you don't do what I want you to do, get out or I'll throw you out," and again his saying to Bonita who had refused him the floor at a union meeting of local 1703 shortly before, "I'll never forgive you for that." This attitude was characteristic of union officials, not only of Agati, said Dando, and referred to the union officials, as "these men who are the servants of the rank and file miners, not their masters; the miners work in the mines to keep them in the luxury in which they live; then when the officials go to the offices of "their union" they are tyrants, overbearing, bossy, bullying, not offering them even common courtesies."

**Dr. Liber To Lecture.** Dr. E. Liber will lecture on "Religion and Health" at the Ingersoll Forum, Guild Hall, Steinway Building, 115 W. 57th St., tomorrow at 8 p. m.

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

**To Hike Sunday.** The Friends of Solidarity will conduct a hike tomorrow at 8 a. m. from their headquarters, 184 S. 8th St., Williamsburg.

**Friends of Nature.** Tomorrow the Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hike from Tarrytown to Valhalla with Florence Pitcher as leader. The hikers will meet at 242nd Street Van Courtlandt Park at 7:30 a. m. Fares will amount to 50 cents.

**Shachtman Lecture.** Max Shachtman, editor of the Labor Defender, will give an illustrated lecture on "Bleeding China," tomorrow at 8 p. m. at the Brownsville Youth Center, 123 Osborn St., Brooklyn. Admission will be 25 cents.

**Dunn at Forum.** Robert Dunn will speak on "Imperialism in the Caribbean" at 3 p. m. Forum, 170 W. 120th St. Refreshments will be sold after the forum for the benefit of the Miners' Relief Committee.

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## Labor and Fraternal News

## GUNMEN FAIL TO QUELL DRIVERS

### Newark Taxi Strike Is Growing Stronger

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strike, which is now in its second week, has tied up nearly all the cabs in Newark and several neighboring towns.

The temporary organization of the strikers has not yet received a reply to its application for a charter from the American Federation of Labor. Strike leaders are unable to account for the delay.

New York Drivers Hounded. Many of the cases against taxicab drivers in the New York Hack Bureau are instigated by the Yellow Cab Co., against which the taxicab drivers of Newark, N. J., are striking. The Newark company is a subsidiary of the New York company.

**Postpone W. I. R. Meet.** The meeting of the Workers International Relief scheduled for today has been postponed until Saturday, May 26th.

**Newark I. L. D.** The Newark I. L. D. will meet Tuesday evening at the Center, 93 Mercer St.

**Workers School Students' Council.** An important meeting of the Students' Council and Friends of the Workers School will be held this Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St., Room 46. One of the subjects to be discussed will be the moving of the Workers School to the new building at 26-28 Union Square.

**Children's May Day Meet.** A conference to consider the children's celebration of May Day will be held tomorrow at 108 E. 14th St. All working class children's organizations are invited to send delegates.

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## All Out in West Pennsylvania!

The rumors spread through the unorganized coal fields of Westmoreland, Fayette, Green and Somerset counties by John L. Lewis' agents who are trying to confuse the minds of the mine workers as to the date of the strike of the unorganized fields, are the final word of that traitor in his betrayal of the mine workers.

John L. Lewis' machine is and has long been the worst obstacle to the organization of the coal miners in this important section of Pennsylvania, as elsewhere.

In the four counties now unorganized and in which the mine workers will come out on strike on April 16—next Monday—the miners have especially strong reason to loathe Lewis, the strike-breaker. The betrayal of the Fayette county miners in 1922, when Lewis deliberately left them out of the settlement after they had struck with the organized miners and had demanded admission into the Union,—this contemptible and classic treason is the source of the confusion and pessimism which has held back the mine workers of the whole section for the past six years. Now the true fighting spirit of the miners of these four counties has risen above the scepticism of the past, and like an avalanche they will come out next Monday (April 16) against the operators and against Lewis, the operators' agent.

Only the Save-the-Union movement makes it possible for the unorganized miners of western Pennsylvania to find the new hope which now sweeps them forward.

The miners know that in striking they strike against the operators and against Lewis, the agent of the operators and the betrayer of the workers.

Lewis showed in 1922, and shows again in 1928, that he is particularly sensitive to the interests of the mine owners in that section of Western Pennsylvania which is unorganized. The Frick steel interests seem to be more sacred to Lewis than the mine workers interests.

Lewis' agents who tour the district to try to persuade the workers to postpone the strike, and who sent out the mysterious radio messages to the same effect, will not succeed in confusing the mine workers of Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset and Green counties as to the date of the strike.

The date for those four counties, the unorganized field of Western Pennsylvania is **Monday, April 16.**

Mine workers of Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset and Green counties—down tools on **Monday!** Don't listen to any of Lewis' liars who try to confuse you.

Show your organized brothers of the other fields that you are as good Union men as any. **All out Monday!**

## No Secret Deals, Mr. Binns!

The textile workers of New Bedford and Taunton, members of the seven unions affiliated with the Textile Council, have voted by an overwhelming, almost unanimous vote to strike against increasing exploitation and the proposal to cut their wages ten percent.

The spirit of the mill workers shown in this magnificent vote, must and can carry them to victory. The militant expression can be made an inspiration to hundreds of thousands of textile operatives throughout New England and other sections including the Southern states. The needs of the New Bedford textile workers are the crying needs of every textile worker in the United States. Slavery of the worst sort prevails in the cotton and woolen mills, and the slavery is becoming worse, month after month, due to repeated cuts in wages and the speeding-up process, with a general worsening of conditions of labor. The mill workers of New Bedford are blazing a trail which will be followed by the hundreds of thousands of mill workers everywhere.

But while New Bedford and Taunton are showing this fine spirit, there is reason to ask what spirit Mr. Binns and Mr. Batty, officials of the Textile Council, are showing in behalf of the mill workers. In the face of a fiendish attack on the homes of the mill workers of 27 New Bedford mills, and in the face of the overwhelming will of the workers to repel the attack—Mr. Binns and Mr. Batty show a suspicious wavering as to their course. They deal with Raeburn, secretary of the cotton manufacturers' association, and with Mayor Ashley, who is really only a clerk for Raeburn, with a more than strange respectfulness.

Is Raeburn's voice louder than the voice of the mill workers of New Bedford, Mr. Binns and Mr. Batty?

Binns and Batty were willing to postpone the taking of the strike vote at the request of Raeburn, and this would have been done if the temper of the workers had not been too strong to permit this demoralizing course. This being impossible, Binns and Batty were willing to keep the strike vote secret, after it was taken, for a period of time in which the mill owners could spread some more demoralizing propaganda. Binns and Batty knew very well that the vote would be overwhelming for a strike. Why, then should the vote be kept secret from the workers who cast it? Only the mill owners could gain by that secrecy.

Now the strike vote is known and the workers will respond with a 100 percent strike that will give Mr. Raeburn the answer.

But the mill workers must look sharp to see that Messrs. Binns and Batty get over some of their habits of secrets between themselves and Raeburn and Raeburn's man Ashley.

No secret deals, Messrs. Binns and Batty! The mill workers know what they want and have a right to know what you are doing at every step of the fight.

Mill workers, strike 100 percent, as the vote provides!

Reach out to the other textile districts! Other mill workers are as ready for action as you are. In numbers there is strength. Make it 100 percent in New Bedford and then show the textile workers of the entire country an example of what they must do also.

And watch Mr. Binns and Mr. Batty.

## THEY SHALL NOT PASS!



The coal operators, their gunmen and their agent in an ion, John L. Lewis, made a breach in the fighting line of the miners by keeping the mine workers of Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset and Green Counties unorganized. Into this breach the mine workers of these counties step with new enthusiasm. One hundred thousand West-Penn miners go out Monday. The enemy shall not pass!

By Fred Ellis

## Boss' Profits Swelled As Trusts Grow

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press)

Profits totaling \$3,278,051,000 were accumulated in 1927 by 693 of America's 400,000 corporations, according to the New York federal reserve bank. This marks a falling off of about 7 per cent compared with the \$3,518,182,000 profits made by these corporations in 1926, but the total is greater than in any other recent year. The bank's tabulation includes 381 industrial and commercial companies, 129 telephone and other public utility corporations and 183 railroads. The industrial and commercial group made profits totaling \$1,679,890,000, compared with \$1,822,200,000 in 1926. The public utility profits were \$512,819,000, compared with \$462,979,000 while the railroads made \$1,085,342,000 in 1927, compared with \$1,233,003,000 in 1926.

The profits of 1927 are huge compared with anything but the super-profits of 1926. The mean that in spite of all talk about narrow profit margins the owning class is collecting tribute at a rate unequalled in any former age of exploitation. The 1927 profits of these 693 corporations alone would give a 6 per cent return on a capitalization of more than \$50,000,000.

Below the surface, however, the struggle for profits is becoming increasingly bitter. With all industries vastly over-expanded and capital being created in excess of anything the country can use under the present system, the final stage of competitive capitalism is at hand. Out of the struggle will emerge a few giant monopolistic corporations dominating the economic life of the people and pouring a regular profit tribute into the coffers of a multi-millionaire upper class.

## The Strangling of Haiti by Wall Street

By HENRY ROSEMOND.

(First Adviser to the Haitian Patriotic Union in America.)

While reading the Norfolk Journal and Guide of April 7th, a very interesting weekly newspaper, of Norfolk, Va., I ran across a note which was sent to them direct from Washington, D. C., dated April 3rd with the following statements about that little republic under the oppression of the United States since July, 1915.

From Bad to Worse.

This statement tells that the rehabilitation of Haiti is progressing at an almost unbelievable pace and the prosperity and happiness of the Haitian people have already been materially increased, in his annual report to Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, by the famous big American fish in Haiti, John H. Russell, so-called-high commissioner of U. S. A. in Haiti.

I wonder how could you, Russell, have enough nerve to send such a re-

port to Washington when you know that it isn't true? The misery has increased 100 per cent in Haiti since the American occupation there. Conditions have gone from bad to worse.

Mr. Russell has made almost every week a new law against the advantage of the Haitian people.

The people of Haiti are suffering such that they are compelled to emigrate themselves daily to France, to Cuba, to the United States, with the intention of never returning to Haiti as long as the Americans will remain there.

If you want to find out if what I am saying is true you can inquire at the Department of Labor at Ellis Island and the Haitian consulate in New York as to how many Haitians land here every month.

More Lies. From the point of view of customs revenues General Russell reports the year has been all that could be desired, but, "as a result of the sound financial policy in operation and the accuracy with which financial estimates have been made, not only have



HENRY ROSEMOND.

the budget expenses been met, but the extensive and progressive program of the development including the rapid retirement of the public debt has been continued without recourse to the substantial reserve fund wisely carried as insurance against crop failure or other calamity."

All this is nothing but more lies. The year 1927 was to the Haitian people the most miserable year that they have ever had since the independence of Haiti January the year of 1804.

The employees of the custom houses of Haiti are 75 per cent Americans; all the best positions are occupied by the Americans with a superintendent in each custom house. The wages of the Haitian worker is 80 per cent smaller than those of the most illiterate and ignorant American.

Russell did not say a word about the foreign debt, he did not even mention the \$30,000,000 that he took from Wall Street in the name of the Haitian Republic.

Russell says that the financial policy inaugurated by President Borno

after he assumed office in 1922 has resulted in establishing the finances of Haiti on a sound basis.

The so-called high commissioner, Mr. John H. Russell's duty is to say something every year about Haiti in order to maintain his job, as big master roller of that little republic.

Haiti is at the present time under the worst oppression that any one could imagine.

Louis Borno, a born Frenchman, was imposed on the Haitian people by the American military officials as president, on orders received from Washington.

John H. Russell, an American marine corps officer, was nominated high commissioner of the republic. Together they make their own laws, they say what they want and do what they please. They even procure some amendment to the Haitian constitution. In 1926 they borrowed from Wall Street \$30,000,000 of which I dare any one to give account of the first fifteen millions.

## Educational Work in the U. S. S. R. Trade Unions

(Continued.)

The "red corner", to which we have referred a number of times, is a room or perhaps only the corner of a room in a factory, a department of a factory, a club, a workers' cooperative dining room, an apartment house, a school, a union headquarters, or a workers' rest home, where educational work is carried on similar to that in the clubs. Factory "red corners" are usually conducted by the educational subcommittee of the fabkom. Its aim is to bring all the cultural work nearer to the union members, not all of whom are enrolled in the clubs. The "corner" provides newspapers, magazines, books, study courses. Talks are given and papers and books are read aloud to those workers who are still illiterate. When the worker lives in the village, some distance from the factory, a "red corner" may be set up in the village library or cottage reading room; and travelling

theatres, movies and lectures are brought close to his home. This work is specially important among seasonal workers from the villages whom you find largely in the sugar workers' and miners' union (turf workers).

In these "corners," as in the clubs, we find the various "circles" in which every conceivable theme from the resolutions of the last Congress of Trade Unions to the care of infants is discussed. Production and technical subjects, as we have noted, have been popular in recent years since the drive for better production began. There are also hundreds of circles dealing with physical culture, politics, photography, dramatics, literature, amateur broadcasting, foreign languages, snowshoeing, aviation, Leninism, heavy wrestling, natural science and rural economy—to give only samples of the wide variety of subjects taken up in these groups.

Libraries.

The libraries of the unions must also be specially mentioned. There are central workers' libraries at the trades council headquarters, circulating libraries run by the central committees and provincial departments of the unions, as well as libraries in the clubs and large factories. The Railroad Workers' Union has several hundred "station libraries" as well as over 3,000 travelling libraries. A typical provincial trades council library is the one in Moscow used by some 10,000 workers active in trade union education in that city. Any union member, however, may use it. As in other libraries, the stairways leading to it are lined with charts and diagrammed instructions telling the worker how to do research, how to read to the best advantage, giving suggested bibliographies on summer culture work, children's work, "how

to get the most out of your vacation," charts on labor union growth and clippings from the day's newspapers.

Another growing institution is the "excursion." The whole country is overrun, both summer and winter, with union excursions. Excursionists receive substantial reductions in railroad fares. There are excursions between one industry and another, and one factory and another. (Some factory clubs have special exhibitions showing graphically all the processes of production. These are, of course, visited by eager delegations of workers from other factories where such exhibitions have not yet been prepared.) Then we find also excursions on boats, excursions between cities, excursions between factory and village, between factory and the Red Army company, as well as mass excursions into the country. And there are smaller excursions to the hundreds of museums of every sort that

have sprung up in recent years—museums on art, health, bird life, evolution, protection of labor, furniture, social hygiene, revolution and technical subjects, to mention only a few. There are over fifty such museums in Moscow alone. The Russian worker who has not been on an excursion to a museum of some kind is a rare animal. Excursions from city to city often take place on holidays. Over the Christmas holidays Leningrad and Moscow, for example, will exchange 5,000 trade union excursionists, many of whom have never been away from their home towns before.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is taken from Robert W. Dunn's new book, "Soviet Trade Unions" to be published this week by the Vanguard Press, New York.)

## Textile Mill Committees Will Lead Fight Against Wage Slashes

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the following article was written 30,000 textile workers in New Bedford, Mass. have voted to go on strike Monday morning, simultaneously with the effective date of the new 10 per cent wage reduction. Every mill in the city will be closed when the 30,000 workers strike.

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The textile industry is in a deep depression. The cheerful reports and rosy promises of the textile barons have failed to materialize. The cotton section of the industry which has borne the brunt of the attack of the bosses is going from bad to worse, and instead of expecting a breathing spell the workers in the industry may expect still greater attacks, still greater efforts to cut wages and worsen working conditions. About 100,000 workers have now been affected by the 10 per cent wage cut, while unemployment in the cotton section of the industry runs to almost 40 per cent.

Wage Cuts for Workers.

But even under the present curtailment, production is still in excess of sales. The domestic market has slightly declined from January to February, 1928 while compared with February of last year the decline is even marked. The foreign market which was the one hope of the textile barons has also collapsed. Exports for the seven months ending with February shows a decline of 30 per cent, and the tendency is downward.

What does this mean to the textile workers? It means that the textile barons will shift the burden of the crisis to the backs of the workers. While the manufacturers are receiving refunds on assessed valuation of property (a saving of thousands of dollars), a lower spindle tax and other concessions, the workers are getting wage cuts, longer hours and are being sped up to increase profits.

With production now in excess of sales greater curtailment may be expected, bringing with it greater un-

employment and more misery for the workers. More unemployment in turn brings greater possibilities for the employers to cut wages since there is a large reserve of labor to fall back on in case of strikes or resistance to wage cuts.

The textile workers in New England can look forward to a period of struggles against the textile barons who are shifting the burden of the depression to the bent backs of the workers.

Workers Ready to Fight.

That the workers realize this must be evident to all acquainted with the situation. The strike movement in Fall River where even the corrupt officialdom of the United Textile Workers, under pressure from the progressives, accepted the general strike slogan and put the American Federation of Textile Operatives on the defensive; the strikes in the Parker and Arkwright Mills, the movement for organization in Maynard, Lawrence and even in Manchester, these are indications of the readiness to fight against the offensive of the

bosses if given proper leadership.

Where is this leadership to come from? The workers are almost completely unorganized. Only a small fraction of the 400,000 are in the unions. These are split into two unions both of them reactionary in leadership and policies. The leadership of both has time and again betrayed the workers in numerous struggles. Can the U. T. W. under the arch reactionary MacMahon lead the thousands of textile workers in a general organization drive? There is neither the desire nor the will to fight. The U. T. W. is a name of the past here.

Or is it the American Federation of Textile Operatives under the presidency of Police Commissioner Tansey? The role of Tansey and the A. F. T. O. in choking the strike movement in Fall River by stealing the first strike vote and by shunting off the second vote, is well known. The secret negotiations with the bosses and the sending of A. F. T. O. men to scab on the workers in a U. T. W. mill which was on strike, these

are sufficient proof of the character of the A. F. T. O. It is but little better than a company union.

Textile Mill Committees.

There is but one force in the textile industry which can lead the workers into successful struggle for organization and against wage cuts, and these are the progressives organized in the Textile Mill Committees. Organized on the basis of committees in each mill this organization can readily take the lead in any struggle thru the conversion of these committees into strike organs. Connected up as they are thruout New England they can readily receive strike assistance or any other support from the workers in other mill centers. This is the organization which holds out great promise for the future.

The program of this organization covers the basic needs of the textile workers of New England.

1. Organization of the unorganized.
2. Fight against wage cuts and the speed up.
3. One union in the textile industry.