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GERMAN COMMUNISTS GAIN HALF MILLION AT POLLS

WILL CELEBRATE GERMAN WORKERS VICTORY AT MEET

Reich Triumph to Swell U. S. Communist Vote

Greeting the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party, which will take place at Mecca Temple here from May 25 to 27, the Communist Party of Great Britain has sent its endorsement of the convention in the name of the militant British working class. The text of the greeting follows:

"The Communist Party of Great Britain sends its greetings to the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of

Nat'l Convention Notice

The National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held in New York at the Central Opera House, on May 25-26-27.

The Convention will be opened with a welcome demonstration to the delegates at Mecca Temple, 133 West 55th Street, Friday evening, May 25. Many of the most prominent out-of-town delegates will address the meeting. Every worker is welcome. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents to pay the expense of the meeting.

America and hopes that your choice of candidates will mean the raising of the banner of proletarian revolution against the bourgeois parties and against the sham democracy of the United States of America.

(Signed) Inkpin, secretary, Communist Party of Great Britain.

To Celebrate German Victory. Preparations are now under way to convert the mass meeting which will precede the formal opening of the National Nominating Convention into

PARTY SPREADS FIGHT ON 7c STEAL

Hold Open Air Meets Thruout City

While politicians of all camps sought to pluck as much political fruit as they could from the harvest which they believe they can gather as a result of the temporary postponement of the increased fare move, the agitation against the traction sell-out under the leadership of the Workers (Communist) Party continued to spread. A number of open air mass meetings were held throughout the city at which speakers warned audiences that the traction steal, put off until after election, would surely go through unless a mass opposition against it developed.

Jimmie Walker, Tammany Hall mayer, who is known to have made \$287,000 last year from his traction stocks joined with U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, another Tammany son in claiming the court order as a "sweeping victory" for the democratic machine. Wagner is the author of the so-called Wagner Bill which passed the legislature in 1913 legalizing the dual subway contracts as a result of which the city has already been plundered of over two hundred million dollars.

Hold Children's Camp Conference Tonight

"Win your children to your cause, class-conscious workers! If you leave them to the Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A., Boys Clubs and similar anti-labor organizations, they are trained to become enemies to our class."

This was the statement last night by Fred Biedenkapp, head of the Workers' International Relief, which will build a summer camp for workingclass children, where class loyalty will be learned in a healthful vacation environment. A Children's Camp Conference will be held today at 8 p. m. at the Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. All workers' organizations and parents' organizations have been invited to send delegates to the conference.

Too Poor to Have Children, Jails Husband



Because her husband earned from \$18 to \$30 a week, when he could find work as a truck driver, Mrs. Ethel Cromwell, mother of 13 children, all but four of whom died had refused to bring others into the world "to suffer privations." She had her husband jailed when he insisted that the "lord would find some way to provide" for more. With the mother in the picture are three of her children of whom the eldest daughter Eleanor, 12, makes fifty cents a gross folding lengths of elastic.

1,000 JOBLESS FURRIERS DENOUNCE RIGHT WING

The deep current of revolt against the open shop conditions now existing in the fur trade due to the destruction of the once powerful union by the socialist officialdom, A. F. of L. heads and the bosses, burst into the open yesterday afternoon when about 1,000 unemployed furriers left the market where they were looking for jobs and demonstrated their protest in front of the offices of the right wing fake union, completely blocking all traffic near 31st St. and Sixth Ave.

Protest Union Wrecking.

Even a call for police by A. Fisher, one of the right wing, which was answered by a squad of about 20 police and a large number of plain clothes men, all flourishing revolvers, failed to break up the demonstration, which continued for several hours.

With shouts of "Down With the Seab Union," and "We Want One Union," the demonstrating workers evaded the clubs of the police and again and again surged thru their lines to get into the block and before the building where the fake union is situated, on 31st St.

Two workers participating in the demonstration were arrested, after being clubbed by the police. They

BISCUIT FIRM LAYS OFF MEN

Speeds Up Workers at Other Times

Conditions at the National Biscuit Company are bad enough, but the worst feature of this slave factory is the matter of lay-offs and overtime. As has happened many times this year already, we were laid off again last Monday. At this time of the year we are usually busy but our bosses have carried out so many plans for increasing the output, speed-up, etc., lately that there is too much stock produced, so we are laid off, usually on Mondays and Thursday.

It may look funny, but while we are laid off so often, yet we have to work overtime every working day too. The reason is that we are not allowed to let any of the cookies, biscuits or dough stay over until the next day. All the work has to be put out before we leave the place, and we are always kept on the job from 10 to 30 minutes after closing time. On Saturday, for instance, we were told not to come to work Monday, but a few of the girls and men were asked to report for work Monday to finish the work on hand. They come for a few hours and then are sent home.

We are supposed to have 50 minutes for lunch. Many times we don't go down until 12:30 and have to come

DEMAND KUN'S PROMPT RELEASE

Writers, Poets, Educators Send Protest

Roger Baldwin, secretary of the International Committee for Political Prisoners; Theodore Debs, brother of the late Eugene V. Debs; Professor Robert Morss Lovett of the University of Chicago; Bishop William Montgomery Brown; Scott Nearing, and Upton Sinclair are among the many nationally known writers, poets, political figures, and labor men who today despatched a cable of protest to Chancellor Seipel of the Austrian Government and demanded that Bela Kun, the Hungarian Communist, be immediately released and assurance guaranteed for his safe journey to the Soviet Union of the U. S. S. R. The cable follows:

Chancellor Seipel Vienna, Austria

"In the name of liberal and labor opinion in the United States, we protest against the arrest of Bela Kun and are horrified at the idea of extradition to Hungary and his likely execution thereby, and request his immediate and unconditional freedom

Carpenters, Painters Needed at 'Red Center'

Carpenters and painters who are unemployed or can devote part time are wanted at once for volunteer work at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. They are asked to report on the sixth floor of the Center.

WORKER TROOPS NEARING NANKING

War Lords Ban All Anti-Imperialist Protest Demonstrations

SHANGHAI, May 22.—Fearing that demonstrations against Japanese imperialism would take the form of a protest against the Kuomintang authorities, General Li Chai-sum, in control of the city, has outlawed all protest demonstrations. The recent advances of the worker-peasant troops in the Swatow district and the growing unrest in the city of Canton have made the positions of the war lords in control of the city extremely precarious.

Ex-Right Wing Group to War on Sigman

TOLERANCE GROUP JOINS STRUGGLE TO REBUILD UNION

Affiliates to National Organizing Committee

Completely severing whatever connections they had with the Sigman-Schlesinger clique in control of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Tolerance Group, an organization of former right wingers, issued an official statement yesterday publicly affiliating themselves with the National Organizing Committee, formed by the left wing and progressive delegates who were locked out of the Boston convention.

After participating in the destructive campaign carried on by Sigman as his allies, which resulted in the complete annihilation of union conditions in the cloak and dressmaking industry, the Tolerance Group although taking part in the fake convention, came to the conclusion that the only way in which bettered conditions in the shops can be regained is by joining the N. O. C. in a campaign to drive from the union Sigman, Schlesinger and their henchmen. In the statement, which follows in full, mention is made of Sigman's manifesto. This refers to his fake amnesty in which all but Communists are entitled to full membership in the International. It was passed at the so-called convention.

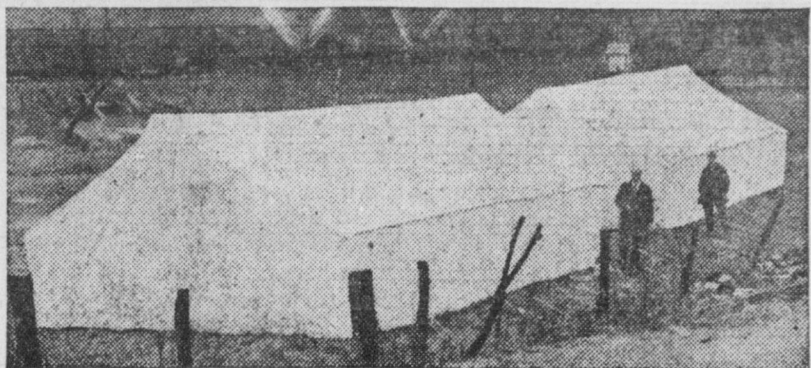
Former Sigman Allies.

"Nineteen months ago, when the General Executive Board carried thru the re-organization and as a result the largest locals of the New York Joint Board were expelled, the Tolerance Group entered into the struggle with the sincere conviction that the officials of the International were fighting against the control of our organization by a political party. In the course of the struggle, however, it became evident to us that far from being a fight to free the union from party control, the entire expulsion policy was laid down by the "Forward" and the socialist party—(this was openly admitted by Abe Cahn on the open floor of the convention where he stated that the expulsion order was dictated to his own stenographer in the office of the "Forward")—and that personal interests and ambitions of individual leaders at the head of the union played the dominant role in the whole struggle. After we had been in the thick of the fight for several months, we began to realize that to further continue the war would mean the complete destruction of our union and the return of the sweat-shop system in our industry.

"As workers whose chief aim is a strong and powerful union, the Tolerance Group came forth with the demand for an end to the war on a basis where all elements in our union would get together for the purpose of rebuilding the organization and restoring union conditions. Our demand to end the struggle is the widespread demand of the mass of the membership of our union, as demonstrated by the fact that thousands of registered workers signed the petitions issued by the Tolerance Group demanding that the convention take steps to make an end to the internal struggle. It was our fervent hope that the leaders of the International would heed this widespread demand of the workers and would lay the basis for a peace at the Boston convention that would make possible the active cooperation of all elements in our union.

Rejected Demands. "However, the officials of the International, both the Sigman and

Evicted Miners Get Tents From Relief



Miners who were evicted the moment they struck at the Midland No. 1 mine at Houston, Pa., have been supplied with tents by the National Miners' Relief Committee. The men who are unorganized are determined to fight their way into the Union. Relief is needed for hundreds of similar cases. The picture shows miners standing near their shelters.

STANDARD OIL'S UNION GOES ON PICKET LINE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR, (Fed. Press). BAYONNE, N. J., May 22.—The workers of the Tidewater Oil Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil, 2,500 strong, have learned something since they went out some seven years ago in a strike which ended not entirely as they desired. So they are out again, this time to make a finish job of it.

MINERS ROUSED BY DEATH TOLL

Evidence Now Proves Company Guilt

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MATHER, Pa., May 22.—Resentment and bitterness is spreading over the local mine sections as news of the horrible tragedy and loss of perhaps 200 lives resulting from the explosion Saturday at the Mather collieries mine reveals the open-shop operators' responsibility for the deaths.

Frantic attempts by the company officials to hide the facts have now failed. Piece by piece, against the deception and concealment of these officials, the circumstances surround

INT'L RED AID LAUDS HAYWOOD

Urges Workers to Join Labor Defense

International Labor Defense has received cables from the Executive Committee, International Red Aid, and from the I. L. D. Mopw of the Union of the Socialist Soviet Republics, expressing their sorrow at the death of Comrade William D. Haywood. Haywood was a prominent supporter of International Labor Defense in the United States and one of its founders.

The cable from the International Red Aid, (Mopw organization) for the defense of persecuted workers and peasants throughout the world, is as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the International Red Aid mourns, together with you, at the death of Comrade William Haywood, one of the most active workers of the International Red Aid, who had dedicated his life to the work of freeing the workingclass from the yoke of capitalism and who had given away his best strength for the fight against one of the most obnoxious forms of capital

WIN 54 SEATS IN REICHSTAG; 27 IN BERLIN

Greatest Strength Lies In Industrial Centers

(Special Cable to DAILY WORKER.) BERLIN, May 22.—Having gained more than half a million popular votes in the national elections to the Reichstag, and with a vote totalling well above three millions, the Communist Party achieved results that even exceeded the expectations of the Party leaders.

Over half a million votes have been gained in the great Communist electoral success. Fifty-four seats have been gained in the Reichstag.

The social democrats gained in the neighborhood of 1,200,000 this number is proportionately far less than the Communist total. The greatest Communist successes were obtained in the large towns and industrial centers.

Big Berlin Success.

Two hundred and twenty-seven thousand more votes were gained in the overwhelming success in Berlin alone, while the social democrats won only one hundred and twenty-four thousand more votes.

All the bourgeois parties suffered heavy losses. The German People's Party suffered catastrophic losses.

A coalition government between the social democrats, People's Party, Center Party and democrats is forecast as a result of the election.

Surpass Social Democrats.

Late returns from two Berlin districts, Wedding and Friedrichshain, show that the Communist Party polled more votes than the social democrats.

Some of the greatest gains made by the German Communist Party were polled in the Ruhr Valley, the industrial heart of the country. Here the Communists definitely demonstrated that their strength in the election lay in the masses of industrial workers. Essen, Elberfeld, Dueseldorf and Barmen all show heavy Communist increases.

EXPECT HUNDREDS AT "RED POETS"

Gold, Freeman, and Taggard to Read

Hundreds of workers are expected to be present tomorrow evening at the second annual international Red Poets Night, to be held at 8 o'clock at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St.

The event will bring together revolutionary poets writing in various languages, who will read from their own work. Red Poets Night is said to be unique in this country and has been modeled on the writer-worker readings and discussions that are so popular in the Soviet Union.

Among those who will read will be David Gordon, 19-year-old member of the Young Workers League, who was condemned to three years in the reformatory for publishing a poem in The DAILY WORKER which was used as a pretext by professional patriots for persecuting both the poet and the paper. Gordon has just been released on parole from the New York County Reformatory and will read some of his prison poems.

The other poets who will take part in the evening's program include such well known writers as Michael Gold, Joseph Freeman, Genevieve Taggard, James Rorty, Henry Reich, Jr., Robert Wolf, A. B. Magil, Adolf Wolff, Edwin Rolfe, the Yiddish poets, Abraham Raisin, H. Leivick and Aron Kurtz, the distinguished Hungarian poet, Lajos Egri, as well as Russian, Chinese, Ukrainian, German, Italian and Spanish poets.

Moisaye J. Olgin, editor of The Hammer, will be chairman of the evening and give a brief introductory talk on revolutionary poetry.

A feature of the evening will be the rendition of a number of cowboy songs to banjo accompaniment by Margaret Larkin. Miss Larkin work has been favorably com

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REFORMISTS HELP DONETZ PLOTTERS

Social Democrats Try to Provide Lawyer

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker.) MOSCOW, May 22.—V. ehinski, who is presiding at the trial in the Donetz Basin conspiracy informed the court yesterday that he had received a telegram from the leaders of the Berlin district of the metal workers union requesting the acceptance of the German lawyer Munte as a defender for Meier, German technician who is accused of participating in the conspiracy. Munte is the lawyer for the Allgemeine Elektrische Gesellschaft, whose officials are accused of aiding in the conspiracy.

The court refused the request declaring that the accused had sufficient time to choose their own defenders. The court deprived two of the defence attorneys of their position because they had exercised undue pressure on the defendants.

Show "Mechanics of the Brain" Tonight

The American Society For Cultural Relations With Soviet Russia will sponsor a showing of the famous Sovkino film, "The Mechanics of the Brain," tonight at Town Hall, 113 W. 43rd St.



# \$15,000,000 Yearly Graft from Liquor, Gambling is Chicago Election Prize

## JUICY BUILDING CONTRACTS LURED POLITICIANS TOO

### Show Cause of Small Deneen Battle

CHICAGO, May 22.—An investigation just completed shows control over hundreds of millions of dollars worth of building contracts for a year was only the apparent stake for which the Small-Thompson and Deneen factions of the republican party fought here for the party nominations a few weeks ago, with the Deneen men victorious.

**Huge Liquor Profits.**  
A Jew gangster and his protectors in public office share an annual profit of about \$15,000,000 from liquor, prostitution and gambling, a report prepared by professional muck-rakers for the Illinois Association for Criminal Justice shows. The sponsors of the report are affiliated with political groups who are dissatisfied with the division of spoils and still other groups who see middle class faith in democracy being undermined by the blithe way in which Small-Thompson men and Deneen men toss around bombs and money.

Al Capone was named in the report as "chief of the ruling gang of today," and was described as having been trained with John Torrio, "now a retired millionaire." Both were connected with the late "big Jim" Colosimo, and prior to that with the Five Point Gang of New York.

The report is made up of two chapters, one "The Rule of the Gang," the other, "Who Killed McSwiggan?" The report says that Colosimo shared with Van Bener the control of the vice syndicates of 1908. Torrio and Capone were brought from New York to become Colosimo's lieutenants.

"The reform movement succeeded in 1909 in abolishing the First Ward hall, a New Year's orgy by which the underworld poured money into the political treasury of the ward," the report continues. "Michael (Hinky Dink) Kenna and John (Bathhouse John) Coughlin were the Aldermen of the ward in which the levee was located."

"Ostensible movements grew in political strength, and in 1911 some of the levee houses were closed by Mayor Carter Harrison. In 1912 John E. W. Wayman, State's attorney, found it politically expedient to send his own men to raid and close the district. The levee was thrown into great confusion. The levee bosses and pimps sent their women by the hundreds into the residential district."

By April, 1925, there had been a wholesale migration of old-time levee bosses to the suburbs.

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## TO TRY WOMEN MILL PICKETS

### I. L. D. Gives Legal Aid to Textile Strikers

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 22.—The cases of the two women strikers charged with carrying dangerous weapons, violating labor laws, and disturbing the peace, comes up for trial tomorrow in the Third District Court here. The women were arrested more than a week ago while picketing the Pemaquid Mills, one of the 56 textile mills shut down by the strike of the 28,000 textile workers here.

They are to be defended by the International Labor Defense attorney, Harry Hoffman of Boston. The I. L. D. recently announced that it will support the Textile Mills Committee which is leading the struggle against the wage slash, by providing legal aid to all strikers arrested for picketing.

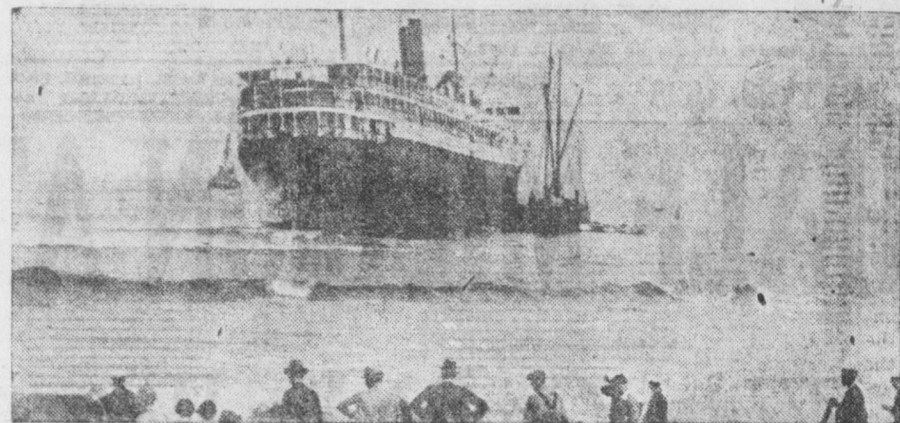
A new conciliation committee has been formed. This time it is a committee of pastors who are seeking to make the mill owners relent. The other committee was formed several days ago and is composed of retail merchants. The complete shut-down of the only industry in town has paralyzed nearly all retail trade.

A crew of four strikers under the command of Manuel Viera out on a fishing expedition for several days, docked their auxiliary sail boat and brought in 500 pounds of pollock and cod. These were brought to the Workers' International Relief station, on Patomska St., and were given out, together with bread and other necessities to holders of the Textile Mill Committee relief cards. This haul is but one of the many brought in regularly by crews of strikers and aided by the Portuguese and other fishermen in New Bedford.

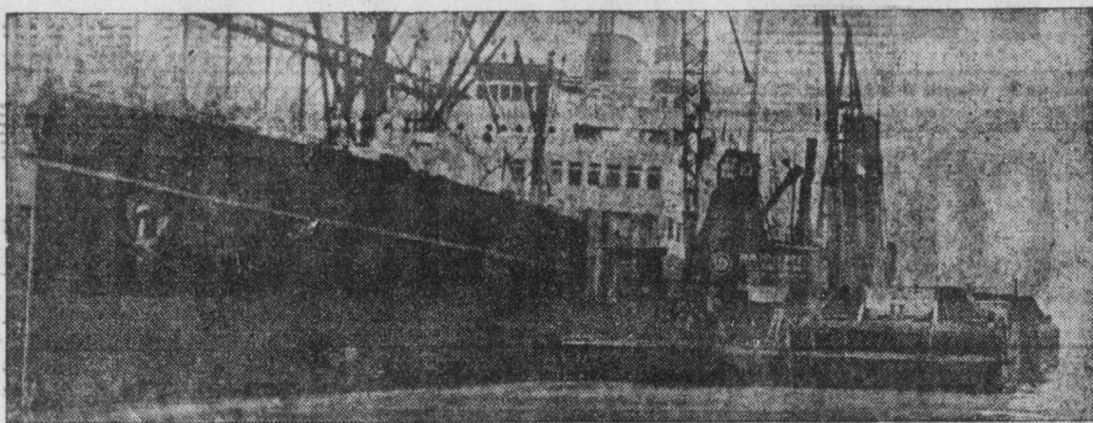
## PLANES LAND IN FOG.

STONINGTON, Me., May 22.—Two army amphibian planes, which are returning from Greenley Island, were forced to descend here today on account of a heavy fog that made further flight impossible.

## SEAMEN'S LIVES ENDANGERED AS BIG OCEAN LINERS CRASH IN BAY



Lives of scores of seamen on the liner Mohawk and the trans-Atlantic vessel, Veendam, were endangered when the big boats crashed recently in the fog on the Lower Bay. The passengers were trans-shipped but the crew and freight-handlers had to stay aboard to remove cargo so that the Mohawk might be floated to her pier. The Mohawk is shown in the picture at the left lying on the sands at Normandy Beach. At the right is the Veendam as she sank at her pier.



## COMPANY UNION GOES ON STRIKE

### Bayonne Oil Workers Tie Up Plant

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had accumulated small benefit funds. These were tossed into the general strike fund, a hall rented, entertainers hired, leaflets printed and relief given workers with extra big families.

Strikers crowd Hooper-Cooper Hall. Louis Cortissier, leader of the 1921 strike, waves the company ultimatum over his head. "Read that," he shouts, as he flings hundreds of copies into the crowd. Angry workers stamp them underfoot. "Now you see why the company has sick and death benefits, insurance and old age pensions," he cries, referring to the threat to revoke them all. "As soon as we walk out to get just demands, they threaten to cut off every penny of these benefits."

The strike committee confers with workers' representatives at neighboring Standard Oil plants. The committee is promised that the men in the other plants will not handle Tide-water oil. "If they do," says the head of the Standard works council, "we'll pull every man out, too."

The striking dental laboratory workers in New York send over a representative, armed with a \$10 check. "Stick it out and show Tide-water you're going to have a real organization," he advises them, and the 1,500 workers in the hall cheered and cheered.

Workers' representatives report on strike progress. The company, they say, sent a Cadillac to bring them to a conference with the management. When they refused to call the men back on the job, the Cadillac chauffeur was sent back to the garage and the representatives walked back to strike headquarters.

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## WOMEN'S RADIUM SUIT PLEA FAILS

### Three More Victims of Poison Discovered

NEWARK, May 22.—The five women who are dying slowly from the effects of radium poison which they absorbed into their systems when employed by the United States Radium Corporation of Orange, N. J., will have to wait until September for their cases to be brought to trial.

The vice-chancellor said that the postponement was due entirely to congestion, which is ridiculous in view of the fact that many others offered to step aside in order to let the women's cases have preference. The vice chancellor made no reference to this. The United States Radium Corporation is powerful enough, financially and politically, to keep his mouth shut.

This final action of the court may mean a saving of \$1,500,000 for the Radium Corporation, because the women say that they have been informed by physicians that they may not live till the fall. The five women are Katharine Schaub, Grace Fryer, Quinta McDonald, Albina Larice, and Edna Hussman, who contracted the disease while painting luminous dials on watches while employed by the United States Radium Corporation.

With the news of the failure to advance this case, comes the news that three other women have contracted the poison, and have reached the stage where the deadly alpha rays have begun to impair their bones.

## Cal Says He Will Veto Farm "Relief" Measure

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Coolidge has not yet taken any action on the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill, which has been on his desk since last week, but he again intimated today that he would veto it.

## Pastor's Wife and Cat Raise Hell in Church

BELLEVILLE, Kan., May 22.—The burning bush burned again yesterday for the wife of the Rev. Dr. Reese of the Methodist Episcopal church here, tho the bush was the cat's. Someone set fire to the tail of the parish cat, which had first been soaked in gasoline, and turned the animal loose under the church of "God." It is believed that only a sermon could have driven an atheist to this inhumanity.

But "God" does not let his own be tampered with so lightly. Mrs. Reese heard a still, small voice telling, telling, telling, her to go call the cat. Guided to the spot she perceived the devil's hand at work and seized the animal with force, hurling it from the church, saving the building from destruction and justifying divine providence once more. "A clear act of divine intervention," she stated, bandaging her scratches. The cat died.

## TEACHER IS FIRED FOR TALK ON USSR

### Auerbach Advocated Recognition

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Sol Auerbach, instructor in logic, ethics and aesthetics at the University of Pennsylvania has been dismissed from the teaching staff for advocating the recognition of the Soviet Union at a student meeting here.

This is the second time in recent years that the University of Pennsylvania has removed a member of its teaching staff. Scott Nearing was dismissed in 1925. Nearing is now a member of the staff of THE DAILY WORKER.

Auerbach, who is 21 years old, visited Soviet Russia last summer and spoke at the invitation of the American Student Delegation of which he is a member. Ten days after he had delivered the address in Grand Fraternity Hall he was summoned before the committee comprised of professors Singer, Flaccus, Smith and Husik and asked to explain his utterances. He admitted that he had suggested that the progressive students of America should work in every way possible for the recognition of the Soviet Union.

He was given one week "to shut up or get out." He decided to get out.

## WELFARE WON'T FILL WORKER'S MOUTH

### Southern Mill Fires Cloth Checker for Talking Unionism

By ESTHER LOWELL, (Federated Press).

DANVILLE, Va., May 21.—"I don't know what's a-going to happen if the mill keeps on short time. Lots of folks have left town already—some gone back to the farms."

My guide through the Dan River & Riverside Cotton Mills at Danville, Va., was very friendly. All his life until three years ago he had farmed, raised tobacco and a little corn and wheat. "But farming's been mighty poor the last five years." Too hard for the old man after his sons went off on their own. So he and his wife came into the mill, where an old friend in the employment office found them work—the wife in the dormitory, the old farmer in the shipping room.

Dan River mill managers are proud of their plant. It is called second largest cotton mill in America—second to Amoskeag in New Hampshire. It is on the fringe of the Carolina Piedmont around which most southern mills cluster. The managers are local people and so are most of the stockholders. This \$15,000,000 company boasts that it keeps its equipment modern and spends much on welfare. With its welfare goes the "industrial democracy" or company union plan (con-

## MINERS ROUSED OVER 200 DEATHS

### Facts Prove Company Is Guilty

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ing the explosion are being put together: Improper ventilating facilities, the failure to properly dust the coal pits, the employment of green, inexperienced men are the sources of this, the greatest mine tragedy in the history of western Pennsylvania.

Two survivors yesterday revealed the first news of what actually preceded the blast. Cutting machines which have been introduced by the company without providing sufficient space in which to operate them have been permitted to give off showers of sparks to the dread and warning of the coal diggers. Late Saturday the inevitable happened. The gradual accumulation of coal dust which the company has failed to remove in order to save the expense finally caught fire and went off in a tremendous blast.

Frank Buscha, one of the 211 entombed when the explosion went off was rescued today by a squad from a hole in which he had crawled to escape the deadly gases.

Buscha was found a mile and a half from the entrance to the mine sitting on a rail patiently awaiting the rescue squad. His companion who had ventured out from the hole was found dead a short distance from him.

While hundreds of miners, their wives and families stand about the pit entrance hoping against hope that the steady yield of dead may miss their own near ones, little encouragement is held out for the life of those entombed.

## Prompt Release of Bela Kun Demanded

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and assurance of a safe journey to the Soviet Union."

(Signed) Roger Baldwin, Victor Berger, Wm. Bouch, Bishop Wm. Montgomery Brown, Ralph Chaplin, Theodore Debs, H. W. L. Dana, Robert W. Dunn, Sara Bard Field, Ellen Hayes, Carl Haessler, Robert Morss Lovett, Duncan McDonald, Wm. Pickens, Scott Nearing, Upton Sinclair, Chas. Erskine Scott Wood and Robert Whitaker.

The International Labor Defense, the organization which is organizing a mass movement throughout the country on behalf of the leader of the revolutionary masses of Hungary, has already sent a cable of protest.

## J. P. Morgan, Expert, Will Judge Thieves

THE grim realities of existence will soon face J. Pierpont Morgan, billionaire banker and broker in capitalist slaughters. For yesterday he was sworn in as a member of the May grand jury, and will be paid only \$4 a day for his services.

Smiling happily over his new duties, Morgan was accompanied to the grand jury room by a county detective.

Once before the banker was called to serve on the county grand jury last February, but was excused until May as he had arranged a jaunt to Europe.

The financier will not be called upon to consider any high problems of finance, as the most important case on the calendar, according to the district attorney, involves the stealing of an automobile.

## 200 AT OFFICE WORKERS' MEET

### Mass Meeting Scores Discharges

Two hundred workers attended a mass protest Monday evening by the recently formed Office Workers League against the discharge from the Amalgamated Bank of one of its employees for union activity, and for his previous expulsion from the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union.

Speakers at the meeting brought out the fact that the Amalgamated Bank working with the officials of the Bookkeepers' Union, has established virtually a company union Nelson, one of the expelled members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers which owns the bank told the meeting of conditions in the Amalgamated. Former employees of the bank gave a detailed picture of the non-union method of work in that institution. John L. Sherman, another speaker, showed how the method of class-collaboration, adopted by the officials of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, was breaking down the labor movement.

A resolution was passed at the meeting condemning the action of the bank and demanding the reinstatement of the 2 expelled members.

## TOLERANCE GROUP TO FIGHT SIGMAN

### Score Discharges at Protest

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Schlesinger groups, rejected our demands to end the war. Our hope that the convention would bring about a change in the situation did not materialize. The so-called manifesto issued by the convention does not solve the present problems of our union and does not offer a basis for the restoration of peace and unity in our organization. The manifesto is more in the nature of an edict issued by autocrats who maintain themselves in power regardless of the wishes and desires of the membership. It does not do away with the policy of discrimination which has brought about the present deplorable situation in our union. It is by no means a decision of leaders who take into account the will of the membership and therefore this manifesto cannot make an end to the chaos and demoralization in our union.

"The delegates of the expelled locals and Joint Boards of New York and Chicago, as well as the delegates elected by the Tolerance Group and other groups of our union, came to the convention with the demand for unity—a demand which was backed by the thousands of workers of our trade throughout the entire country. The convention turned down this demand for unity and decided to continue the policy which has ruined and demoralized our entire organization. Unity is Aim.

"In view of this action of the convention, we of the Tolerance Group, who have been working with all our might during the past few months for a basis of peace that will unite all the elements in our union, have reached the conclusion that we can expect nothing further from the present administration of the International, and can therefore see only one way of working toward the attainment of our aim for a united union; that is, to join with those elements who are in agreement with our program and have made a sincere effort to bring it into being. At a well attended meeting of our group, held on Saturday, May 19th, at Stuyvesant Casino, we gave thorough consideration to the problems of our union and unanimously decided to affiliate with the National Organization Committee for the reestablishment of our union, which is the only body today that is sincerely striving to unite all the elements for the purpose of rebuilding our shattered organization.

Call For Action.

"We call on all workers who want to unite for the purpose of rebuilding our union and restoring union conditions in the shops, we call on all workers who have been forced into the open shops and are working under the most miserable conditions as a result of the internal struggle, to rally together with us around the National Organization Committee so that with united forces we may once more rebuild our union to serve as an instrument in defense of the workers' interests.

"Brothers and sisters! Cloak and dressmakers! Let there be an end to the destruction! The time has come when we, the workers, must take our destiny into our own hands. The time has come when we must build our weakened union.

"Together, cloak and dressmakers, let us rally around the National Organization Committee and build our union so that it may be the pride of the labor movement."

## Worker-Peasant Army In Drive on Nanking

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the Nanking regime, is steadily pushing his way toward Peking, according to the official News Agency. Chiang is reported to have crossed the Yellow River.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 22.—Yung-chen, a district near Tientsin, is in the control of workers and peasants, according to information received here by the Canada Morning News, left wing Chinese newspaper.

A large peasant army is reported to be marching toward Peking from Inner Mongolia.

## BOOKSHOP IS NOW IN "RED" CENTER ON UNION SQUARE

### Other Organizations Moving in Soon

The first organization to move into the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, is the Workers Bookshop, which has established temporary quarters on the second floor of the building.

The Workers Bookshop is under the direction of A. Gusakoff and is specializing in workingclass literature. A full line of the publications of International Publishers and Workers Library Publishers is carried, as well as books of English publication, current American and English magazines and general literature. Here can also be found practically all the classics of the Marxist literature of the world that have been translated into English.

The permanent quarters of the Workers Bookshop will in a few weeks be established on the ground floor of the Workers Center together with the Proletcos Cooperative Restaurant. This floor is now undergoing alterations and remodeling.

Another organization that will soon move into the Workers Center, is District 2, Workers (Communist) Party. Plans for the removal are now being made. The Workers' School will also occupy the new building shortly and be located on the fifth floor.

The organizations that will be housed in the Workers Center are preparing to occupy it, the \$30,000 required to make the building the property of the revolutionary movement has not yet been raised. This has given rise to serious financial difficulties in view of the fact that a payment of \$12,000 must be made on the building within a few days. In order that this sum may be paid, the board of directors of the Center ask that all collection lists be turned in at once together with the money collected.

Concert June 2. All sections of District 2, Workers Party are also asked to elect a special representative to address the great concert and dance that will be held Saturday eve., June 2, and greet the Workers Center in the name of his section.

## INT'L RED AID LAUDS HAYWOOD

### Urges Workers to Join Labor Defense

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ism—against the frame-up system. This great loss can only be soothed by the further strengthening of our organization, by making it a veritable mass organization of the toilers. The best memorial of Haywood must be the joining of the ranks of the International Labor Defense by all class-conscious workers for the sake of continuing the work of revolutionary fraternal solidarity of the toilers which the deceased carried out all his life with great love."

The cable from the Soviet Union defense organization, Mopr, states as follows:

"The central committee of the Mopr of the Union of the Socialist Soviet Republics, representing four million toilers, members of the Mopr, shares together with you and with the whole workingclass the grief for the great and painful loss of the eldest revolutionary, the active fighter of the American workers' movement, Comrade William Haywood. Before the ashes of Comrade Haywood, the Central Committee of the Mopr declares its readiness to continue in the future its work of relief to and care for the political prisoners, the victims of bourgeois terror who fight for the cause of the international proletariat."

International Labor Defense will soon publish a pamphlet it received from Wm. D. Haywood, just prior to his death. A letter from Wm. D. Haywood, probably the last of his to the comrades in the United States, sent to James P. Cannon, executive secretary of International Labor Defense, is published in the June issue of the Labor Defender.

## Expect Hundreds at "Red Poets" Reading

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on by Carl Sandburg in his "American Song-Bag."

Only a few tickets for Red Poets Night are still unsold and those wishing to attend should secure these at once. They are on sale at 50 cents at the local office of THE DAILY WORKER, 108 E. 14th St.; Workers Bookshop, 26-28 Union Square; International Labor Defense, 799 Broadway, Room 422; and the New Masses, 39 Union Square. All the proceeds of the affair will go to THE DAILY WORKER and the Workers Center.



# General Strike in Rosario, Port Strike in Buenos Ayres to Protest Terror

## ALL UNIONS ARE CALLED OUT; MORE WORKERS KILLED

### Buenos Ayres Harbor Workers Walk Out

ROSARIO, Argentina, May 22.—The Federation of Labor of Rosario yesterday declared a general strike of all workers in the city in support of the striking stevedores who have been out more than a week. The action of the central labor body came when the chauffeurs' union joined the striking crane, derrick and railroad men and dyers, who walked out in sympathy with the harbor workers.

Police renewed their bloody charges upon picket lines and demonstrations of the strikers yesterday, killing one picket and seriously injuring a number of others. The total number of the injured is not known.

The resentment among the workers throughout the city is reaching fever pitch as a result of the repeated murder of strikers by the Rosario police. Picket lines are holding firm, however, in spite of the official terror, and the strike leaders declare that the spirit of the men is enthusiastic.

No vessels loaded or unloaded here yesterday.

### Buenos Workers Vote Strike

BUENOS AIRES, May 22.—Following the report of the death of another picket as the result of charges by the armed police at Rosario the harbor workers of Buenos Ayres have voted a 24 hour general strike in sympathy with the striking stevedores of Rosario and Santa Fe.

The general strike will continue for twenty-four hours. The vote to strike came after the overwhelming majority of the Buenos Ayres dock workers had commended the union officials to act. The determination of the workers in the capital to rally to the support of their striking stevedores of the more northern ports was evidenced by the acclamations with which the strike ballot was received here.

## TO CELEBRATE GERMAN PARTY GAINS AT MEET

(Continued from Page One) a celebration of the great victory of the German Communist Party at the recent Reichstag elections. It is expected that the Communist victory in Germany will unquestionably have a favorable effect upon the election campaign in the United States, where the experiences of the workers in the mining, textile and needle trades have shown the Workers (Communist) Party to be the only leader of the working class in its struggle against the capitalists.

N. Y. Opens Drive. New York opened its election campaign at a meeting of over 2000 functionaries recently. The meeting elected 41 delegates and 9 alternates to attend the National Nominating Convention.

William W. Weinstein, organizer of District 2, reported on the election campaign. He pointed out the great significance of the campaign this year because (1) It was a presidential campaign. (2) Because New York State was putting forward Al Smith as candidate for president. (3) Because of the depression, unemployment, speed-up and worsening of the conditions of the workers.

Report by Weinstein. In his report for the District Executive Committee, Weinstein pointed out the necessity for having an election campaign with the same intensity with which the Workers Party is conducting its general struggles among the workers.

Weinstein outlined the program of the campaign along the line of: (1) The class struggle against class collaboration. (2) The fight against the offensive of the bourgeois. (3) Imperialist war and war danger, and the slogan: "Hands Off China, Latin America"; Complete Independence for the American Colonies"; "Defense of the Soviet Union," and "Not a Cent, Not a Man for Imperialist War."

The unemployed program will be made a big feature of the election campaign and the Party must popularize the program outlined by the Unemployment Council of New York for unemployment insurance, for immediate grant of eight weeks' pay to every worker out of work for two months or more, and for an extensive public works program which would provide work to the unemployed at trade union wages as well as for the program of the struggle against speed-ups, longer hours, low wages, and for the conditions making for unemployment. The miners' struggle, the needle trades struggle, the struggle of the textile workers are part of the election program and particularly the role which the American government has been playing in these strikes through injunctions, police terror, use of gunmen. The program furthermore would include social legislation,

### Rivera Regime Plans Propaganda Flight

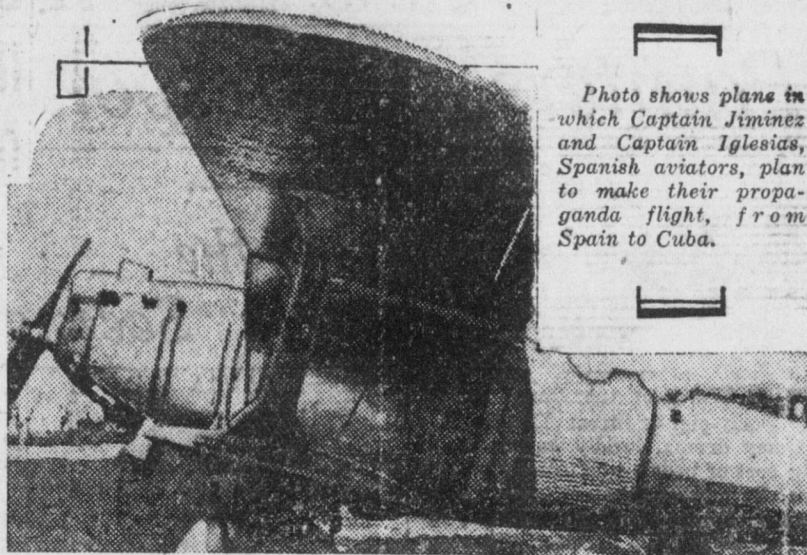


Photo shows planes in which Captain Jimenez and Captain Iglesias, Spanish aviators, plan to make their propaganda flight, from Spain to Cuba.

## SWEDISH STRIKE TO HIT COLLABORATION

STOCKHOLM, May 22.—A nation-wide strike to protest against the government's proposals regarding the national wage agreements will be held in Sweden today. The strike is primarily called in protest against the establishment of labor tribunals and other measures to secure "class collaboration."

Altho the strike will be of short duration, it is expected to tie up virtually every important industry in the country.

Workers employed in the General Motors plant here went on strike several weeks ago, when the management attempted to hire non-union labor.

## MEXICAN OIL LAW TICKLES SINCLAIR

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—Luis N. Morones, minister of industry, commerce and labor, has announced that the Sinclair Oil Company has filed applications for 25 concessions confirming subsurface rights. This means that the company has accepted the new oil regulations and will operate under their supervision in the Mexican field.

## 250 SUFFER FROM GAS IN HAMBURG

HAMBURG, Germany, May 22.—Comparative tranquility had settled down over Hamburg today after the involuntary poison gas attack which gave a taste of possible future warfare when fleets of military planes may spread deadly gas waves over enemy cities.

There are 250 persons in hospitals in addition to the 11 who were killed by the explosion of a phosgene gas tank. The death list may eventually reach nearly a score as some of the victims are in a perilous condition. The gas scourge, which drove thousands from their homes, spread from the Stolzenberg Chemical Works on the outskirts of the suburb of Vedel, until dissipated by ammonia sprays and a rain storm. If it had taken place in the city proper it might have caused hundreds of deaths.

The scene was a replica of wartime with soldiers, firemen and police, their faces grotesque in gas masks, waging warfare against the deadly fumes all over the city, while the population fled in mad panic. Cattle dropped in the fields, trees and shrubbery withered before the yellow death wave.

Following delegates that were adopted unanimously by the conference. These delegates are:

- Bidenkamp, Bentall, Bimba, Cosgrove, Costrell, Civer, Caspe, De Leon, Emerson, Freeman, Fox, Gomez, Gold, Grech, Hofbauer, Helfand, Hendin, Huiswood, Koretz, Lipzin, Litwin, Miller, Martin, Milliken, Moore, Markoff, Moreau, Nessin, Nemser, Olgin, Powers, Paivio, Padmore, Poyntz, Ragozin, Robbins, Stokes, Sultan, Shapiro, Sherman, Severino, Trachtenberg, Weinstein, Wortis, Weiss, Williams, J. Welch, G. Welch, Weissberg, Zimmerman and Ziebel.

The functionaries meeting stood in honor of the memory of William D. Haywood and requested the District Executive Committee to draw up a resolution in the name of the functionaries meeting, to be adopted and printed in our press.

Bert Miller presided as chairman of the meeting.

## PEASANT PROTEST AGAINST MEXICAN LAND AGGRESSION

### Peasant League Leaders Are Arrested

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—A commission of eighteen peasants of the National Peasants' League from the northwest state of Durango have arrived in Mexico City to protest to the government against aggressions of the state authorities and the federal military commandant—Governor Najera and General Francisco Urbalejo.

Among the accusations presented to the department of agriculture and the president are the following:

Arrest Peasants. In both Santa Rosa and Rio Santiago, the agrarian commission distributed to the peasants lands expropriated from the haciendas of the landowner Jesus Perez Galvan. The military commandant thereupon ejected the peasants, taking a number of them prisoners. These were later released, but rearrested by the armed guards of the proprietor. The president of the league, J. Refugio Salcedo, still remains in the hands of these armed guards.

In Corralejo the proprietor Miguel Zubiria, with the assistance of federal troops, seized the peasants' crops, and took various peasants prisoners. The proprietor had already received his share of the crops according to a previously drawn contract.

Ordered Off Land. In El Refugio the state and local authorities ejected peasants from the legally distributed common lands and from their houses.

The organized peasants of Yerbani have been attempting to secure land distribution for several years, but not only have they been unsuccessful, but recently they have been ordered off rented lands where they have constructed houses. The reason given for distributing no lands was that the governor had received orders from President Calles to cease distribution of the available lands because they had been purchased by him.

Unfair Contracts. In El Tobos the proprietor, with the aid of federal troops, drove off the league officials and forced the peasants to sign unfair contracts or to submit to ejection. He closed the hacienda school, which he is obliged by law to maintain, and transferred the furniture to the local military barracks. Similar abuses have occurred in Ricardo Flores Magon.

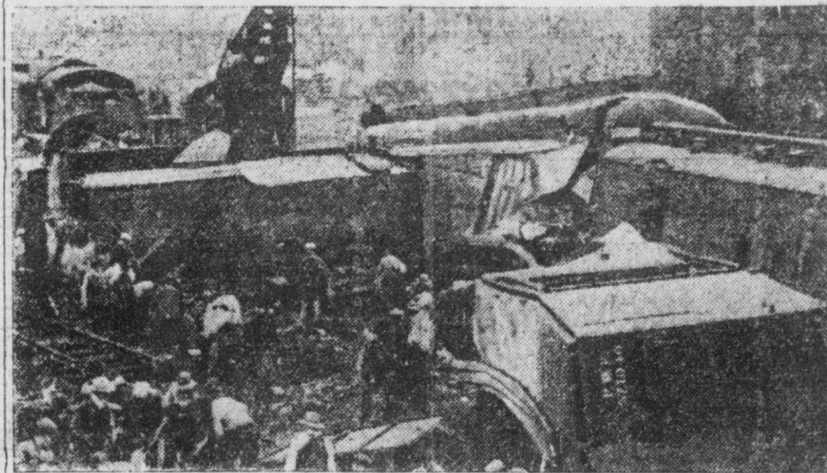
In Ignacio Allende land was distributed, not to poor peasants but to merchants and small ranchers, who let it out on shares.

In general the delegation complains that both the governor and the military authorities have hindered all further land distribution in the state and have menaced the local agrarian commission of the federal government which has wished to proceed.

### Greek Cabinet Crisis

LONDON, May 22.—The Greek coalition cabinet, which was formed by Premier Alexander Zaimis on Feb. 28, resigned today, said a dispatch from Athens this evening. It is understood that former Premier Eleutherios Venizelos is planning to assume leadership of the liberal party. Venizelos' activities are attributed to his desire to become president of Greece. The present crisis may result in Venizelos forming a new cabinet.

### One Worker Killed, Three Hurt In Train Wreck



The fireman was killed and three persons injured when a Pennsylvania Railroad flyer struck a derailed freight car near Pittsburgh. Photo shows wrecking crew at work.

## TEXTILE LOCKOUT LOOMS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 22.—Possibility of a stoppage of the cotton and woolen textile industries of Great Britain was seen today in Great Britain.

In the case of cotton, Britain's chief export industry, the Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Association voted against taking any immediate action. The results of the balloting on the question of enforcing the 12 1/2 per cent wage cut was as follows: American section, 66.68% for cut, 24.10% against wage cut; 9.32 did not reply; Egyptian section, 22.29% for wage cut; 64.5% against it; the rest not replying.

Both cotton and wool textile industries are involved in an ultimatum by the operative dyers' trade union threatening a strike on June 2nd unless they are given a wage advance.

Negotiations between the Master Spinners and manufacturers on one hand and workers on the other have been in progress for some time, but no compromise could be reached regarding a longer working week.

## SEE PERSECUTION OF WORKERS SOON

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 22.—Continued plans for a general persecution of workers throughout the country are implied in the report of the minister of the interior to the congress. It is believed here.

Rumors of revolutionary activity among the workers and peasants have been zealously spread with the apparent purpose of preparing the ground for a general persecution.

It is expected that the ministry will demand more power for coping with a situation which it is characterizing as "menacing."

### Frank T. Johns Dies

BEND, Ore., May 22.—Frank T. Johns, of Portland, Oregon, socialist labor candidate for president in 1924 was drowned here yesterday in a vain attempt to save a 12 year old boy from drowning. Johns was 39 years old.

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## SANDINO TROOPS AMBUSH MARINES IN NICARAGUA

### Army of Independence Controls Districts

MANAGUA, May 22.—An unknown number of Nicaraguans were injured and two members of the United States marine corps killed when a detachment of the marines was ambushed by patrols from the Nicaraguan army of independence near Paso Real.

American military authorities at Managua is virtually in control of large interior sections of the country where the marines are carrying on a desultory warfare against the Nicaraguans.

Lightly equipped, ably led and with expert native knowledge of the country and its difficult trails and passes, the troops of General Augusto Sandino are engaging the American invaders on two fronts. On the east coast, where the army of independence arrived after a brilliant dash from their former base in Nueva Segovia, it is keeping at bay a vastly superior force of marines, rushed there from the west coast at the plea of American investors. In the district around Jinotega, the troops of General Sandino are in control of the important positions.

Maneuvering with extreme difficulty in the rainy season, constantly faced with fever and hunger, owing to the virtual impossibility of transporting supplies in many sections, the American marines are no longer on the offensive.

The army of independence is receiving daily reinforcements and supplies from the peasants who cooperate in complete sympathy with the campaign which General Sandino is directing.

2nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RED POETS' NIGHT Thursday, May 24th at 8 P. M., at the LABOR TEMPLE 14th St. and 2nd Ave. Revolutionary Poets writing in various languages, DAVID GORDON will read his prison poems Cowboy songs by MARGARET LARKIN

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# ALL NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY BOSSES NEED IS A WHIP TO DRIVE UNDERPAID SLAVES

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
Your paper, distributed again at 15th St., in front of the National Biscuit Co., sure is worth reading for what it says about the National Biscuit slave drivers.  
Not only one but all the plants are the same. All the bosses

need is a whip to drive the workers with. One department employs fifteen men and it takes three white-suit men and one palm-beach suit man to drive us like slaves.  
The so-called assistant manager from the office is the bull of them all.

I make a round of all the plants, so I know how things are going all over from Ninth Ave. to Eleventh Ave.  
A union is the need here. I could tell you more. They are talking about organizing in one of the plants so that means that

they are thinking about it all around.  
Thanks for your paper.  
—NATIONAL BISCUIT WORKER.  
Editor's note: The writer of this letter should get into immediate touch with The DAILY WORKER.

## Chamber of Commerce Warred on Sign Painters, Correspondent Writes

### AVERAGE WAGES 50 PER CENT OF UNION'S SCALE

#### Police Arrest 600 Unemployed in Day

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., (By Mail).—I want to tell you how our union was broken up.

I was a member of the Oklahoma City Sign Painters' Union for a long time. We had about fifty members. Then the Commercial Club, or, as some call it, the Chamber of Commerce got busy.

It was done this way. When one of the 150 drug stores here wanted painting all they had to do was to phone to any of the three big ice cream manufacturers and tell them they would handle their ice cream. The ice cream people would then give them all the work they wanted free. Often it amounted to hundreds of dollars worth. They promised them anything they might want in the future.

"Privilege Signs."  
The 700 grocery stores got all the free work they wanted if they would handle Campbell bread. The cigar stores, and they are everywhere, would agree to handle a certain brand of cigars and the tobacco people would have all kinds of free signs painted. This practice even spread to the restaurants and other lines of business. This free work is called "privilege signs."

Naturally when the union sign painter saw the trade of the entire city ruined, and his former customers all gone, he applied to the advertisers for work. He was everywhere told that while the advertisers were in the market for good workmen, the painters would be expected to work for considerably less than ten dollars a day. That is the union scale so that they were being asked to give their labor away.

Then came the hard times and a poor fellow was glad to get work at any price. The average pay remained much over 50% below the union scale. Can any union in the east, or anywhere else for that matter, ever survive such a cut in wages?

As a consequence one after another dropped out of the union until only seven were left and finally it blew up entirely.

Destroyed.  
There have a big city of from 100,000 to 120,000 people and the sign painters' union is utterly destroyed by the chamber of commerce. I have met a good many sign painters from other cities and they tell me that the same conspiracy is taking place, or is beginning, in other places also.

They don't cut your wages here 10% as they do in the east, but 50 or 75% and then fix it so a fellow has to stand it.

Oklahoma City is literally an open-shop town filled with unemployed and it always will be filled with unemployed. The workman fortunate enough to have a job at all, has so little money that the chamber of commerce stores with which he deals have in a large measure gone broke. Walk around the town and everywhere you will find empty stores. You don't see scores of them but hundreds. Look to right and left, anywhere you want to go, and there are big red "For Rent" signs in every window.

If an unemployed worker takes a flop in one of these vacant buildings and the cops get him he flops for the next thirty days in the city jail.

The Jungle.  
The favorite flop camp is the "jungle" south of the town on the Canadian River, east of the Santa Fe Railroad. Several hundred men are there all day and all night. It doesn't do the cops a bit of good to tell them to move on, as swarms of new workers come in every day and the bulls have given it up.

Over 600 got pinched a few days ago. The tax payers raised a cry about the city's having to pay out \$3.15 a week apiece to feed these men. So the officials had to turn them loose, but told them to get out of town. I don't think a single one left. A peculiar situation was brought out. Everybody wants to be arrested as a vag so as to get three meals a day and a place to flop. The cops are on to it, and everybody is giving the bulls the horse laugh. The city and the county jails are both full. We have a police court with two sessions a day and nine justice courts with daily sessions and the county courts are crowded with unemployed defendants.

Come west, boys, and beat the high cost of living.  
—J. H.

AIR PILOT KILLED.  
RICHMOND, May 22.—Pat Morrissey, air mail pilot operating between here and New York, was killed early today when his plane went into a nose and crashed near the city air-

### Hopelessly Crippled War Victims Must Grin



The picture shows the hopelessly crippled veterans of the world war. In order to give the impression that the men are well-cared for and happy, it is the custom of photographers from the capitalist press to herd the victims into grinning groups.

### BISCUIT FIRM LAYS OFF MEN

#### Speeds Up Workers At Other Times

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back at 1 o'clock just the same. The same thing happens at night. Many of us are kept until 5:30 and a few work as late as 8 and 9. We don't get paid extra for overtime. Only if we stay later than 5:30. The bosses see to it that we are out of the factory before 5:30, so that the National Biscuit Company gets more profits out of our work without giving us even one cent for it. The bosses know their stuff—they are organized.

I have been working here for a good many years and I haven't had a vacation yet. Of course, our foremen, foreladies and other slave-drivers will get theirs, but we have to suffer through the terrible heat as best we can, and it's no cinch to work here, especially in the summer. Even if we could get off for a week or two, how could we afford it? With all the lay-offs we can't even make the couple of dollars of our wages keep us going until the next pay. I know I couldn't save a cent this winter and if I got a week for vacation I would have to stay in town just the same.

We get no vacation with or without pay, and no pay when we don't work. The straw bosses get theirs, though, and if we are laid off, they get paid for the "holiday." The bosses don't even give us a treat in the way of an outing or picnic. That would cost them some money, besides it would bring the workers together and we might begin to discuss the miserable conditions under which we slave.

Some of us are discussing the letters printed in The DAILY WORKER, which is being distributed in front of the plants. They certainly tell the real facts. Please print this letter in your paper and I hope that many more of us will come across with some information for you.

### Indian Bureau Issues Alibi and Asks \$250,000

WASHINGTON, May 22 (FP).—Facing a nationwide investigation by a senate committee of its own lawlessness and neglect in handling the affairs of the Indians, the U. S. Indian Bureau has published a lengthy report made by a private agency—the Brookings Institute for Government Research—dealing with the difficulties of the Bureau's tasks. It proposes that a new Division of Planning and Development, with at least \$250,000 a year to spend, be created to guide the Indians on the road to education, health and a desire for citizenship. It also asks for better personnel—"an enormous strengthening of the personnel"—in the Indian Service. This is in substance an admission that the Service is rotten with inefficiency, if not worse, as charged by Sen. Frazier.

Since the time when the silk mill owners quietly began to depress the working standards of the broadsilk workers by increases in hours, carrying this thru mill by mill, the union has been formulating plans for launching a drive to organize the broadsilk workers and thus beat back the bosses' offensive.

In the announcement issued by the union, all members of the Associated are called to participate in this work which is so vital for the organization, and for their shop conditions.

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### DAUGHERTY USES LEWIS METHODS BUT IN PUBLIC

#### Plays Farrington Role for Coal Barons

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
BELLAIRE, Ohio, (By Mail).—Oral Daugherty, former sub-district president of Hocking Valley, has been addressing meetings of business men and miners trying to bring an end to the strike, with the miners making all the concessions and the operators getting all the gravy.

Lee Hall, the president of the district and a faithful supporter of John L. Lewis, declared from the public platform that Daugherty was a hard working official, but had to be ousted because he was guilty of insubordination. That's all.

Insubordination.  
Daugherty admits that he is guilty of insubordination, but that in urging the miners to return to work or starve he was only saying in public what Hall, Lewis and Murray have been saying privately. In this Daugherty is no doubt correct.

It appears that Daugherty, seeing the debacle which the leaders of the United Mine Workers of America including himself, brought on the union, decided to take the lead in the expected march of union officials to the operators' payroll. There is no doubt but Daugherty is slated to play the same role as Farrington (the for less pay) and other reactionary leaders of the United Mine Workers of America, who could not resist the tempting odor from the fleshpots of the coal barons.

Go Ahead with Plans  
The Save-the-Union forces in Eastern Ohio are going ahead with their plans to take the organization away from the corrupt agents of the operators, whether parading openly like Daugherty or covertly working like Lee Hall and his gang.

The members of the seventeen locals that have been "expelled" reinforced by the membership of other locals are determined that they will remain in the union after Lewis and Hall are put out.

They are not fooled by Daugherty's professions of devotion to the ideal of "free" speech. Daugherty only wanted free speech for himself in his efforts to betray the miners to the operators.

Official Burden  
The miners are firmly convinced that a strike is saddled with a terrific burden from the start in the weight of an officialdom that thinks in terms of the employers' interests and not in the interests of the workers.

Daugherty's alliance with the operators was proven last week when, in the course of a meeting held in Athens, which Philip Murray was the principal speaker, two airplanes circled over the crowd dropping leaflets singing Daugherty's praises.

The miners listened to Murray for half an hour and then howled him off the platform. Most of them were equally dissatisfied with Daugherty. Murray had no program of action. The only hope he held out for them was in the senate investigation. This they knew is a vain hope. Daugherty advised immediate surrender.

—W.A.R.

### — DRAMA — Andreyev's "Waltz of the Dogs" Worth Seeing

"THE Waltz of the Dogs" at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre is a gloomy drama, luridly unwelcome to the sort of people who usually patronize Broadway theatres, simply because the most of these people are trying to soak up the prodigious surplus value and unearned increment of recent years, are engaged in a kind of polite but perpetual orgy, and don't like the old Egyptian custom of parading a coffin at the feast.

Andreyev, in a little appreciation of his own work, which the management kindly publishes in the program, says: "The Waltz of the Dogs" represents the most hidden, cruel meaning of tragedy, which renounces the meaning and reason of human existence. This is a responsible work."

Andreyev was one of that large group of Russian intelligentsia who functioned as irritating lice on the back of the already putrescent tho' only half dead body of tsarist upper class society. Through "Bloody Laughter," "The Dilemma," etc., he like his fellows, chewed away the silky hair of the beast, and showed the rotting flesh beneath. Undoubtedly a useful task. But when the guns of the revolution shot the thing to pieces, the poor little lice had a hard time of it, and were undoubtedly much upset. They didn't understand anything at all that was happening, and Andreyev, for one, in his exile among the White Guard emigres, simply stuck to his original thesis, and broadened the field to include all life. It is significant that the only proletarian characters in "The Waltz of the Dogs" are even more despicable than the "precise" cold, bank official here, who discharges his clerks ruthlessly for errors and unpunctuality, and whose deterioration, mentally, morally and physically is the main theme of the play.

The thieving, bribe-taking Servant Ivan of the play, if they be taken as types, are probably simply the insults of a resentful playwright, who hates to think about the Red Army. The degenerating upper classes shown in the play are the people of the playwright's own circle, and his story of their corruption is, on the face of it, something like a confession.

Now for the play, and Andreyev's philosophy. It is really very simple. Henry Tile, the bank official, ruthless employer but otherwise impractical, full of conventions which he thinks are high ideals, is thrown off his balance when Elizabeth, his fiancée deserts him on the eve of the wedding to marry a richer man. He enters upon a long course of dissipation, spends his nights drinking with one of those sloppy, helpless and hopeless characters of which the pre-revolutionary Russian writers were so fond, one Alexandrov, nicknamed Feklusha. He boasts to Feklusha that he has stolen from his employers, and that he is going away disguised to enjoy heavenly riches, but in the last moment of the last act, he shoots himself instead.

His death just then probably comes as a misfortune to his younger brother Carl, a nasty little fellow with college boy manners, who has made Elizabeth his mistress, and is planning with Feklusha to kill Henry as soon as they get hold of an insurance policy in favor of Carl. They have already prepared a suicide note to leave by Henry's body, but Henry who knows nothing of their scheme, gives up the ghost before the policy



Laura Lee. In "Greenwich Village Follies" the revue now current at the Winter Garden.

arrives, and without leaving any note at all. So everybody loses everything. Even Elizabeth, who is ready to come back to Henry, loses her chance. "The Waltz of the Dogs" is really the name of an ugly, tinkling little tune which Henry occasionally thumps out on the piano, and which seems to typify the drab worthlessness of human life, according to Henry, and Andreyev.

Since Andreyev is obviously rubbing it in, all the way through, that this is a cross section of bourgeois life, the average critic takes it out on the poor actors, according to the same logic that causes kings to kill the messenger who brings bad news. I rise to their defense.

The actors do a mighty good job. They bring in that same confused and cramped and disgusting atmosphere that the play demands. Carl, played by Rudolph Lovinger, is, with his unusually expressive face, and slight form, a real Oxford snob, of the meanest and slimmest type. Harold Johnson's Henry is thin, narrow, egocentric in all his actions and appearance. His thin cheeks flush and he waves his arms and says he is going to break up all the furniture because Elizabeth has deserted the apartment she was intended for. But he contents himself with throwing around a few boxes—impotence forever!

Elizabeth yowls, through the voice of Sylvia Hoffman, like the spoilt baby she is, like all who would have their cake and eat it too. Antoinette Crawford, Samuel Baron, Douglas Krantzor and Edward England do their minor parts with considerable skill. Take it all around, it is a performance worth seeing.  
—V. S.

### SHERIFFS BREAK UP MINE MEETING IN PENNSYLVANIA

#### Relief Committee Aids Fight

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20 (By Mail).—Flourishing clubs, and threatening violence, five deputy sheriffs and six state policemen dispersed a crowd of 300 striking miners who had gathered at Imperial, Pa., to hear Joe Eashinsky, young rank and file organizer, Friday evening, according to reports received here today by the National Miners' Relief Committee.

When 75 of the miners arrived at the hall to open the meeting they found two deputy sheriffs posted at the door. "Sheriff's orders," was the gruff explanation. "You violate the sheriff's proclamation if you hold this meeting."

Call Reinforcements.  
When the miners protested, the two deputies called for re-enforcements. Three other deputies, followed by six state troopers hurried to the scene. Tashinsky was forced from the threshold of the hall with a shove that sent him sprawling into the roadway. "If it weren't for the heavy rain," Tashinsky told the troopers, "We'd hold our meeting, hall or no hall. We just want to let the men know what's happening in other parts of the strike and that's exactly what you don't want."

Old Game.  
"The police hope to break our strike by refusing to let us hold meetings," said Tashinsky later. "It's nothing new to us. We'll find ways to hold meetings. What we're afraid of is starvation. If the National Miners' Relief Committee can continue to give us enough relief, we can see this strike through in spite of deputies and state troopers."

The National Miners Relief Committee is helping the miners fight starvation, the strongest ally of the coal operators.

### Seven Hurt When Train Collides with Engine

WINNIPEG, Can., May 22. — A trainman and six women passengers were injured when a Canadian Railway passenger train collided with a light yard engine about a mile west of Trasonca, near here.

An open switch is supposed to have caused the mishap, in which several cars left the rails.

**RED WELCOME FEST**  
Arranged by the Party Members of District 2 in Honor of the Delegates to the  
National Nominating Convention  
of the  
Workers (Communist) Party  
of America  
to be held on  
SATURDAY, MAY 26, at 8 P. M.,  
at the  
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# Progressive Dyers Denounce Gangsterism in Their Union at Protest Meeting

## PARTICIPANTS TO BE FIRED, UNION HEADS THREATEN

### Take Names of Those in Attendance

Despite the presence of officials of the Cleaners and Dyers Union, seated outside the hall in a large limousine checking off the names of all those attending, the progressive group in the union succeeded in holding a successful protest meeting against the gangster rule and blacklist methods used against all those opposing the reactionary policies of the administration. The meeting was held Monday night in the Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place.

### Protest Attack

The meeting was called by the progressives in and also those expelled from the union for their advocacy of a militant policy toward the employers. They called it specifically to protest against the brutal assault on those attending a meeting of the progressive group recently. This meeting was invaded by a squad of thugs armed with hammers and iron pipes, and was led by several of the union officials themselves. A number of workers were taken to the hospital after their skulls had been fractured.

The progressive group had issued handbills in calling the union membership to this meeting. These leaflets were promptly answered by the officialdom with an announcement that all those attending the meeting would not only be expelled from the organization but immediately removed from the job. In the auto leading the squad of gangsters were A. Hammer, president of the union, and J. Cohen, secretary.

### Mass Demands

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution, which after condemning the thug rule in the union, the expulsion policy, and the fascist method of threatening with the loss of jobs all those opposing the administration's policy of laying down and selling out to the bosses, made three principal demands. They are: 1. Reinstatement of all the expelled; 2. Removal of the gangster terror; 3. An immediate election so that the membership can choose an honest and militant administration for the union.

### Yuditch Lecture Put Off

The lecture on "American Trade Unions" by B. Yuditch, scheduled for a meeting of the progressives of Local 38, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, has been postponed until Thursday, June 1 at 8 p. m. at 16 W. 21st St.

### Leaflets Are Ready

Leaflets and throwaways advertising the mass meeting that will open the national nominating convention of the Party are now obtainable at the district office. All units should call at once to be held on tomorrow at 7:30 p. m., at 60 St. Marks Place.

### Workers Party Picnic

The Workers Party Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 24th, at Pleasant Bay Park.

### Unit 3E 2F

A meeting of Unit 3E 2F will be held at 6:15 p. m. today at 101 W. 27th St.

### Unit B, Section 4

A regular meeting of Unit B, Section 4, will be held today at 350 E. 81st St.

### Spanish Fraction Meeting

The regular meeting of the Spanish Fraction will be held today at 8:30 p. m. A representative of the district to discuss the immediate tasks of the Fraction will be present. All members must attend the meeting at 142 E. 103rd St.

### Talk on 7-Cent Fare

S. Milgrom will talk on the seven-cent fare sell-out at a meeting of 1B this evening at 6:30 at 60 St. Marks Place.

### Branch 4, Section 7

Branch 4, Section 7 will meet today at 1949 Benson Ave., Brooklyn, at 8:30 p. m. All members must attend.

### Coney Island Branch

Coney Island Branch will meet today at 8:30 p. m. at 2901 Mermaid Ave.

### Accommodations Wanted

Accommodations are wanted for delegates to the National Nominating Convention. Please notify the District Office at 108 E. 14th St., giving name, address and also the sex of the delegate to be accommodated.

### Children's Camp Conference

A conference for the children's camp will be held by the Workers' International Relief tomorrow night at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St.

### Attention Sign Painters

All sign painters who are Party members are instructed to report to the District Office, 108 E. 14th St., after working hours today and tomorrow for signing of the League in New York. Unemployed comrades are also urged to call any time they can.

### Lower Bronx Y. W. L. Hike

The Lower Bronx Y. W. L. will hike to Tibets Park Sunday, May 27th, to Sleepy Hollow, Anton Keppel leading. The hike will meet at Van Courtlandt Park, 242nd St. at 7:30 a. m. Fares will amount to eighty cents. Members of the Junior Section are invited to attend a lecture entitled "Trees of New York" to be held Thursday evening, May 24th, at Prospect Hall, Prospect and Fifth Aves., Brooklyn.

## Workers Party Activities

### Labor and Fraternal Organizations

An entertainment and dance for miners' relief will be given on Saturday, May 26, at 8 p. m., at Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, under the auspices of the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief, 799 Broadway.

### To Aid Miners

The United Council of Workingclass Women of the United Workers Co-operative will hold a midnight show, June 2, at 11:30 p. m., at Burke's Theatre, White Plains Ave. and Burke Ave., the Bronx. The proceeds will go for miners' relief.

### Labor Sports Meet

A national track and field meet will be held Sunday, May 27, at 10 a. m., at College Point, under the direction of the Finnish Sports Club, 15 W. 126th St., which has invited all sports clubs connected with the Labor Sports Union to participate. All entries must be made before May 24.

### Mine Relief Dance

Women's Council 8 of the Bronx will hold a vetcherinka for miners' relief on Saturday, May 26, at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx.

### Unity Cooperative

An important membership meeting of the Unity Cooperative will be held today at 8 p. m. at Parkview Palace, 110th St. and 5th Ave.

### Plumbers' Helpers' Move

The office of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will be located hereafter at 7 East 15th St. All communications should be sent to that address.

### T. U. E. L. of I. L. G. W. E. Meets

A general membership meeting of the Trade Union Educational League of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will be held tomorrow at 7 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 68 E. 4th St.

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A conference for the children's camp will be held by the Workers' International Relief tomorrow night at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. All sympathizers are invited to attend.

### Friends of Nature

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### Workingclass Housewives

A lecture will be given at a meeting of the Bakers' Council No. 1 on Friday evening, May 25th, at 8 p. m.

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## THOUSANDS TO BE AT BIG JAMBOREE OF JOINT DEFENSE

Will Aid Militants Now Facing Prison

### Workers fraternal organizations

units, working women's councils, and other sympathetic organizations, in addition to continuing their direct contributions for the defense of the nine left wing furriers in the Mineola case and the 18 leaders of the cloakmakers' union, preparing to make the huge carnival, arranged by the Joint Defense Committee, a success.

### Expect Record Attendance

The coming "carnival and jamboree" will be held in Starlight Park on Saturday, June 9, and is expected to have as large an attendance as last year when 35,000 workers participated in what was considered one of the biggest affairs in the local labor movement.

### Tickets can be obtained at the committee's offices at 41 Union Square

by organizations at special rates. The following organizations have already sent in contributions to the Mineola Defense Fund, and to the defense fund of the 18 cloakmakers' leaders now facing jail terms: Women's Council 3, \$20; Workmens' Circle, Branch 330, \$25; Branch 634, \$5.00; the workers in the shop of Pleper Dress Company, \$17.50.

A concert and dance is being arranged by the Workmens' Circle, Br. 680, to be held in Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, on Friday evening, June 1. The proceeds for this affair will also go for the Mineola Defense Fund.

### at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx. The speaker will be Dr. Movshovitz.

A lecture will be given at a meeting of Council No. 16, tomorrow evening at 8:30 p. m. at 87 Hopkinson Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. The speaker will be Comrade Shulbasky.

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### STARVATION WAGES MAKE WORKER STEAL

With the logic characteristic of capitalist courts, County Judge Franklin Taylor, after declaring that employers who pay starvation wages are equally responsible with their employees when the latter commit thefts from the places where they work, yesterday sentenced Fred Kusiak, 47, of 1213 80th St., to prison.

### 3,000 Jobless Fur Workers Demonstrate

(Continued from page one) were later brought up on charges of disorderly conduct in the Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Smith. Both were dismissed.

After getting over the scare that the sight of so many workers caused him, Fisher, upon the arrival of the police, gained tremendously in courage and even began to direct them in their attacks on the workers. Standing safely in a doorway, Fisher shouted, "Split their heads so that they will not come here again."

### Third Demonstration

This is the third protest demonstration held by the angered fur workers in the last two weeks. This time all the unemployed workers gathering daily on the corners of Sixth Ave., 27th, 28th and 29th Sts., in a vain search for work, marched en masse uptown to the scab union headquarters on 31st St.

The deep resentment of the workers, gathering force as the fur manufacturing season wears on with no signs of the reestablishment of union conditions in the shops, became an open revolt when even a certain section of the officials of the right wing union are beginning to support the workers' demand for the reestablishment of one union in the industry. The socialist and A. F. of L. officialdom are opposing this.

### Maryland Federation to Hold Convention May 28

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 22.—The annual convention of the Federation of Labor of Maryland and the District of Columbia will open in this city on May 28.

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## REVEAL HOW TAMMANY TOOL LIVES OFF POOR

### Worker's Wife Tells of Persecution

How the petty flunkies and hangers-on of Tammany Hall prey on poor workers was told yesterday in Bridge Plaza Magistrate's Court, Brooklyn, by Mrs. Anna Rowinsky, 55 Siegel St., Brooklyn.

### To keep her two small children from starving, Mrs. Rowinsky, whose husband, a laborer, has been sick and out of work for six months, began selling leather goods and glassware from a pushcart in front of her home.

Friends helped her to buy the merchandise, and after securing a license, Mrs. Rowinsky began to peddle.

Next to hers was a pushcart operated by Samuel Malmud, known in the neighborhood as a petty politician "with pull higher up." Malmud began persecuting her for not getting the license thru him, and then offered to let her alone if she would give him \$50 and "a bridge lamp for the alderman."

Upon her refusing to give him the money, Malmud continued to persecute and to insult Mrs. Rowinsky and even beat one of her children. Mrs. Rowinsky complained to Alderman John McCusker, who refused to intervene and defended Malmud.

### Postal Workers Pay Raised Over Cal's Veto

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Coolidge suffered a defeat today in his effort to conserve the treasury funds for adding new instruments of war for Andy Mellon's imperialistic policy, when the House passed the Sproul-Moses Bill, which grants night postal workers a 10 per cent increase in pay.

Coolidge had previously vetoed the bill, with a typical "economy" message in which he stated that the measure would cost the government \$6,456,000 annually.

### Boy Killed By Auto

WINDSOR, N. C., May 22.—Percy Haley, 4, was killed today and Ronald Currie, 5, injured when the car in which they were coasting down a steep hill near the Haley home was struck by a motor car.

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## The Red Victory in Germany

The first dispatches from Germany misrepresented the election results by under-estimating the tremendous gains of the Communist Party. Later telegrams from bourgeois news agencies have shown that even The DAILY WORKER'S news columns failed to reflect the immense significance of the Communist victory.

The gist of the news is that the Communist Party of Germany is rapidly winning the leadership of the working class of that country away from the social-democratic party. The general fact that the Communist gains are tremendous in the large towns and industrial districts, while the social-democratic party made inroads in the ranks of the middle-class followers of the "liberal" bourgeois parties, is even more important than the proportions of increase as between the two parties. The social-democrats' gain of about 1,200,000 votes is an increase perhaps partly among backward workers in light industry, but largely amongst the petty-bourgeoisie, whereas the Communist Party's gain of more than half a million is an increase absolutely confined to the working class. In the two great working-class sections of Berlin, Wedding and Friedrichshain, the Communist Party heavily defeated the social-democratic party, while in the city of Berlin as a whole the Communists gained 227,000 working class votes whilst the social-democrats gained only 124,000 votes, doubtful as to class character.

These facts, which were not clearly established in the dispatches from Berlin Monday morning, are agitating the capitalist correspondents when they estimate the results today. As one of them telegraphed, they begin to realize that:

"The staggering gains recorded by the Communists in Berlin, which were manifest only today, cut deeply into the tally of the bigger labor party (the social-democratic party). Proportionately, the revolutionary Reds triumphed in greater measure than the more moderate disciples of Karl Marx. The Communist Reichstag representation mounts from fifth to fourth place with fifty-four votes, exactly 20 percent higher than in the old parliament.

"Not even the most optimistic followers of the Third International predicted a victory of such magnitude. Moreover it was the orthodox group of so-called Stalinists who scored. The secessionists of the Lenin League (the Trotskyist opposition) failed to get a single seat, not having the Soviet treasury behind them."

—N. Y. Times.

Allowing for the little lie as to the Soviet treasury being behind the Communist Party of Germany, this dispatch is certainly not without value as an admission from the enemy camp that our German comrades have made a big stride in winning the German working class for the revolutionary working-class cause.

In the capital cities of imperialist countries, the dread aroused by the Communist gains among the working class is mingled with rejoicing at the increased vote of the social-democratic party, one of whose leaders will now head a coalition government in Germany. The Paris imperialists hail the coming German ministry, to be headed by a "socialist," as an assurance of an open road for its own finance-capital.

Yes, the bourgeoisie of more than one country can get satisfaction out of the prospect of a new German bourgeois government headed by a social-democrat such as Otto Braun and with the labor-hating Dr. Stresemann as foreign minister.

But the outstanding result of the elections in Germany is the Red victory of the German Communist Party. The revolutionary path is drawing larger and larger masses of German workers. The bourgeoisie of all capitalist countries must sleep less placidly—the German working class is going red. The spectre of Communism is haunting Europe.

Elections are not revolutions. As mobilizations of the working class, as training for revolutionary action, as a means of disillusionment and of exposure of the inefficacy of capitalist elections, the recent elections in France and Germany and the municipal elections in England have been effectively used by our revolutionary comrades of those countries.

Now comes the election in the United States, in which the Communist Party of America will undertake to make a record worthy of comparison under the differing conditions.

The Communist national nominating convention which opens Friday night in New York—the first in the history of this country—will be the start. Now let us make the American Communists' red campaign surprise the American bourgeoisie!

## Lazarus to Dives

You were born to the purple and cannot help  
That I lie in the gutter—so—  
The system that grinds you did not make,  
Nor did you ordain my woe.

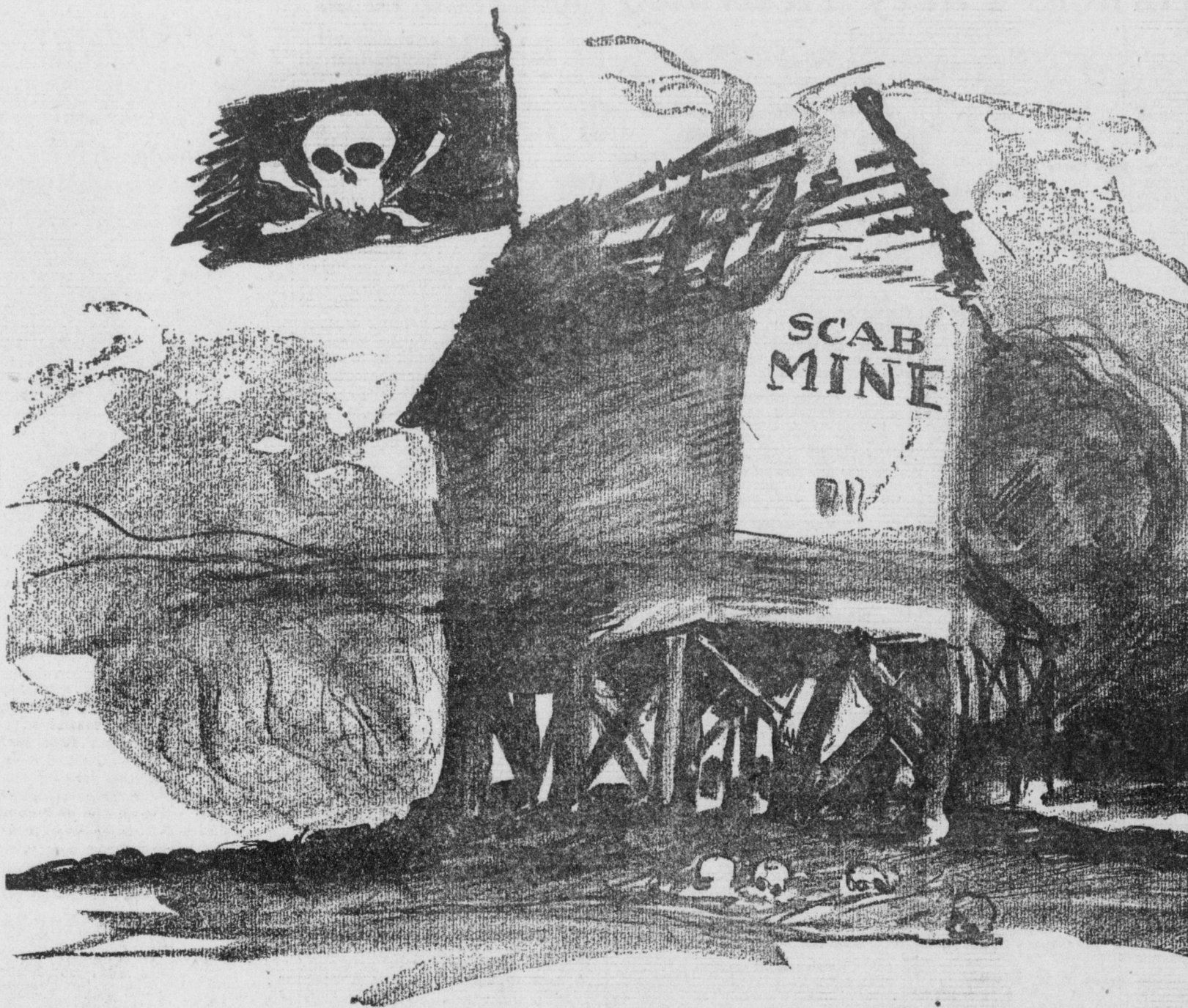
Before your father's father and mine  
The seed was sown we reap;  
And it isn't your fault, at all, you say,  
Whether I laugh or weep.

Aye, and I know you speak the truth,  
But harken the truth I tell;  
Though it isn't your fault, and it isn't mine  
That I live in a pauper's hell,

Yet the hate that springs from the woe I have  
Shall harry you to your grave,  
And you shall feel, though you've never earned,  
The wrath of your father's slave!

—HENRY GEORGE WEISS.

## THERE'S MONEY IN IT



By Fred Ellis

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WITH the approach of the presidential elections, the democrats are hiring the usual flock of bright young journalists to expose G. O. P. corruption. The republicans have hired equally bright young journalists to expose Tammany corruption.

In commenting on the recent crop of books exposing the wholesale looting of the city and state treasuries by the Pure and Perfect Knights of Saint Tammany, Judge Olvany, head of the organization, makes no attempt to refute the charges. His only defense is that the other guys are just as bad.

Judge Olvany is right. But so are the other guys.

THE widespread development of ignorance among the police population of Cleveland together with a new passion for safety devices can be learned from the following item. Safety Director E. W. Barry had been assigned to forestall the calamity threatened Cleveland by the presentation, in play form, of Elmer Gantry, the novel in which Sinclair Lewis photographed an American preacher amusing himself, in the sprightly way of the clergy, by reading the bible and seducing women. At the hearing called to decide the fate of play Safety Director Barry proved himself a true policeman and brightened the lives of his hearers by the following scintillating remark:

"Has this guy Gantry ever been tried and convicted?"

PROOF of the infallibility of British justice is bringing distinct comfort to the legal performers of Scotland and England. Sometime ago Marion Gilchrist, a woman of 83, was murdered in Glasgow. The police, having power to arrest anybody in the city of Glasgow, went out and did their duty by picking up a certain Oscar Slater, whom they didn't like anyway. Oscar thought it was a joke. He had never even met the Gilchrist woman and was certain he had never killed anybody. He was tried for murder. It was a warm day, the rush season in the courts, so the judge and his hired help decided to call Slater guilty and close up shop for the day. This they did. Oscar was sentenced to hang. Mass protest followed. The courts decided kindness was wisdom and remembered themselves to Oscar by giving him life imprisonment. He has been in jail since. The British courts have now decided that Slater was innocent and have promised to give him a new trial gratis. This is understood to mean release. It is a great relief to Oscar Slater, who has been in the rather uncomfortable Glasgow jail for 18 years, to know that British justice is inevitable and may catch up to a man just five minutes before he dies. He may now step out into capitalist Britain, a free man, with permission to carve out a career for himself in the ranks of the unemployed.

Poem composed in a moment of ecstasy while passing the Forward Building in an airplane and getting a birds-eye view of its editors thru the windows.

The little pigeons perched on stools riveted into banana peels are all the colors of the rainbow, red and green and blue and yellow, mauve and tan and black and yellow, purple and orange and white and yellow, but mostly Yellow.



New insight into the value and trend of education in American capitalist universities can be gathered from the announcement of a New York theatre that it will hire none but college graduates as movie ushers. The picture above shows the scholars of City College improving their minds at the annual flag rush.

## Negro Lynched Outside Of Courthouse in Texas

CENTER, Tex., May 22.—The American citizenry of this town yesterday showed their respect for legal forms by removing a Negro, Evans, from the jail here and lynching him just outside the courthouse.

THREE DIE IN FIRE  
NEW ALBANY, Miss., May 22.—Three daughters of J. S. Owens, editor of the New Albany Gazette, were burned to death, while Mr. and Mrs. Owens narrowly escaped with their lives as their home was swept by fire.

## Our Communist Nominating Convention

By JAMES P. CANNON.

1928 is a year of ferment in capitalist America out of which will come changes of a profound character. Concurrently with the collapse of "permanent prosperity" and with the growth of unemployment, the revolt of the industrial workers grows apace. Ferment and the beginning of change—these are the clearest signs to be read in the kaleidoscopic march of events of the year we are living in.

Industrial peace has gone the way of "prosperity" and with it has departed all the semblances of validity of those theories and doctrines which were designed by the apologists of capitalism to "supplant" the class struggle. The great strike of the coal miners bears eloquent testimony to the inability of capitalism to maintain industrial peace and order as well as to the inexhaustible resources of the working class.

New Wave of Strikes.  
The new strikes of the textile workers of New Bedford and the oil workers of New Jersey represent the beginning of a wide-scale extension of the strike weapon which will smash the class-collaboration schemes like eggshells and hurl them into the scrap heap of history.

The strikes, big and significant as they are, represent only the beginning of a new wave of unavoidable struggles of the American workers which will lead to a decisive change in all class relationships and raise the consciousness of the workers to a new and higher level. The unrest of the farmers and the stubborn fight of the Nicaraguan people represent further proof of the shaky foundation of American imperialism and of the progressive development of counter-forces which will aid in its undoing.

Capitalism cannot maintain peace and prosperity. Poverty, unemployment and war are its offspring, and struggle against capitalism is the workers' law of life.

The period of the beginning of a new wave of these struggles and of the agglomeration of forces making for their extension is the period also when the bankruptcy of all reformist movements, parties and cliques, which deny the class struggle, has become most manifest. The Communist Party alone charts the course of the workers through the complex struggles of today and outlines the program and slogans for their coordination and further development. This is the great task which all the circumstances of the present moment assign to the national nominating convention of our Party which convenes on May 25.

Must Unify Workers' Struggles.  
The struggles noted above, and others also, which have arisen out of the irreconcilable contradictions of monopolist capitalism, are taking place on various fronts. The great task now, in the presidential election year of 1928, is to unify and coordinate these scattered and sporadic fights, to give them a clearer political direction and to weld them together into a general, national struggle against the whole American imperialist regime.

From this arises the great significance and importance of the nominating convention of our Party. This convention will be the single national center of resistance to reaction and the only guiding light for the conduct and development of the workers' fight on all fronts and on a national scale.

Our nominating convention will not create illusions. We know the limitations of parliamentary activity. We know the power of capitalism will not

be overthrown by a resolution in congress. But we also know the great value of election campaigns as a means of revolutionary propaganda and mobilization. A Communist remains a Communist whether he is the organizer of a strike, a soldier in the army or a representative in congress. Communist representatives in the capitalist congress—and they will be there in spite of all, make no mistake about it—will use their positions with powerful effect to mobilize the workers for mass struggles today. Lenin taught us this and Liebknecht and others have exemplified it.

It is from the revolutionary standpoint that we emphasize the overshadowing import of the nominating convention which will mark the opening of our 1928 election campaign.

Convention To Be Turning Point.

This convention must and will signalize a turning point in the development of our Party. We must make the break there, definitely and finally, with all ham-stringing prejudices and tendencies toward passivity in the field of parliamentary election activity. The Party must emerge from the convention more clearly and distinctly than before as a national political party in all respects which challenges capitalism and its reformist agents on every field of the class struggle, including the elections.

The socialist party which long ago abandoned the class struggle as a guiding principle in practice has, at its recent convention, also given up the pretense of even formal adherence to it, which it was compelled to make in Debs' time. It has turned its face away from the proletariat and made its appeal in the squeaky voice of liberal reformism to the middle class remnants of the disintegrated LaFollette movement.

The selection of its candidate for president—a liberal preacher alien to Marxism and the proletarian movement, a sanctimonious Sunday fayer for the week-day fakers who control the organization—was only the logical outcome of the anti-proletarian orientation of the socialist party.

The Communist Party, which is the party of the working class, will steer a diametrically opposite course. Our nominating convention will represent the national gathering place and concentration point of the labor militants. It will resound with the slogans of the class struggle and proclaim the irreconcilable fight against the capitalist order. It will declare solidarity with the embattled workers and oppressed nationalities and races on every sector of the fight against American imperialism.

From this line of policy it naturally follows that the presidential nominees of the party will be selected from the standpoint of their representation of the class struggle program of the convention. Just as the socialist party, openly adopting a platform of liberal reformism, chose a candidate whose milk-and-water political character symbolizes that apostasy, so will the Communist Party select candidates who represent and symbolize the class struggle and the militant workers.

The nominating convention which witnesses the unfolding of the banner of Communism in the forthcoming presidential campaign will be an event of historic significance for our party and for the entire proletarian movement of America. More than that, it will be a signal to the entire world, and particularly to those countries and territories under the bondage of American imperialism, that a force is arising within its own borders which openly challenges its power and which will eventually overthrow it.

## One More Trust--Retail Chain Stores Form Merger

By SCOTT NEARING.

NEW YORK bankers and merchants announce a retail store chain with a capital of \$100,000,000. The chain will take over department stores and other merchandising enterprises throughout the United States.

The president of the new system says that large chains of department stores are inevitable; that 115 million people in the United States "depend upon the retail stores for the commodities necessary for their daily life and comfort"; hence there is no reason why an association of department store owners cannot establish an economic organization that will rival General Motors or U. S. Steel as a unit of capitalist power. The new president adds a pious wish that the department store will not drive the independent retail dealer out of business.

American capitalism entered its monopoly phase immediately after the civil war. Canal building and

railroad building were its earliest expressions. Then came the organization of the Standard Oil Co. in 1870. From that year until 1901, when the U. S. Steel Corp. was organized, most of the important producing groups in the United States were trustified to a greater or less degree.

Development of Trusts.  
Retailing remained in the hands of small business men until after the Spanish-American war of 1898. The great impetus toward chain store organization came with the war of 1917. This latest announcement of department store consolidation is in line with the vigorous policy of centralizing retail business pursued by American financial interests the past 25 or 30 years.

Trustification took place first in the basic industries. Great outlays of capital were involved. The technical organization of railroads, steel mills and mass-production factories made competition by small rivals a virtual impossibility. Then the monopolists turned their attention to retailing. Here the problem was more diffi-

cult. A retail shop could be started with a few hundred dollars and a small line of credit. Hundreds of thousands were in existence. The retail dealer was willing to work from breakfast until late at night, 6 or 7 days a week, and at a miserable income. This competition was hard to meet.

Economists held that in such fields small enterprises would continue as in most European countries.

Monopoly Capitalism.  
Nothing of the kind happened. Instead of the growth, side by side, of small shops and worker cooperatives, on the European model, American retail trade went steadily to chain-store enterprises. Mail order houses, a unique American institution, proved immensely profitable; chain stores penetrated the grocery trade, the meat trade, the drug trade, the cigar trade, the candy trade; a great consolidation broke into the baking industry and virtually absorbed it. Merchandising went the way of other industries in the United States—the way of trustification.

How were the centralized merchandising agencies able to meet the competition of the small trader working his 16-hour day?

- (1) The big chains got large amounts of credit on liberal terms.
  - (2) They bought for cash in large quantities.
  - (3) They sold for cash and thus avoided slow accounts and bad debts.
  - (4) They utilized modern book-keeping.
  - (5) They hired and trained store managers whose work was outlined and routinized until to use Frederick W. Taylor's phrase, "it could be handled by a trained gorilla."
- The United States has been called the classical land of capitalism. Certainly capitalist concentration has gone on with surprising rapidity and it is evidently destined to cover every important field of American economic enterprise. The department store industry is the latest in a long line of instances where competitive capitalism has given way to monopoly capitalism—another step on the road to a cooperative commonwealth.