

RED CONVENTION TONIGHT

KNAPP BURNED CENSUS PAPERS, SAYS JANITOR

Destroyed Her Records, Worker Testifies

ALBANY, N. Y., May 24.—From the lips of Hugh Hawthorne, a janitor at Syracuse University, the jury at the second trial of former secretary of state, Florence E. S. Knapp, today heard how Mrs. Knapp herself burned census records, which the prosecution alleges were official census records.

The first woman state official is on trial a second time on a charge of stealing thousands of dollars in census funds.

Hawthorne, in addition to establishing that Mrs. Knapp herself had burned census records, declared that he had burned several boxes and bundles containing records at her direction. This is the second time since the beginning of the Knapp case that she has been directly connected with the destruction of census records.

The specific charge against Mrs. Knapp is that she stole a \$2,857 check made out to her step-daughter, Mrs. Clara Blanche Knapp, who declares that she never did any census work. Other evidence shows that Mrs. Knapp obtained \$17,000 of the \$24,000 paid to her relatives whom she was generous enough to place on the state payroll.

TAMMANY HEADS IN STREET GRAFT

Disclose Bribery in City Contracts

While evidence at the \$200,000,000 Tammany street cleaning graft investigation opening yesterday disclosed the existence of bribery in connection with the virtual purchase of contracts from responsible city officials, charges of the operation of a corrupt Tammany political ring in the Bronx were brought to the very doors of the democratic administration at a meeting of the Board of Estimate over which Mayor Jimmie Walker presided.

Admission by Frank C. Gannon, suspended superintendent of the Brooklyn Street Cleaning Department that he had received \$4,000 of an \$8,000 bonus paid to the Remsen Sand Company, of which he is part owner, for the privilege of dumping refuse on land owned by that concern, featured the opening session of the investigation into the operations of the street cleaning department.

Pays \$8,000 Bribe.

The Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, it was revealed, which has the contract with the city for the removal of refuse in Brooklyn, paid this amount to Gannon's firm. Gannon also admitted he knew that the contract itself had been "negotiated" between the firm and the city by Edward Junker, his brother-in-law, who received from the ash removal company a reward of \$1,000 for his services.

Junker, according to his own testimony was merely the "contact" man. Gannon, his brother-in-law, he intimated, had received the major reward. The "land" on which the refuse is being dumped, it was brought out, is a swamp. The company which has the contract with the city is paid at the rate of 58 cents per cubic yard. The contract amounts to many thousands of dollars weekly.

Mock Investigation. Commissioner James A. Higgins before whom the investigation is being conducted, at the opening of yesterday's session produced several checks made out to Junker and to Gannon's

Need Volunteer Help at Workers Center

Painters, carpenters and electricians are need at once to help in the alterations at the new Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. Those willing to volunteer should report this morning. Ask for Amron.

Centralia Lawyer



George Vanderveer, shown in the picture, was the attorney for the Centralia frame up victims, now in Walla Walla jail. The growing mass protest is expected soon to force open the doors of the penitentiary and compel the authorities to free the Centralia victims.

WORKER-PEASANT TROOPS GAINING

Canton Reactionaries Murder 162

SHANGHAI, May 24.—The workers and peasants troops have succeeded in defeating a detachment of Li Chai-sum's troops in the vicinity of Canton, according to information received here.

Martial law has been declared in Canton. Twelve labor leaders have been executed.

More than 150 persons, charged with "Communist activity," were executed on the island of Hainan, it is reported.

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.)

VANCOUVER, May 24.—The worker-peasant government in Swatow has sent a note to the commanders of the American and British military forces asking the immediate withdrawal of warships and marines from the city, according to a report received here by the Canadian Morning News, left wing Chinese newspaper.

PEKING, May 24.—A critical battle is being fought in the vicinity of the city of Hoken, 100 miles south of Peking, by the Kuomintang troops and the forces of General Chang Tso-lin.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A formal request that the United States convoke representatives of the European powers to "consider the Manchurian question" will be presented to Secretary of State Kellogg by Dr. C. C. Wu, special envoy of the reactionary Nanking regime.

Wu will be received by Kellogg late this week or early next, it was announced at the state department.

McnARY-HAUGEN UP AGAIN TODAY

May Try to Pass Bill Over Coolidge Veto

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A decision on the question of attempting to enact the McNary-Haugen Farm "Relief" Bill over the President's veto was postponed until tomorrow by the Senate Agriculture Committee today, due to the absence of farm bloc leaders. There were indications the Committee would recommend that no effort be made to enact the bill into law over the President's objections, as the feeling persisted that it cannot command the necessary two-thirds majorities in both branches of Congress.

The wealthy farming interests in the west are reported to be greatly disappointed at Coolidge's action, who for the second time in as many years showed his loyalty to his Wall Street masters by rejecting a bill that would have meant a victory for the farming lobby.

The McNary-Haugen bill had the support of such "spokesmen" for the farmers as the Pullman boss, Frank O. Lowden, Vice-President Dawes, Senator Curtis and Senator Watson.

Fascist Officials Admit Torturing Political Prisoners

MASS TRIAL OF 32 COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS

Torture Militants Who Were Jailed in Milan

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker.)
ROME, May 24.—The head of the Milan Security Police, Bocchini, has been appointed to investigate the tortures in police prisons and police responsibility in the Milan explosion.

He examined police officials who declared that political prisoners were tortured at the order of Nudi, Pacenza band which was also responsible for the explosion. Nudi is general-inspector in the Home Office and Pacenza is his subordinate.

Bocchini discovered that political prisoners were tortured in an underground chamber by the Milan police praesidium.

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker.)

ROME, May 24.—The great trial of the 32 members of the Executive Committee of the Italian Communist Party will be held in secret on May 28. Neither the public nor representatives of the press will be allowed at the trial.

Fascist newspapers will receive "official" reports. There will only be three defending attorneys for the defendants. The trial will last three days.

MINE GUILT TO BE COVERED UP

State to "Investigate" 200 Deaths

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MATHER, May 24.—Announcement by the state of Pennsylvania of a police investigation into the responsibility for the Saturday mine explosion which resulted in the death of over 200 miners was made yesterday by Deputy Secretary of Mining John Ira Thompson. That the so-called "investigation" will have for its purpose the complete "white-washing" of the open-shop company officials is seen in the fact that Thomas has ordered out all state rescue workers from the Mather Colliery Company pit and has turned the mine back to the company.

This is intended, no doubt, to permit the company sufficient opportunity to eliminate all traces of its guilt. The "investigation" will then declare the officials "innocent" of the killings.

Tragedy on Large Scale.

MATHER, Pa., May 24.—The pitiful procession of mothers, wives and children of the victims of the open-shop Mather mine file by the charred bodies, mutilated beyond recognition.

According to official count, 197 are known to be dead in Mather. Others still entombed, are not expected to survive.

Other new catastrophes bring the total death toll to 289.

In Kinver, Kentucky, more than 75 miners are trapped in the Black Mountain Mine. Four bodies of miners who had been thrown clear of their companions by the explosion which wrecked the level leading to the lateral on which the men worked.

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NEGRO, WHITE WORKERS FORCED APART

Southern Union Officials Destroy Solidarity by Prejudice

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 24.—Here within a stone's throw of the Alabama coal fields where labor conditions for both races are so bad that no sensible person would waste time on differences of race or color, Negro and white workers are separated by a chasm of racial prejudice and ignorance. Even organized Negro and white workers know scarcely anything of each other. Race prejudice is so prevalent among white union officials that they re-

Workers Have Narrow Escape At Varnish Plant



The picture shows the remains of what was formerly a varnish plant at 15 St. and 2nd Ave., Brooklyn. An explosion in a pulverizing machine caused the blow-up. Four employees barely escaped with their lives.

ANOTHER DEATH DUE TO RADIUM

Public Beginning to Demand Action

ORANGE, N. J., May 24.—With a suit of five doomed young women against the United States Radium Corporation for \$1,250,000 pending, it became known today that the death of Miss Elizabeth Dunne at a hospital in New York more than a year ago has been traced to the same plant.

Five Orange girls who were employed at the radium plant are victims of radium poisoning and doctors have pronounced their cases incurable.

Miss Dunne, who had formerly lived at Waterbury, Conn., was employed by a watch and clock company that used radium supplied by the Radium Corporation. At the time of her death the cause was given as radium poisoning but the case was considered of minor importance then. However, as a result of the connection with the present situation here, an investigation has been started in Connecticut to determine whether there are any radium poisoning cases among the watch and clock manufacturing centers there.

Meanwhile, with the almost certain death of Miss Grace Fryer, Mrs. Quinta McDonald, Miss Katherine Schaub, Miss Albina Larice and Mrs. Edna Hussman, and the possible poisoning of at least 100 others there is a mass feeling of protest rising.

There have been 14 deaths in Newark and Orange due to radium poisoning. Many other cases are now being treated at a local hospital.

The trial in the action brought by the radium victims is scheduled for Monday.

SCORES WALL ST. CONTROL OF CUBA

No marines need be sent to Cuba. More than one and a half billion American dollars already occupy "the sugar bowl of the world," making her president a lackey and her sovereignty a joke. So says Senator A. R. Ruiz, Cuban secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, in a statement on the present situation in Cuba given out today by the United States section of the league, with headquarters at 39 Union Square, New York.

"Wall Street alone has more than 150 million dollars invested in Cuba," adds Senator Ruiz, "and woe to the

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CALL FOR CLOAK SHOP CHAIRMEN CONFERENCE

The date for the first of the series of big conferences of shop representatives of the workers in the ladies' garment industry has been set in an official call issued yesterday by the National Organizing Committee.

These conferences, intended as the first organizational steps to be taken by the N. O. C., in its drive to rebuild the union destroyed by the right wing and the bosses, are to be called in every center where women's clothing is manufactured.

Conference June 2.

The declaration, which is signed by Louis Hyman, chairman, and Rose Wortis, secretary, calls upon the workers in the cloak and dress shops throughout Greater New York, whether they be union, non-union, or registered.

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I. L. D. ENDORSES HAYWOOD MEET

N. Y. Workers to Honor Leader at Memorial

A call for members of the International Labor Defense to attend the meeting at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., Friday night, June 1st, to honor the memory of William D. Haywood, Communist and founder of the I. W. W., was issued by James P. Cannon, executive secretary of the I. L. D., last night. Haywood died May 18th in Moscow.

"All his life Haywood was an enthusiastic supporter of the International Labor Defense," Cannon declared. "In fact the I. L. D. was launched after Haywood and several other comrades, including myself, discussed in Moscow the need of a labor defense organization in America."

"Ever since then he urged all workers to join the I. L. D. In a letter some time ago, he wrote, 'Members! more members!'

"One who has been placed in jeopardy as I have must keenly feel the power of organization. It was to an expression of solidarity on the part of the workers that I owe my life."

"Haywood was a man of gigantic energy. It was impossible to see him and not learn from him. He influenced every one in the labor movement. Only a few months ago I went to Walla Penitentiary to visit the I. W. W. workers confined there. The last thing they said to me when I left was, 'Give our regards to Bill when you write.' All of us will show our regards for Bill June 1st."

PHILA. FUR UNION IN PARLEY CALL

Endorses Boston "One Union Demand"

The resumption of the offensive of the fur workers in New York against the bosses and right wing for the re-establishment of the union has become more than a temporary outburst of resentment, events yesterday showed.

Demand Conference.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Philadelphia Local 53 a resolution was adopted to endorse the demands made by the Boston local on the general executive board. The Boston local demanded a conference of all International locals, which was to lay the basis for the rebuilding of the union. The Boston demand also stated that the war carried on by the International officialdom against the New York membership be immediately stopped, because the internal struggle was destroying the entire union.

The executive board of Local 53, it was learned, also intends to call a membership meeting of the local in order to secure the members' endorsement of its plan. This meeting will be held some time next week.

The New York furriers have in the past few weeks voted condemnatory resolutions at the meetings of even the right wing locals. They have also held protest demonstrations in spite of the police terror in front of the right wing Joint Council offices.

Right Wing Scared.

The last demonstration of about 1,000 fur workers in front of the Joint Council has thrown a scare into McGrady and Stetsky. The fact that on their own Joint Council delegates are also beginning to raise the demand for one union has caused the

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2 WHO GAVE OUT 'DAILY' ARRESTED

'Worker' Exposed Oil Strike Betrayal

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BAYONNE, N. J., May 24.—John Tammassi and Tom Borsirio were arrested yesterday before the Tidewater and Standard Oil Company plants here distributing copies of The DAILY WORKER containing an account of the betrayal of the Tidewater strikers by their company union leaders and generally exposing the speed-up and slave conditions in the oil trust.

Police under orders, it is believed, of the Standard Oil officials who practically control Bayonne, dispersed a group of other workers who were similarly engaged. Borsirio and Tammassi were then singled out for arrest. At a late hour last night they had not been released.

Twenty-five hundred Tidewater workers who struck last week against the inhuman conditions under which they are forced to slave at the plant of the Standard subsidiary were forced back Tuesday through the betrayal of the company union officials working together with the mayor of the city.

DEMONSTRATION AT MECCA TEMPLE OPENS BIG MEET

Comintern Hails Labor Gathering Here

In endorsement of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party, which opens with a mass demonstration at Mecca Temple tonight, the Political Secretariat of the Communist International has sent the following greetings to the convention:

Comintern Greetings.

"The Comintern greets the raising of the Communist banner in the election struggle in the United States. The American campaign comes at a time when the workers of Germany and France have shown their full confidence in the Communist Party leadership of the struggle against the

Nat'l Convention Notice

The National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will be opened with a welcome demonstration to the delegates at Mecca Temple, 133 West 55th St., tonight.

Many of the most prominent out-of-town delegates will address the meeting. The order of business for the Convention will be adopted. Music will be furnished by the Hungarian Workers Symphony Society of fifty. Every worker is welcome. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents to pay the expense of the meeting.

The convention will be continued at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. on Saturday and Sunday.

bourgeois parties and the reformists within the ranks of labor.

"Your fight is taking place in a country where the capitalists, with the full support of the American Federation of Labor and the leaders of the "socialist" party, are employing the most brutal oppression, as exemplified in the case of the seven years' agony and murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, in the measures taken against the heroic miners and by the cunning

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MORE SHOPS OUT IN DENTAL STRIKE

The workers in two more laboratories yesterday joined the strike of the 1,000 dental mechanics in New York and New Jersey now on strike for recognition of their union and better working conditions. With new additions to their ranks almost daily, the dental strikers are certain that the strike will be won, and that the Dental Owners' Association will be smashed.

Louis Greenberg, a dental laboratory owner, was yesterday released for trial on June 1, as a result of his assault on a striker.

Mediators of the state department of labor were again unsuccessful in attempting to settle the strike yesterday. The dental bosses have refused to negotiate, it was said by the union. Picketing by the dental strikers is being enthusiastically kept up.

BARBERS WIN IN 7 WEEKS STRIKE

After seven weeks of strike the Journeymen Barbers, members of Local No. 913, J. B. I. U. of A., of Brooklyn, New York, have returned to work under signed agreements, having gained a complete victory. During the seven weeks nearly 900 master barbers signed the agreement of this local union restoring the wage-out of \$5 to the \$25.00 weekly formerly paid, in addition to reinstating the working conditions, which prior to April 3rd, had been repudiated by the Independent Master Barbers' Association.

Boston Capmaker Meeting Condemns Zaritsky's Conspiracy to Wreck Union

MEMBERS EXPOSE RIGHT WING PLOT ON OPEN FLOOR

Will Fight "Submission To Bosses" Policy

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BOSTON, May 24.—The Boston capmakers at a membership meeting last night categorically condemned Max Zaritsky, president of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International for his campaign to destroy all local unions serving as stumbling blocks to his policies of submission to the employers, and for his numerous unsuccessful attempts to break the Boston union.

After a discussion lasting for many hours, in which Zaritsky and his clique in control of the International was denounced by the members from the floor, the meeting unanimously voted a resolution of condemnation of the union wreckers. The meeting was held in Capmakers' Hall, 28 Hayward Place.

In the discussion the membership showed that they will not be terrorized by the threats and intimidations used by Zaritsky and his clique in their attempt to force upon the members the acceptance of his plan of taking away the leadership of the local from the existing militant administration, and giving it over to his henchmen and appointees.

The recent intensification of the destructive activities of the right wing were clearly brought out. It was revealed that the "worthy" president ordered on May 9 a membership meeting with the supposed purpose of taking up trade questions of vital importance to Boston capmakers.

At this meeting Zaritsky tried to smuggle through a motion to give control of the local over to the General Board. But when the membership protested Zaritsky was forced to call a special meeting to consult members before he would make any such steps. Instead of such meeting he called a club meeting of his right wingers to which he also decoyed a small number of members.

There Zaritsky announced that he does not intend to call the promised meeting; that he is not going to keep his promises or be guided by the constitution. "The local," he declared, "is taken over already." He advised local officers to be ignored by the members; and that in a few days he will send one of his lieutenants to establish law and order in Boston.

It was also brought out how Zaritsky had visited the shops making preparations for his program through deals with bosses. How he canvassed members to come to his club meetings. The resolution adopted condemned Zaritsky's plan to do away with the forty hour week and introduce piece work into the trade. It condemns his intention to break up all locals which are resisting his plans of submission to the bosses. Resolution also expresses its solidarity with the four thousand members of local 43, who are fighting against Zaritsky's attempt to destroy their local, take away their right of managing their own affairs and safeguarding their hard-won conditions.

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firm to show that the above transactions had taken place.

Higgins, who has been assigned by Mayor Walker to "investigate" the graft in the street cleaning department after trying for nearly two weeks to stall off the investigation, is now seen to be preparing for an official "whitewash." Confirmation of this charge came with his announcement during yesterday's session that the head of the street cleaning department, Commissioner Alfred A. Taylor, known to be the leading figure in the \$200,000,000 graft ring, and who appeared at yesterday's hearings, was there at his (Higgins') personal invitation as an "official courtesy." Higgins paid a tribute to the head of the street cleaning department for his "aid and cooperation."

More Tammany Graft.

Charges that a political ring is operating in the Bronx of which Aldermanic President Joseph V. McKee and Borough President Bruckner, together with other Tammany politicians, are the leading figures were hurled in the teeth of Mayor Jimmie Walker at a meeting of the Board of Estimate yesterday.

Edwin Alexander, millionaire real estate operator of the Bronx, appearing before the board in support of a particular site for a new Court House, charged that no improvements could be made in the Bronx without the support of (and by implication) without bribing this ring.

Mail Pilot Killed in Crash in Fog



The picture shows the debris of the Atlanta-Washington-New York mail plane which went into a nose dive over Richmond, Va., and crashed to the earth. Edward J. Morrissey, the pilot was killed outright.

World Culture Gets Big Boost By Experiment

BOSTON, Mass., May 24.—Scholarship in American universities hit the high-water mark yesterday when Fred Smith, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology won the intercollegiate ice cream eating championship.

Smith, whose papa is a prosperous business man in Kansas City, claims to have accomplished the feat in the interests of the science of chemistry.

The scholar was in a Back Bay drug store when companions suggested the test.

By eating the three quarts and by the aid of a clinical thermometer, Smith found that the body temperature gradually steps downward and that a raccoon coat and a hot water bottle are great assets provided there is boiling water in the bottle.

MILL PICKETS GET 6 MO. SENTENCES

Jailing Angers 28,000 Textile Strikers

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 24.—The savage hatred of labor always manifested by the Massachusetts courts was again displayed Wednesday when Judge Milliken sent two strikers, both mothers, to prison for six months. This act has succeeded in awakening the resentment of the 28,000 textile workers on strike against a wage cut here, to the highest pitch since the strike first began, almost six weeks ago. They are Mrs. Angelina Tsoupreas and Mrs. Christina Simores. Frank Cunha, another striker was sentenced to 30 days.

Struggle Becoming Keener.

Although the International Labor Defense, which has volunteered the aid of its organization to the Textile Mills Committee in the task of providing legal aid and other defense work, has succeeded in obtaining the release of the three strikers on bonds of \$500 pending an appeal, a bitterness hitherto undeveloped is being displayed by the strikers. The lack of sharpness in the struggle till now is mainly due to the fact that there has been practically no scabbing in the strike, the walkout being practically 100 per cent effective.

Picketing this morning had a greater attendance than any of the last few days, in spite of the increased police cordon around the mills.

In addition to the prison sentences imposed the two women were fined \$45 and \$20 respectively. Two other women pickets arrested several days after the first arrests were fined \$60 and \$40 each. They are Mary Valente and Mary Silvia.

Cops Maltreat Women.

The two women were arrested May 10 while picketing the Pemaquid Mill. They had defended themselves against being manhandled by the police, one of whom subsequently testified that the women had scratched him, and that they had carried bricks, although admitting that the bricks were not used.

The Textile Mills Committee, which is a national body, organizing textile workers thruout the country, intends to announce that the New Bedford section in charge of the strike, will formally establish a New Bedford union, which will be part of the T. M. C. by affiliation, it was unofficially learned yesterday. It is believed that an official statement from the T. M. C. will be forthcoming in a few days.

The merchants, clergymen, and other interests depending for their very existence on the steady expenditure of the workers' wages, are continuing to organize "mediation committees" daily. The determination of the strikers, however, is such as to preclude the belief of an immediate ending of the struggle, unless the wage slash order of 10 per cent is unconditionally rescinded.

WORKERS PARTY MEET TONIGHT

Delegates from All States Here

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corruption of the labor aristocracy. "By developing the class struggle you are accelerating the growth of the Communist Party which fights against the capitalist offensive and Imperialist aggression in Nicaragua, Cuba and the whole Caribbean region as well as in the suppression of the Chinese revolution.

"Harmonious and strenuous work of all the Party forces, together with the most active elements of the working class, will spell success. Long live the Workers (Communist) Party."

Mass Demonstration.

Tonight Mecca Temple will witness one of the greatest working class demonstrations against capitalism and capitalist domination in government, that has ever taken place in the history of American labor. The mass demonstration, with thousands of workers as participants, will mark the formal opening of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party. The convention will mark a milestone in the struggle for working class independent political action in nominating candidates for the coming presidential election. A National Campaign Committee will also be selected.

Hundreds of delegates, members of the Workers (Communist) Party and delegations of militants from the trade unions, from the mines, textiles and other industries, and from fraternal organizations, who are to take part in the great opening demonstration in Mecca Temple, have arrived in New York City for this event.

The great auditorium of Mecca Temple has been hung with red banners and bunting and the walls and platform have been decorated.

Plans Completed.

Final plans for the opening of the convention have been completed and arrangements for the disposition of the vast crowd which, it is expected, will fill the large auditorium to overflowing, have been made. The committee in charge of the convention has issued an especially urgent appeal to all those participating in the convention to be present at 7.30 p. m. sharp.

After the preliminary celebration which will consist of singing and music by the Hungarian Workers' Symphony Orchestra of 50 musicians, a number of leaders of national standing in the revolutionary movement in the United States will address the convention. Among the speakers will be William Z. Foster, Ben Gitlow, B. H. Lauderdale, Ben Gold, Senator Charles E. Taylor, James P. Cannon, Scott Nearing, William F. Patton, Lovett Fort-Whiteman, Anita C. Whitney, W. W. Weinstein, Tom Rushton, Stanley Clark and Scott Wilkins. Jay Lovestone will be chairman.

Following the convention, a Red Welcome Fest will be held for the delegates on Saturday evening. The committee in charge of the welcome fest announces that it will be one of the liveliest receptions ever held in New York.

CORRUPTION UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME

"Leak" Traced to Booze Cellar in Gov. Fuller's State House

BOSTON, (FP) May 24.—The State House gang that danced in glee when Sacco and Vanzetti were burned, are up to their necks now in one of the biggest rum graft messes yet uncovered in 10 years of prohibition. Herman A. MacDonald, Gov. Fuller's hard boiled secretary, and Gen. Alfred F. Foote, commissioner of public safety, and in yesteryear an admirer of booze, are implicated by four Boston parsons in allegations that seized liquor stored in the State House basement has trickled into thirsty legislative throats.

Gen. Foote is the new head of the Massachusetts national guard and has charge of the state police patrol, the Bay State replica of the Pennsylvania cossackry. It was the state police patrol who did their stuff with a will on the day of

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION ARE ARRIVING HERE

O'Brien Of Arizona Visits Daily

The first delegate to the Workers' Party National Nominating Convention to arrive in New York, William O'Brien of Phoenix, Arizona, visited the Daily Worker office yesterday and discussed the labor situation in his state with the editors.

Conditions Bad

O'Brien, who is a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, local 1089, spoke on the situation in his own state. "Conditions in general," he said, "are pretty bad. Work in the mines is slow now. And the situation of the farmers in the state is even worse. They are being bled right and left by the Water-Users' Association, and by the other business interests which control the products of the farmers. Graft is evident everywhere.

"Only recently the Chamber of Commerce of Phoenix created a fake hullabaloo about a building boom in the city. Immediately thousands of men, mostly migratory workers, flocked to the city. Upon their arrival, they discovered the ruse, to their own loss.

"There is some building going on, but not enough to accommodate even a third of the workers in the city. Misleaders Control. "The unions are weak. For the most part they are controlled by reactionary officials, men under the control of the American Federation of Labor."

B. H. Lauderdale, of Texas, also arrived here. He will speak at the huge mass meeting to be held this evening in Mecca Temple.

MINE BOSSES TO BE CLEARED

State Ready to Apply "Whitewash"

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were taken out of the mine. The others are still buried under debris.

Another explosion in the non-union mine of the Yukon Pochontas Coal Company in West Virginia, cost 17 more lives, according to incomplete reports received at the office of the National Miners' Relief Committee. It is believed that many others are still buried in the pit.

A cave-in at the old Alpha shaft of the Consolidated Copper Mines at Kimberly, Nevada, cost four more lives. According to reports received here, working conditions at this mine are highly dangerous. This million-dollar corporation has neglected all safety precautions. Officials at practically all of these mines were quick to say that their mines had recently been "thoroughly" rock-dusted, "and the explosion, no doubt, was caused by gas and not by coal dust."

But the miners tell another story. "Sure they rock-dusted the mine—near the mouth," one Mather miner declared.

All Non-Union.

All four mines are operated non-union. Throughout the strike fields, miners are talking about the boys who lost their lives in the scab pits, principally because there were no pit committees to insist upon safety precautions.

The National Miners' Relief Committee is standing behind the strikers in their fight for safe working conditions, a strong union and decent wages. Anthony P. Minerich, chairman of the committee, urges that contributions be sent to the relief office at 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., so the work may be continued and expanded, and to save the coal diggers from returning to non-union mines.

Whose Fault Will It Be If It Falls?



The picture shows the giant plane, Jesus del gran poder, in which the Spanish captains, Iglesias and Jimenez, plan a record non-stop flight. Cardinal Iduain is shown ordering "God" to keep the plane from falling.

SHOP DELEGATES CALLED TO MEET

Organize Cloak Trade At Conference

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ed to elect immediately representatives to the conference which will begin Saturday morning, June 2 in Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave.

After relating how the National Organizing Committee was formed at the conference of rank and file representatives and delegates locked out of the fake convention of the Sigmans and Schlesingers in Boston, and after announcing that all elements really wanting a union have already joined in the work to be carried out by the N. O. C., the call for the conference declares:

"The workers in the cloak and dress industry now realize that they have no one but themselves to look to for aid in the struggle for living conditions. The time has come when our ranks must be strengthened to conduct the same spirited struggle with which they have been known to fight the bosses for bread and the right to live."

Chicago Workers Meet.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 24.—A large mass meeting, attended for the first time by hundreds of workers formerly inactive because of the right wing terror, was held here Wednesday night. The meeting was addressed by Louis Hyman, chairman of the national organizing committee, Joint Board Manager Levin and other leaders of the left wing delegation barred from the fake right wing convention.

After hearing a report of the plans of the N. O. C. for re-building the union, and after listening to Hyman's estimation of the Sigman convention, which accomplished only the creation of two new vice presidents, and the unanimous voting of a tax of 3 days pay, the assembled workers unanimously voted to join actively the fight led by the N. O. C. for the regaining of union conditions.

Tolerance Group Calls Meet.

A big mass meeting of registered workers has been called by the Tolerance Group, which formerly was a part of the right wing Sigman union and is now affiliated with the National Organizing Committee. The meeting will be held in Cooper Union, Astor Place and Fourth Ave., Monday evening immediately after work. A record attendance is expected.

Senate Passes Postal Pay Bill Despite Veto

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The senate today passed the postal pay increase bill over President Coolidge's veto by a vote of 70 to 9.

The bill became a law by the senate's action, as the house yesterday enacted it over the veto by a vote of 319 to 42. The bill will increase the pay of night workers in the postal service.

Arrest 5 Children for Distributing Leaflets

Five members of the Young Pioneers were arrested Wednesday at Simpson Ave. and Southern Blvd. while distributing leaflets for an open air meeting.

The Pioneers were taken to the Children's Court, the Bronx, where three were discharged and two released overnight to their parents. The two children, Isidor Axelrod and Adolph Searchin, appeared in the Children's Court this morning, where they were defended by Jacques Buitenkant, representing the International Labor Defense. The case was dismissed.

Young Pioneers' Outing

An outing for members of the Young Pioneers and other workers' children will be held Saturday at Pelham Bay Park in celebration of International Children's Week.

The Young Pioneers will meet outside of Pelham Bay Park promptly at 10 a. m. A large attendance is expected and all Young Pioneers are urged to help make the outing a success.

STARR GETS SUBS TO 'DAILY WORKER' IN NEW TERRITORY

Workers in Two Jersey Cities Eager For Paper

Having made inroads in territory never penetrated before, Arthur Starr, special DAILY WORKER subscription agent, arrived in the business office of the Daily yesterday with 26 new subscriptions.

The 26 subscriptions were all the result of a few days' work in Newark and Plainfield, N. J. Fifteen new readers were secured in Newark and 11 in Plainfield. The Plainfield subscriptions are particularly significant as there have never before been subscribers to THE DAILY WORKER in this city. No unit of the Workers (Communist) Party exists in Plainfield and this was therefore virgin territory.

Starr, who is a student in the National Training School, is one of the 12 special DAILY WORKER agents now covering various parts of the country in the Daily's new subscription drive. He reports that both in Newark and Plainfield, particularly the latter city, workers showed unusual interest in the paper. Among the 11 subscriptions secured in Plainfield were three for striking miners, an evidence that the workers are following the struggles of the striking miners and the efforts of THE DAILY WORKER to provide them with the only English language newspaper that fights on their side.

Starr has returned to his territory and promises to send many more subscriptions. He, as well as the other DAILY WORKER agents, should be aided in every possible way by all class-conscious workers.

SCHWAB'S POLICE EXTEND TERROR

Clubs Respect Neither Women Nor Children

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 22.—Coal and iron policemen, attached to the Slickville mine of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation, now roam the highways clubbing strikers and strike sympathizers found on the public thoroughfares.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of May 17, Mike Evanovich, a striking miner was driving in his car with three other men through Slickville, where one of Charlie Schwab's mines is located. Coal and iron police stopped his machine and peremptorily ordered him to let them get into his car. Evanovich refused.

Beaten—Arrested.

The "yellow dogs" then struck him on the face bringing blood from his nose. They pulled him out of his car and hit him with blackjacks. Then they compelled him to drive his car to the company jail. There he was lodged in the cellar, beaten with fists and knocked down.

Schwab's thugs then brought him a book which he was asked to read. The coal and iron police boasted that they had more power than the state constabulary and had power of arrest on public highways as well as on company property.

"Arithmetic" Used.

Evanovich was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. On the first charge he was fined \$5,000 by a company squire and the addition of costs brought the amount to \$12,000.

Tony Morelli, another striking miner, was stopped by coal and iron police while driving his car through Slickville, accompanied by three other miners. Morelli was hit in the arm with a blackjack and dragged from his car. The four miners were taken to the office of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation, beaten and let go without having any charges preferred against them. There were four "yellow dogs" and one deputy sheriff in the gang.

Morelli and his wife have been beaten by coal and iron police several times recently.

Also Dynamite.

The operators, through their hired thugs, are trying to terrorize the miners. They do not stop even at attempted murder. On the morning of May 16, dynamite was exploded on a road between two strikers' homes in Slickville.

Discontent among the miners in Slickville is growing. The bosses are going through the mines warning the coal diggers that they will drive every strike sympathizer and every member of the "Save-the-Union Committee" out of Westmoreland county. The miners declare that their fight to organize in Westmoreland county has only started.

MUSCLE SHOALS BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A slightly modified Muscle Shoals bill was reported today by the house and senate conferees following a second session to iron out differences in the bill as it passed the two branches.

100 Militants Are Arrested in Argentina at Request of Fascist Ambassador

BOMBING EXCUSE TO BREAK DOCK WORKERS STRIKE

Explosion May Be Plot Of Fascist Agents

BUENOS AYRES, May 24.—After the Italian Ambassador Count Martin-Franklin had issued a statement attributing the bombing of the Italian consulate to anti-fascists, the police here arrested more than a hundred workers active in the radical movement.

The arrests were made on a particularly broad scale because of the transport strikes in Buenos Ayres, Rosario and Santa Fe, which have alarmed the authorities in the three cities.

BUENOS AYRES, May 24.—Two separate bombing attacks were made in Buenos Ayres yesterday. The first against the Italian Consulate, in which five persons were killed, and the second against the Boca branch of the Nueve Banca.

Thirty-five persons were injured in the explosion at the consulate, and of these, two died later in the hospital, bringing the total deaths in the first attack to seven.

The Italian bank where the second bomb exploded is located in the southeastern section of the city, and is largely patronized by Italian residents of Buenos Ayres.

The explosion took place in the cellar. The building was crowded at the time. Two of the dead were immigrants. The wounded included Giacomo Frangiolo, a clerk, and Capt. Nicoletti.

Whether or not the bombs were planted by Mussolini agents, as is believed to have been the case in the Milan bombings, or whether the bombing was done by misguided opponents of the fascist regime is unknown.

HOOVER FUND STILL RISING

Now Over \$300,000, Testimony Proves

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Herbert Hoover's slush fund continues to rise. Testifying before the senate committee that is conducting an alleged investigation of presidential campaign expenditures, Claudus H. Huston, of Texas and New York, a Hoover backer, declared that he had received \$51,500 in contributions to the Hoover fund.

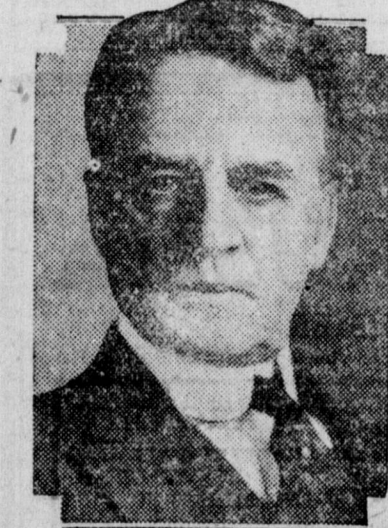
This places the total Hoover figure at \$300,745, the highest sum thus far admitted by any of the candidates.

FASCIST ATTEMPT ALARMS FRENCH

MARSEILLES, May 24.—Protest against the activities of fascist agents in stirring up separation sentiment on the island of Corsica has taken the form of a huge mass meeting to urge that the fascists be banished from the island. The protest came as the result of French action in suppressing the fascist paper, Il Telegrafo, which the authorities allege attempted to interfere in the recent election campaign.

While it is believed that the island is thoroughly French in feeling and does not desire a union with Italy, the action of the fascist agents has caused considerable alarm among the French officials.

Wall St. Envoy



Dwight Morrow (above) has left Mexico City for Washington where he will hold a series of conferences with State Department officials. Morrow was formerly a partner in J. P. Morgan and Co. He is still carrying out Wall Street's dictates.

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Force Loan on Nicaraguan Workers



Secretary of State Kellogg (left) and Major General McCoy (right) conferred yesterday on the question of imposing a large loan on Nicaragua. Most of the money will go for the payment of fictitious loans to American claimants.

'SANDINO STAMPS' "TRY" COMMUNIST ON POSTAL CARDS

Anti-Imperialist League Sejm Hands Leader to Fascist Courts

"Sandino Stamps" will continue to be sent through Uncle Sam's mails, the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, 39 Union Square, originator of the stamps, announced yesterday.

Designed for use as stickers on envelopes, the stamps show a marine's huge tomahawk boot crushing trees, buildings and people in its path, and bear the legend: "Protest Against Marine Rule in Nicaragua."

Post Office authorities returned Sandino-stamped envelopes, undelivered to the senders, and were upheld last week by the refusal of the courts to grant the league an injunction against this censorship.

With Sandino stamps on envelopes definitely banned, the administrative committee of the league has decided to print a facsimile of the original stamp on the reverse side of government postal cards. Sale of these cards will be pushed as soon as they are received from the printer.

Commenting on the decision, Manuel Gomez, secretary of the league said: "In denying our plea for an injunction, Federal Judge Thomas D. Thatcher based his decision on an affidavit from Secretary of State Kellogg, swearing that there is no 'Marine Rule' in Nicaragua."

MAXIM GORKI TO LEAVE FOR USSR

BERLIN, May 24.—Maxim Gorki, well-known Russian novelist, has left Berlin for Moscow. For several years he lived in Sorrento, Italy, for his health.

Gorki is a warm supporter of the Soviet Union. Recently his birthday was honored throughout the Soviet Union. He had the honor of being the first author to have his portrait engraved on a postage stamp.

To Protest Kun Arrest

CHICAGO, May 24 (FP).—Labor and liberal protests against the arrest of Bela Kun, Communist leader, in Vienna, will be voiced in Chicago at a mass meeting tomorrow.

"TRY" COMMUNIST POLISH DEPUTY

Sejm Hands Leader to Fascist Courts

MOSCOW, May 24.—The Polish Sejm decided by a vote of 161 against 145 to hand over the Communist member Bratchinsky to the courts.

Bratchinsky is accused of being a member of the Communist Party and taking part in the tenth anniversary celebrations in Moscow, where he received the Order of the Red Flag for Lantzutsky.

NO PARCEL POST PACT WITH CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba, May 24.—No renewal of the parcel post treaty with the United States can be considered which does not include a reciprocity agreement, General Jose Montalvo, postmaster general of Cuba, told the American Chamber of Commerce here.

Declaring that the United States had violated the spirit of the parcel post treaty by unrestrained importations, Montalvo asserted that no renewal was possible unless the United States government changed its attitude.

IRISH OFFICIALS IGNORE PETITION

DUBLIN, May 24.—The government of the Irish Free State has frustrated an attempt of Eamon de Valera to present a petition to the Dail Eireann calling for abolition of the oath of allegiance to the king. The application to present the petition was based on article XLVIII of the Free State Constitution which authorizes a referendum on the request of 75,000 voters.

The signatures were collected, but Professor W. E. Thrift moved that the petition be not presented until the government had considered a procedure for such cases. The Dail passed the motion.

It is understood that the government will work to delete article XLVIII as likely to prove embarrassing in the future.

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PLAN U. S. LOAN FOR ENSLAVING NICARAGUA PEONS

Kellogg, McCoy and Bankers Confer

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Special arrangements for the complete economic enmeshment of Nicaragua thru a proposed loan of \$12,000,000 were given a new impetus at yesterday's conference between leading officials of the United States state department cooperating with leaders of several large financial interests. Secretary of State Kellogg, Dr. W. W. Cumberland, who has recently completed a financial survey of Nicaragua in the interest of the New York bankers and Brigadier-General Frank R. McCoy, chosen by President Coolidge to "superintend" the pending elections in Nicaragua, were at the conference.

The long projected loan by the American financiers to the Nicaraguan regime placed in power by the American marine corps was the chief topic of discussion and it is intimated that announcement of the loan may be forthcoming in the near future. It is generally estimated that the loan will amount to at least \$12,000,000.

Dr. Cumberland, reporting favorably on the power of the Nicaraguan authorities to raise the loan by taxes on the peons, increased by customs duties, urged the practicability of lending the money. He pointed out that while \$6,089,000 would be used for the consolidation of debts incurred by the leaders of the government, approximately \$6,000,000 would still be free for consolidating American power throughout the country by thorough organization of the Nicaraguan constabulary officered by Americans, by reimbursing the United States for expenses incurred in superintending the Nicaraguan election, and by a full payment of all American claims for alleged damages incurred during the recent fighting.

After outlining the sources by which the American bankers will secure the proposed loan, Dr. Cumberland added that the Nicaraguan cost of maintaining the projected Nicaraguan railroad to the east coast would be \$900,000 per year more than operating expenses. He therefore indicated the fruitful possibilities for investment of American capital in constructing a parallel causeway to Bluefields.

The bankers, Secretary Kellogg and Brigadier-General McCoy are said to have found themselves in perfect accord on the Nicaraguan loan.

HAMBURG POISON GAS INTENDED FOR SPAIN

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BERLIN, May 24.—The social-democratic organ, the Vorwarts, is attempting to use the poison gas catastrophe in Hamburg as propaganda against the Soviet Union. It has been proved, however, that the phosgene gas was being supplied to Spain for its imperialist war in Morocco. The last deliveries of the gas to the Soviet Union were made in 1923.

The gas factory Trotsk in the Soviet Union was closed down in 1923.

BERLIN, May 24.—Following

cabinet discussion of the poison gas explosion at Hamburg when the whole population was menaced it was officially stated today that neither the German government nor the Reichswehr was involved in the storage of the phosgene gas.

A statement in the German press, which was said to have been officially inspired, demands an international agreement prohibiting the use of poison gas in warfare.

Some of the 250 asphyxiated victims in the hospitals at Hamburg are undergoing acute agony as a result of breathing the fatal fumes.

IMPLICATE MORE IN DONETZ PLOT

Kalganov Says Czarists Gave Orders

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker). MOSCOW, May 24.—Many others of the accused in the Donetz Basin conspiracy were seriously compromised by detailed testimony given by Kalganov, whose examination was continued yesterday.

The defense lawyers attempted unsuccessfully to confuse Kalganov. Kalganov had declared that those who had participated in the conspiracy had acted in accordance with instructions from former mine owners who first desired to keep the mines intact but who later demanded the reduction of coal production by all possible means including the destruction of machinery.

Samilov, former mine owner, was then examined. He admitted all of the charges levelled against him. He declared that the sabotage was possible because the control over the higher engineers was superficial.

SUPPRESS POSTER TO AID BELA KUN

VIENNA, (By Mail).—Placards posted up by the International Red Aid on behalf of Bela Kun were confiscated by the Viennese police. Leaflets intended for distribution among workers were also confiscated. The Austrian government is using every means to suppress the protest against the imprisonment of Bela Kun.

MASS UNREST ON RISE IN INDIA; TROOPS MENACING

Sympathy Spreads For Textile Strikers

BOMBAY, May 24.—The strike of the textile workers at Bombay, Sholapur and other large industrial centers continues unbroken in spite of the persistent efforts of the government police and troops to terrorize the strikers.

Thousands of men and women, workers in the huge Bombay mills, some of the largest in India, are maintaining their strike altho the agents of the British authorities are endeavoring to spread discontent talk among the workers.

Detachments of police and troops, who maintain a menacing attitude towards the strikers, have failed to break the strike which is reported to be stronger today than ever.

Sympathy for the striking textile workers has spread thru all sections of the Indian working class and is leading to a rapid rise in mass resentment throughout the country. The government has repeatedly evinced alarm at the number of local disturbances which have indicated the growing unrest.

Fear is still expressed by the authorities that the workers on the Indian railroads will walk out in sympathetic strike with the textile workers.

Dictator's Son Travels

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, May 24.—A lavish entertainment has been given by the British governor here to General Jose Vicente Gomez, son of the Venezuelan dictator and former vice-president. Gomez left Venezuela after his father abolished the office of vice-president. It was intimated that a disagreement between the two politicians had arisen over the recent disturbances in the country. Gomez is on his way to Europe.

SAVE 320 WORKERS ON WRECKED SHIP

280 Chinese Laborers Saved; Ship Doomed

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The lives of 40 members of the crew and 280 Chinese cannery laborers, aboard the sailing ship "Star" of Falkland, which went on the rocks in Unimak Pass, Bering Sea, have been saved, according to advices received here today by the Alaska Packers' Association, owners of the vessel.

Rescue ships, reports stated, responding to the windjammer's wireless calls, succeeded in taking all hands off the imperiled craft. The ship itself is believed to be a total loss.

Sacred Property

WASHINGTON, May 24 (FP).—Sen. Tydings of Maryland, corporation democrat and eager defender of all vested private interests, shouted during debate on the Muscle Shoals power development and fertilizer bill, "You would confiscate private property!"

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WORKERS COULD NOT SLEEP BEFORE SENDING AID IF THEY SAW NEW BEDFORD STRIKE NEED

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (By mail).—I am enclosing one of the handbills given out by the relief for the strikers in New Bedford. Maybe you can use it? We are still all on strike and will stay on strike until we get our demands. You know, comrade, that if they cut our wages, which are now about \$17 a week, ten percent, we can't live. We would have to move away from here or just die. If all the workers could see what goes on here they could not sleep before they sent us help.
 —MEIXOS.

handbill from New Bedford. It is issued by the Workers International Relief which is supplying food and clothing to the textile strikers. The address of the Relief is 12 Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, Mass.

Joseph Madeires and wife have nine children, the oldest 16 years, the youngest 7 weeks. This family of eleven has been living on the wages of the father, which were \$17.00 before the strike. He was employed as a speed tender in the Potomska Mills.

There are thousands of such families in New Bedford, Mass., where 30,000 textile workers are on strike against a 10% wage-

cut, the second one this year.

Since the war there have been four wage-cuts totaling 45%, and now another wage-cut is being forced upon these already miserably under-paid workers.

Well known economists estimate that it takes \$1,800 a year to keep a family of five in food, clothing and shelter on a very moderate basis. One naturally asks how a family of eleven lives on \$17.00 a week, which, when lost days are discounted, amounts to about \$950 a year. The answer is that they do not live—they just exist. Their food lacks nourishment, their clothing is poor and mostly rags, although they weave the finest of cloth. Their housing is unsanitary, overcrowded, without baths, and very

poorly furnished. Thus they habitate, existing without joy of life.

Is it any wonder they are on strike? Ten per cent off the present wage means \$15.30 a week. Some strikers say, we might just as well drown our children and ourselves as die a slow death by starvation.

We urge you to send us as large a contribution as possible, so that we can bring bread and milk to the children and a little soup to the adults. With your help we can do it.

WORKERS INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FOR NEW BEDFORD TEXTILE STRIKERS.

Hell Is No Worse Than Working in Steel Mills Is Opinion of Correspondent

BETHLEHEM STEEL WORKERS SLAVES OF BOSS GREED

Labor for Famine Wages at Blazing Furnaces

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 BALTIMORE, Md., (By Mail).—Sparrows Point, Maryland, where the Bethlehem Steel Co. is located strikes you as an impressive place especially at night. It seems like the so-called HELL. You must cross a large body of water to get on the Sparrows Point, and after you arrive a feeling comes over you that this is another little world of its own that belongs to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. If you don't believe it, just inquire from the army of company police that is owned by the Bethlehem. Every building, house, theatre, grocery store, hardware store, dry goods store, drug store, garage, fire department, court and even the ten churches belong to the Bethlehem.

Hell. To get a real impression of Hell—move to the center of Sparrows Point and look around within the radius of a mile or two and see all the different departments sending out their fire sky high. The flame and glare from the furnaces illuminate the whole surroundings. Over there is the open hearth dept., where many furnaces stand in a row under a giant building, are aglow day and night melting the scrap iron, copper and other minerals that go to make steel.

There is the bar mill, where the iron is taken from the solid ingot form and heated and then rolled into bars or slabs. They have a rail mill here that is one of the most modern in the country.

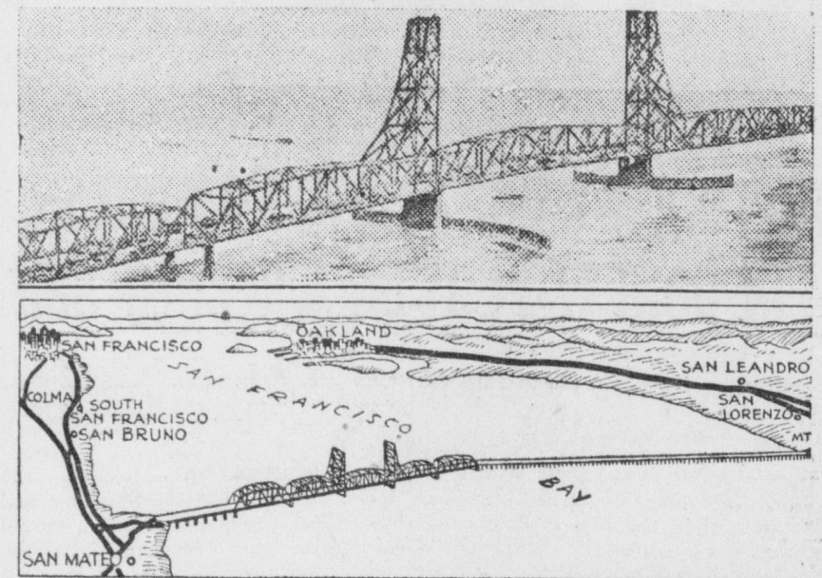
Another giant department that is practically an industry by itself takes bars of iron and with modern machinery makes wire and nails that would astonish the average human. A slight example of one little department in this wire mill where they make nails not more than thirty-five or forty men are engaged in turning out fifteen hundred kegs of nails in ten hours. Machinery does the trick. Ah! The bosses are all smiles when they walk through this department and see a hundred machines running full blast and hardly a man in sight.

4 Blocks Long. Over there is Tin Mill Junction, a building that has a length of four city blocks. In this building stands forty-eight giant furnaces where iron bars about a half-inch thick and two and a half feet long and a foot wide are placed in the back through a door on a moving platform goes through the furnace and after a certain length of time is heated enough to be rolled out to the shape of tin. Each furnace has seven to eight men in front who roll the iron through a certain rolling and doubling process until it has assumed the proper gauge tin. The seven men compose a group and get paid according to how much good tin they make. If you step into the tin mill and watch these workers at this job, a thought comes to you that something is wrong in Denmark.

Eight solid hours these men keep at a furious pace handling red hot bars in front of furnaces that are throwing out an intense heat. The air is stifling. There is so much smoke due to inadequate ventilation that you can hardly see the men on the next furnace. Every man in light undershirts, sweating, dirty, wild eyed rushing, anxious for high tonnage. Real automatons. The tonnage is fixed by the bosses at such a rate that the most skilled worker on the furnace gets \$6 while the others in the group earn from \$4.25 to \$5.50 for eight hours.

In the olden days when horses were quite common, I saw horses tug at heavy loads, and sweat, but in Bethlehem it is a common sight to see men work as if inhuman, strain, work fast, sweat, swear, and all for a few slices of bread. Some price to pay. Pipe Mill. They have a shipyard down here. The blast furnaces down here stand out along the docks where huge scow shovels reach down and empty a ship in very little time. Here the crude ore is run through a process in the blast furnace, and after melted poured into a ladle and sent right over to the open hearth, melted and poured into the furnace. Compare this method to some mills where they have to buy the pig iron from another company and melt the pig iron in their own furnaces. Here they just take the iron that ordinarily make pig iron and put in the melted form right in the furnace. The pipe mill here turns out

Where Workers Slave Long Hours At Low Wages



Workers are the slaves who are realizing the latest engineering triumph of American capitalism. The project is the new bridge which when completed will span San Francisco Bay, carrying the road from San Francisco to Hayward in Alameda County. It is reputed to be the longest highway bridge in the world. To finish the job as quickly as possible, the contractors speed up the bridge workers inhumanly. The pictures show two sketches of the projected bridge.

Calls Longshoreman Union Delegate an Official Bookie

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 Mr. Frank Madann is the delegate of Local 856 of the International Longshoremen's Association, I. L. A. Of all the delegates he is the most hated by the rank and file. He is not at all interested in trade unionism. Instead of coming among the longshoremen and trying to organize them into the union, the fellow tries to urge the workers to bet on horse races. On the bets he makes money. When a worker complains about mistreatment on the job and violation of the union rules, Mr. Frank Madann tells him in plain English, "Keep quiet and go to hell." If you protest you

are given a "physical examination" by some strong arm guys. Some time ago the membership of the Local protested against Madann for his negligence in attending to his functions as a delegate. Madann then made a gesture of attending to his work. He did nothing of the kind, however. Now he is pursuing the same old tactics again. This will keep on until the longshoremen elect men who are real trade unionists and not bookies in office. It is about time we did something to kick out Joseph P. Ryan, Madann and the rest of the gang from the union. —J. O'S AND A. B. S.

thousands of feet of pipe a day. The pipe mill is reputed here for needing less than fifty per cent of men that is ordinarily required in other pipe mills. Then there is the big steel mill where heavy iron plate is made from the rough bar form. There is a big gas plant here where they make the energy to drive all the machinery and fire for the furnaces. Here is ten or twelve giant industries in itself of the iron family that only 15,000 men are employed in and it would be safe to say that fifteen years ago these same industries without modern machinery such as this place is equipped with would necessitate the employment of 100,000 men.

There are a great number of workers who live in the company-owned houses, while there is also a great mass of workers who come down from Baltimore each day on the street car line. Steel workers don't get up 9 or 10 a. m., like bankers, we get up at 5 a. m., if the on the day shift, in order to get breakfast and take the hour ride down to the mill. Its funny how all of us fall asleep on the car until we hit the Point, then automatically and disregarding the "No Smoking" sign on the car, everybody begins to light up a cigarette as though to nerve themselves for the day's task. This winter the cold winds blew off the bay and sent us scurrying up the long slushy roads to the different departments and we would run to escape the discomfort of the weather, only to step in the mill to enjoy a real discomfort of the clanging of bells, the shrieking of whistles, cranes running up and down overhead with tons of iron on small slings of wire, the heat that radiated from the furnace felt comforting at first but then with the new shift coming on and a warming up started, we were forced to stand in front of the small air pipes that are meant for cooling us off. The shift that finished was happy to leave, but when they left with their sweaty bodies and open pores out in the cold the expression on their face changed. Even the climates are against us. Pneumonia, severe colds and cramps are our lot. Starvation Pay. Workers whose duties confine them close to the furnace work eight hours; such as in the tin mill, sheet mill and open hearth. It would be the wrong impression, however, to suppose that furnace workers get eight hours because the boss has any particular love for them and it would be wrong to believe that eight hours is the standard here in Bethlehem. Only twenty-five per cent of the men work eight hours while the others work from ten to thirteen hours not counting a half hour extra for lunch. It is a well established fact that the boss would have a greater tonnage daily if they

PACKING-HOUSE MEN ARE SLAVES IN SIOUX CITY

Have to Lay-off Every Third Day of Speed-up

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 SIOUX CITY, Iowa, (By Mail).—As a comrade and a worker I will endeavor to describe conditions in Sioux City. As is to be expected, the packers dominate and run this city. Being the largest employers of labor, they set the wage scale for the rest of the bosses, and you can be sure that it isn't too high. They pay from thirty-seven and one-half cents to forty-two and one-half cents for unskilled labor, and up to seventy-three cents for skilled labor.

The speed-up system here is terrific. In some departments they drive the workers to such an extent that the men have to lay off about every third day as they can't stand the grind. Whenever they think that any of the men are getting too friendly with one another, they lay off a whole bunch of them, for they are afraid that there might be some labor activity going on in the quiet.

It is very hard to organize inside the packing plant, as there are so many stool-pigeons posted all over. Because of the economic pressure the bosses can put on men with families to support, so many of the men are afraid to attempt to organize. But conditions are ripe for it, for the men are all in a discontented mood and receptive to propaganda. There ought to be one grand house-cleaning clear down the line from Green to the smallest craft official. —FENTON.

LABOR PARTY IS ONLY HOPE FOR WORKING CLASS

Tammany Bosses Use Workers as Pawns

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 Many workers are under the impression that Tammany Hall will do personal favors for them if they are in good with the Tammany Hall bosses. I, too, was under that impression once. I was once a member of one of the Tammany clubs in New York City. I always voted the democratic ticket. I knew that Tammany wasn't very honest, but still I had hopes that, if I was in good with them, I would some day receive a personal favor.

About two years ago I was unemployed. I tried all over to find a job, but I was unsuccessful. I decided to apply for a city job. I told one of the captains of my district about it, and he told me that he would use his influence in my behalf. After hearing this promise I filed an application for a job in the street cleaning department with the Civil Service Commission.

It is already two years since I was examined and I am still on the waiting list. The politician who promised to use his influence in my behalf did nothing for me. He told me that he was not able to do anything for me because there are too many men on the waiting list for city jobs. Let my instance be an example to other workers who may expect personal favors from Tammany Hall. The politicians cannot and will not do anything for you. They are not interested in you at all. They are only willing to use you as a tool for their own crooked ends. I am now in favor of a Labor Party and would support it in its coming election. —A WORKER.

"The Phantom Lover", Kaiser's New Opus Slated for Broadway

"The Phantom Lover," by George Kaiser, will be seen here early in September. Under the title of "Oktober-tag," this latest play of Kaiser's is running successfully in Germany. Kaiser is best remembered in this country as the author of "From Morn to Midnight," which the Theatre Guild presented a few seasons ago.

Jane Barry, who was recently in "Box Seats" at the Little Theatre, has been selected by the Society of Cultural Relations to study for one year at the Meyerhold Theatre, Moscow. Miss Barry will sail for Russia in the fall.

Kathleen Kirkwood, director-producer of "Ten Nights in a Barroom," at Wallack's Theatre is staging her next Triangle production, a revue with music, "Bare Facts of History," which will be presented at her Triangle Theatre the end of June. Adam and Eve, Cleopatra, Mark Antony and others will play important roles. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is in rehearsal now under Miss Kirkwood's direction and will be offered shortly on Broadway.

The annual convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators will be held in Moose Temple, Detroit, Mich., June 4. A large delegation from New York will attend the meeting. The executive board will meet a week ahead of the opening of the convention.

George White's new "Scandals" is now in rehearsal and will open in Atlantic City June 11. This year's edition was written by the same group that evolved the show a year ago, B. G. De Sylva, Ray Henderson, Lew Brown, William K. Wells and White himself. The revue is due on Broadway late in June.



Featured player in "The Road to Rome," Robert Sherwood's comedy which returned to the Playhouse Monday night.

AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre Guild presents Eugene O'Neill's Play, **Strange Interlude**. Job Golden Theatre, 58th St. E. of Broadway. Evenings Only at 8:30. ALL THIS WEEK **VOLPONE**. Guild Theatre, 22d St. Eves. 8:30. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30. Week of May 28: "Marco Millions".

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Local International Labor Defense Increases Its Activity Throughout the City

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The various branches of the New York Section of the International Labor Defense are showing great activity according to Rose Baron, secretary. Mass meetings and conferences, as well as social events, are giving evidence of the increased scope of the work of many of the branches. Great progress is being made by the Brownsville branch. This branch recently held a conference to consider the question of the persecution of workers throughout the world. Resolutions were passed demanding the release of the Fromada prisoners in Poland, Bela Kun in Austria and Mooney and Billings in the United States. It was also decided to hold a big mass meeting on June 1st as a preliminary step towards the campaign to liberate Mooney and Billings.

The Sacco-Vanzetti Branch is planning a strawberry festival and June dance for June 16th at Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road, and the Hungarian Yorkville Branch is planning an outing for June 10th.

A successful open-air meeting was recently held by the Yorkville English Branch and it was decided to hold an affair, possibly a moving picture show, in the near future. This branch has been increasing its sales of the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense, and has enrolled six new members.

A membership drive will soon be launched by the Williamsburg Branch and leaflets will be widely distributed for this purpose.

The Down-Town Branch recently sponsored a successful entertainment while the Yugoslav, Polish and Czechoslovak Branches are planning a joint picnic for sometime in July.

New impetus has been given the general membership drive of the New York Section of the I. L. D. by the formation of a branch in Union City, N. J., with a membership of fifteen. This branch is planning to start active work immediately.

SCORE WALL ST. CONTROL OF CUBA

Need No Marines—Yet, Says Militant

(Continued from page one)

poor Cuban who dares to interfere with American interests in this 'sister' country. Upon him will fall all the wrath of the Lord."

The army of occupation includes dollars invested in land, government bonds, railroads, mines, manufactures, banks, public service companies, commerce, tobacco and sugar, according to the American Chamber of Commerce in Havana.

The greatest of these is sugar. Sugar has been more than 81 per cent of Cuba's export for the past 21 years; of sugar shipped from Cuba more than 85 per cent has gone to the United States. Eight hundred million disciplined U. S. dollars strongly entrenched in Cuba's sugar industry effectively dominate Cuban economic life, says Senor Ruiz.

Partly as a result of financial crisis "provoked by American interests," Cuban lands are so rapidly being sold and mortgaged to Americans that "soon Cubans will hardly own enough ground to plant their flag on," asserted Senor Ruiz.

Workers Party Activities

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

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.

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 for some very important work. Unemployed comrades are also urged to call any time they can.

All members of the Party, sympathizers, friends and their families are invited to the spring entertainment, of the Party in Newark. A surprise program has been arranged and everyone will have a grand time.

Subsection 3E.
Subsection 3E will hold an educational meeting at 101 West 37th St., at 6:15 p. m. on Tuesday, May 29. The subject will be "The Election Campaign." Comrade Wilkes will lead the discussion.

The Subsection Election Campaign Committee will meet Monday, May 28, at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

The Subsection 3E Hiking Committee

SPORT MEET AT BIG JAMBOREE

Proceeds to Go to Joint Defense

The Joint Defense and Relief Committee, Cloakmakers and Furriers, are completing the final preparations for the jamboree and carnival to be held at Starlight Park on June 9. Workers' fraternal organizations, unions, 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, are preparing to make the huge carnival a success.

One of the features of the carnival will be the Joint Defense Athletic Meet. This will equal any of the meets held in the American colleges during the last week, the Sports Committee says. There will be a 100-yard dash, a 220-yard dash, half-mile relay, 1-mile run, 3-mile run, hop skip and jump, high jump, running broad jump, standing broad jump, shot put, gymnastics and swimming. Anyone desiring to enter any of these events should communicate immediately with the "Sports Committee" Joint Defense, 41 Union Square, Room 714.

There will also be a soccer tournament, held under the auspices of the Metropolitan Soccer League, which is affiliated with the Labor Sports Union of America.

Proceeds of the affair will go to help the defense of the nine workers who were framed up in Mineola, and sentenced to serve from 2 1/2 to 5 years in jail; and also for the 18 leaders of the cloakmakers who face jail terms.

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Runkel's Workers Meeting.
A special meeting of members of the Organization Committee of the workers of the Runkel's chocolate factory will be held tomorrow at 8 p. m. It is absolutely necessary that every member be present as very important matters must be decided.

4 MINERS' RELIEF EVENTS SATURDAY

City-Wide Activities to Aid Strike

Responding to urgent appeals received by the National Miners Relief Committee for assistance for the striking organized and unorganized miners, four New York organizations have arranged for entertainments, concerts, and dances for tomorrow night.

The Downtown Workers Club will present a musical concert and entertainment at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th Street. Part of the proceeds will go to miners' relief.

An entertainment and dance for miners' relief will be given by the Lower Bronx Workers Club, at 715 East 138th Street, Bronx. The program will include many varieties of entertainment. Fine dance music will be provided.

Under the auspices of the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief, an elaborate entertainment and dance will be held at Rose Gardens, 1347 Boston Road, Bronx. The program lists impersonators, violin and piano soloists, dramatic recitations and peppy dance music.

The Women's Council No. 8 of the Bronx will hold a Vetcherinka for miners' relief at 1387 Washington Avenue, the Bronx. Surprise packages will be opened. Music will be provided. A dinner will be given.

Plumbers Helpers Meet

A membership meeting of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will be held on the evening of May 29, at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and 2nd Ave. This meeting is being called to discuss the latest developments in the building trades.

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That the Workers Center at 26-28 Union Square, tho it is not yet completely established, has already come to be looked upon as the center of revolutionary activity in this vicinity became clearly evident with the arrival yesterday of the first group of delegates to the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The delegates, most of them from the far west and southwest, immediately went to the Workers Center, registered there and then began to inspect with approving eyes the new home of the revolutionary movement. All expressed themselves with great enthusiasm concerning the Center and voiced the hope that in the not distant future every city in the United States would have such a building as the center of its revolutionary activity.

With the holding of the banquet tomorrow evening for the delegates to the National Nominating Convention in the Workers Center, the Center will once more receive official recognition of its position in the Communist movement. The banquet will be held on the third floor of the building, which will be festively decorated for the occasion.

Plans are proceeding rapidly for the concert to be held at the Center Saturday evening, June 2, to celebrate the official wind-up of the drive for \$30,000 to establish the Center. The musical and artistic end of the program is in charge of George Cookley, who is working hard to make it a success. He announces that N. Nazarov, distinguished Russian baritone, and L. Newell, harpist and soloist of the Capitol Theatre Symphony Orchestra, will be among those on the program.

In order that the drive may be completely ended on June 2, all workers are urged to turn in all collection lists, whether filled or unfilled, and all contributions not later than that day.

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Labor and Fraternal News

Miners' Relief Dance.
An entertainment and dance for miners' relief will be given tomorrow 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 Cooperative 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, "Vesa," 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.

Miner Relief Dance.
Women's Council 8 of the Bronx will hold a vetcherinka for miners' relief tomorrow at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx.

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.

Friends of Nature.
The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hike Sunday, May 27th, to Sleepy Hollow, Amman Koppel leading. The hikers 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 this evening at Prospect Hall, Prospect and Fifth Aves., Brooklyn.

Workingclass Housewives.
A lecture will be given at a meeting of the Bakers' Council No. 1 today at 8 p. m., at 1387 Washington Ave., Bronx. The speaker will be Dr. Movshovitz.

Workingclass Housewives.
Council 17 will hear a lecture this evening at 8 o'clock, at 227 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn, on the subject, "The Development of Women in Industry Since the Colonial Days." Mrs. Littinsky is the lecturer.

Council 3 of Lower Bronx will hold a parents' meeting on Monday evening, May 28, at 8 p. m., at 715 E. 138th St. Ray Egan, Pauline Rogers and G. Gordon will address the meeting.

Social Culture Club.
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A hike will be held by the club on Sunday. All are invited to come to 118 Driscoll St., the meeting place, at 8:20 a. m. and proceed to the hike.

Plumbers' Helpers' Hike.
The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers will hike to Jamaica Woods in conjunction with the Millinery Hand Workers' Union Sunday. All workers are invited to attend. Those residing in the vicinity of Manhattan will meet at the office of the Millinery Union, 4 W. 37th St., at 9 a. m. Those residing in Brooklyn will meet at the end of the B.-M. T. Jamaica line.

Bronx Y. W. L. to Hike

The Lower Bronx Unit of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold a hike on Sunday.

Many organizations have been invited to attend. Among these are the International Students of Hunter College; the Student Clerks' Union of the Bronx; the Social Problems Club of the College of New York, and the Port Morris Youth Club.

These, together with the Upper Bronx, the Hunts Point and the Co-operative Units of the Young Workers' League, will meet at 8:30 a. m. at either 715 East 138th St. or 2075 Clinton Ave., the Bronx and go to Tibbets Park, Westchester County, where a ball game, dancing and other feature events will be held.

CANT STAND PUBLICITY.

WASHINGTON, May 24. — Secretary of Treasury Mellon reiterated his opposition today to the senate provision of the tax bill which requires publicity of income tax returns.

NEGRO STRIKER TELLS OF MINERS' FIGHT FOR UNION

Speaks in Harlem for Relief

Negro Harlem is hearing the story of George W. Hawkins, miner-preacher, concerning exploitation of colored men in western Pennsylvania mines. Hawkins was evicted from his home at Fredericktown, Pa., along with other striking mine workers. He has set up Negro Miners' Relief Headquarters at 200 W. 135th St.

Colored labor agents, says Hawkins, are scouring the country for mine strikebreakers, scattering fanciful tales of high wages, but the misguided workers find only hard, dangerous work at 33 cents an hour and even less. They are not permitted to leave company premises. Their transportation expenses are taken from their pay, instead of being borne by the company, as promised. Tags are taken from the coal cars, thus cutting their wages.

Hawkins is explicit before Negro audiences in telling how white coal and iron police crack colored skulls. "Lord only knows how these poor people stand it all," he says. "The best thing the strikebreakers can do is to pull a strike themselves. They can't be no worse off than they are now."

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Welcome, Red Delegates!

The red flag of Communism flies tonight for the first time above a national convention called for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice-president of the United States and for launching a national election campaign. Far be it from us to assert that this is the first Communist Party convention, for there have been many and stormy Communist conventions in the United States in the past eight and a half years—but this is the first which is called for the specific purpose of putting the revolutionary party full speed into the parliamentary struggle.

Only six years ago the Communist Party convention held in Michigan was raided resulting in wholesale arrests followed by a series of criminal trials in which the only charge was that of "assembling," in connection with the Communist aims. The Communist Party today is an incomparably stronger, a better organized and a more thoroughly trained revolutionary organization, and is vastly more active and influential in the class struggle in the United States than it was six years ago when a solemn judge declared that its existence could not be permitted and that its leaders could not be allowed at large. Our revolutionary party has thrived on persecution.

Today's opening of the convention marks an epoch for the Communist Party of America. Not only in its increased participation in election campaigns, but because at the same time it has become a power in the trade-union struggles which it is learning how to link up with the parliamentary and other political struggles. If in 1922 the infamous Harry Daugherty as U. S. attorney general instigated the prosecutions of the Party out of fear that it would inevitably find its place at the head of big struggles such as the coal and railroad strikes of that time,—in 1928 it is true that the Communist Party is playing a leading role in mass strikes and is, in fact, the only force that now offers the workers any leadership in the struggle against the employing class. In the tremendous struggle of the coal miners, the textile workers, the needle trades workers, for the right to live and to organize, in the resistance of workers in this country against the bloody imperialism in Nicaragua and China, in resistance to the open shop offensive and the police alliance of socialist party bureaucrats and trade union misleaders,—it is the Workers Communist Party which alone always and invariably is recognized at the forefront of the workers' fighting line. Many times more severe struggles will be met by our Party in the future; many more solemn judges will pronounce it illegal in strenuous times to come, many the tragic repressions and sufferings,—but the Communist Party is nevertheless on the road to becoming a mass party and the recognized leader of all the struggles of the American working class.

Our brother Communist Parties have only in the last few days made splendid records of revolutionary working-class participation in the sham elections of bourgeois "democracy" in Poland, France and Germany.

Their eyes are now upon us. Let us so conduct a revolutionary campaign in 1928 as to make them proud of our common membership in the Communist International. Not with illusions in regard to capitalist elections, but to utilize these election campaigns for the mobilization and development of the American workers revolutionary movement.

Railway Workers Suffer Lay-Offs

CHICAGO, May 24.—The downward trend of railroad employment continued in February, according to the interstate commerce commission. Its monthly report shows that in one year, more than 112,000 railroad workers lost their jobs and 175,184 who were on the payrolls in 1923 have been forced to look elsewhere for a livelihood.

Chart Shows Cuts.
The railroad wage total for February was \$221,813,084, compared with \$228,171,570 in February 1927. The decline of 2.8% in wages is almost exactly equal to the decline of 2.7% in total railway revenue. Wages are absorbing about the same proportion of the railroad dollar as a year ago.

The average railroad wage for February was \$138 compared with \$133 in February 1927, the difference being largely accounted for by the day added by leap year. For workers paid on an hourly basis the monthly averages were \$131 this year and \$125 in February 1927.

The report contains a chart tracing the changes since 1916 in the wages of freight engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen as a group per 1,000 ton-miles of freight handled. This chart shows graphically how the railroads have cut the wage cost of traffic in spite of the wage rates these employees have been able to maintain.

Shopmen Hit.
Reductions in force compared with a year ago as usual bore down most heavily on the shopmen, their numbers having been reduced 42,723 to a level 116,423 short of February 1923. The number of train and engine men has been reduced 23,560 to a level 36,157 below February 1923. Reductions in other departments compared with February 1927 are maintenance of way cut 24,064, clerks 11,059 and miscellaneous employees in the transportation department 10,752.

Operating statistics issued by the commission indicate that the lay-offs in the maintenance of equipment department have not been made at the expense of the cars and locomotives. Apparently the remaining employees are speeded up. In February 5.9% of the freight cars were reported in bad order compared with 5.7% in February 1927. The percentage of loco-

motives in unserviceable condition was 16.5%, compared with 16.8% a year ago.

Some of the leading railroads, however, show a decided change for the worse, the percentage of bad order locomotives mounting to unwarranted figures. This is especially noticeable in the New York Central system and the Baltimore & Ohio figures.

To be in good shape railroads should have not more than 15% of their locomotives and 4% of their freight cars on the sick list. The non-union Pennsylvania reports 12.7% of its engines and 6.2% of its freight cars in need of repair.

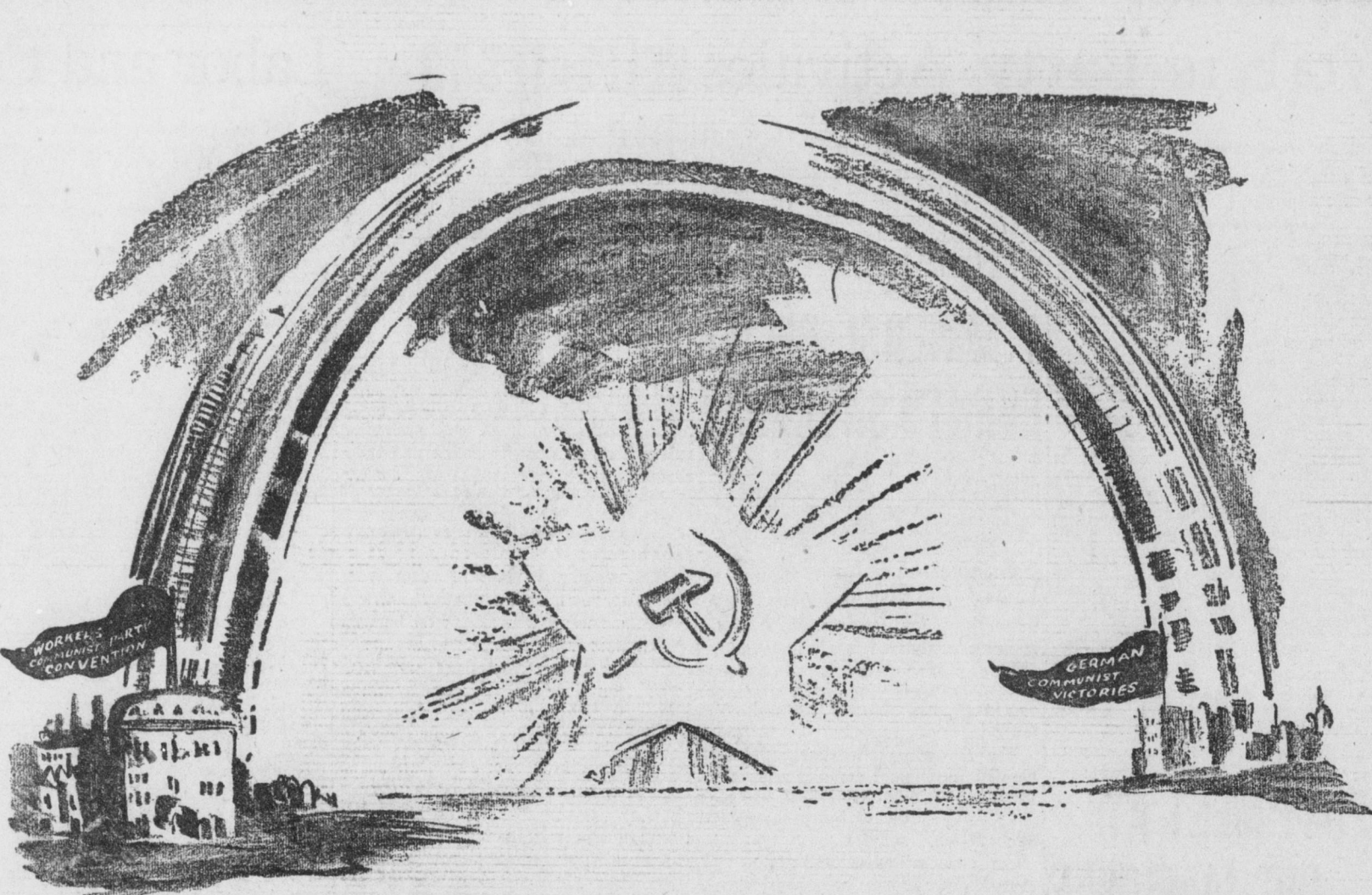
WASHINGTON, (FP) May 23.—Employees who demanded a wage adjustment from the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad and whose claim was put up to the first "advisory board" ever appointed under the terms of the Watson-Parker rail labor mediation law, have lost out. The special board, appointed by President Coolidge, has reported that the slight raise offered by the company is all that the road can now afford to pay. For a substantial raise in keeping with the increased cost of living since their pay was last adjusted, the employees are expected to "wait and hope."

The White House attitude on this decision is that if the workers are not satisfied with a microscopic increase in pay, there is not much use in trying to please them in the future.

1 Killed, 3 Near Death In Factory Explosion

AUBURN, N. Y., May 24.—Marion Dessie, 15, was burned to death and Rose Zuccherro, 16, and Frank Catalano, 39, are near death as the result of an explosion and fire which destroyed the plant of the Auburn Fireworks Company, near here. The chances for the recovery of Rose Zuccherro are slight, physicians said. The blast was caused by a spark which fell into powder where the girls were working. This might never have happened had the company installed a necessary partition in the factory, workers said.

THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH



By Fred Ellis

HANDOUTS

It is rumored that Secretary of State Kellogg will get the Nobel prize for promoting international peace.

We suggest awards to a number of other benefactors of humanity: Morris Hillquit, for the self-sacrificing spirit which he has displayed in mulcting fat fees from labor unions.

Mrs. Knapp, for honesty in office.

Mayor Walker, for services rendered to several million straphangers.

Calvin Coolidge for the fearless and courageous manner in which he has exposed the predatory interests of Wall Street.

Andy Mellon, for exposing Harry Sinclair's contributions to the republican campaign fund.

SOL AUERBACH, 21-year old instructor at the University of Pennsylvania has been fired for advocating the recognition of the Soviet Union. The authorities told him that "it was felt incompatible for a teacher in the department to take a stand publicly on a public question." We hereby suggest that Nicholas Miraculous Butler be named from Columbia for advocating publicly the repeal of the Prohibition amendment.

THAT horse fair of braying mules, euphemistically referred to as congress, is shown with lantern-slide vividness in an enlaring scene by the publication of the following item in the Washington News, Scripps-Howard tabloid: "This newspaper proposes, from this time forward, to publish as news the appearance on duty of any so-called dry member of the house or senate in an obviously intoxicated condition. . . . When a fire-breathing prohibitionist wanders aimlessly about the senate chamber during the discussion of important business and finally interrupts to ask the presiding officer, 'Whass bizness before house?' or when a similar exponent of the Volstead act has to hang hard to the edge of his desk, while his legs wobble unsteadily under him as he attempts to make a speech, or when a champion of the 18th amendment relapses from maudlin inattention into snoring sleep in the midst of a senate session, the News will undertake to make his condition clear to its readers."

No sooner had the above announcement appeared than Senator Caraway of Arkansas flew into a rage, grew white about the mouth and demanded that the News print names. The News thereupon burst forth in its true capitalist colors by remaining silent. On account of the libel laws it cannot be said that Senator Caraway was ever drunk. It has been noted, however, that Senator Caraway wanders absent-mindedly about the house while it is in session, that his line of progress is not the shortest distance between two points and that he has been known to interrupt the presiding officer in order to be better informed as to what is going on. It is also indisputable that he comes from Arkansas.

THE righteous members of congress are quite irritated at their tactless brothers. These dignified people who have sufficient sense of morality to do their illegal drinking in their paramours' apartments scorn those who drink ostentatiously. Any respectable syster despises the man who performs with a lead pipe. Congress is irritated. What august body busily engaged in the important business of dividing the loot of a nation wants its attention distracted by silly roysterers?

Vetoes Farm Bill



CALVIN COOLIDGE
The Vermont Keopie Cal Coolidge has been squeezed in the stomach again by big capital and emitted a veto of the McNary-Haugen farm bill. The man who usually writes Cal's speeches for him is on a vacation and so the style of this one is as unrecognizable as the stomach of the fat man in the reducing ads. Of course it's common knowledge around the white house that the president never does anything for himself any more except sleep at home and exporator. In fact the above is a recent photograph of Coolidge posed for him by a friend.

Abe Cahan, the proletarian editor of the Jewish Daily (Yellow) Forward, has decided to ask for a raise. His present salary of \$350 a week and expenses puts him in a class with a cheap A. F. of L. labor leader, Cahan is said to complain.

Illinois Miners to Fight Fishwick to the End

By ARNE SWABECK
What was once the proud backbone of the United Mine Workers of America, the Illinois District, is now being ground to pieces between the cunning policy of attacks of the operators and the sell-out of the union officials.

Fishwick Backs Operators
Moreover the Fishwick administration by its dealings with the operators has conceded point after point of gains won thru battles of the past. The result of its treason has been to eliminate any respect which it once may have enjoyed amongst the rank and file. Its own machine powers have been broken down. It has now the operators only to depend upon to come to its rescue. The latter have been willing, and in an effort to stop the rank and file opposition movement, on April first changed their policy and rapidly re-opened many large mines for operation but alas, after a few days of work, there were jobs only for a small force.

The mine bosses appearing at the shaft, picking those who were permitted to work, eliminated all who had shown themselves good union men. From company unionism to complete union destruction is now the road laid out for the Illinois miners. The former is already taking place, but to the operators this means only a make-shift until they can proceed to the next step. That is, unless the rank and file opposition prevents this, to attempt to crush this opposition is the task the operators have assigned to their tools, the Fishwick administration.

Save-Union Forces Gain.
The situation would be a hopeless one indeed without the militant opposition to this treason represented by the Save-the-Union Movement. Undoubtedly, this movement is gaining despite the lack of available forces, and the fact that the union machinery is in the hands of the enemy.

The first inevitable results of the treasonable policy of separate agreements are now showing themselves. Its ultimate result must be wage cuts, and union destruction has long been acknowledged. Result of Separate Agreements The first results are that several local unions have themselves on their own hook signed separate agreements involving wage cuts. The Fishwick administration condemns these actions by the local unions and lifts their charter, while it tries to justify its own separate agreements which are in no way different. All the separate agreements signed give no protection whatever to working conditions. Men working on tonnage rate are compelled to clean out their own dead work lay their own tracks, etc. This is indirectly a wage cut.

Seven local unions in the north where the mines are small and the coal vein not very deep, fell into the trap of the separate agreement policy and made their own settlement on the basis of a wage cut, below the Jacksonville scale. The proceeded to form a new union, for which the state of Illinois most readily granted a charter. In the heart of the southern field local union No. 959 also fell into the

trap and signed its own agreement as proposed by the mine superintendent appearing at the local meeting providing for a wage cut to 9 cents per ton for machine runners or a flat rate of \$10.07 a day. The revoking of the charters by the Fishwick administration is a maneuver to throw dust in the eyes of the coal miners, and shield its own policies. These local unions made a serious mistake, yet they did precisely what had been done by the district officials before. The whole separate agreement policy is responsible.

Prior to April First W. J. Jenkins, the president of the Illinois Coal Operators Association, referred to John L. Lewis as having promised wage cuts. In a statement issued he said that Lewis had given, "definite promise that he would take it upon himself to guarantee that Illinois would secure needed relief by April first." The relief sought by the operators was the wage reduction.

Miners Rebel.
Open rebellion has been the answer by the miners in many instances to the now unvariable conditions in the state, particularly those created by the contract for loading machines, conveyors, and other mechanical devices. Unemployment has increased, the speed-up has increased thru complete lack of working regulation. In DuQuoin the men struck against it and were literally forced back to work. Numerous resolutions of protest have been adopted by the local unions, some petitioning for special convention to rectify this evil. The DuQuoin locals have begun petitioning for special

conventions to abolish all sub-district officials who to them appear perfect parasites.

In this situation of chaos, confusion, and betrayal, the corrupt officials in a last effort to stem the tide of opposition are resorting to an intensification of their celebrated policy of expulsions. To the many victims of the past have been added those who signed the special convention call for Belleville, May 19th, some having been expelled for 99 years.

However, in this respect also the machine power is broken down. It has become a myth. Those cited for expulsion refused to appear before the district court, and the following answer made by the old fighter of Belleville, Luke Coffey to this summons is typical. "Walter Nesbit United Mine Workers of America Springfield, Ill. Gentlemen: "Received your document. It appears to me that your henchmen and stoop pigeons of local 4638 would proceed along the line of the constitution and prefer charges against me in my local union. "I realize that appearing before this board would be like going to law with the devil and holding court in hell." The task of the Save-the-Union movement is made so much more difficult by this terrible wreckage of the once so proud backbone of the United Mine Workers of America. Knowing however, that it presents the only remedy for this dismal situation of chaos, confusion, and betrayal it is proceeding undaunted to perform its task.

Buffalo "Prosperous," Open Shop City of Low Wages

By SCOTT NEARING.
OUR train pulls into the Lehigh Valley station at six o'clock in the morning,—into Buffalo, Queen City of the Lakes; the Buffalo of the Lackawanna Steel Co., and of the machine tool industry; the Buffalo of more than 500,000 human beings; the great, prosperous, open-shop, low-wage city that stands guardian over the capitalism of Western New York State.

Rain.
The streets are muddy. The air steams. We adjust our bags and prepare to walk one block on Main Street and three blocks along Exchange Street for the train connection. We push open the station doors and step on the Main Street pavement.

What a sight! As though a high wind had scattered an ash dump across the wide street; scattered tin cans, waste paper, barrel hoops, packing boxes, broken bed-springs, wrecked auto bodies.

But the rubbish on Main Street is from a human dump. Unemployment. The street is filled with men, waiting for the employment offices to open,—more than 150 of them within in the block. Black men and white men; Central Europeans, Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Americans. The slaves lined up on the slave market of Buffalo,—job seekers in a city where tens of thousands already are unemployed.

"Just that! I've got a piece of bread. All I need is a bit of boloney." The man is dressed in blue overalls, with broken shoes. He is gaunt, haggard. Perhaps it is hunger; perhaps it is booze. One thing certain: a good home, a good job, a good diet, good friends and good books do not carve lines like that on a man's face. "Well," he insists, "will you risk it? What do you say?"

All about there are other men, watching, speculating. Some of them are bums. Others are workers, broken from their families, who have been out of a job and down on their luck for months. Frightful! This human scrap-pile along the Buffalo slave-market.

We walk the grimy street, beside the squalid buildings whose chalked windows and announcement boards tell of "shipments," "field hands," "helpers" wanted at poverty's own wage. So this is Buffalo! This the rich, prosperous America! the world's greatest capitalist empire, beginning to hit the down-grade, economically, as Britain hit the down-grade more than thirty years ago. The wreckage on this scrap-pile was once alive. Before the profit system smashed them, they were men. On its fertile soil, with its place in the Great Lakes chain, it would be possible to replace Buffalo by a beautiful city, filled with healthy, happy workers and their families. On your toes, militants! To the task, builders of a great future. The "system" is rotten ripe for change!

even the great gains in Soviet Russia and China could not make good. Soviet Russia leads with 19,000,000 trade unionists, just about 25% of the world total. This marks a gain of more than 2,000,000 over the previous year and of more than 3,000,000 in the last 5 years. Great Britain has the second largest contingent of the trade union army with a 1927 total of 5,531,000. The United States ranks fourth.

Losses and Gains.
Trade union figures for 16 countries as reported by the Canadian department of labor for the end of 1922 and 1927 are:

Trade union membership	1922	1927
Australia	700,000	800,000
Austria	1,128,054	756,392
Belgium	920,000	726,126
China	300,000	3,000,000
Czechoslovakia	2,000,000	1,379,779
France	1,406,748	1,068,046
Germany	12,595,947	5,977,309
Great Britain	5,128,648	5,581,000
Holland	664,048	517,914
Italy	2,099,900	2,234,520
Mexico	710,000	838,000
Poland	822,777	539,083
Russia	6,857,000	10,000,000
Spain	1,305,113	453,578
Sweden	381,018	436,812
United States	4,162,592	4,046,736

Eyes on the East.
Other countries with more than 100,000 trade unionists at the end of 1927 are: Argentina 120,000; Brazil 104,000; Canada 290,282; Chile 162,000; Cuba 100,000; Denmark 274,428; Hungary 267,885; India 195,000; Ireland 148,501; Japan 235,000, and Switzerland 261,713. Latin America as a whole reported 1,352,000 organized workers.

Including Soviet Russia and the United States, countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean have about 20,000,000 trade unionists, nearly half of the world total. Because of the increasing competition from low-wage areas all the organized workers throughout the world are fundamentally interested in the ability of workers in Asia and Africa to organize and raise their living standards.

VICTIMS OF AIR DOPE.
SANDUSKY, O., May 24.—Walter Anderson, 26, professional aviator of Richmond, Ind., was burned to death and Benjamin Buser, 17, student of Sandusky, is in a serious condition at Good Samaritan Hospital here, the result of an airplane crash at Sandusky airport.