

Poverty, Unemployment in Paterson

By SYLVIA FISHBEIN
Note:—The following notes were recently made by an investigator for Labor Research Association in the course of her study of working and living conditions of Paterson silk and dye workers.

Last spring, a Paterson silk weaver, unemployed most of the year, found it impossible to feed his wife and seven small children. He left home to seek work in another part of the state.

A young, pale-faced weaver, 24, spoke of his wife. Married a year, a baby coming in a week. During her entire pregnancy, she hasn't had any milk to drink.

A weaver asked me to see his room—a dingy hole in an attic. "You think I like this room? Never. What can I do?"

comes into the shop about seven, works for two hours, goes home. In the middle of the day the boss phones him.

A weaver, 62 years old, his wife and two daughters, occupy the upper floor of a small house. His son who has six children lives downstairs.

Because of this the selection of the one lower flat—four rooms. There's not enough coal to heat two floors.

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A tall, sickly looking weaver weighs only 109. Twice this year he tried to commit suicide—gas.

Mary is 17, one of a family of seven. Three years ago she had to quit school to become a drop wiper.

A former coal miner, now a dyer, said he had sharp pains in his chest all the time—spits blood often—can't afford to see a doctor to find out what's wrong.

eight hours at a stretch, she takes her sister with her. Between them they finish in eight hours the work that Mary is supposed to do herself or be fired.

The workers' International Relief for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7, solidarity demonstrations and meetings throughout the country.

At the same time, it should become a day of organizing such solidarity action and of building the organization so necessary for systematic solidarity action.

On September 7, the misleaders of American labor will again put on the badge of shame which they have been wearing on this day for years past as the sign of their betrayal.

This pamphlet tells briefly and clearly how the real Labor Day—May 1—originated and the great part it has played in the struggle for the liberation of the working class.

Speed-up, Profit in the Copper Industry

By LABOR RESEARCH ASSN. Michigan ranks fourth among the American states in its production of copper.

The biggest American companies are mining copper also in Latin America and importing it to the U. S. for refining and manufacture.

British capitalists have resented the fact that American capitalists control a dominating percentage of the copper production in the world.

Calumet and Hecla with its subsidiary companies is the largest copper interest in Michigan. It owns a large block of shares in the Isle Royale Copper Co., and controls Cliff Mining Co., LaSalle Copper Co., and Lake Milling, Smelting and Refining Co.

Calumet and Hecla has been one of the most profitable ventures of Boston capitalists, paying large dividends every year until June, 1930.

The copper industry has been hit by a sharp fall in copper prices, resulting from the world-wide capitalist crisis, and profits in 1930 and 1931 have dropped accordingly.

In spite of lower production and lower prices, Calumet and Hecla had an "operating profit" of over \$2,000,000 in 1930, but this was more than wiped out by the large amounts set aside for depreciation and depletion.

bor Day affords an excellent opportunity to approach the American workers with a proposal to organize for solidarity action.

All out to the mass demonstration and festival at Starlight Park on Sept. 7! Turn "Labor Day" into Solidarity Day!

This side of the story is, of course, revealed only to those who already know something of the policies followed by the Bolsheviki under Lenin, as distinguished from those of the "S. R." and those of the Mensheviki.

PLANNING FOR RELIEF



At the Nat'l Conference of the W.I.R.

By MAILACH EPSTEIN

PITTSBURGH.—The hall at 805 James St. is crowded. Men and women, white and black, turn their attentive faces toward the platform.

As usual, the conference is far beyond the expectations of those responsible for calling it.

The presence of 367 delegates from 15 states and 102 cities, among them 165 miners from practically all the coal fields, is an indication of the tremendous upsurge of militancy and class solidarity among the workers.

The same hall housed another national conference seven weeks ago. It was the voice of the coal miners. Eight hundred of their representatives mapped out a plan of struggle and perfected the instrument to lead the struggle.

No high-flown phrases, no oratorical heroics were necessary to warm up the conference. It was charged with the spirit of working class solidarity.

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His personal political degeneracy thus followed the logical course of the Social Revolutionary Party, and he in no way differs from the other "socialist heroes" who "fought against the Czar" over which we are asked to weep when the Soviet jails them for counter-revolutionary acts.

A Demonstration of Working-class Solidarity

The active workers, persecuted and hunted, still possess that gay and caustic humor characteristic of Southern workers. They fight back the bosses and their hired servants and they "laugh them off."

There is strength in that spontaneous mass answer. There is a sense of victory over the hideous enemy.

There was an ominous pathos in these simple words. The conference was struck. A thunder of applause came from the benches.

The miners are suffering privation. Some of them cannot continue the struggle without tents and a meal a day. But they are not down. They are waiting for the next opportunity.

The workers in Central Falls and Potoske Valley have not given up their struggle. The fact that many active strikers were held for deportation has not weakened them.

The delegates from the other textile centers spoke in the same vein. Their situation is similar to that of the miners. Here and there an organized retreat may be unavoidable.

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Savinkov's book shows how, even technically, the ruling class can outplay the oppressed class at the game of individual terror.

This tendency toward individual terrorism of course had a natural birthright under the Czar, and in capitalist countries today it occasionally crops up when the circumstances of capitalist brutality and working class discouragement join to lend it seeming value.

Save the Class-War Prisoners of Poland

To the Working People of the Entire World:

A new decree by the Pilsudski government makes political prisoners subject to all the rules governing criminal prisoners.

In Poland, the political prisoners serving long prison terms are counted in the thousands. For in Poland a political offense is everything which was considered such by the Czarist legal code, supplemented by new, extremely severe statutes.

The Czarist government granted political prisoners certain privileges: relief from the rules lowering their human dignity, the use of their own clothing, the right to have books and writing materials.

In Poland, not only Communist convictions are punished by heavy prison sentences. Thousands of non-party workers and peasants suffer the same fate for opposing the bestial regime of Pilsudski's fascist dictatorship.

Demonstrate in such a manner that the representative of fascist Poland in your country, the "distinguished" diplomats of the bloody fascist dictatorship of Pilsudski will feel your anger and contempt.

Workers of the Socialist parties! Do not look to your leaders, who hasten with "protests" only then, together with the international bourgeoisie, it is a question of slandering the Soviet Union.

Hasten with help, to action! Every day of inactivity means a sentence of death to the many buried alive in the dungeons of Luck, Wronke, Rawicz, Koronow and other infamous torture chambers of fascist Poland.

The "Socialists" and the fascists are the same. (Turn this picture upside down. It is a drawing from an illegal leaflet issued in Poland.)

Central Committee Communist Party of Poland. Central Committee Communist Party of Western Ukraine. Central Committee Communist Party of Western White Russia.

"Labor" Day and Labor Betrayers

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used against the political prisoners in the Luck prison (Western Ukraine), such as forcing water and urine in through the nose, beating the soles of their feet with iron rods, breaking bones, violating women, torturing their sexual organs—these are facts already known to the entire world.

Torture and mass murder is already rampant in all the prisons of Poland.

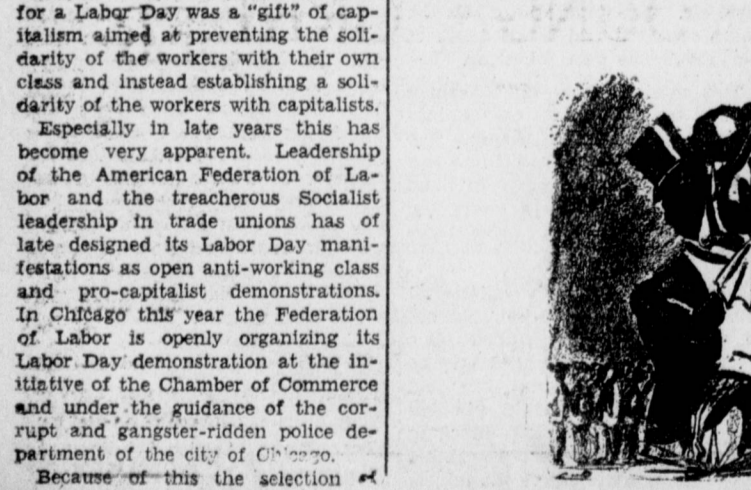
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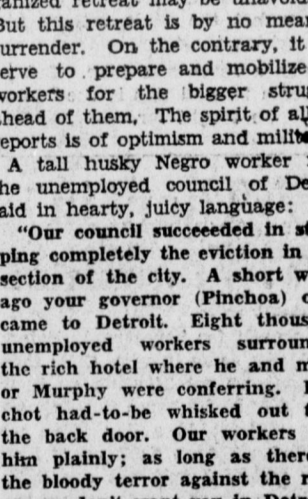
"Memoirs of a Terrorist"

A Book by Boris Savinkov. Published by Albert & Chas. Boni. \$3.00

Boris Savinkov, active participant and leader of the Terrorist Brigade of the Social Revolutionary Party of Russia (popularly known as the "S. R.") tells in this book, in minute and thrilling fashion which fiction could only ape, his experiences between 1902 and 1909.

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Bosses In Chile, Wall Street Fear Workers Will Establish Soviet Rule

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) attempted to fool the sailors into a "settlement" of their demands. Previous stories declared that the sailors not only stuck resolutely to the demand of the withdrawal of pay cuts, but would continue to fight for a levy on the rich for confiscation of the large landed estates, and for the punishment of those responsible in the Ibanez-Wall Street regime which was overthrown the latter part of July.

"MacDONALD IS HONEST," SAY U. S. SOCIALISTS

Hillquit and Thomas Want Workers To Forget Betrayal NEW YORK.—The national government headed by MacDonald is solidifying its plan of attack against the workers by handing over the most important positions to the most reactionary conservatives. The New York Times tells of the appointment of Lord Reading to the position of minister of foreign affairs.

Lord Reading is one of the richest exploiters in England. "He has interests in the City of London (that is, London's Wall Street) and the City is far more concerned now in safeguarding sterling (British money) than in Continental politics." Thus, Lord Reading will use all his power to "protect" sterling and his large share in it, strengthening the forces of British imperialism for attack against the British workers and against the Soviet Union.

PREPARE ATTACK CHINESE MASSES

The desolation brought by the floods and the typhoon is reported to have resulted in a temporary cessation of struggle among the various imperialist agents in order to smash the growing revolutionary spirit among the masses of the Chinese workers and peasants in the stricken areas.

TRAVEL TO RUSSIA, U. S. S. R.

HOLMBERG S. S. AGENCY 2 East 125th Street New York City

Council Defeats New Move Of Landlords In Eviction Cases

PONTIAC, Mich.—A new system has been tried by the bosses in eviction cases. The Pontiac Mortgage & Investment Co. (the company that does most of the evicting in Pontiac) threw one family out in the street and then before the Unemployed Council knew anything about it had the furniture put in storage. This move was of no avail, the Unemployed Council was on the job that night and built a camp fire in the street and had the family sit around the fire. By this move we were able to rally 300 neighbors. The comrades who spoke pointed out the type of democracy dealt out in this country and stressed the need for an organized fight against evictions, starvation, etc.

1,000 HOSIERY WORKERS CHEER WM. Z. FOSTER

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) The police arrived and seeing the crowd said that they could find shelter in the fire house for the evicted worker. The Council continued the struggle, however, and this worker was put into a new house and his furniture was given back to him. The need for struggle against the impending wage cuts. The example of the 50 per cent wage cut put over the Rocky Mt. Fuel Co. miners by the U.M.W.A. officials to aid the coal operators in their rate competition with the unorganized Rockefeller mines was used by the A.F.F.F.H.W. misleaders at the convention, Foster said.

PREPARE ATTACK CHINESE MASSES

Scoring the Independent Labor Party, of which John Edelman, one of the leading Musketts that proposed the wage cut, arbitrating and check-off scheme, Edith Berkman told that Alex McKeown, the Labor Party and socialist candidate for mayor here, was known as the wage cut candidate.

OPENING of the NINTH CONVENTION of the RUSSIAN NATIONAL MUTUAL AID SOCIETY OF AMERICA Saturday Sept. 5, 1931 MASS MEETING AND CONCERT Good Speakers—Good Artists

LIVE IN A—WORKERS COOPERATIVE COLONY We have a limited number of 3 and 4 room apartments NO INVESTMENT NECESSARY — OPPOSITE BRONX PARK 2800 BRONX PARK EAST

SCOTTSBORO MOTHER SCORES TRAITOROUS NAACP LEADERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) Mrs. Montgomery told the audience of having overheard a conversation on a bus in North Carolina between two prosperous looking white men in which they were bemoaning the fact that the Alabama authorities had delayed the lynching of the nine boys long enough for the Reds to raise hell over it. She added that if the Reds are raising hell, she wishes them to raise enough hell to free the Scottsboro boys and to end the hell of tenant farm slavery for Negroes in the South.

BOSSSES TRY TO STOP MASS DEMAND FOR MINERS' RELEASE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) case against Walter Latos, Tony Wallich and Walter Aronovich collapsed when Aronovich, who was supposed to have signed a confession saying that Latos and Wallich had set fire to the tipple of the Witchazel mine, denied and repudiated the statement before the court, and swore that he had been beaten and forced to sign at the point of a gun. Aronovich said that deputy sheriffs did the third degree work. The state has no other evidence. The men are not released, however, and the prisoners are held to the grand jury. However, bail was reduced to \$2,000 each.

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International Youth Day Meetings

Under the leadership of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party many organizations will take part in the mobilization of the youth and adults to demonstrate against bosses' militarism and war preparations on Sept. 8. So far the districts have reported the meetings in the following places: Many of these will be with parades through working-class sections. All of these demonstrations will take place in the evening.

- District 1—Boston, Mass. Boston Commons; Providence, R. I. City Hall; Worcester, Mass.; Lynn, Mass.; Peabody, Mass.; Gardner, Mass.; New Bedford, Mass.; Pawtucket, Mass.; Maynard, Mass.; Fitchburg, Mass.; Norwood, Mass.; Lawrence, Mass.; Lowell, Mass. District 2—New York City; Paterson, N. J.; Passaic, N. J.; Elizabeth, N. J.; Newark, N. J.; Perth Amboy, N. J.; Linden, N. J.; Jersey City, N. J. District 3—Philadelphia, Pa.; Tigo, Pa.; Trenton, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D. C.; Chester, Pa.; Reading, Pa.; Allentown, Pa. District 4—Buffalo, N.Y., Broadway Auditorium; Rochester, N. Y., Washington Square; Syracuse, N. Y., Hancock Square; Niagara, N. Y., Welch St. District 5—Pittsburgh, Pa., Hill Section; Allegheny Valley, New Kensington; Avella, So., Burgettstown, Pa.; Bentleyville, Monacahele City, Pa.; Brownsville, East Ohio; Wheeling Riverside Park; McKeesport, Versailles, Pa.; Canonsburg, Washington, Pa.; Liberty, Bridgeville, Pa.; Ambidge, Pa. District 6—Youngstown, Ohio, East Federal and Basin; Mansfield, Ohio, Scandinavian Hall; Massillon, Ohio, City Hall; Cleveland, Ohio; Collinwood, Ohio, Waterloo, 156th. District 7—Detroit, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eattle Creek, Mich. District 8—Chicago, Ill., Washington Park; Milwaukee, Wis.; St. Louis, Mo., City Hall; Gary, Ind.; Collinsville, Ill.; Cicero, Ill.; Benton, Ill.; Hammond, Ind.; Racine, Wis.; Kenosha, Wis.; Granite City, Ill.; Chicago Heights, Ill.; West Allis, Wis.; Rock Island, Ill.; Waukegan, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Bennie, Ill. District 9—Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Paul, Minn.; Duluth, Minn.; International Falls, Minn.; Ely, Minn.; Bemidji, Minn.; Cook, Minn.; Virginia, Minn.; New York Mill, Minn.; Superior, Wis.; Owen, Wis.; Iron River, Wis.; Hancock, Mich.; Ontonagon, Mich.; Iron River, Mich.; Ironwood, Mich.; Negaunee, Mich.; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (border demonstration). District 11—Columbus, N. D.; Williston, N. D.; Belden, N. D.; Frederick, S. D. District 12—Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore. District 13—San Francisco, Cal., Post and Fillmore; Berkeley, Cal., University and San Pablo; Stockton, Cal., Hunters Square; Los Angeles, Cal.; Oakland, Cal., 7th and Peralta; Sacramento, Cal., Plaza Park. District 15—Hartford, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; Stamford, Conn.; Springfield, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Plainfield, Conn.; New London, Conn. District 17—Charlotte, N. C.; Mill Villages (2). District 17—Atlanta, Ga.; Tampa, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; Chattanooga, Tenn. District 19—Denver, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hands Off Chile!

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) The Ibanez regime and established a provisional government of Montoro. While the masses were overjoyed to be rid of Ibanez, the new revolt indicated that they were soon disillusioned by the provisional government that took his place. Evidently the provisional government merely took over the job of deluding the masses by false promises of "settlement," which turned out to be wage cuts and guarantees to American imperialism that its "interests would be protected." It was forced, however, to declare itself unable to pay even the interest on American loans, but by the new measures against the masses, it sought to guarantee its prestige with the imperialists.

MAHON BEWAILS NTWU STRIKERS "No Respect for God Or Man," He Says (By Labor Research Association) While New England textile strikers are assaulted by the trade press, the employers' police and courts, the federal government, and the threat of starvation, President Thomas F. Mahon of the United Textile Workers of America, a native of Pawtucket himself, discusses the strike in a recent issue of the "Textile Worker," the official organ of the union. He laments the fact that workers in New England follow the lead of the National Textile Workers Union and contends that those "responsible for these strikes have one thought in mind and that is REVOLUTION."

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