

WILBUR BOOSTS MORGAN'S NAVY

MOST SAVAGE ENEMIES OF LABOR ALONE HAVE CAUSE TO MOURN PASSING OF GOMPERS

The membership of the labor unions of America which take the viewpoint of the Trade Union Educational League are shedding no crocodile tears over the death of Samuel Gompers.

They see that their most savage enemies in industry, politics and government are those who have cause to mourn.

The DAILY WORKER gives below, a statement issued by the National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League to the workers of America. It is as follows:

AS WE SEE IT By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

In an article entitled: "Shall the Progressives Organize?" the editor of The Nation, Oswald Garrison Villard's weekly, patronizingly offers "labor" a place in the new movement which Villard is so anxious to see set on foot. Dealing with the proposed convention of the C. P. A. which will be held in Chicago on Feb. 21, Villard says: "One of the difficult questions which will arise at the coming . . . convention is as to the respective roles to be assigned to the several elements in the movement. Labor should, of course, be the nucleus and take a leading part but not a dominating part. We cannot feel that all its leaders are sufficiently educated politically and politically trustworthy enough to take the lead."

WHAT place the socialists will take is for them to say. They fought well for the ticket, showing loyalty everywhere and a readiness to subordinate themselves. . . . What our condescending intellectuals want is an organization to which labor would supply the ballast and the cash while the liberals would do the talking and the leading. The only section of the labor movement that is "educated politically" is the radical section led by the Communists. And it is safe to say that the liberals would rather trust to the political immaturity of the labor leaders than to the Communists. "Untrustworthy" labor leaders are preferable to revolutionists who believe in the class struggle and who hold that only through the overthrow of the capitalist system can the workers be freed from their chains.

THE Nation boldly plunges into the task of building a platform for the new party. A few "fundamentals" are stressed, such as, the conservation of national resources and perhaps a free trade plank, but if the latter would look too "revolutionary" it could be dropped for the sake of harmony. The party might also be asked to declare for "peace, disarmament, and the complete reversal of our anti-imperialistic policies in the Caribbean and elsewhere." This is Oswald Garrison Villard's conception of a program for the farmer-labor-intellectual-petty bourgeois, etc., party which he hopes will be formed at the Feb. 21 convention of the C. P. A. Class conscious workers who have seen the British labor party in action will look with green eyes on this abortion. The Workers Party is here in the flesh; it is the party of labor. There is and can be no other.

EMMA GOLDMAN, anarchist and darling of the bourgeois intellectuals, is hibernating in London. She is anxious to make headway in England but the path of the renegade is not easy. The workers have contempt for her and the capitalists treat her as a political prostitute who has sold herself and can now be handled without gloves. The revolution that Emma Goldman talked so long about came and she did not recognize it. As (Continued on page 2)

TOLEDO COMRADES SAY EVERY TRUE COMMUNIST SHOULD RUSH TO AID OF DAILY WORKER DRIVE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Comrade Alfred Wagenknecht spoke here before the local Toledo membership meeting and now our comrades realize more fully than ever before the absolute importance of the DAILY WORKER not only to the American movement but also to the international movement as well.

We have not only pledged ourselves to raise the quota assigned to us which we have already done but we are also determined to double that amount.

Expressing the sentiment that the comrade who does not rush to the aid of our DAILY WORKER at this time to insure its existence for 1925 is no Communist, every comrade in local Toledo has taken it upon himself to do his share to put this job over big.

BANKER SAYS DAWES AND MUSSOLINI ARE NICE—FOR BANKERS

OTTAWA, Canada, Dec. 15.—Otto H. Kahn, international banker, who is making money out of the European financial transactions of the Morgan clique of bankers, praised the Dawes plan in a speech here. Kahn also heaped unstinted praise on Mussolini for his work in crushing workers' organizations in Italy.

Gunman Shoots Union Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The withdrawal of union molders from open-shop plants continues in the bay district. The latest development is the shooting of Frank Brown, business agent, Molders' Union, by an unknown person. Brown was shot four times as he entered his home, and is in a serious condition, the doctors say he will recover. He states he has no personal enemies, and that his assailant must have been a gunman hired by anti-union forces.

To the Workers of America:

From every capitalist spokesman comes expressions of sorrow at the death of Gompers. The meaning of this is that the class enemy of organized labor has lost an invaluable ally.

Coolidge, the strikebreaker, respectfully sends his regrets. . . . The army, the very agency which turned its guns and bayonets against the breasts of the railroad men and coal miners when they dared to strike, carries Gompers' casket on a military caisson with a military escort to the train at San Antonio, and thru Colonel John C. McArthur says, "The army has suffered a serious loss."

Well might the armed forces of the capitalist dictatorship speak thus. Gompers rallied the unions for the world war, bulldozing all opposition. The great open shop paper, the Chicago Tribune, says, "Gompers was an important factor in that congress of forces which resulted in the great coalition against Germany, completed by our declaration of war in 1917." At the El Paso convention of the A. F. of L. Gompers stood for preparation for the next war with Japan. He wished to make the union officials recruiting sergeants and himself an assistant secretary of war.

The biggest bankers of the country, the heads of great railroad corporations, the directors of huge industrial concerns, whose only attitude toward organized labor has been one of unrelenting hostility, each and all regret the death of Gompers in the words of David R. Forgan of the open shop National City bank, who said, "It may be difficult to find someone as good, and there is always the chance of getting someone more radical."

Well may these enemies of militant unionism complain at Gompers' passing. He was their faithful lieutenant, their active agent in the ranks of the unions, fighting every semblance of class struggle. He savagely opposed every effort to bring the members of organized labor into class political parties. He succeeded for decades in holding them in the political parties of big capital, and diverted successfully the stream of sentiment for a labor party into the petty bourgeois LaFollette movement in the last election. At every turn he recognized his greatest enemy was the Workers (Communist) Party.

He bitterly opposed amalgamation of the antiquated craft unions into powerful industrial unions, and he waged a war of expulsions, tuggery and falsehood against the left wing of the labor movement when it pressed this vital issue upon unions which were withering away under the blows of consolidated capital. The fight he waged against amalgamation has served the employers well.

His fight against unity of organized labor within the industries but symbolizes his whole efforts to keep the unions of the workers at the mercy and in the service of the employers. He advocated and practiced class collaboration, the mutuality of interests between the inherently hostile working class and employing class. He fought against the necessity of class struggle. He opposed the revolution. (Continued on page 2)

MOORS PUTTING FRANCE, SPAIN IN NEW DILEMMA

Rivera Dictatorship in New Setbacks

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TANGIER, Morocco, Dec. 15.—The Anjara tribesmen of Abdel Krim are putting the imperialist positions of both France and Spain in a bad fix.

By the retreat of the Spaniards, acclaimed by the military dictator of Spain, Primo de Rivera, as a "strategic retreat," a new position was taken which was thought secure.

Face New Uprising.

Now an uprising has taken place behind the new lines and the whole Spanish army is in peril. Moreover, it menaces the Tetuan-Tangier road and the Tetuan-Ceuta railway.

The natives have already taken the Spanish post at Alcazar Kebir and are holding the officers as hostages while offering the private soldiers positions in their army, in which they are must better treated than in the Spanish army. Steamers have ceased calling at the post of Tetuan which is under fire of the rebels. Other posts have been reported fallen. Many are known to be besieged.

The consequences of this collapse may have political reverberations on the European continent. The Spanish dictator has proven himself as incompetent as Mussolini, even in his chosen business of fighting a weaker enemy. Everyone laughs at Primo de Rivera's speech praising his soldiers for the retreat. He said, "This retreat was far more difficult than an advance and required more sacrifice (Continued on page 2.)"

"AMALGAMATED" MILITANTS URGE MEMBERSHIP CONTROL OF UNION; SHOP COMMITTEES AS BASIC UNIT

The left wing in the Chicago Amalgamated Clothing Workers has formed a progressive campaign committee to conduct the left wing fight in the coming election. This committee has issued a leaflet that outlines the policies of the left wing as against the class collaboration policy of the administration. Particularly important is the demand for membership control of the union by the introduction of shop committees as the basic units of the organization, and "no secret diplomacy with the bosses" in the wage negotiations which will soon begin. The leaflet reads as follows:

Members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers! Fight with the Left Wing for Militant Unionism!

While thousands of our members are today walking the streets, the majority of those employed are working only part time. Yet the profits of the manufacturers are increasing, aided by the collaboration policy of our officials. The militant policy of fighting the bosses, which built up our organization in the past, has been substituted by the method of aiding the employers at the expense of the workers.

Co-operation with Bosses Betrays Interests of Workers.

This unemployment situation is mainly the result of this policy of class collaboration. Adjustments in rates of wages and methods of work have been consented to by our officials, which turned out to be to the full advantage of the bosses, enabling them to get more production out

WORKER FALLS IN STREET WHILE OUT HUNTING FOR JOB

REVERE, Mass., Dec. 15.—William Baeln, unemployed worker, collapsed here while looking for work and is now in the Massachusetts general hospital in Boston in a serious condition. Baeln fell unconscious at Broadway and Center street, after looking vainly for work for many days. Baeln told the police he has been ill since suffering a drenching while working on a building on Hanover St., Boston. He has no relatives.

Soviet Aviator Makes Record.

MOSCOW.—A new record was set by Hans Lange, pilot of the "Derulft" (Aviation) company in passenger transport aviation when he covered a distance of 124 miles between Kovno and Dvinsk in 29 minutes. The whole route between Kovno and Moscow, (744 miles) was covered in somewhat under five hours.

SECRETARY OF NAVY DEMANDS WAR ON JAPAN

Makes Secret Report to Senate Committee

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur is enjoying extraordinary immunity in his fire-eating speeches against Japan, nowadays.

It will be remembered that prior to the election he was recalled from a speechmaking tour because of his unbridled language in boosting a large navy for the purpose of contesting the supremacy of the Pacific Ocean with Japan.

A Piece of Bluff.
The capitalist press pointed out that his recall was due to differences of opinion between the navy secretary and Calvin Coolidge, but the DAILY WORKER held that there was no fundamental difference between the attitude of Coolidge on the question of naval forces and that of Wilbur.

His recall was a political maneuver in order to maintain the fiction that Coolidge was deeply interested in the maintenance of peaceful relations between Japan and the United States.

Now that the election is over, the burning issue of economy is not allowed to interfere with the task of increasing the size and efficiency of Morgan's navy. The big \$140,000,000 appropriation was slipped thru without a murmur of opposition, while "Cal's" press agents boasted about his saving the treasury a small sum in traveling to the Chicago stockyards in a pullman instead of in a special train.

At Secret Conference.
At a recent meeting of the house committee on appropriations, Secretary of the navy, Wilbur, declared that war between the United States and Japan was not alone inevitable but imminent.

In arguing for the proposed naval maneuvers around Hawaii, which are the object of attack in Japan, he asserted that the Japanese navy, recently, as a cost of over two million dollars, engaged in maneuvers on a large scale involving the use of the entire navy.

No Talk of Peace.
Secretary Wilbur also declared that all the leading nations of the world are increasing the efficiency of their naval contingents. According to the secretary, Japan is building a fleet designed to surpass that of the United States within a few years. Captain Henry H. Hough, who is in charge of the espionage department of the navy, told of inside information gathered by his spies in Japan.

There is no doubt but the United States capitalists are rapidly preparing for a war with the capitalists of Japan.

Oil Boom Town Burns.
CROMWELL, Okla., Dec. 15.—Guards this morning were patrolling the ashes of Cromwell—famous boom town of the oil fields—as most of its business district lay in ruins after a disastrous fire which began yesterday morning and burned thruout the day.

Marx Cabinet Quits.
BERLIN, Dec. 15.—President Ebert this evening accepted the resignation of Chancellor Marx and his cabinet. The ministers were requested, however, to continue their duties temporarily.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOURNS GOMPERS, AND SO WILL "FINK" BURNS

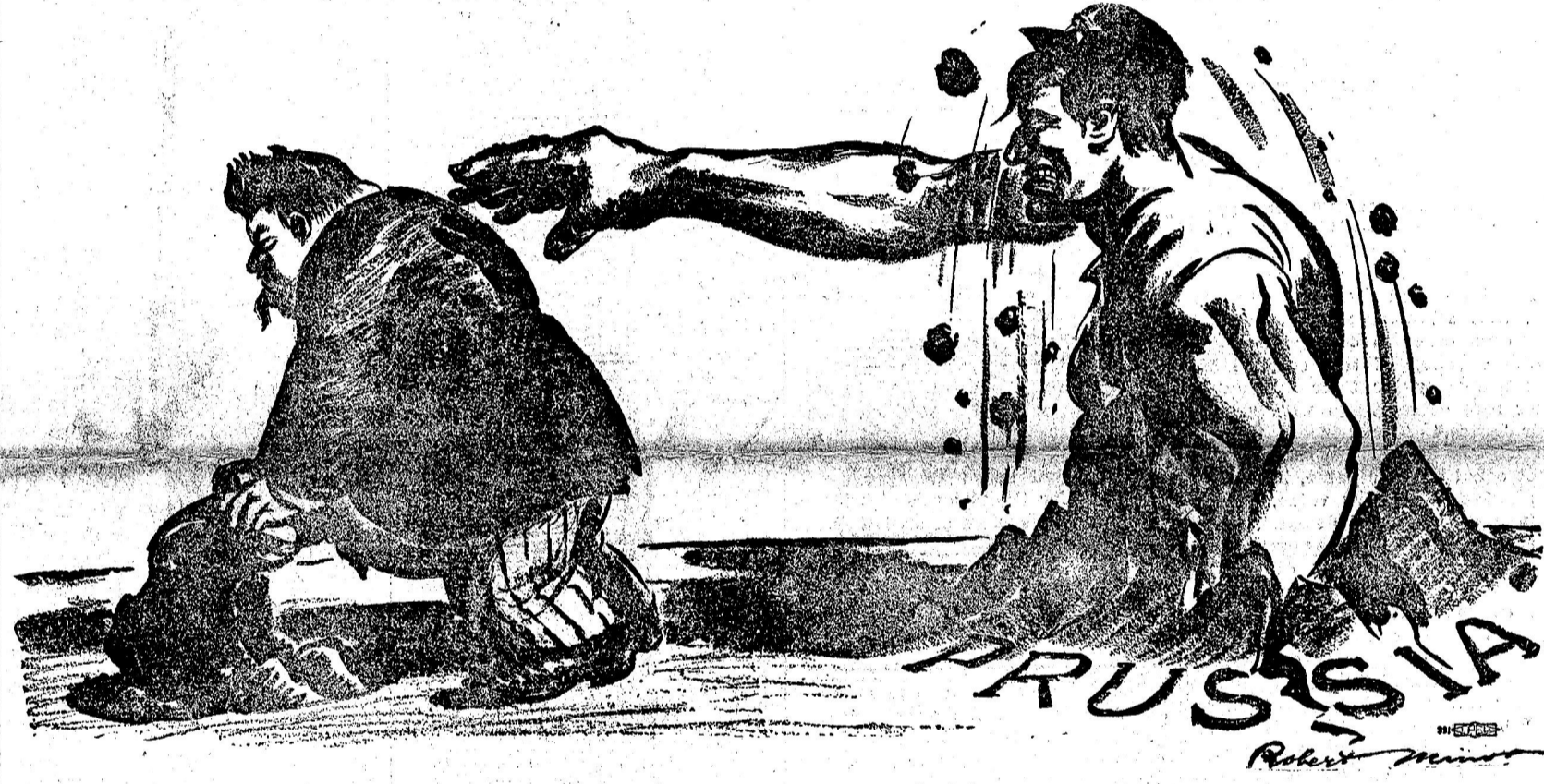
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 15.—The American Legion, the aspirant to the role of white guardism and one of the leading forces in crushing strikes of organized labor, at a special meeting of its Illinois executive committee, has adopted a resolution regarding the death of Gompers.

It says, "The removal from the nation's service of this man is a loss which will be felt in the nation for many years, due to the fact that he has always been a loyal supporter of the nation's ideals and institutions."

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Herr Ebert Buries the Communists.



of the workers, and increasing the unemployed army. Our officials also permitted the employers to shut down shops and get their work done in contract shops.

Instead of making a militant fight against these wage cuts, increased exploitation, and infringements upon the rights of our union, our officials submitted to the wishes and dictates of the bosses.

Instead of fighting against unemployment our officials are actually sabotaging the union's Employment Exchange, by job juggling handing out jobs to whatever member meets with their personal favor, instead of having such transactions go thru the Employment Exchange regularly established by the union. While members who seek jobs outside the regular channels are rightfully disciplined, yet the business agents are permitted to dispose of jobs privately.

Fake "Unemployment Insurance" Schemes.

Instead of leading the fight against the encroachment of the bosses, our officials busy themselves with devising petty insurance schemes. We all know that these schemes are fake, and do not materially aid our membership. The sums received by partially employed members under the schemes are so small as to be of no use at all, and only those who have a boss get insurance; those who are totally unemployed get nothing.

Our active union members are constantly discriminated against. The bosses know that a militant union is a menace to their profits and their power of exploitation; hence they spare no efforts to win the union officials for their plans of co-operation. The employers recognize the class struggle and act unitedly in behalf of their class. By co-operating with them, our leaders betray the membership of the union. It is necessary for the membership to adopt the fighting left-wing policies which the officials have repudiated.

What the Left Wing Stands for:

Only Militant Policies Can Build and Strengthen the Union.

The left wing recognizes that the class struggle is a struggle for power. That all the gains made by the workers are made thru a fighting policy. The duty of union officials is to lead the fight against the bosses, not to devise ways and means for aiding the bosses to squeeze more profits out of the workers.

Down with class collaboration!
Support the militant policies developed by the left wing in the Trade Union Educational League!

Direct Negotiations with the Bosses by the Workers.

The left wing opposes the present method of secret diplomacy with (Continued on page 2.)

Notice! Carpenters and Miners!

It is essential that we have information as soon as possible regarding the vote cast for the left wing candidates in the recent elections in the carpenters' and miners' unions. The reactionaries at the head of these organizations may be depended upon to rob us of our vote wholesale and thus to minimize our showing. Therefore, it is the duty of every left-winger in these unions to let us know at once how his local voted. You should take this matter seriously and act upon it without delay. Please let us hear from you.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE, T. U. E. L.

