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(By Our Special Correspondent) HARLAN, Ky.—The five mines on Straight Creek in Bell county, adjoining Harlan county, are still out and committees of action are working day and night to extend the strike to other mines.

PLOT GENERAL WAGE CUT FOR R. R. WORKERS

The Interstate Commerce Commission is planning a sweeping wage cut that will affect all railroad workers, according to reliable information from Washington, D. C. More than 1,200,000 railroad workers will be cut down.

The stagger system—compulsory working of short time at further wage reductions—is to be made general on railroads.

Railroad workers must organize by electing committees of action and preparing to smash the wage cut drive.

All transport workers, steel and metal workers, all miners, should unite to defeat the wage cuts. Only strike action will stop this drive to impose mass hunger upon the entire working class.

Relief Badly Needed The Harlan miners are endeavoring to bring to the attention of the whole working class their starvation conditions and to expose the worst reign of terror existing anywhere in the country. It shows that the very biggest capitalist rulers of America have sanctioned organized fascist attacks against the workers in Harlan.

Unless this fascist attack is met and defeated it will certainly spread not only to all mine fields but to other industries.

One of the difficulties standing in the way of extending the strike is the slowness with which relief comes in. So efficient is the relief administered that miners are being fed at a cost of but three cents a meal. Even at that rate the relief thus far has not been sufficient.

Workers everywhere must rally to the relief of the Harlan miners. Otherwise they can look at Harlan today and see a picture of what is going to face them tomorrow.

Rush funds and food and clothing to the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Kentucky-West Virginia Striking Miners Relief Committee at 611 Penn. Ave., Room 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MORE MINERS GET WAGE CUTS BROWNSVILLE, Pa.—More than 7,000 miners employed by the H. C. Frick Coke company received 10 per cent wage cuts.

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Most important of all it will lay bare the war conspiracies against the workers' and peasants' government, with special emphasis on the part played by the South.

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All orders must be in Chattanooga by Monday, November 3rd.

CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST WAGE CUTS AND AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

A nationwide campaign has been launched for a systematic class exposure of starvation conditions. The exposure is to be carried on in the form of a thorough-going investigation of working class life in industrial centers, among the smaller localities and in important farming areas.

HEARINGS EVERYWHERE

More than 4,000 workers listened to William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, expose the arbitration swindle and urge greater activity in setting up united front strike committees, elected by the strikers to carry on the struggle against wage cuts.

Southern Conditions Threat

Foster exposed the attempt of the bosses to beat down wages of the Northern workers to the starvation level existing in the mills of the South.

Special South Problems

The hearings in Southern centers, especially in Birmingham, have to be held under conditions approaching class terror. But the Unemployed Councils announce that the report will be made to establish the conditions. Special investigations regarding the effect of the per-workday lynch campaigns against Negro masses will be carried out. There will be definitely established the different rates of pay prevailing, showing that Negro workers get lower pay for the same work and how this system of unequal pay is used as a hammer by the bosses to rapidly beat down the wages of the whole working class, white and black.

ANOTHER BANK CRASH PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The United Security Trust Company is closed by order of the State banking department.

ings will be taken and will be used by the National Hunger Marchers' delegation that will go to Washington with class demands at the opening of Congress in December.

Besides the investigation by the Unemployed Councils the Trade Union Unity League will gather stonographic reports of the hear-

Meet to Fight Wage Cut Drive

A mass meeting to start a struggle against the wage cuts being put through in Chattanooga is being planned for Monday night, October 19, at Washington and 22nd streets.

The general wage cuts in steel and other important industries are already beginning to have an effect on the factories of Chattanooga. Within the last few weeks, and especially since October 1, workers have reported to the Trade Union Unity League the following cuts and worsening conditions:

In Casey-Hedges, a cut of 10 cents on the dollar, affecting both yard gang and molders, went thru October 6. Last year there was a general wage of \$1.00—in a few cases more throughout the factory. The present cut of another 10 cents is no doubt the beginning of still greater reductions. The factory works only two or four days a week, chiefly because of the terrific speed-up in loading and unloading.

Workers in the U. S. Pipe report that 6 pits have been shut down at the lower shop. This action includes drastic wage cut. Moulders who used to make \$25.50 for the same full week now make \$22.50 for the same full week. A full week, however is a thing of the past at the U. S. Pipe, which is working only one or two days a week. Sandpitchers' helpers in the U. S. Pipe who were getting \$2.70 a week got a ten percent wage cut. Molders also got 10 per cent off from \$3.00. Vesta Stove workers have gone out of 10 cents on the dollar and are being speeded up still more.

Fire knockers and helpers in the Southern railway have got a cut of 40 cents on the dollar. The car department is being speeded up more. Car men were laid off Monday. Freight house of the Southern Railway cut from \$2.88 to \$2.48. Those had been earning \$2.84 now get \$2.64.

About 20 men were laid off recently at the Tennessee Stove Co. At the same time the men are being cut one cent per day on the piece rate for indefinite period. Molders are permitted to lay only half as much flooring.

At the same time that pay is being cut, some of the factories are speeding up work altogether and many others are working only short time.

Milne's Chair factory, which was working 5 1/2 days, is now to 4 1/2 days, threats of further reduction being constantly used by foremen to speed up the workers up. Workers in Milne's have had two wage cuts in 6 weeks. The bonus which the workers are supposed to get now goes only to the checkers and foremen. The average wage is 22 cents an hour, with many workers making less. Although it is necessary to wait on work for weeks at a time, the workers get nothing at this time lost.

Crane Enamel is working only four days a week. International Harvester has been down altogether.

The coming mass meeting on October 19 is part of a campaign to rally the workers around the Trade Union Unity League for a struggle against these wage cuts and against the further reductions that the bosses are trying to put thru in the near future.

porting at the place next April, decision of the parole board. Meanwhile Cannon, the man who continues following against Reds and remains head of one of the biggest religious sects of the Klux south.

This Is Your Party Support It

Everything Is Jim - Crowed But Dollars

(By a Worker Correspondent) GREENVILLE, S. C.—The colored population pay as high taxes as the white here in Greenville, but they don't have the conveniences. Their school term is shorter. The school busses come out of tax money and the colored should have a bus just the same as the whites. The Negro sections don't have no roads—they have gullies. They don't have no house, either—just lousy shacks. Still they pay big rent. The colored population is jim-crowed in everything but his money. They don't jim-crow his money.

I think the Negro and white workers ought to organize all in one body, and fight for their rights. That's the only way we'll ever get better conditions for the laboring class. Everybody roll at the wheel!

—White Mill Worker.

Landlord Tries To Jim - Crow TUUL

Refusing to be terrorized by threats from the landlord, Negro and white workers are visiting the Chattanooga center of the Trade Union Unity League recently opened at 1476 1/2 Market street.

When it was found that the hall of the Trade Union Unity League is not a Jim-Crow center, but welcomes the workers of every color, the order went out from the landlord and his caretaker that no more Negro workers were to be permitted to enter the hall. The sign which had been tacked up to guide the workers into the hall was torn down.

The Trade Union Unity League of Chattanooga is determined to keep open a hall for both Negro and white workers, who are welcome there to get information and literature about the movement. It will not have forced upon it any policy of Jim-Crow. If necessary, defense groups will be organized to enforce the right of the Negro workers to enter the hall.

Crooked Bishop's Pal Gets Govt. Parole

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is again in the limelight because of his grafting and stock swindling activities. This time the eminent reverend who handled some of Hoover's slush fund during the 1928 campaign is accused of bribing Department of Justice officials to parole one of his pals named Harry L. Goldhurst.

Goldhurst is from New York City, where he operated a bucket shop. The religious prelate, Bishop Cannon, was one of the chief operators in Goldhurst's bucket shop.

The New York crook was arrested but agreed to plead guilty so that the real culprit, Bishop Cannon, would not be exposed as a low crook and grafter. Cannon "fixed" up matters with the "law" so that Goldhurst would not get a severe sentence. The result was that the bucket shop operator, who was working for Cannon, was transferred from the Atlanta federal prison to open camps for "accessibility to their friends and relatives." Goldhurst is enjoying himself at Fort Meade, near Washington and will be released even from re-

army, its courts, its jailers enables a few to claim ownership of all these necessities of life and dooms the rest of us to hunger and starvation.

When we fight against wage cuts and for unemployment insurance we fight to stop the capitalist imposing the burdens of his own crisis upon us. We Communists fight to strengthen the working class so that we can in the not distant future abolish the capitalist system—this last system of slavery—and establish the rule of the workers and farmers.

Halt Evictions In Chattanooga

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Determined action by a neighborhood unemployment committee has forced Mayor Bass to halt at least for the time being the eviction of an unemployed worker and his family.

Mr. E. Boynton, Negro worker of 358 North Willow Street, has been out of work for many months. His wife and his grown children are also out of work. With no money coming in, Mr. Boynton has been trying to support a family of 13. When he got behind with his rent, he was ordered out and notice of eviction was served.

Workers in the neighborhood at once organized into the Willow street block committee to halt the eviction. They told the landlady that if she did not stop the eviction order, they would take steps to do so. They then elected a committee to visit Mayor Bass. The committee told the Mayor that a family out of work has the right to live; that if he did not stop the eviction, the workers of the neighborhood would see to it that the family remained in the home.

Under this pressure, Mayor Bass was forced to telephone the landlady and order the eviction stopped for the time being.

The Willow street workers, however are not being fooled by mere promises. They know that unless they organize still more strongly to force the mayor to stick to his word, the promise will be worth exactly nothing. Only organized force and mass pressure will get the mayor, whose interests are those of the bosses and landlords, to keep the promise which the workers have forced from him.

To this end, a mass meeting is being called on a Willow street lot in the near future.

This is the second time in one week that organized action by workers of the neighborhood has stopped the eviction of a jobless worker. The workers living near Mrs. Ruth Pain 503 W. 14th street, began the organization of a block committee to stop the eviction of this woman, who was very ill from tuberculosis and had no job and no income. The next day Sheriff Taylor ordered the notice of eviction cancelled.

Union Denied Use Of Public Library

(By a Worker Correspondent) GREENVILLE, S. C.—The Public Library of Greenville has a hall. Anyone is supposed to be able to use it, for a small sum. But when the National Textile Workers' Union tried to get the hall for a meeting, although the library people said there were many nights free, still the hall was refused. "Under the circumstances," they said, "the trustees can not let the hall be used by the union."

The "circumstances" are that some mill-owners are trustees of the library, and the whole town is run by the millowners and their agents. No wonder they didn't want the National Textile Workers' Union to tell that to the workers!

But in spite of the millowners and their tricks the mill workers of Greenville are organizing. They know they must fight back against the rotten low wages and the stretchout. They know the National Textile Workers' Union is a union that will lead them in struggles for better conditions. All mill workers should join. Come on, lets go!

—Mill worker.

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Stock Market Rise Follows Wage Cuts

Sunday papers carried screaming headlines on their front pages to the effect that "Wall Street Ends The Week Jubilantly." Capitalist editorial writers said that the crisis is passing, that the first rays heralding good times are already upon the horizon; that the night of depression is passing and the dawn of prosperity is breaking. All this because stocks on Wall street gained six billion dollars in five days.

But the workers, standing in bread lines, starving in the cold, miserable hovels they dwell in, searching for jobs, have not felt any of this jubilation. The pangs of hunger still wrack them, their children still have scant clothing or no clothing to wear to school. The physical resistance to disease grows ever weaker while additional thousands die of malnutrition. Those who still work in industry and who slave on the farms see their families reduced to the condition of the dependents of the unemployed because their wages, reduced time and again, are not enough to keep the wolf of hunger from their doors.

As far as production in the United States is concerned it has not gone up, but is going down. Those who try to make us believe otherwise are again lying to us; trying to deceive us so we will not fight, but will wait expectantly for the "wave of good times," started on Wall Street, to reach us.

Steel stocks have gone higher, following the wage cut. But steel production still falls. The United States Steel Corporation's September tonnage statement, published Saturday, showed a decrease of 24,624 tons. Yet millions of dollars were added to steel stocks on Wall Street. The same situation exists in regard to oil, to General Motors, to General Electric.

What, then, is the real reason for this rise in the stock market? The principal reason is to be found in the general wage cut imposed upon workers in all the big industries of the country. Stocks rise on the market when the capitalists think they will be able to exploit the workers more, when they think they will be able to get more profits out of us than before. Six billion dollars were added to the industrial stocks because the Wall Street gang believe they can realize the average rate of profit on six more billions of dollars in addition to the billions supposed to be invested in stocks before the wage cuts went into effect.

The Wall Street bandits are gambling on the future possibility of distilling the very life blood of the working class into bigger profits. They think that because October 1st passed without a general revolt against the sweeping wage cuts they can safely speculate upon future possibilities of driving us still harder and beating down our starvation standards of life still lower. We must blast the capitalist hope.

The wage cut was followed by the "bankers' conference" which decided upon "releasing credits," to bolster up the banking structure of the country. A financial dictatorship is to be established through the newly created National Credit Corporation, which will issue credits on any security it deems fit. It will enable the big corporations and banks to dispose of their indebtedness on any basis they choose. "Frozen assets," that is to say securities that cannot now be converted into money will be "rediscounted"—that is to say the banks, after taking their discount for handling the paper securities, will be permitted to issue loans in the form of paper money. Thus we will have two forms of inflation—inflation through releasing credits and inflation by issuing more paper money, rediscounting weak securities. Inflation always means a drastic rise in the prices of necessities of life. The wages we receive will purchase less than before. Hence, inflation is always a cut in real wages.

Another factor in the rise of the stock market is the rapidity with which the United States is plunging toward war. At the same time the market rises the capitalist press reports that the situation in Manchuria has reached alarming proportions and that "America is ready to take action on China and Japan." United States warship move into Chinese waters to try to grab a share of plunder in Manchuria and to take a leading part in establishing a base for imperialist war operations against the Soviet Union. The big bankers and industrialists anticipate tremendous war profits very soon.

We workers must see to it that the Wall Street gang, which means the real rulers of capitalist America, do not realize the profits they expect at the expense of our increasing misery. We must speed up our preparations organizationally to resist the October wage cut. Committees of Action must be set up in all key industries to prepare for strike action. We must increase our fight against hunger and unemployment. We must stop all evictions. We must fight against imperialist war conspiracies and in defense of the Soviet Union. We must intensify our fight a thousand-fold against white chauvinism in the ranks of the workers, especially here in the South, and must unite the white and black workers on a class basis in the industrial centers. All these tasks are inseparable parts of our work of resisting the capitalist offensive and turning it into a counter-offensive of the workers against the bosses.

Already there are signs, as indicated by the Lawrence strike, the growing revolt in the Kentucky fields, the preparations for action in the steel industry, the movement among the workers on the railroads, the ferment from the ranks of our class that the boss wage cutting campaign will be challenged through widespread strike action.

When masses of workers get into action against wage cuts we will then see a mad scramble to again unload stocks on Wall Street and again "the bottom will drop out" of them.

Stock market prices are based upon "futures"—the future possibility of exploiting us and of plundering colonies and trying to destroy the Soviet Union. They do not represent real value. Such real value is represented in food, clothing, machinery, raw material, useful things that are here in an abundance sufficient to feed and clothe and shelter in ample comfort every man, woman and child. The one thing that stands between us and that wealth is the capitalist system which, with its government, its police, its

# National Hunger March to Washington

## Labor Fakery of Chattanooga In Cheap Swindle

The Chattanooga Trades and Labor Council sent a protest to the bosses against employing "out-of-county" laborers for Hamilton county work on the highways. The council specifically objects to the employment of workers from Lenoir City, which is in Loudon county. One-third of the men employed are from Loudon county. It seems that two contracting firms, one from Hamilton county, in which Chattanooga is located and one from Loudon county had split their contracts to pave the Ringgold highway road. In case of similar agreements on other jobs Chattanooga men would go into another county.

**Faking Game Goes On**  
Secretary Matt Gerlach of the local Trades and Labor Council released the story of the council's action to the press. Like all other labor fakers, that cheap political shyster only puts forth such idiotic demands in an effort to cover up the fact that the Trades and Labor Council has no program for unemployment, no policy of fighting against mass starvation.

By putting forth such foolish demands the leaders of the Council hope to retain influence over the organized craftsmen of Chattanooga and prevent these American Federation of Labor members repudiating them and participating in the struggles against employment being carried out by the militant forces of the working class.

The unemployed problem can never be met by erecting barriers to prevent workers from going from one county to another. We are used to hearing such drivel in regard to foreign-born workers; occasionally some fool proposes exclusion of workers from other states; now comes the Chattanooga labor fakers who set up county exclusion lines. Next we suppose it will be reduced to towns, then wards, then blocks. Any absurdity is taken up by the labor fakers to conceal their own treachery to the working class and their crawling before the boss class.

## Held For Grand Jury In Chatta. Eviction

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Elijah Cook, Negro worker, is held to the grand jury on \$250 bail on a charge of trespassing because his neighbors aided him to put his furniture back in the house after he was evicted for non-payment of rent.

When Cook was first evicted he was brought to the county jail and Sheriff C. Taylor gave him \$3.00 with which to move out. It has been a practice with certain politicians to try to bribe workers threatened with eviction with small amounts which are presumably later collected from the landlord. Cook used the \$3.00 to buy food and remained in the house. Hence his arrest.

## Crowd Hears Court Farce

A large crowd of Negro workers gathered at the little office of Squire Hamby where the hearing was held. Attorney G. W. Chamlee was retained by the International Labor Defense to represent the victim of landlord greed.

Deputy sheriffs are complaining that they are having trouble throwing Negroes out of their houses because of the activity of Reds, who urge them to remain on the premises and who organize the neighborhood to fight against evictions.

## Four Main Columns Will Reach Capitol Dec. 7th

### Unemployed Councils Issue Nation-Wide Call to Intensify Fight Against Starvation

To the workers of the United States: We call upon you to fight against the mass starvation that is engulfing the working class. We call on you to organize under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, a great National Hunger March to Washington, to demand that Congress adopt the necessary measures of unemployment relief, to meet the present condition of growing starvation. Let us not stand idly by and allow our families to starve! Let us organize and fight for the right to live! Let us fight as the miners and textile workers are fighting in their great strikes!

The situation of the working class has become intolerable and it constantly grows worse. Fully 12,000,000 workers are now totally unemployed, and many millions more work only part time. Daily the economic crisis deepens and tens of thousands more

### Capitalist Policy Is Starvation for Masses

The policy of the capitalists in this country is to make the workers starve. Their sole concern is to protect their own profits, sweated from our toil. They slash the workers' wages mercilessly, they throw millions out of jobs, depriving us of all means of making a living. They reduce the

### Government Protects Capitalists and Starves Workers

The government—local, state and national—enforces this capitalist starvation program. Everywhere it protects the capitalists and starves the workers. The Hoover government rushes with hundreds of millions to aid the banks. It spends three billions yearly for past, present and future wars. But it has nothing for the unemployed workers and the bankrupt

### We Must Either Fight or Starve

Manifestly we must fight. It is either fight or starve. We must not be turned from the path of struggle by the glib demagoguery of such element as Governor Roosevelt and Pinchot, Mayor Murphy and the A. F. of L. officials and the socialist party. There is only the Hoover starvation policy dressed up in liberal, trade union and radical phrases.

Only by mass struggle can the starving workers force the capitalist government to grant relief. In every city we must organize the broadest

### March on to Washington - Demand Unemployment and Other Social Insurance

When Congress assembles early in December the delegates of the workers, the National Hunger Marchers, must be there to fight against the starvation of the workers. The working class has no representation in Congress. The main demands of these millions of unemployed workers, whom the marchers will represent, will be for unemployment insurance, equal to full wages for the unemployed and part-time workers, for special winter relief in the amount of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent; for the 7-hour

### Elect Marchers at United Mass Meetings of Workers

The National Hunger March must be a gigantic mass movement. The marchers are to be elected at great local mass meetings, made up of employed and unemployed workers, members of A. F. of L. and T. U. L. union, workers' fraternal organizations, unorganized workers from the shops, etc. Delegates will come from

are thrown out of work. Sweeping wage-cuts take place in every industry, capitalist "plans" to cure the crisis fail miserably. The great industries remain idle, although millions are in want of the necessities of life. The government holds 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, but the farmers are poverty stricken and the city workers are famished for bread. Children are dying for want of milk while milk is being dumped by the milk corporations. Every day workers, driven desperate, kill themselves. It is capitalist chaos and bankruptcy.

Thus the capitalist system is rotting all over the world. Only in the Soviet Union are the industries flourishing, the wage standards rising, and the toilers free from the tragedy of unemployment and capitalist exploitation.

### Government Protects Capitalists and Starves Workers

workers to beggary. Their relief program is a contemptible one of "charity" with its miserable breadlines, flop house, etc. Parasitic stockholders live on the fat of the land; but the workers who built the industries and produced its riches, are thrust into destitution and starvation.

farmers. We are referred back to the crooked local politicians and professional charity sharks. The local governments arrest, club and shoot down the workers wherever they make mass demands for relief. In Chicago and Cleveland the police brutally murdered demonstrating unemployed workers.

### We Must Either Fight or Starve

local struggles, demonstrations, and hunger marches—against evictions, against lay-offs, against wage-cuts, against the stagger plan, against forced labor, for cash relief from the city, for free rent, gas, lights, etc., for the unemployed, for free food and clothing for school children, etc. These local struggles must be the basis for the National Hunger March, which will in turn further organize and intensify the local struggles for relief, as well as unite the whole movement nationally.

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day without reduction in weekly earnings, for the initiation of a federal program of furnishing work to the workers at union wages, for the abolition of the brutal terror and discrimination against Negroes and deportation of foreign-born workers, demands for the ex-servicemen and poor farmers, etc. The marchers will demand that all war funds be applied to unemployment relief and be administered by the Unemployed Councils. They will demand the enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

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all of the important centers, from New York to San Francisco. In the many cities through which the marchers will pass they will be greeted by big mass demonstrations of the workers. Similarly, on their return journey from Washington, the marchers will report along the routes to mass meetings of workers.

## Food, Clothing and Medical Services for Marchers

The march will be fully organized. The approximately 1,500 marchers will be regularly elected delegates, organized in unit formations, and thoroughly disciplined. The march will be directly under the auspices of the Unemployed Councils. The T. U. L. and its affiliated unions will cooperate.

### Four Main Columns Will Move to Washington

The march, proceeding principally by trucks will go in four general columns (1) starting at Boston and drawing in delegations from all the middle and north Atlantic states, (2) starting at Buffalo and proceeding via Scranton to Philadelphia; (3) starting at Chicago, including delegates from the west and northwest, and proceeding by the northern route via Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh; (4) starting at St. Louis, including delegates from the South and Southwest and proceeding via Indianapolis Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Full details will be furnished all Unemployed Councils, giving quotas for each city and outlining the methods of organizing the delegation units and the marching columns.

### Build Unemployed Councils!

Organize for the National Hunger March! Build Unemployed Councils! Intensify the local demonstrations for immediate relief! Make the cities seethe with demands for food for the starving and shelter for the homeless! Make the National Hunger March a gigantic demonstration of the workers against starvation! On to Washington December 7th!  
New York Unemployed Council. -- Detroit Unemployed Council. Cleveland Unemployed Council.

## WOUNDED MAN TO FACE LYNCH COURT NOV. 9th

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Willie Peterson, tubercular miner, now lying in the hospital suffering from bullet wounds inflicted upon him in the county jail by a white lyncher, is to be placed on trial on a murder charge November 9, according to the local press.

While Willie Peterson was in the county jail in the custody of Sheriff Frank F. Hawkins, Dent Williams, shyster lawyer and brother of one of the society females who was shot during a road-side "petting party," fired five shots at the helpless Negro, three shots taking effect.

Peterson Near Death  
For many days Peterson hovered between life and death. Even now it is certain that the Negro cannot live more than a few months because of the ravages of tuberculosis and the effects of the bullets. But the Birmingham legal lynching gang, that is to say the police, the courts and all the "law enforcing" machinery are preparing to stage a legal lynching of the Negro worker as part of their campaign of terror against the entire Negro working class population of Birmingham.

### Fear Strikes Against Cuts

The campaign against Negro workers, a campaign that has been raging for months, has intensified since the general wage cut imposed upon Birmingham workers—especially the workers in the steel industry and the miners.

The boss press that never shrinks from broadcasting any lie that will serve its purpose and that tries constantly to keep race prejudice at fever heat is outdoing itself recently because it fears the Communist agitation for unity of the working class against wage cuts.

erate. The Workers' International Relief will organize the commissary and medical services jointly with the Unemployed Councils. Made up of men and women delegates—youth, Negro, foreign born and native—the marchers will be thoroughly representative of the working class.

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Boston Unemployed Council. San Francisco Unemployed Council. Minneapolis Unemployed Council. Chicago Unemployed Council. Pittsburgh Unemployed Council. Philadelphia Unemployed Council. New Haven Unemployed Council. Buffalo Unemployed Council. Kansas City Unemployed Council. UNEMPLOYED COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL HUNGER MARCH, 5 East 19th St., New York City

## ROBINSOON CIRCUS KILLS WORKER FOR DEMANDING PAY

MOBILE, Ala.—Two days ago twenty-five Negro and white workers arrived here all bruised and ragged. They had been thrown off a train fourteen miles away, by the bosses of the circus for which they were working. The bosses had offered to pay them one dollar for their week's work. When they protested against such robbery, they were attacked with blackjacks and kicked off the Robinsoon circus train without a cent and with injuries.

### Robinson Circus Kills Worker For Demanding Pay

The white workers realize that the bosses do not give a hang more about them than they do about the Negro workers. They only try to make the whites look down upon the Negro in order to turn his mind away from the fact that the boss class is the common enemy of all workers regardless of color.

## PRO LABOR INCREASES IN ALL INDUSTRY

YORK.—The advance census continues to show that the population in all industrial cities in the North and the West is increasing. In such important cities as Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, (all of them have had an increase of more than 100 per cent. In the steel town of Gary, Indiana, the population has tripled. In Detroit there has been a rise of 100 per cent. In Buffalo, 200 per cent. In Los Angeles, 149 per cent. In Birmingham, 41 per cent. In Chicago, 31 per cent. In Philadelphia, 25 per cent. In St. Louis, 25 per cent. In Cincinnati, 25 per cent. In Cleveland, 25 per cent. In Pittsburgh, 25 per cent. In all these cities, this increase continues to reflect the fact that the Negro population is becoming more and more a factor in the economic struggles of the working class. Both in the unemployment and of wage is extraordinarily hard hit.

### Betsy Ross Supports Communist Program

Writing from Canton, Ohio, to the Daily Worker, the central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., Ernest R. Veigh, relates that Betsy Ross, the great-granddaughter of the creator of the American flag is facing slow starvation in that city.

She said she used to live next door in California to the Hoover family and that Hoover personally asked her for her vote, but she refused, telling him her family had been "hooverized" enough in California.

### BOSTON DRESS STRIKE

BOSTON, Mass.—When D. Gordon's dress shop fired two workers the rest of the workers went on strike under the leadership of the Needle Workers' Industrial Union. A rank and file strike committee has issued a call to all dressmakers in Boston to join the fight and to put forth demands against wage-cutting, speed-up, etc.

### BROOM WORKERS' WAGES CUT

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Broom Manufacturing association cut wages in all its associated plants 15 per cent.

### Plasterers' Wages Cut

OHIO.—Plasterers working for the Good Samaritan Hospital received a 10 per cent wage cut.

### Too Many Thugs In Harlan, Says Fighting Miner

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
HARLAN, Ky.—We sure are glad to get the Southern Worker in here in spite of John Henry Blair. Just a few lines to brother workers about what is the matter with our country. There are too many thugs and pimps. They have to be gotten out some way if they have to die.

### Census Reports Show Decline of Farm Values Through South

Georgia Farm Crisis In  
In Georgia the small farmer is being driven from the land or reduced to cropper or farm laborer. The farms are owned by a smaller number of farmers, many of whom own thousands of acres of land.

## FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

### Mississippi Hard Hit

In the state of Mississippi, the number of farms has increased from 272,101 in 1920 to 312,663 in 1930, but the value of the farms has decreased from \$964,751,855 to \$692,813,919, or nearly one-third.

### Arkansas Children Denied Doctor's Care

MENA, Ark.—Three children, slowly dying of typhoid fever caused from impure drinking water, no medical attention, and the entire household of eight on starvation. This is the plight of one tenant family living near Men.

### Georgia Butchers Burn Two Negroes in Chair

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga.—Two more Negroes died here in the electric chair last Friday. One was Robert Chisholm, sentenced to death for an alleged attack on a white woman at Perry Ga. The other was Clark Stevens, charged with slaying Police Chief McAdams at Madison, Ga., last August. Both victims of legal lynching claimed they were innocent when last seen by friends.

### Negro Workers! Beware Miss. Grafters

A low crook, L. E. Carrigan, P. O. Box, 317, Jackson, Mississippi, is trying to steal dollars from Negro workers on the pretext that he will put them in touch with someone who will get jobs for them in the Soviet Union. The person has no connection whatsoever with the Soviet Union or with any representatives of the workers' and peasants' government.

### Communist Lead Against Terrorism

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The terror in Birmingham is getting worse. This teaches us to get closer to the leadership of the Communist Party. Many workers now know that this leads us to victory if we will only organize along the lines laid down by the Party.

### Restaurant Help Get What Is Left on Table

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
TAMPA, Fla.—I work at the J. Bailey Cafe here in Tampa, and all the boss man pays me is \$3.00 a week. I work 12 hours a day and my meals consist of what the white folks leave on their plates when they are through eating. I am glad the Communists are here in Tampa. I am joining the T. U. L. as soon as I can spare the initiation fee.

### SILK WORKERS' WAGES CUT

DANVILLE, Pa.—Ninety silk workers in the Starr silk mills struck against a 15 1/2 per cent wage cut. Being unorganized, they lost.

### MISSOURI MINERS STRIKE

LEXINGTON, Mo.—More than 700 miners employed in the Western Coal company struck against a 25 per cent wage cut. They have been sold out many times by the United Mine Workers of America. The National Miners' Union is not yet in the field to lead them.

## SECRET JAILING OF MINERS IS EXPOSED IN KY.

### By Our Own Correspondent

HARLAN, Ky.—Every day that passes exposes more details of the terror against the miners. Many miners just drop out of sight—disappear—and their friends are unable to get any information about them. Some of them are undoubtedly dead; murdered by the roving gangs of armed thugs and gunmen from the vice dens of the big cities. These criminal bands are deputized by John Henry Blair, chief thug of Harlan county's coal operators. Others are thrown into jail without any charges being made against them and tortured from time to time in an effort to break their fighting spirit.

### I. L. D. Forces Release

Henry Henderson, 23-year-old miner, arrested last May on charges of banding and confederating, was released from jail last week, when Albert Goodman, International Labor Defense Attorney from Chicago, learned that he was being held without any charge whatsoever against him. For a time Henderson was held on a charge of grand larceny, in connection with food raids, which was dismissed several weeks ago.

### Note Smuggled Out

Henderson would still be in jail if it were not that he succeeded in smuggling out a note to the International Labor Defense.

### Four-hour search of the records revealed that Tom Epps, a 52-year-old Negro miner, is being held without any charge against him. Habeas corpus proceedings have been started by the I. L. D. attorneys to force his release.

### Jailer Gets Graft

Nowhere is there a more filthy petty larceny bunch of grafters and thieves than the officers of the law in this part of the country. Any of them are capable of stealing pennies off a dead man's eyes. The jailer, L. F. Ball is able to steal about 80 cents a day off prisoners by cheating them on food. This he probably divides with such other worthies as Judge Jones and Sheriff Blair; so the more workers that gang have in jail the more money they can seal in their own petty way.

### Besides paying them graft on the side for their campaigns of murder and terror the bosses of Jones and Blair—the Insull public utility gang, the Rockefeller concern (Peabody coal company) Henry Ford's outfit—and Andrew W. Mellon's managers, permit the judge and sheriff and all the rest of the thugs to graft as much as they can without interference.

### Have nothing to do with Carrigan, the swindler. Expose him to all the people you know.

### ROCHELLE, Ga.—The trial of the Rev. J. M. Williams, who butchered his son in order to collect life insurance, opened here Monday.

### —Negro Kitchen Helper,

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### Central Committee Calls For Utmost Support of National Hunger March

The Unemployed Councils Committee for the National Hunger March has issued a call to the workers of the U. S. to mobilize and participate in the National Hunger March to Washington on December 7. This Hunger March must be made a mass demonstration of the unemployed and part time workers against starvation and for the demands of unemployment insurance and immediate winter relief. The National Hunger March will unite all the struggles of the unemployed workers on a local basis and mobilize mass support behind the demands upon the federal government. The National Hunger March is the most important immediate task of the Party.

Hand in hand with increased starvation and misery, the cutting off of the miserable local relief, the spending of more billions of dollars for war preparations, the bosses increase their demagogic propaganda to fool the unemployed workers through all kinds of fake schemes and so-called "relief plans." The workers of this country have by now the experiences of the past "relief" plans of the bosses and their government as well as the pledges of the Hoover government to "maintain wages." In their starvation schemes the bosses have the full cooperation of their loyal agents, the A. F. of L. officials, the Musteites and the Socialist Party.

The third winter of the economic crisis is approaching. More hunger and misery, evictions and wage cuts are facing us. It was the Communist Party of this country which led the monster demonstration of March 6, in the organization of the Unemployed Councils to lead the struggles against evictions, for immediate relief, for unemployment insurance, as well as organizing the workers in the struggle against wage cuts, stagger system and lay-offs.

The Communist Party calls upon the workers of this country to rally behind the call of the Unemployed Committee to help to make the National Hunger March to Washington a gigantic demonstration against hunger, for the demands of winter relief and Unemployment Insurance. The only way to make the Hunger March a success is through developing local struggles for the immediate demands of the unemployed workers, to intensify the struggles against evictions and above all to build the organization of unemployed—the Unemployed Councils.

The National Hunger March must be a rallying point of broad masses of the workers, employed and unemployed, white and Negro, men and women, youth and adult, for the mutual demands, for Unemployment Insurance and the struggle against wage cuts.

The Central Committee calls upon the Party membership to give full assistance to the Unemployed Councils in the preparation of the Hunger March. Every District and Section Committee as well as every Party Unit shall consider the National Hunger March as the most important immediate task of the Party and draw in all possible forces for the support of the March.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—C. P. U. S. A.

### Two Tennessee Cities Rank Highest In U. S. Illiteracy

More than three out of every hundred native-born whites ten years of age or over are illiterate in Knoxville. Of ninety-three cities in the United States Knoxville ranks highest in native-born white illiterates. Chattanooga ranks second. The percentage of Negro illiteracy is 11.6 a hundred, about the average for the South. The illiteracy among Negroes is due to the vicious discrimination against them by the white ruling class and the bribed and corrupted elements in the ranks of the Negro professors, preachers, bootleggers and others.

It is not surprising that the state which is a subject of jest throughout the world for its monkey trial at Dayton; its ruling class worship of such a benighted bellower of ignorance as William Jennings Bryan, a state that has as its governor a specimen of the type of Horton or a political leader like Luke Lea, and a state legislature that passes a law making it a crime to teach the scientific fact that man was not created, but that he descended from an ape-like animal, should contain within its borders the two most illiterate cities in the United States.

When one familiar with modern science views the antics of the ruling class of Tennessee and other states of this part of the country he has, to paraphrase the German scientist, Ernst Maelckel, "far more respect for

his more remote (ape) ancestors than for his more immediate blood-relatives."

Much as they dislike the idea of being blood relatives of apes (which every human being undeniably is) a good look at many of the boss class of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama or Mississippi shows that they have not advanced even yet so far beyond the ape stage.

### White Man Rapes 6-Year-Old Negro Girl

PETERSBURG, Va.—The son of a wealthy merchant here took a six-year-old Negro girl into the back room of his father's store and raped her. The girl had gone to the store for a doll house, when she was enticed into the back room. She was badly lacerated. The boss class is endeavoring to hush up the affair, the local press giving it only small space inside the papers. Quite different from the big headlines designed to whip up a lynch spirit against Negroes when some white woman accuses a Negro. But then the rich sons of the South have always regarded Negro girls as legitimate prey—one of the traditions of the chattel slave days.

### Arabs Fight to Crush Tyranny

PALESTINE.—The movement of the Arabian masses against British imperialism in Palestine, has been constantly growing during the past two months. The British work thru the upper class Jewish population. By maintaining the Jewish minority in a privileged position the government maneuvers to keep down the broad masses of the Palestinian populace, which is Arabian. The government has recently set up armories in the Jewish sections for their protection. The Arabs have no such arms.

The Arabs have been denied the right to organize or hold meetings.

In the face of the Government, the Arab Executive showed inclinations to vacillate last August. The rank and file Arab youth, however, took things in their own hands and demonstrated against the policy of racial and national discrimination.

The entire Jewish population by no means wants to oppress the Arabs. This was seen in the fact that 7,000 Arab and Jewish drivers struck together on August 7th, against an increase in the license fee. It is the upper class which works for stirring up race hatred in Palestine as well as in the United States.

### Two Kentucky Police Shoot Enemy In Jail

EVARTS, Ky.—Five hours after being placed in jail here on a charge of being drunk, Oscar Simpson, former prohibition agent, was shot to death Sunday. Two brothers who are policemen, named Middleton, placed Simpson in jail, then let someone in to shoot him. If these pimps keep fighting among themselves and killing each other they will not have so much time to kill miners. The whole gang, police, sheriffs, and prohibition agents, are hirelings of the coal operators. The killing is said to have been caused by a quarrel over graft in connection with whiskey selling. The prohibition agent was one of the bootleggers in this section during the time he worked for the United States government and interfered with the whiskey trade of the Middleton brothers and another bootlegger named J. G. Cox.

### A. F. L. Convention Continues Treachery

The gang of labor fakery that ran the American Federation of Labor Convention at Vancouver wound up their performance by re-electing the chief of the strike-breakers, William Green, for another term as president.

Much of the time of the convention was taken up with discussions on how to help the bosses and the bosses' government avoid the payment of unemployment insurance.

So, in the midst of the worst economic crisis the world has ever seen, and at a time when millions of laborers face hunger and starvation, the American Federation of Labor convention, by a two-thirds vote, rejected unemployment insurance.

Small Fake Opposition  
There was a small group of delegates that spoke in favor of unemployment insurance because they deemed it expedient at the present time and not because they were in favor of the principle of compulsory state maintenance of the unemployed. That group showed its real colors by participating in the unanimous vote for the reelection of Green. Those who spoke in favor of unemployment insurance at the A. F. of L. convention are simply playing a game of deception. They try to use radical phrases in an effort to keep workers inside the reactionary A. F. of L.

### Many Banks Crash In Every Part of The United States

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Dollar Savings and Trust Co. and the City Trust and Savings Bank, with combined "resources" of over \$42,000,000, crashed. The bankruptcy of the two banks also resulted in closing the First National Bank. Tens of thousands of depositors lost.

TARENTUM, Pa.—The Tarentum Savings and Trust Co., with more than \$2,000,000 in its clutches closed last week.

WEST NEWTON, Pa.—The Farmers and Merchants Bank of this town is bankrupt and is closed.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Commercial Trust Company joined the list of banks that have crashed in this state.

SHINNSTON, W. Va.—The Farmers' Bank of this place crashed on Thursday.

JANE LEW, W. Va.—The Union Bank closed Friday—bankrupt.

HOWLER, Ind.—The Bank of Benton County, oldest in this city, crashed Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Four banks in this state crashed Thursday. They were the First National Bank of Moberly and the First National Bank of Versailles, both national banks. The Bank of Dalton, in Dalton, Mo., and the Moscow Mills Savings Bank, in Lincoln county, were the other two bankrupts.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Twelve banks, most of them leading institutions, located at Aiken, North Augusta, Batesburg, Johnson, Wagener, Salley, Barnhill Blackville, Lexington, Ellenton, Williston and Graniteville, crashed during the past week.

TRENTON, N. J. — Two banks, the Toms River Trust company and the Wildwood Trust and Title company, crashed last week.

SINGLE MEN FIRED IN GARY  
GARY, Ind.—All single men of the Merchant steel have been put out on the street. Married men get but two or three days a week at \$4 a day.

unions and prevent their going over to the new militant unions, such as the National Miners Union, the National Textile Workers' Unions, the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union and the Industrial Leagues that are laying the basis for new unions in the steel and metal industry, the marine industry, etc.

Opposes Strike Action  
Unable to ignore the fire wage-cutting campaign being carried out against workers in every industry, the Vancouver convention declared a wage-cut in words. But in deeds it favored the disgraceful "stagger" system, which means that working time is cut down with a reduction in wages. The stagger system is calculated to get workers accustomed to a reduced standard of life—less food, poorer clothing, worse houses—so we can be kept permanently in such a condition.

No one at the convention even mentioned preparing for strike action to resist wage cuts; the convention unanimously rejected the strike weapon—the only weapon that can force the bosses to stop the campaign of wage cuts.

All in all it was a typical conference of the agents of capitalism posing as labor leaders.

### Textile Workers Protest Wage Cuts

BURLINGTON, N. C.—Two hundred workers met today protesting the ten per cent wage cut in textile mills here. Definite plans are on foot for organized resistance to wage cuts and to fight against hunger.

A number of workers spoke in favor of joining the National Textile Workers' Union, after which they did join.

The principal Speakers were Charles Holden and W. G. Binkley.

### Bishop Indicted On Election Fraud

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a woman whom he calls his "political secretary" have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Washington D. C., for violation of the corrupt practices law. The woman is Ada L. Burroughs.

The indictment of Cannon, one of the most rabid fundamentalists, prohibitionists, and one of the pillars of the Southern ruling class, growing out of his misuse of funds during 1928 presidential election campaign.

Heads Part of Reaction  
Cannon, a bishop of the Methodist church, plays an important part in keeping the southern white masses in a state of illiteracy or semi-illiteracy, is opposed to every advance of modern science, being a rabid anti-evolutionist, is a supporter of Ku Klux Klan violence against the Negro masses, and white workers who dare try to organize for themselves.

His connection with the anti-union league shows that a considerable part of his income is derived indirectly from bootlegging, because it is a powerful bootleg trust of the nation that enforces its decrees upon gangs with machine guns, that is principal supporter of the Anti-Union League financially. That is why he was brought out in the famous trial which Rev Anderson of the anti-union league was sent to prison for.

The anti-saloon league fight against the return of legalized liquor so that their bootlegger friends can continue to pile up wealth. Cannon supported Hoover last year and it was only after his election deals had stirred up an awful trial that he was finally indicted.

His female "political secretary" is also a prominent church leader.

### Negroes Escape; Cleric Dies of Shock Effect

LIVINGSTON, Ala.—Unable to eat the garbage thrown to them by the jailor, three Negro prisoners escaped from the Livingston jail, when he went to "feed" them and was captured jail. S. H. Selby, clerk of the circuit court died from a heart attack caused by excitement when he learned that the three Negroes had escaped.

Directives have been issued by the Unemployed Councils Committee for the National Hunger March, with headquarters at 8 E. 19th Street, New York City.

Find Job; Dies of Hunger and Old Age  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Weakened from hunger and worn with age John Brock, 70 years old, fell under a truck he was loading and was killed. He had been out of work for more than a year.

### LACEMAKERS' WAGES CUT

PHILADELPHIA.—Lacemakers at the John Bromley mills were cut

15 per cent.

# Hoover and Laval Plot War Against Soviet Union; Aim to Dismember China

## HUNGER MARCHERS DEMAND FREEDOM FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS

### PREPARING TO MAKE DEMANDS ON WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, (CNA)—Banners demanding the immediate release of the Scottsboro boys and cessation of all acts of terror and persecutions against Negroes as well as white workers will be carried by the hunger march in the four main columns of the four corners of the country will converge on Washington, D. C., on November 7, to demand immediate relief for the unemployed and unemployment insurance.

National Hunger March is called by the Unemployed Councils. The demands that will be presented to Congress are: Unemployment insurance equal to full wages of employed and part-time workers; special winter relief of \$150 for unemployed worker and \$50 for dependent; the 7-hour day with reduction in weekly earnings; for a general program of furnishing work for the unemployed at union wages, that all forms of terror and discrimination against Negroes.

Delegates to the Hunger March will be elected by unemployed councils, branches of the Trade Union Unity League, locals of the A. F. of L. and others within the A. F. of L. The march is expected to number 1,500. The march is being organized with the cooperation of the Trade Union Unity League and the National Relief is organizing the march will proceed principally through four main columns: (1) from Boston, (2) starting at Philadelphia and travelling via Scranton and Philadelphia (3) starting at Chicago, (4) starting at St. Louis via Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

Why the "New Turn?"  
The officers of the Legion have to put forth criticism of the "present system" in an effort to maintain influence over ex-soldiers who are, in ever-increasing numbers, becoming disgusted with the whole capitalist policy. Large numbers of world war veterans who face hunger and starvation, who see the government swindling them out of their soldiers' bonuses, who see their wives and children wither from the pangs of hunger and die from diseases arising out of enforced starvation, are joining the Unemployed Councils, many are joining the Red unions, are building the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's league, many become active members of the Communist Party. All this shows that the returned soldier workers are—like all other workers—becoming radicalized. They are showing more and more determination to fight NOW for winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each

### American Legion New Line To Fool Working Class War Vets

The new commander of the Davis King Summers Post of the American Legion, one Sam E. Whitaker, in his inaugural address at the Memorial Auditorium (Chattanooga) savagely attacked the "Reds."

Such attacks have been the stock-in-trade of the Legion since that reactionary organization controlled by the officer-clique has been in existence. To attack Communists is nothing new for the Legion commanders.

The "New Turn" of the Legion  
But in addition to the usual ignorant tirade against Communism, Mr. Whitaker also said things that a few years ago would have sounded strange coming from a person like him. He said:

"But, foe to Communism though we are, we are unwilling to tolerate the injustices of our present system. A system which forces 6,000,000 men to be idle when they want to work, which permits their families to suffer for the absolute necessities of life when these men look in vain for an opportunity to provide these necessities—any such system is wrong. These injustices must be righted."

These are merely empty words. In the next breath Whitaker said: "For this condition it is not easy to fix the blame. But whoever is to blame the condition has to be remedied. What the remedy is we do not know."

While the words are empty as far as meeting the unemployment issue is concerned, they are full of meaning for all soldiers who returned to the ranks of the working class after they were through making the world safe for Morgan's profits.

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### Workers of South Must Carry Out Mass Fight Against War Plotters

The secret discussions between President Hoover and Premier Laval of France have ended. A joint statement has been issued which, although it speaks of peace actually convicts both Hoover and Laval of a war conspiracy. According to statements issued in Monday's press, the world crisis and "the trend of international relations bearing upon it" were discussed.

The Associated Press report of the close of the Hoover-Laval conference throws a bright light upon that criminal conspiracy directed toward again plunging the world into another blood-bath of war. Says the Associated Press report: "As recorded in the Chattanooga Times:

"It was conceded that a great part of the world economic unsettlement is traceable to present disturbed political conditions in Central and Eastern Europe."

Central Europe means Germany and Austria. Eastern Europe means the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Rotten Secret Diplomacy  
The reason the conversations between Hoover and Laval were held in secret is because the crimes they were preparing are so vile that they did not dare expose them. But not even the secrecy of the rotten diplomacy of Hoover and Laval can conceal their real purpose, which is to part to try to crush the growing revolutionary movement in Germany and Poland, and to launch a war of intervention against the Soviet Union.

The discussions also covered the question of the conflict in Manchuria, where Japan is trying to further loot that rich country and concentrate heavy military forces in the vicinity of the Soviet Union. Wall Street, through its government at Washington, has intervened in the Manchurian affair because it wants what it regards as its share of any further looting of Manchuria and because it wants to dictate when and under what conditions international capitalist intervention is organized against the Soviet Union.

Hoover and Laval, in their secret conferences, were indulging in a game in which the pawns are the lives of millions of workers and farmers of the whole world.

Capitalism, shattered beyond repair by its greatest crisis, will try to prolong its existence by further pillaging of the colonial countries and by trying to crush by force of arms the Soviet government so that the vast Soviet territory can be divided up amongst the imperialist bandits.

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### ILL.D. DEFENDS VICTIM OF ALA. LYNCH JUSTICE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Not even the police around the Jefferson county courthouse believe that Willie Peterson, the tubercular Negro miner and World War veteran, is guilty of the murder of two "society" women of which he is accused. But, like the entire brutal ruling class of the South, they say someone must burn in the electric chair and it might as well be the man they have in jail as "any other nigger."

This frame-up fits into the general terror regime that has for months been carried out against the Negro masses in an effort to crush the growing unity of Negro and whites to resist wage cuts in the mills and mines of the steel trust.

I. L. D. On The Job.  
Willie Peterson and his wife have signed an agreement turning over the legal defense of the case to A. A. Rosenthal, attorney for the International Labor Defense. Mrs. Peterson announced that the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Birmingham, who contributed money to buy bloodhounds to track down "a nigger," have not contributed one cent to the defense of the victim of this latest act of the lynch gang.

Peterson III for Years  
Peterson has been sick for several years, unable to be on his feet for more than twenty minutes at a time. Aside from the complete alibi that Peterson has it is quite evident that one in his condition could never have committed the crime charged and made his escape through underbrush over a long distance.

Peterson Defense Block Committees are being built all over Birmingham. The committee requests funds be rushed to Fred Jones, Box 81, Woodlawn Station, Birmingham, Ala.

PAINTERS GET WAGE CUT  
DAYTON, Ohio.—Journeyman painters here went on strike against a wage cut.

SHOWCASE CO. CUTS WAGES  
ST. LOUIS.—Metal polishers employed by the American Fixture and Showcase Co. received a 15 per cent wage cut.

Farm Wages Lowest In Past 15 Years  
Farm wages on October 1 were the lowest since 1916, according to the bureau of agricultural economics index. They were 113 percent of the 1910-14 pre-war average on October 1 as compared with 150 on October 1 a year ago which was itself a year of severe crisis. The bureau says that the usual upward seasonal average from January to October has been reversed this year, and the index of wages fell from 129 on January 1, 1931, to 113 on October 1, 1931.

The supply of farm labor is reported to be 113 per cent of normal and the demand for labor 69 per cent of normal. The decline in wages from a year ago is stated to be general in all classes of farm help.