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The Labor Crisis in America

By Milner

Under the auspices of the Amalgamated Garment Workers of Cleveland, a lecture on the above subject was delivered by Scott Nearing, Feb. 24. As there is no question that American labor really is in a very grave crisis, the discussion of that subject is of vital importance. Nearing's knowledge of the facts, pertaining to this situation cannot be questioned: Nearing has that knowledge and fully appreciates the gravity in which American labor finds itself at present.

Why American Labor Is Backward.
The reason for the backwardness of

American labor, Nearing says, is due to the unique American conditions. The plentifulness of free land in this country, imbued the workers with the idea that it is possible to rise out of the condition of the wage laboring class and become independent. These things were conceivable, to some extent, in the 19th century, now they are entirely out of the question, but labor still reasons along these lines. The old traditions rest heavily on the minds of the people, and keep them down—physically and mentally, without the people themselves realizing that their

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THE UNMERCIFUL PHYSICIAN.

Who Are The Traitors?

EDITORIAL NOTE: Recently there occurred in New York city a debate between Robert Minor, the cartoonist and journalist, and James O'neal, one of the Editors of the New York Call. During this debate in which Minor won all the laurels, he made a certain statement to the effect that during the trial of the House of the Masses case in Detroit, when the Socialist Party undertook to retain legal control of that property bought by former units of that Party, Seymour Stedman, Socialist Party attorney, had stated in court that the Communists were guilty of attempting to overthrow the government by force and violence. This act, Minor branded as a traitorous one, Stedman and the Socialist Party have denied in written official statements that Stedman made such a charge. In the following article, comrade Minor points to the court documents filed by Stedman as proof that he did brand the Communists as favoring such action.

TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, OTTO BRANSTETTER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, 220 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

(Attention of National Office Press Service)

On February 12th you issued to the Socialist press a story in which you characterized a certain statement of mine as a "plain, unvarnished lie." With your story you issued a letter by Seymour Stedman, Socialist ex-candidate for the vice-presidency, in which Stedman alleged that "Robert Minor has deliberately lied." You also issued a letter from Lazarus S. Davidow in which he conditionally applies to me the term "deliberate liar."

The matter at issue is a statement that I made in debate with James O'neal of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party on the subject

of the Third International. My statement was that at a time when 700-odd Communists were under arrest, in the city of Detroit, threatened with 20-year sentences and deportation, Seymour Stedman went into a civil court and there said that these men were guilty of seeking to overthrow the American Government by force and violence. This statement Stedman, Davidow and the custodians of the machinery of the Socialist Party flatly deny, saying that nothing of the kind occurred. The issue is very simply joined. If these denials by Stedman, Davidow and the Socialist Party National Office are not true, then a considerable number of the leaders of the Socialist Party are deceiving the Socialist Party membership in a most dangerous manner. If I cannot prove reliable sources for the statement I made, then I am a charlatan.

As both of the letters you issued, and your National Office as well, have challenged the source of justification for my statement, I here give my source, and I trust that you will publish my letter as widely as you have published the others.

For five days, I have delayed my answer for the purpose of obtaining a copy of the document which will substantiate my original serious charge against Stedman. I have just received it.

The Documentary Proof

The document is a certified copy of the Bill of Complaint filed by Seymour Stedman and Lazarus S. Davidow in the Court of Chancery in Detroit under the number 74788. From it I quote as follows:

"The Workers' Educational Association, a Michigan Corporation, plaintiff

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The Red Labor Union International Appeals to the American Workers

WORKERS:

The spectre of starvation haunts the entire world. Victors and vanquished of the late war alike tremble before it. This breakdown of the whole fabric of capitalism is accomplished by a savage drive upon the workers by the massed power of the employing class. The Master Class has declared war on labor. This war rages in all countries.

White Terror Everywhere

The white terror slays the Hungarian worker. West Virginia mobs lynch miners who arm themselves in self-defense. Hungarian white terrorists—West Virginia mobs what difference? They have a common aim—the violent suppression of labor!

In Spain, the "civil guards" shoot union men on the streets; the militant leaders are held as hostages of the class war. In Italy the hired thugs of the bourgeoisie are burning the workers' halls, destroying their newspaper plants. The workers are assaulted with violence and murder. In Japan a labor union is a conspiracy.

"White terror" by mobs and hired thugs increases daily in America. But one step further, in Ireland, Hungary, Spain, Finland, India and Japan—the white terror is the government itself.

To Destroy The Labor Unions

The French Government has ordered the dissolution of the General Confederation of Labor. In America, the campaign for the open shop—the destruction of organized labor—marches across the land with its accompanying army of thugs, strikebreakers and spies. The Clayton Act, proclaimed by Gompers as labor's "Magna Charta", in the hands of the Supreme Court becomes labor's "Waterloo". The same forces attack the worker in France as in America.

Millions Of Unemployed

In America four million unemployed walk the streets. Millions more have had their wages cut and have been forced to accept part-time work. These are the same millions who, only a few months ago, were urged to "increase production"—these are the same millions who were ordered to "work or fight" We produced. And now the capitalists claim they cannot find a "profitable" market for the goods we produced.

How About Trade With Russia?

There is a market for our products. Soviet Russia wants locomotives, rolling stock, agricultural machinery, electrical supplies, tools of all kinds, clothing, shoes, medical supplies, etc. But the United States Government refuses to recognize and opposes trade relations with Soviet Russia—which would mean relief and alleviation of the un-

employment crisis.

The U. S. Government denies the Russian workers and peasants the tools and clothing they need. The American workers are thus denied the chance to work. The same force that starves the Russian workers thus starves the American workers.

Preparing New Wars

The world imperialists have united to starve Soviet Russia. But even this unholy alliance cannot save their tottering system. In addition to the industrial depression we are now suffering from, we may be called upon at any time to fight new capitalist wars. The capitalists of England, America and Japan are disputing the oilfields of the world. The propaganda of race hatred and patriotism is being intensified. Mexico, Siberia, Baku, Mesopotamia are the bones of contention. Japan is casting angry glances at the Kamchatka concession to Vanderbilt. In short, every capitalist peace treaty is a preparation for new wars.

Our Fight

The American workers are faced with war on three fronts. We must fight the employers to a finish in their Open Shop campaign. We must prevent the cutting of our wages. We must meet the problem of unemployment. To do these things we must have a fighting organization. We cannot meet the Open Shop campaign with a policy of "class-conciliation". Gompers, Stone, Lewis & Co., who fooled us into making peace with the bosses and going to war for them, cannot solve these problems for us. These "leaders" have been advising the rank and file to "be good" and they will be rewarded. And now we have our reward! Reduction of wages, unemployment, the open shop.

Bosses Powerfully Organized

Let us compare the organization of the workers with the organization of the bosses. We are divided into craft unions. Our contracts and agreements expire at different times. We have separate organization machinery, separate treasuries, separate sets of officials. We are divided amongst ourselves. We quarrel over jurisdiction matters, national and color questions. Everywhere in the ranks of labor is confusion, division and lack of a clear-cut plan of action.

Not so with the bosses. They are united in Chambers of Commerce, Merchants, Bankers and Manufacturers Associations, international trusts and syndicates. They have subjected the machinery of government to their class. Internationally, they are united in the "League of Nations".

Close Your Ranks!

In this emergency all such confusion

must cease. We are in the midst of class-war. Wars cannot be fought with scattered forces. We must unite our small detachments into one mighty, disciplined army; we must straighten out our skirmish-lines into one great battle-front; we must unite our unions into one General Staff of Labor.

The first duty of every worker is to join the union of his industry. He must see to it that the union is composed of active workers. Only the full participation by the rank and file in the activity and management of the unions can develop the labor organizations into a solidly organized and disciplined army of labor.

War On The Labor Fakers

New times demand new tactics. We must first of all attain massunity. Loyalty and devotion to the labor movement does not mean loyalty and devotion to the old bankrupt leadership with its outworn tactics. Mass-unity produces mass-action. In England, the mass-unity achieved through the Triple Alliance of miners, railwaymen and transport workers was followed by mass-action. The example of the English trade-unionists points the way to the American workers.

Class War Is International

Capitalism is international. The class-war is international. It is not enough to build up a strong unified labor movement in each country. The experience of the Russian and Hungarian revolutions teaches us that the working class must unite internationally if it is to fulfill its historic mission. Unless united by a revolutionary international labor movement the capitalists of the world will use their combined reactionary forces to crush the workers' movement in each country. The labor movements of all countries must unite to wage the class-war on an international scale.

The Capitalist International

The capitalist have their international—the League of Nations—with its international army, navy and police. Through the League of Nations the Imperialist Powers have divided the world's markets among themselves, and small weak nationalities are completely at their mercy. The offensive against labor is in full swing in France, Italy, England, Spain, Argentina, Chili, Japan and America. The League of Nations is the instrument of international reaction to crush the workers' movement everywhere. Only the blind cannot see that the "League of Nations" is the capitalist international.

The Yellow Amsterdam International

The capitalists have a very powerful

auxiliary in the Amsterdam Federation of Trade Unions organized as a tail to the kite of the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations. These traitorous leaders whose hands are stained with the blood of 13 million workers—these betrayers of the working class have organized the "yellow" Amsterdam "International" as a center of world sabotage against Soviet Russia and the awakening workers of Europe and America.

This yellow "international" is organized not to wage class-war but to maintain class-peace. This Amsterdam "international" endorsed and participated in the Washington Conference of the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations. Its representatives to this conference worked hand in hand with the representatives of the employers and agents of the governments.

This yellow Amsterdam "international" is not the workers' organization. The leaders who dominate it are not our representatives. They are the "labor lieutenants of the capitalist class". They are agents of the bourgeoisie in the camp of the workers. The workers of America must have nothing to do with such leaders and with such an organization!

The International Of Revolutionary Labor Unions

The rank and file of the trade unions of Europe and America have a deep feeling of class solidarity with Soviet Russia. This was very clearly demonstrated last summer when under the pressure of the tolling masses of France, Italy, England and Germany, the criminal hand of the imperialist bandits was stayed. On August 13th, 1920, the British workers' "Council of Action", the French, Italian and German railroad workers and seamen prevented their governments from openly waging war on Soviet Russia, after the heroic Red Army had repelled the Polish mercenaries from its territory.

This shows how much more an organized and disciplined International of revolutionary unions could accomplish.

The Russian trade unions, over five million strong, have already taken the initiative together with the representatives of the labor unions of Italy, France, England, Norway, Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Georgia. They founded on July 15th, 1920, The International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions—The Red Labor Union International.

This vanguard of the revolutionary labor movement began with a membership of over ten millions. The following organizations have joined:

Russian Trade Unions 5,200,000
Italian Gen. Confeder. of Labor 2,000,000

Spanish Confederation of Labor	800,000
French Labor Unions of the "Left"	800,000
Italian Syndicalist Unions	800,000
British Shop Stew. & Work. Com.	200,000
Norwegian Labor Unions	180,000
Jugo-Slav Confederation of Labor	160,000
Bulgarian General Workers' Union	120,000
German Syndicalists (Frei Arbeiter Union)	60,000
Georgian "left" unions	15,000
Dutch Transport Workers' Federation. (membership unknown)	
Transport Workers of Dutch East Indies. (membership unknown)	

The Provisional Council of the International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions has called a World Congress of all revolutionary labor unions to be held at Moscow in May, 1921.

This call is addressed to all the revolutionary workers in the labor movement of Europe and America to rally round the banner of the Red Labor Union International and to send delegates to this forthcoming world congress.

Moscow Or Amsterdam?

The class-conscious workers of Europe are answering this call in a most determined and enthusiastic spirit. They are going to Moscow. How about the American workers? Shall we go to Amsterdam, with its Labor Bureau of the League of Nations, with its Thomas, its Jouhaux, its Gompers, with its international policy of "class co-operation", with its criminal sabotage of Soviet Russia? Or shall we go to Moscow, with the Russian workers and peasants who have shown the world the greatest example of working class solidarity, achievement and sacrifice; with the revolutionary workers of Hungary, France, Germany, England; with those who have fought for years for the cause of labor?

This question the workers of America must soon answer. Despite Gompers' official withdrawal, he is still part of the Amsterdam International through the Washington Labor Bureau of the League of Nations. A campaign will be started soon for affiliation with the "yellow international". You workers will have to make a choice. You cannot remain neutral. There can be no neutrality between the workers and the capitalists. You are for the dictatorship of the workers or you are for the dictatorship of the capitalists.

Workers of America! Where do you stand? If you are with the workers and against the bosses and their agents then you belong in the International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions.

The Provisional Council calls upon you to take up the question of affiliation at once!

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Is Personal Gain a True Incentive?

By Jane B. Lee.

On all hands the Communist is met with the seemingly puzzling query: who will labor, invent, do creative work of any kind if the incentive to endeavor, namely: personal gain, is eliminated?

The assumption is prevalent that human effort is brought into play thru fear of physical discomfort, as is seen in the case of a vast number of manual workers, or that the artist's, scientist's energies are set in motion because of financial aggrandizement, prestige, social distinction.

The superficial observer, unaccustomed to see beneath the surface may be led to entertain such a view by virtue of the fact that it holds good of a large majority of toilers in factories, mills and mines.

A brief analysis, however, will prove to the most skeptical that this is due not to the nature of the workers in those industries, but rather to the nature of the work performed by them.

Decline of Interest in Labor.

Modern large scale production has done away with the interest, the pride, the artisan of old took in his handicraft. To call out interest in and love for any given pursuit, coordination in such manner that the worker understands the connection between the constituent parts and the whole, is absolutely essential.

The worker today is denied this potent motive power. Capitalist production carried on on the basis of profit instead of use, has introduced such minute division of labor that the operative in a modern plant has not the slightest conception of the relation of his part of the work to that of the fellow-worker next to him. He is confined to the performance of a most monotonous task under the most unwholesome, disagreeable surroundings. Last but not least there is the consideration of compensation, the so called incentive translated in terms of an equivalent for labor power, i. e. wages.

It is common knowledge that the producer to-day receives in wages one eighth of the value of the product of his labor. The difference in value between his wages and product is appropriated by the owners of the plant in the form of interest and profit.

Under these circumstances it is surprising that the manual worker to-day works out of fear of actual starvation misery? What other interest is held out to him over and above the pittance he receives and which barely suffices to maintain his existence and reproduce his kind (the latter a sort of deferred asset of the employing class).

With regard to the artist, scientist, etc. the hypothesis of external motive power, i. e. remuneration of one kind or another, is even more fallacious. No less an opponent of Communism than Herbert Spencer contends that exercise of one's faculty yields the greatest amount of pleasure and that human conduct responds to but two fundamental instincts, namely: seeking of pleasure and avoiding of pain (the former, in our opinion, being the more potent).

The Higher Motivation to Labor.

We see then that human effort has its own intrinsic value, i. e. the pleasure and gratification accruing to one in the exercise of one's faculty.

That this is true is demonstrated daily by examples of the most painstaking labor in laboratories, clinics, etc., carried on not for consideration of financial gain, but conversely, in spite of lack of financial gain in the interest of science and human welfare. The biographies of great minds of all ages furnish many instances of hardship, beginning with physical privation, contemporary hostility and ending in persecution, jail, etc., but these things instead of checking ardor, real, tend to augment the flow of spirit.

And why? Because of the value of the work itself contained in (1) the exercise of one's faculty and (2) in the service rendered to one's fellow beings.

The individualist, Herbert Spencer, could not appreciate the tremendous value of the specific factor plays in the work of those who try to further the interests of humanity instead of serving those of their own.

These are facts which no impartial student of history will undertake to contradict. Whence then this widespread idea of incentive as extrinsic, as something outside of the worker, which must be urged on, as it were, by external influence? To answer this question one must go back to its origin.

The Ideology of Capitalism. With each social system there is developed a corresponding ideology, concepts, standards of right and wrong, etc.

A social order based on the greatest good to the smallest number and the greatest harm to the largest number must be accompanied by ideas and ideals justifying that arrangement.

Capitalism is fundamentally individualistic, it is based on the principle and practice of "each for himself and the devil take the hindmost." This cutthroat system could not endure were it not reinforced by a philosophy which lends a semblance of justice to it. The justice, we are told by its apologists, lies in the fact that nature itself has not been equally lavish with all of us; has endowed some with a large amount of brain-power, others with but a small quantity of that precious gray matter and still others nature has seen fit to forego altogether.

This so-called natural differentiation is turned to the account of the minority ruling class. Men of the first group become Captains of Industry; men of the third, their industrial serfs, or wage slaves; men of the second, a sort of intermediary between the first and third, or the modern middle class.

This ingenious division of men into classes is meant to explain and justify a social order which foredooms millions of workers to the part of mere cogs in the social structure making their work a veritable curse to be shunned were it not for the lash of hunger constantly falling upon their bent backs. In order to continue this brutal social inequality, some must be deluded, some blinded and, above all, the wage-slaves themselves must be made to believe that nature, rather than man, made them into slaves.

There is another great advantage in this individualistic outlook; it puts the blame on the individual instead of the social aggregate. It points its finger to personal limitations as the cause of failure. And by the same token, it hypnotizes into the mythical belief that success is the result of individual effort. It creates the paradoxical psychology of the proletarian-bourgeois: standards and aims. In fine, the individualistic theory serves the capitalist end admirably in that it explains, sanctions and holds out the mirage of success for some few isolated persons out of the large mass of workers who must remain in the mire all their lives.

To rise to the "top" to a financial pedestal, is the ideal stressed by capitalism as the most worthy of human aspirations. The decay of capitalism as evidenced in Europe, the industrial conditions of the U. S., the land of fabulous riches in the hands of a few industrial pirates, and unemployment, crime, suicide, the lot of millions who create all the wealth, all these are but eloquent proofs of the lie contained in the conception of human effort for individual gain instead of service for the common good which is simultaneously also an individual pleasure of the highest character.

The essence of this ideal is expressed in the Communist conception of right human associations: "Each for all and all for each."

Yellow International: Socialization vs. Communism Along The Soviet Front

By Propaganda Pete.

By F. Burns.

At the London meeting last November of the Amsterdam International, a resolution on the Socialisation of the Means of Production was carried unanimously. The resolution was very aggressive—very aggressive indeed. It stated outwith:

"This Congress condemns the Capitalist System of Production, which operates to the injury of the great mass of the population."

Then it began to think what this meant, and it went on:

"Taking into consideration the high cost of living... and moreover, the accumulation of enormous profits... and in further consideration of the scarcity of the necessities of life... and the action of capitalist employers in certain industries who are curtailing production..."

Well, having taken all this into consideration, how did the Congress act? It roundly declared:

"This Congress is of the opinion that all available necessities of life should be marketed at lowest prices possible."

Truly a tremendous effort of thought must have been necessary for the Congress to reach that conclusion! Note the lowest prices possible. Possible for whom?

However, having delivered itself of this portentous opinion the Congress went on to "demand, in the interest of Society, the Socialization of the means of production, to be accomplished in a manner which will provide that control of socialised industry shall be vested in democratic bodies elected by the entire population, and not made subservient to the organisation of capitalist States. The Congress regards it as essential that commencement should be made forthwith on the Socialisation of minerals—coals, ores, salt, phosphate, etc.—and of all Transport Undertakings, and that in non-socialised industries legal provision shall be made, giving the workers the right of Co-determination in the regulation of production on making the preliminaries to Socialization."

In this section of the resolution we have the summing-up of the whole attitude of the Amsterdam International. The "Socialisation" of industry is "to be accomplished in a manner which will provide that control of socialised industry shall be vested in a democratic body elected by the entire population". In the language which the leaders of the Amsterdam International use, "Parliament is a democratic body elected by the entire population." And it is a little difficult to understand how control by such "democratic bodies" will prevent socialised industries from being "made subservient to the organisation of Capitalist States." For Parliament is one of the most important parts in the organisation of Capitalist States. And even if the Amsterdam International meant some new "democratic body," a sort of Industrial Parliament, it is perfectly obvious that any "democratic body elected by the entire population" would possess all the characteristics of Parliament, and contain practically the same type of person. Sir Edward Carson, Winston Churchill, Horatio Bottomley and Lloyd George would all get in to the "democratic body to run socialised industry"; in fact, there would be no essential difference between that and the Parliament, and the organisation of the capitalist State—police, press, pulpit, law-courts, soldiers, tanks—would be called into play when necessary, just as they are now. The "democratic body elected by the entire population" would control socialised industry in such a way that the more things changed, the more they would be the same. The workers would be wage slaves to the "democratic body," and the profits would go to the capitalist class just as they do to-day, though the commouflagage might be a little more thickly laid on.

And not a word is said as to the position of the workers. The Amsterdam International presumably wants "a democratic body elected by the entire population" to control socialised industries, in order to protect that mythical object, "the community." Now the whole machinery of democracy, with its elections by the entire population and all the rest of it, is undoubtedly the very best machinery for the "protection" of the community of capitalist politicians and shareholders, and it protects them from the workers, as we have seen in the railway strike, the coal strike, and all the anti-Labour organisation which the capitalist State (elected by the entire population) has developed. The Amsterdam International, in asking for a democratic body to control socialised industries, is asking for machinery to maintain the interests of capital, and to continue the exploitation of the workers.

And having laid down that policy as the supreme aim of

its endeavours, the Amsterdam International regards it as essential that a start be made on the Socialisation of Minerals and Transport Undertakings! The mines and the railways are to be "socialised"; not a word as to whether they are to be taken over for cash or for love; it is apparently taken for granted that the shareholders will all be "compensated" and will thus lose nothing, while the workers will still have to provide the usual percentage for their old employers. And the capitalist class, as a whole, will be able to use "the democratic body" which is to control mines and railways just as it uses Parliament to-day, in order to keep to itself any advantages which "socialisation" may bring. No doubt the democratic body would make one or two suitable appointments from the Trade Union leaders concerned; but they would be the only workers who would benefit.

As for the workers in the industries that are not socialised, the Amsterdam International "regards it as essential" that "legal provision shall be made, giving the workers the right of Co-determination in the regulation of production." The workers shall have the right to their Whitley Councils, and if anybody tries to get in the way, then the Amsterdam International will... better leave the gruesome details to the imagination. It makes rather pathetic reading, this Whitley Council Co-determination, just at present, with the collapse of the Councils over Unemployment.

But there it is in a nutshell — the Amsterdam International stands for piecemeal "socialisation," for control by "democratic bodies," and for "Co-determination." That is all very respectable and nice; so respectable and nice that the Amsterdam International thought the whole matter could be settled by "negotiations." So it added to its resolution the following:

"The Congress instructs the Bureau to open negotiations with the Council of the League of Nations."

The Council of the League of Nations! The body which is the most fully developed instrument of international capitalism; the body which has waged war, openly and secretly, on the Russian workers, on the Hungarian workers, on the workers in every country where they dared to challenge the capitalist supremacy. But the Trade Union leaders who are identified with the Amsterdam International are much too respectable to worry themselves about little matters of that sort. Negotiations with the Council of the League of Nations will at least mean a visit to Paris (possibly by aeroplane), and it may even mean a little trip to Geneva. And eventually, perhaps, shaking hands with one of the Biggest Murderers on Earth. Not a thing to be despised, is it?

But in case any one might resent these negotiations, and think that nothing at all was being done, the instruction to the Bureau to negotiate with the Council of the League of Nations was followed up by another instruction and an appeal. The Bureau was instructed also to negotiate with:

"the International Trade Union Secretaries of Miners, Seafarers and other Transport Workers, for the purpose of using every available means to obtain the object in view as soon as possible."

And further,

"The Congress appeals to the organised workers of all countries to use, with the authority of the Executive Committee of their respective organisations, their entire economic and political power for the realisation of this aim."

Think of this, O ye mighty capitalists and ye Council of the League of Nations, and tremble! The great Trade Union leaders have uttered a mighty oath. By their beards they have sworn to use "every available means" to force you to negotiate for socialisation, democratic controlling bodies (elected by the entire population), and Co-determination! Get on your knees, and negotiate! Don't be too frightened—they are really the mildest-mannered men that ever scuttled a ship. And if you will just have a friendly talk with them, you will find that they hate the Bolsheviks just as much as you do, and are quite ready to go on with the old game as long as you like.

But what have the rank and file to say to it all? Do they want "Socialisation" and "democratic bodies" and "Codedetermination"? Or do they want Communism and Workers' Soviets? If they want the former, why not affiliate direct to the League of Nations? And if the latter, why not link up with the other workers' organisations which stand on the platform of the Red International?

The Worker.

Teaching Soldiers to Hate War

By John S. Clark

In The Worker (Glasgow)

THE SOVIET ART GALLERIES

There are huge canvases executed by the greatest of all modern Russian painters, Vereshchagin. They convey the war message—the utter rottenness of war. Battlefields are depicted in all their ghastliness and shame. Battles are painted with every horror that accompanies them. The desolation and misery of military bivouacs and camping-grounds are faithfully reproduced. "The Spoils of War" is but a huge pyramid of human skulls upon which a number of carrion crows are perched pecking whatever morsels of decayed flesh remain. Had I been an artist myself, a great artist, there is one painting I would have liked to execute. It would represent the scene I witnessed in this very hall where the Vereshchagin pictures are hung.

Let me describe the subject, reader, then marvel at the depth, the profundity, and the honor of the Russian Communist spirit. We stood in the great gallery devoted to the artistic creations of Vereshchagin, the greatest anti-imperialist genius of last century. If not of all time, it is divided into three

chambers by means of permanent partitions. A bronze bust of the great painter occupies a pedestal near the main wall. Opposite the large windows hang his tremendous canvases, his protesting works of art, where the light may give them every advantage. In front of them in each of the three chambers stands a group of soldiers, men of the Red Army of Soviet Russia. They are without officers and number, perhaps, about fifty all told. They stare with lively and intelligent interest at the anti-war paintings in all their horror, while an art instructor (there were two men and one woman instructors) delivers to them a graphic lecture upon the message the picture is intended to convey, together with details concerning its achievement. Each instructor is an enthusiast, for enthusiasm is written on the brow and the voice vibrates with it. He points with delicate finger to the wealth of detail or lack of it, he explains atmosphere, movement, suggestion, perspective, and every fine point of consummate artistry. Then he takes the ensemble, and his restrained voice and bodily change his voice all his eyes flash, the pink leans to his cheek, he becomes twice as animal-

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thinking is not warranted by the facts of modern life. Putting it in the exact words of Nearing, referring to the American worker—he thinks that the hole he is in, is a free country."

The Weakness Of The A. F. O. L. The A. F. O. L. is the dominant labor organization of the country, says Nearing, but its form and conception is thoroughly obsolete, divorced from the contemporary economic life. The great boast of membership in that organization during the war, according to Nearing, has no meaning what so ever; he calls that body a hot house plant. Quoting the statistical authority, Babson, who uttered the statement on the position of American Labor in the following words: "There is no doubt it—Labor is beaten. Mr. Gompers was in his zenith in 1918. Since then he has steadily lost power. He has lost power

world has witnessed the coming of a military phenomenon in less than three short years. That amazing army, the creation of the "one-time pacifist," has beaten invader after invader to pulp. Every army sent against it has gone forth a "conquering host," and returned a starving, ragged rabble. Churchill of the far north, Koltchak of the far east, Denikin of the south, Judenitch of the north-east, Wrangel of the Crimean Peninsula and the Poles—one and all—have danced their dance macabre to the music of the International. Is not that a sufficient justification for having trained men in an art which they are studiously taught to abhor?

with his own people because he is no longer able to deliver the goods. He can no longer deliver the goods for two reasons. For one thing, peace urgency has replaced war urgency and we are not willing to bid for peace labor as we were willing to bid for war labor. For another thing, the employing class is immensely more powerful than it was in 1918. We have an organized labor force more numerous than ever before. Relatively twice as many workers organized as in 1918. But this same labor force has lost its hold on the public. Furthermore, it is divided in its own camp. It fears capital. It also fears its own factions. It threatens, but it does not dare." After reading the above statement, Nearing illustrated the position of the A. F. O. L. in this attractive way, how the American capitalist viewed their A. F. O. L.:

Labor Unions Now Illegal.

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passed the, now famous, criminal syndicalist laws. The come-back of Labor must come, if it ever takes place, during the next four years Harding's term—it will meet a unified and consolidated enemy. Labor will become criminal, for it will inevitably have to violate those statutes.

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The Central Economic Council of Russia has arranged for the operating of ten factories in the Petrograd district for the manufacture of optical, surgical and medical instruments.

A Museum of the Revolution has been opened in Petrograd where all material dealing with the revolution, past and present has been gathered.

A number of Chinese university students have arrived in Moscow for the purpose of studying the Soviet System at work.

The Mixed Russian and Latvian commission for the mapping out of the frontier between the two countries are now at work.

By an agreement with Estonia, Russian locomotives are being repaired in Reval. This step is taken for the purpose of facilitating the repairment of the Soviet transport.

Formerly some bourgeois "statesmen" made the claim that the only tie holding Russia together was the assaults from without. But the continuity of economic progress and peace proves this to be an error.

Conditions in Latvia continue to grow worse. Organized workers have made demands upon the government for the establishment of the 8 hour day, right to strike, and public work for the unemployed.

is a pacifist, does not believe in the use of force, but he proved beyond any doubt, that the capitalist class does believe in and practice force. He still thinks that the proletariat can achieve Socialism gradually, step by step. No one can say that he does not know what is going on in Europe, that the workers cannot ascend into Socialism step by step, that the brutality of the bourgeoisie knows no limits. If a man, knowing all this, still tells the workers to refrain from using the weapons that insure success, such a man puts himself in the position of a fakir, who aims to force the workers to fight for their class interests — abolition of the capitalist exploitation, but to use only those weapons that are legalized by the bourgeois courts and legislatures. A considerable portion of the workers in Finland, Germany and Hungary held such views and their present condition is most deplorable, and Nearing knows it. The workers of Russia are not pacifists, they see the necessity to spare no means and pains in subduing the bourgeoisie, and they are victorious over their class enemies.

So all in all, Nearing, by the questions from the gallery, was forced, the reluctantly to admit that the working class may be compelled to resort to the use of force and to prepare for it. But he assured us that he is a pacifist and himself does not believe in any degree of violence, but advocates Labor solidarity instead.

What Does Solidarity Mean?

The phrase solidarity is meaningless. It is possible to observe solidarity in many ways, Christian socialists and Scheidemannists in Germany are acting in perfect solidarity as actual counter-revolutionists. The A. F. O. L. acted in fine solidarity in its collaboration with the American capitalists. Solidarity as a thing in itself is meaningless, it acquires meaning only from the direction in which it is used. Russian Labor shows the fine solidarity in a genuine sense, and in the real revolutionary struggle of the working class. Nearing recommends that American Labor affiliate with the Amsterdam Trade Union secretariat. This secretariat is counter-revolutionary; the Hungarian and German and similar unions constitute that body, the very same unions that fought against the rebellious workers of those countries. It is rather inconceivable how one can tell and explain to the workers the brutality of the capitalist class and the mass effect destiny of the imperialists, who destroyed Europe and slaughtered 10 million people, that these same imperialists will permit socialism to be introduced into the lap of the working class without a terrible struggle. Nearing can explain. He knows the facts and he knows the talent of presentation, but he cannot lead, there is still more to be said in his head. He is a half socialist, a half

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The American Bureau

We are publishing on the first page of this issue of The Toiler the first appeal issued to American labor unionists by the American Bureau of the International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions which has present headquarters in Moscow.

The American Bureau of the International has but recently been established in this country. This first appeal lays before the trade and industrial unionists of this country in a concise and graphic manner the international and national problems of labor. The appeal, coming to us at a time when Labor is wandering without a guide in a wilderness and maze of conflicting ideas, beset on all sides by great dangers, should serve to awaken the workers to a new consciousness and a realization of its stern duties.

These are serious days for workers. Capitalism is focusing all its energies to sustain itself upon an impoverished and broken working-class. The Open Shop campaign and the present terrible unemployment are but the prelude of the chant of victorious Capitalism unless Labor quickly forges new weapons with which to defend itself.

The issue is not only national, but international. Only an international weapon wielded by in the interests of labor of every country will effect the slightest injury to the world imperialism of the capitalists. No such weapon exists at this moment. The Amsterdam Bureau is a broken lance. The Labor Bureau of the League of Nations is but a capitalist controlled machine of no more benefit to Labor than a "company union". The times demand a new weapon. The International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions organized at Moscow last summer with a membership of 10,000,000 members to start with, is now forging this weapon.

That the American Bureau will find a rich and wide field for the exploitation of its energies is apparent. With scores of Left unions and parts of national unions representing many hundreds of thousands of class-conscious workers alert and ready to take an advanced position in the class struggle on the economic field, its growth is assured. Unionists should circulate this appeal and read it in their local unions. It must be discussed and those locals already schooled in the class struggle should at once apply for membership in the only International which can function in the interests of the Workers of the World. Join the International!

It's Solved!

The insistent and pressing problem of unemployment in the Buckeye state has been solved by the master minds in the Socialist Party, none other than Joseph W. Sharts and Local Dayton, editor and owners respectively of the Miami Valley Socialist. We suggest that all worthy people residing in other states possessing the Initiative and Referendum and an unemployment problem should send at once to Editor Sharts for the recipe. It's simple. Wonderfully simple. So simple that it demands investigation.

"We are going to Open the Factories", states the M. V. S. in a seven column headline in its issue of Feb. 25th. And it proceeds to tell how it is going to do it in a 10 point 18 em 5 column article. The M. V. S. by the way, is the Official Organ of the S. P. of Ohio. However, this is a mere courtesy extended to the S. P. by generous local Dayton which sells real estate city lots, merchandise — and solves unemployment problems.

"We Are Going to Open the Factories", in big black type looks imposing. It sounds good too, very determined like, just as tho it meant business. So now we will proceed to open the factories by the most astonishing and ingeniously simple method—"a perfectly lawful, peaceful way", as one paragraph says. Some editors are so damned afraid of the law!

The third column tells us that all that's required to put an end to unemployment in Ohio is an AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO CONSTITUTION. There, the secret is out! And all we need to get this little democratic miracle worker busy is some scores of thousands of signers to a petition under our beneficent Initiative and Referendum. Easy? We should say so. Just you leave a socialist-lawyer-editor to fix up little matters like UNIVERSAL unemployment. To quote the M. V. S. verbatim: "The proposed amendment would empower the cities to take over at once any and all factories and plants for starting co-operative industries and employing the unemployed workers. It would also empower them to issue bonds upon the security of the property thus taken, for financing such enterprises and compensating the owners."

Now, this may be legal, we note that the "owners" are to be compensated, which means that the workers are not going to trespass upon the factories they have built. In matters of law, we must bow to the superior knowledge and wisdom of attorney Sharts. Our legal studies extend only to a hasty reading of criminal syndicalism and libel laws. But while it may be law and legal—it isn't sense. And we have more respect for sense than for law.

Looking this proposed bill over with the eye of one who reads the news papers, the possibilities of court injunctions, postponements, delays etc., etc., seem to us an impregnable barrier to its adoption. But passing up that phase as being out of our realm, we would like to know who the deuce is going to buy these sure bonds. Not the unemployed. Then the capitalists. The capitalists are going to advance the money for bonds with

A Review by Henry Allen

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONS.
 By A. Losovsky.
 New York: The Union Publishing Ass.

governments. This manifesto is worth quoting here:

A Portion of the Manifesto

What Lenin accomplished in his pamphleteering against the second International, Losovsky, one of the leaders of the Russian Trade Union movement and a prominent Communist, is destined to achieve in his fight against the "yellow" Amsterdam Trade Union International, with his pamphlet under review. This pamphlet is a powerful indictment against the Legions, the Gomperses, the Hendersons, the Appletons, the Juhnhaux, the Thomases, etc., those arch-traitors of the working class, who, side by side with the Kantys, the Renaudels, the Vanderveldes, the Bergers, the Lees and the Londons, became the "civil generals" of their respective capitalist governments to achieve the "moral mobilization" of the masses as cannon-fodder for European battle-fields.

These "labor lieutenants of the capitalist class," as DeLeon called them, who betrayed and sold the workers during the war, and destroyed the international trade union connections—after the war sought to revise the international trade union movement—additional chain for the enslavement of the masses to their chariot of "class cooperation" and "class conciliation." This policy has been carried out in two directions; one, through the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations and the other the "yellow" Amsterdam International Federation of Trade Unions.

The Fallacies of the Amsterdam International

Against these leaders and against their "International" Moscow has begun a vigorous campaign. Just as on the political field, they set up the Third International against the social-patriotic Second International—so now, upon the trade union field, they have set up a Red Labor Union International against the "yellow" Amsterdam International, the tail of the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations.

Losovsky clearly shows the necessity for this step. He analyzes the fundamental weaknesses of the trade unions prior to the war, and the corruption of these unions by the policy of "class cooperation" which, in this country was echoed by the labor fakers to the tune of "the interests of the workers and the employers are identical." Another factor was the failure of the unions to keep pace with the growing concentration of capitalist industry; whereas the capitalists had their trusts and syndicates, interlocking directors etc., etc., and had completely subjected the bourgeois state to their class interests, the trade unions still cling to their narrow craft form of organization and their narrow craft prejudices. These weaknesses, fostered for their own purposes by the labor fakers and ignorant leaders, made it an easy task to convert the trade unions into semi-governmental machinery in time of war.

The purely formal and loose international connections of the trade unions snapped like a leaf in a gale at the first breath of war, and for four years these labor leaders called upon the workers to exterminate each other. What purpose lay behind their haste in re-establishing the old broken threads which they had pulled asunder?

Losovsky exposes their real motives in trenchant and pitiless style. And then he quotes the manifesto issued by the Russian trade unions on the eve of the convocation of the Washington Conference of the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations, to the workers of Europe and America. To this conference went the trade union representatives of the Amsterdam International to discuss international labor legislation, with the representatives of employers' organizations and "neutral"

as security. All for the purpose of furnishing work for the unemployed! When Editor Sharts meets a capitalist who will do that, we will approve the plan. Evidently the editor of the M. V. S. does not know that capitalists are class-conscious even if workers are not.

This humdrum of a plan has been submitted to the State Executive Committee, for their approval, we learn. An anxious and perturbed world awaits the decision. With the power conferred by this amendment, we are told, the city councils will either open the factories or FACE A RECALL at the hands of the enraged workers. Terrible threat. It is to marvel. The capitalist State and its lesser units will erect a new system of industry—state capitalism, on the mere jesture of a certain percent of the voters—for fear of recall of a few political fakers in office. In the meantime the factories will stay closed and the workers have starved to death.

We propose to Editor Sharts that he go upon the streets of Dayton and enquire of the unemployed if they would feel that their constitutional rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" would be greatly outraged by a taking over of the factories by the workers WITHOUT compensation to the blessed owners?

And, supposing the unemployed and starving should say

"They are going to Washington to work out a program of international labor legislation. After twenty million workers have been sent to destruction, these people now worry about labor legislation! Is this in order to raise fresh crops of cannon fodder to sacrifice on the altar of their imperialist fatherlands? They desire to work out a program, and like faithful servants wait in the ante-chambers of their patrons—Wilson, Lloyd George and other experts in the art of crushing the working class! These cunts think that the bourgeoisie whom they served, out of gratitude for their past services in confusing the minds of the workers, will bring them liberal labor legislation on a plate and say, there are some concessions for your good conduct. These little people with slavish minds forget that individual persons may receive presents, but that a whole class cannot take a 'tip' or be satisfied with a sop. Many of the labor leaders hanging onto the skirts of Wilson have particularly flexible spines; as the working class does not possess such a spine, hanging around ministerial ante-chambers is foreign and repulsive to it. This is a request to accept the proletariat as a poor relation into the 'limited company' for the exploitation of small and weak nations, which in the language of the international marauders is called 'The League of Nations'."

"They desire to secure international labor legislation by means of friendly negotiations with those who have spent all their lives and energy in securing international capitalist legislation. They desire to secure advantages for the workers not by means of their organized, independent, revolutionary class power, but by means of 'behind-the-scenes' negotiations, cunning combinations and diplomatic intrigue. Petty deceivers! Where have they seen the bourgeoisie grant the most petty, most insignificant social reform without the direct action of the masses? In what country is there a capitalist class that voluntarily makes concessions and surrenders part of its profits and income for the sake of the beautiful eyes of bankrupt labor leaders? There is no such country. Such a state and a class does not exist. The capitalist class will guard their privileges with all the fire of their beings, and no waiting on ministers' door-steps, no slavish humility on the part of the working class will compel the bourgeoisie to change its nature."

"Workers you are being deceived! Watch the hands and the actions of your leaders. Ask them what the League of Nations has given the proletariat; ask them who sacrificed the Hungarian Soviet Republic; ask them who placed arms in the hands by the Romanian assassins; ask them by whose orders and with whose money were thousands and thousands of Hungarian workers murdered; ask them who supported Koltchak and Denikin, who organized White Guard conspiracies in Russia, who supplies money and arms to the Russian monarchists who are exterminating the Jewish population, who pays all these Russian pogromchicka, with whose aid are the fields and valleys of Russia drenched in the blood of tens of thousands of workers and peasants; ask them all this, and when they tell you about the League of Nations, about agreements with the bourgeoisie, that the consumptive Second International, composed of traitors, can restrain world imperialism, that the ruthless dictatorship of capital can be softened by an international armistice, and that all this will be in the interest of the proletariat and socialism—answer them in the firm, determined voice of a revolted proletariat; tell them what the experience of the Russian trade unions say, 'Dictatorship of the bour-

geoisie or the dictatorship of the proletariat; League of Nations or the Third International—there can be no middle course."

"Out of the road, deceivers and hypocrites, the social Revolution is coming!"

The Red International Union is Launched

Losovsky describes the difficulties and the obstacles encountered in launching THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONS.

There you have the policy of the "yellow" Amsterdam International. Now since the Second International has passed away, into the black oblivion accompanied by the hearty hurrahs of the deceived and disillusioned workers, this "yellow" Amsterdam International has become the rallying ground for the labor fakers and social-patriots of the whole world; it has become the center of world sabotage against Soviet Russia and the growing Proletarian Revolution in all countries. It must be exposed as a tool of the international plunderers and butchers who aim to enslave the masses for new wars of conquest and imperialist profits. This tool must be destroyed.

For this purpose the Russian Trade Unions, taking advantage of the presence of labor delegation from various countries, who came to Russia during the Second World Congress, convened a preliminary conference with the object of setting up a Red Labor Union International that would take up the gauntlet against the "yellow" Amsterdam International.

In the discussions that arose among the various representatives at the two preliminary conferences, many questions of vital importance cropped up. These were: (1) Dictatorship of the Proletariat, (2) politics and economics, (3) the necessity for a political party for the proletariat, (4) relation to the Third International, (5) the Proletarian government and the Soviet system, (6) splitting off from or conquering the trade unions.

The pamphlet takes up these questions and analyzes the various tendencies manifested by the delegates. He shows how at first it seemed well-nigh impossible to bring such divergent elements together into one organization on a common basis, and how finally the differences were hammered out and a general agreement reached. These questions are of a particular interest to the revolutionist in relation to the trade union question as a whole and should be carefully studied.

After the preliminary conferences, the organization was launched, a Declaration of Principles was drawn up and a Provisional Council was elected charged with calling a World Congress of all trade unions accepting the principles of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and Soviet Power.

This World Congress is to be held in Moscow, May 1st, 1921, and is to lay the permanent foundation for the Red Labor Union International.

New more than ten millions of organized workers of Europe are already an integral part of this fighting trade union international. There is no doubt the first World Congress will see the I. W. W. the O. B. U. and a number of other militant independent industrial unions of North and South America affiliated, as well as a number of "left wing" A. F. of L. unions.

The inspiring message in this pamphlet is the new clear call to the class-conscious organized workers for the forging of an international working class weapon, so as to unite the vast majority of the organized workers of

the world for the final assault upon world capitalism.

A copy of this pamphlet should be placed in the hands of every organized and unorganized worker in America. Its sixty-four pages are crammed chock-full of intellectual meat. The language, through a translation, is singularly simple and direct. It carries a universal appeal that should touch a responsive chord in the heart and mind of every worker in America.

The two Communist parties and the Communist Labor party of England have united into a single front against capitalism under banner of the Third (Communist) International.

call upon to slaughter each other for the sake of capitalist greed and profits, and,

WHEREAS, these conditions which are menacing the workers, demand that Labor must unite Nationally and Internationally in order to present a solid front against the enemies of the working class, and,

WHEREAS, there are at present two labor Internationals—the Amsterdam Federation, led by the traitor-leaders who BETRAYED LABOR DURING AND AFTER THE WAR, and the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, composed of revolutionary Labor Unions of the World; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Local meeting (or executive board) of the hereby indorses the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, as the only real fighting International of Labor Unions, and calls upon the General Executive Board of the

to affiliate with this International and to take all necessary steps to be represented at the World Congress of Labor Unions, called by the Provisional Council of the Trade and Industrial Unions.

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An organization of "World War Objectors" has been organized at New York. This organization is composed of all who object to war on ethical, religious, personal, political or class grounds. It is organizing to prevent the NEXT war.

The Senate has passed a bill providing that no foreigners may be received in American ports unless their passports have been wised by U. S. representatives in their home countries. By a system of checking up emigrants thru the agencies of the governmental secret service, the possibility of European radicals getting passage to the land of the free is very remote. Capitalistic governments are leaguing together in every possible way to hamper the movements of the revolutionary proletariat.

The visitor privileges of Eugene V. Debs have been suspended. D. S. Dickerson, chief of the bureau of prisoners and paroles, states that Debs' privileges have been taken away because in an interview he assailed the president of the United States. If reports are true, the next attorney general of the U. S. will be Harry Daugherty, who it is claimed expended \$150,000 to induce president Taft to free from Atlanta prison Chas. W. Morse, the ice king. While Debs is shut away from his friends he may now cultivate a reverence for the coming Czar. But will he do it? He won't!

Mrs. Thomas Manning, whose husband was shot in the back and killed by Anaconda Mining interests' gun men has instituted suit for \$100,000 against the company for the death of her husband. It seems that the only people who care for the lives of strikers are their wives and kids.

An out-o-work iron molder left a copy of The Toiler in the rest room of the union headquarters in Cleveland the other day. Now there is a large sign put up which reads: "Please do not leave any radical literature here."

Up to date the officials in charge have not been thrown out on the pavement. Wouldn't it be hell if these unemployed should think some radical thots—such as getting rid of their parasitic bosses on the job and the ones in their unions?

Union printers at Gadsden, Ala., voluntarily reduced their wages 10 cents per hour. They believe in helping to get back to normalcy. Please don't think any radical thots in this union.

J. Pierpont Morgan's palatial home in London has been generously offered the American ambassador to England. The house of Representatives has, by a vote of 167 to 52 accepted the offer. We don't see anything wrong in it. If Mr. Morgan chooses to house Mr. Morgan's hired man for the conducting of Mr. Morgan's business, we don't see any reason for kicking. It's his BUSINESS!

An exact duplicate of the notorious Kansas Industrial Court law is scheduled for approval of the W. Va. state legislature when it meets in March. An amendment to the Constabulary law doubling the present force is also introduced. This, the farmers and labor unionists are fighting, stating that the only use of the Constabulary is to interfere in labor disputes and against the workers.

Immediate resumption of trade with Russia and the recognition of the Irish Republic are contained in the demands of resolutions adopted by the convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor in recent session at Great Falls.

Permits for 4,000 children between the ages of 14 and 16 years to enter the factories of Milwaukee County were disclosed in the records of the Industrial Commission. The State Federation of Labor is attempting to raise the compulsory school age to 16 years.

Mexican workers to the number of 4,000 have arrived in Detroit to find that the glowing accounts of high wages in the Michigan sugar beet fields and for unskilled labor in the industries are fakes. Charity organizations are furnishing relief and shipping the destitute and disillusioned workers back to Mexico.

Students of economics, members of the Emory University of Atlanta, have petitioned the Warden to allow Debs to deliver a lecture on economics to them in the prison hall. It will be necessary first to obtain the consent of the D. of J. however.

Because of an "illegal" strike in the Kansas coal fields, Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas District has been arrested. Howatt states he will make a test case of the Allen anti-strike law and carry it thru to the highest court to ascertain if labor can be chained like a slave to a job.

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