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No Wrong Can

Live Long

British Employers Try in Vain to Upset Tremendous Strike Victory

What promised to be the most sigel victory of organized labor in Ladern times-a clear-cut, supreme er amph of the general strike, was amplicated and confused by far-, whing acts of treachery on the part .. the great employing interests of and called off.

the demands of the strikers in be- its occurrence in the future. ther great concerns, taking advantage struck viciously at the separated secthem except on terms acceptable to

The railway employers refused to

take their striking employes back until with the companies. Similar terms the great employing interests of were exacted from the dockers and other divisions of labor. In this move is seen an attempt to hamstring the titer the government had yielded general strike in England and prevent

half of the miners, giving its informal | A news disputch from W. N. Ewer, word of honor that these demands foreign editor of the London Daily would be met, the railroad companies. Herald, Socialist and Labor paper, fol. Trades Union Congress) being of the dicking and newspaper interests, and lowing the surrender of the govern- opinion that this provided a "fair deal" tions. ment, accurately portrays the Labor to the miners, agreed to call off the the disbanding of the general strike. estimate of that victory at that time: strike. Government spokesmen this established.

ing informal conversations initiated on knows nothing about Samuel's pro- industry recommended by the Coal gaulzation of the industry, abandon- May, 1926, marks a very definite epoch

government suggestions by Sir Her (posal which was purely his own. This Commission are being adopted. ters. They have informal, honorable of the struggle is inevitable. undertakings that the government was prepared to adopt suggestions con-Itained in the Samuel memorandum on the proposed settlement in the coal industry.

Thereupon the Council (of the LONDON, May 12.—(FP)—The end afternoon are trying valiantly to pre-

bert Samuel, chairman of the Coal is merely a shameless device which 4. If after all means of meeting the Commission, whose report played such saved their faces. The fact is that financial difficulties are considered, rea big part in pre-strike negotiations, honorable pledges were given. If vision of wages still proves necessary, the latter had agreed not to strike in the General Council this morning saw broken. Baldwin is not only guilty of any such revision shall the future without prior negotiations the premier and several other minis a flagrant breach of faith, but renewal

> A Complete Surrender The Samuel terms are very similar to those proposed by the labor side at one point of pre-strike negotiations.

> 1. Subsidy to be renewed for a reasonable period to allow for negotia-

thens of labor, refusing to re-employ of the general strike came with tend that the strike was called off un-sufficient assurances are given that negotiations, extension of the subsidy, that the strike has been a tremendous

(a) not adversely affect the wages of the lower paid men,

(b) fix a minimum under which the miners' wage is not to be reduced under any circum-It is understood, of course, that the

cept and the government does not

Far-Reaching Victory Psychological effects are likely to be

even more far-reaching. Labor learned by experiment of its own power-the enormous power of the strike weapon. habor gained these days new inspiration, new enthusiasm, new energy. On the other hand, the governing classes have been nervous, bewildered, and lockout notices are to be immediately obviously losing confidence in their withdrawn. The miners meet Friday grip on affairs as never before. The to consider the proposals. If they ac- moral effect is likely to be an even more important effect in the next break faith, the net result of the strike decades than the terms of the settle loss of prestige. The miners are still 3. No revision of wages rates until has been to compel resumption of the ment itself. The feeling is, in fact, dramatic suddenness today. Follow conditionally and that the cabinet measures for the reorganization of the immediate beginning of the reor- tryout with results which may mean

Treachery of Bosses

London, May 16 .- Negotiations were concluded over the weekend which permit practically all trades to start work Monday. Conditions vary but in some cases, for example the dockers union, the leaders signed an undertaking similar to that given Friday by the railway union. Thus ends the general strike. After a week of amazing and unprecedented demonstration of solidarity and power the struggle was broken off at the moment everyone was confident of success. The retreat was effected not without heavy locked out and left to carry on the struggle alone. They meet again

(Continued on page 3)

Poland Swings to the Left as Pilsudski Ousts Reactionaries

part wisting the reactionaries, reand any immediate danger from | Witos government. Fig. . uprising and has improved for the workers and the

Pendquarters of the various organizations in Chi-. ... office of the Polish Soe paper Glos Polski, great elathat presuled over the success of Pile Ment Confidence that Pilsudski would not organize a military dictathat he would call an elecand that the position of the de left and particularly the Soo party would be greatly imwas expressed on all sides.

How Trouble Started

The troubles that led to the amazamp into power of Pilsudski and loosh army began with the resigof the two Socialist members. t the Polish cabinet—Ziemicki, Minof Labor, and Barlicki, Minister Works -- because of the failthe Polish government to carry "s pledge that it would enact the num Socialist program.

is caused the fall of the cabinet. ski, former premier, who had was asked to form a ministry. , unable to do so. Former Pre-Wiess was asked to undertake to a Witos is a representative is wealthy peasant class and is

stronary. He formed a cabinet and he wholly of representatives or parties of the right. This was clen of all Polish precedents. require a cabinet representaa the right and left. Widewires were planning to enthemselves in power.

radical, liberal and Sociallet craticised this one-sided cabi-V saper in which Pilsudski was eriticising this situation to tided by the Witos govern-Pollowing this several hundred surrounded the home of i near Warsaw at night and the house. A cavalry unit of to cashed to the defense of its stol and hero. From this y prominent" Polish Social-. Chicago, who have been folwith intense interest, .. was under great pressure the revolting units of the army it to the seizure of power.

Why Pilsudski Revolted

reasons given for Pilsudski's n to lead such a revolt are (1) of the crushing of the left of Poland by the reactionaries d sapréme power under Witos; residible corruption and graft in stion with the conduct of the extract; (3) the practical bankof the government; (4) an exbad economic situation.

'a swift rise to power, Pilsudvas strongly backed by the Soin labor, radical and liberal of Poland, while Witos reat the support of the Fascists, the to at aristocracy and all other remary elements. Behind this alignwas veiled the struggle of the i peasants against the junker called class arising from the fallure Polish government to date to the its pledges to divide the great 1 destates of Poland.

all surface indications and in headquarters in Warsaw the Socialist m opinion of the Polish Social- unions, comprising more than half the their country. there of Chicago resulted in organized workers of Poland, were the Polish left parties in called out in a general strike to prevent aid being dispatched to the

Pilsudski's Program

Pilsudski's immediate program, however, is very moderate; it proposes nothing more than a clean and efficient non-partisan administration that will clean out the grafters while a general national election is being held to determine the complexion of the new government. Dispatches from Warsaw state that he has refused an offer from the Socialists to form Socialist administration

His ministry comes largely from an element that has not been active in partisan politics and is said to be selected for technical skill, although former Socialists or national Socialists seem to predominate. A Warsaw dispach thus describes

the make-up of the new cabinet; "The Socialists are far from satisfied with the political complexion of the new cabinet, in spite of the fact that Premier Partel is considered in many quarters as an extreme radical. "Gen. Lodzianowski, minister of the interior is a well known and respeced military leader and Conservative. August Zaleski, former minister to nnected with huge graft scan- Rome and Athens and a moderate Soi cialist, holds the portfodo of foreign affairs. Gabriel Czechowicz, another moderate Socialist, is finance munister. Marshal Pilsudski is war minister, and the portfolios of labor, agri-

out great political records. "Hypolite Gliwic, who becomes minlister of commerce, was the former fours were aroused that the commercial attaché to the Polish lega-

culture, education, and justice were

given to four college professors with-

Socialist Prospects

Bartel, the premier, formerly be longed to the Socialist party. He was Poland's first premier under the presldency of Pilsudski. After the war. Pilsudski, Poland's military hero, became president, when he caused the Socialist cabinet. This government lasted only about six months. Poland was bankrupt. Money had to be had to save the situation. When Paderewski appeared on the scene and ex-

Big By-Election Swing to Labor

A municipal by-election during the general strike in Great Britain is of greatest significance.

Municipal officials were elected in Chiswick, a nonworking class suburb of London. The preceding election

figures were: Conservative, 994; Labor, 522. The vote during the strike was Conservative, 37; Labor, 1,041. This result can mean nothing else than an unexampled endorsement of the strike and the Cause of Labor and Socialism in changing Britain.

sudden military revolt which ! The working class and the Socialist ; pressed confidence that he would be and ousted the government party threw itself into the struggle able to negotiate loans to save Poland are worth more than fifty cents on the m power within four days has on the side of Pilsudeki. From their Pilsudski and his Socialist ministry dollar. voluntarily retired for the good of

> Poland now faces the prospect of a civil war between the right elements and the left elements. General Haller is reported to be raising an army in the industrial districts of west Poland for the purpose of overthrowing Pilsudski Other generals and army units remain loyal to the deposed reactionary government. The Social Democratic or Socialist Party is the strongest single organization in Poland. A protracted civil war in Poland might place it in complete

Side by Side

Side by side on the international bridge crossing the Niagara River stand two electric lamps. To the one on the north, current is supplied by the governmentowned power system of the province of Ontario. costs \$8 a year.

To the one on the south, current is supplied by a private American power company. IT COSTS \$43 A

-From an editorial in The Nation, New York.

Pennsylvania Labor Party Goes Fooey

Erie Pa. Last night the Labor party of Pennsylvania in convention assembled endorsed Gifford Pinchot for the Republican nomination for organization by Bartel of a purely | United States Senator and Lieutenant-Governor E. E. Beidleman for the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

> In the last election the Labor Party of Pennsylvania worked in conjunction with the Socialist party, and combined with the Socialist party on a straight working class ticket.

> By its endorsement of Republican candidates the Pennsylvania Labor party has been drawn into the bog of corrupt capitalist politics, has ceased to be a working class organization and has made further collaboration between it and the Socialist party impossible. This act will allenate every class conscious worker in Pennsylvania from the Labor party and place him in the Socialist party, which is now the only bona fide labor party in Pennsylvania.

> The Labor Party convention was held in connection with the regular convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor. The Labor Party endorsement of the Republican candidates followed that of the State Federation.

Openshop Paradise in Java Batavia, Java.—The island of Java has no agitators, no unions and no strikes. The millions of native in you from having any choice but the habitants work 12 hours a day, 7 Republican and Democratic parties, days a week, for 11/2c an hour.

Since stocks and bonds have been issued to the full value of all the property in America, none of them

Since the burden of the war debts of Italy and France has been unloaded on the American people, the banks can find further business in lending money to Italy and France that they may make new wars.

The President winders why only a little over balf the qualified voters in America vote. It is because they realize it means n thing to vote for either the Republican or Democratic

We got rid of the German kaiser or Caesar, only to have a new kaiser in Italy. But it is a crime for anyone anywhere in the world to speak a word against that Cardar.

The press associations are so very good servants of information that the war in Syria is not reported at all., and news of the class struggle in i America is suppressed.

Henry Ford thinks that big busiest may expend indebnitely. But America once, through the paper Fascist Plot atter claiming all the property in issued against it, what avail will it be to double the claim?

Capitalism has destroyed the home Socialism will restore it.

Capitalism brings war. Socialism will end it.

Capitalism takes a large part of your product Socialism will restore

Capitalism confiscates your property, which is why you have none. So aries prepared for the workers of Gercialism will guarantee your full social many and for their political oppon-

of Capitalism.

Socialism will make all rich.

Capitalism promotes hypocracy. Socialism will make real religion pos-

Capitalism was the author of piracy and slavery. Socialism is honest, assuring each what he may socially pro-

Capitalism uses the machine to make profits. Socialism will use it to provide leisure for the workers.

by giving access to the machine will Luther cabinet when it connived with make every one the master of his the Nationalists to restore the mon-

Capitalism confiscates the property of the many as proven by the fact that 90 per cent of the people die without property. Socialism will enable everyone to be secure in what he produces.

Capitalism makes charity necessary, yet charity does not and poverty. Socialism will make charity unnecessary, yet it will end poverty.

So long as the exploiters can keep ing upheaval is the Social Democratic they know that they are safe.

The Broadcaster Sacco and Vanzetti Close to Electric Chair—Appeal Denied

(2) The introduction of evidence

motious for a new trial October 1924,

had ruled that the Ripley incident

was of no importance. The Supreme

Court puts its O. K. on Thayer's de-

cision. All through the opinion the

court emphasizes that the trial judge

Many other vital matters of evi-

judge had "discretionary power" is

New York, -- (F. P.) - Sacco and Vunzetti are very near to the electric chair. The Massachusetts Supreme Court has turned down the appeal for a new trial on the murder charges on which they were convicted in 1921. Judge Webster Thayer who presided at the trial, which the American Federation has called a "travesty of justice" will soon have the evil satisfaction of sentencing them to the death chair unless a stay is granted;-for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or for some other

The denial of the new trial motions was a terrible shock to the defense. There had been informal assurances that the new trial would be granted. It was expected that the six year persecution of the last two prisoners from Palmer "Red Raid" days -they were arrested May 1920 -would soon be ended.

All down the line the 67 page opinion of the Supreme Court is a whitewash for Judge Thayer. Among the high lights of the opinion are: il. Endorsement of the presecu-

Shows Germany Near Upheaval

The death penalty for striking. The death penalty for parliamentary

political activity. The death penalty for many other activities tending toward democratic government. This is the pleasant little program the German reactionents in case their far-reaching armed conspiracy to overthrow the German Capitalism is the successor of slave Republic met with success. Fortunery. Socialism will be the successor ately for democracy. Socialism and civilization this bloody plot involving leading aristocrats and members of Capitalism makes the many poor. the Nationalist party was discovered in time, some of the leaders arrested, others scattered and very incriminat-

> ing documents seized. Not only does capitalism itself in Europe rest on the thin crust of a volcano, but democracy and the future hopes of the workers rest on a thin volcanic crust. It is significant in Germany that this murderous plotting against the government is done by leaders of the now strongest political party.

It is also significant that the only real defenders of republicanism and democracy in Germany now left are Capitalism gives a few the power to the Socialists. It was the Socialists keep the many from work. Socialism who forced the resignation of the archial flag in place of the republican flag. It was the Socialists who forced the referendum vote of 12,500, 000 to expropriate the royal traitors of Germany. It is the Socialists who are leading in a new referendum made necessary by the refusal of the reactionary government to heed the vote of the people. Even the German Democratic party has not remained true to its professed principles in the present crisis. The only democratic party and the only constructive party in Germany in the midst of impendparty, but it is a bost, and is gaining rapidly an unprecedented position of strength.

By Art Shields, Federated Press. | stand as to his social views-his | the following May 5 the men were hatred of capitalist wars; his aspira-grilled as to their radical activities

tions to a workers' society. Defense lawyers claimed the "red" issue was victously raised for the purpose of prejudicing the jury. But the Supreme Court calls this a legitimate testing of the credibility of a witness. into the fury room, secretly, without giving the defense an opportunity to combat. Certain cartridge shells have ing a bearing on the murder case were exhibited to his fellow jurors by Foreman Ripley. The defense had no optunity to pancture this evidence:

knew nothing of it till long after the trial. ... Indge. Thayer. in denying the

tion's grilling of Sacco on the witness

the Supreme Court's line of policy. The refusal to allow separate trials: the filling of the courtroom with armed men; the handpicking of veniremen for the jury after the regular list had been exhausted-all these and other mackeries of justice pass This final verdict of the Massachu-

has "discretionary power."

setts courts will not be accepted by the detense. Big mass meetings in New York and Boston will be organized as the agitation, which had lapsed, while the Supreme Court's decision was awaited, is renewed. The first New York mass meeting, called by the American Civil Liberties Union, the International Labor Defense and Italian organizations for Central Opera-House Wednesday, May 19, will, it is expected, be followed by nationwide agitation. Meanwhile the defense committee in Boston is conferring with Sacco and Vanzetti as to the appeal to the United States Supreme

Sacco and Vanzetti were tried for the murder of a shoe factory payroll guard at South Braintree, Mass., April 15, 1920. A guard and paymaster had been killed by automobile bandits and more than \$15,000 taken away. For the first 26 hours after their arrest

This Is the Issue

sciousness-and into your con-

science: Up to May 1, this year,

able bodied British miners were

receiving from \$8 to \$17, de-

pending on the district, AND WERE AT WORK ABOUT

The mine owners proposed to

slash these wages to a maximum

Think of asking a human be-

ing-probably with a family-

to live on \$5 a week, and the

cost of living 72 per cent above

When a basic industry so

breaks down under the existing

system that it asks to continue

to operate at such a price to

humanity-IT IS TIME TO RE-

ORGANIZE THAT INDUSTRY.

CIALISM THE IMMEDIATE

AND SUPREME ISSUE.

IT IS TIME TO MAKE 80-

of \$13 AND A MINIMUM OF

JUST UNDER \$5 A Week!

HALF THE TIME.

the pre-war level!

Let this burn into your con-

and ideas. The murder charge came later. The real reason for their prosecution, the defense committee has always contended, was their activity, first for the release of Andreas Salsedo, Italian printer held incommunicado 69 days, and tortured, in department of justice chambers in New York; secondly their organizing of protest after his body was found on the pavement 14 stories below, No labor murder case has aroused such international protest since the framing of Mooney and Billings.

Move Made to Save Sacco and Vanzetti

Boston, Mass., May 14 .- The defense in the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, defendants in a murder trial which has attracted worldwide attention, sprang a surprise last dence are brushed aside. The trial night with the announcement that reargument of the appeal of the convicted slayers had been asked before the full bench of the Supleme court Under the law reargument is discre-

tionary with the court. William G. Thompson, chlot of ilmfense counsel says that a within a bay been discovered who was at the or me muster with the Bay State black of the shooting and who is prepared to testify that the slayers were not the present defendants. He agnounced that a new trial would be asked.

German Socialists In Supreme Fight

Berlin, May 17. - A national referendum on expropriation of the property of the German princes will be held on June 20, according to a decision today by the new Marx government in its Arst cabinet session. The referendum will settle not only

the financial fate of the princes but the trend of Germany's general policy. Victory for expropriation would mean a tremendous increase in the prestige of the Socialists. This is considered important in view of the bug issues pending in Germany as well as in view of the general socialistic struggle from England to Poland.

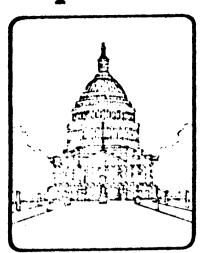
Amalgamated Opens in Montreal Montreal.-The seventh biennial convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers opened in Montreal May 10. Instructions to work at the convention for resolutions for a 40-hour week, freedom for political prisoners all over the world and an American Labor party have been given to some of the delegates by their local unions. - It is unofficially stated that the question of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor may be raised at the convention in the form of proposals that will take into account the United Garment Workers, the union holding the A. F. of L. char ter for the men's clothing industry.

Miners Oppose Military Drill

Superior, Wyo -- Opposition to the compulsory military training in force at the State University of Wyoming is expressed in a resolution adopted by Local 2328, United Mine Workers of Superior.

Since plutocracy has put the world in bondage, no man can say his life is his own.

Farm Bills Before Congress Are while an extended analysis of these measures might disclose some hope for immediate relief, it is safe to as-Explained by Our Correspondent



By Marx Lewis

Congressional friendship for the farmer, which begins to develop every two years, starts about six months before the elections, reaches its height in the political campaign, and departs with the suddenness with which it comes into existence, is now well on its way to a fruitful season fruitful to the friends of the farmer. if not to the farmer himself.

With three bills designed to relieve the ills of the farmers and, what is more important, the political umbar rassment with which congressmen are confronted if no farm legislation is considered before adjournment, the House has spent a week professing love for the farmers and urging the enactment of one or the other of the bills before adjournment.

At this writing, two possibilities in connection with farm relief legisla- As a matter of fact, and of history, tion are likely to develop: first, the in is purely Republican in its charthree bills will be defeated, either in acter. It has been the practice of the Concress or by the veto of the Prest Republicans for more than a half cen ! dent it any one of them, is enacted; tury to subsidire, protect, and fondle and if any one of them succeeds in certain special interests by giving getting by and becoming law, the much temporarily and not at all per-

The Haugen Bill The bill demanded mainly by the

farmers is the so-called Haugen bill. which seeks to adjust the demand to the supply of agricultural products, through control of agricultural surpluses, by purchasing and holding for sale such products until there is a demand for them. That is its essen tial provision, and a revolving fund of \$375,000,000 is created for that purpose, of which \$100,000,000 is set uside for cotton: \$250,000,000 for the other busic agricultural products; and \$25,000,000 for loans, to co-operative associations handling other agricultural products, and for the purchase of warehousing or processing facili

This bill presupposes that the Gov ernment will find a market, sconer or later, that the farmers are unable to find immediately. If it were a case of waiting a few months for a market for the purpose of making loans to to absorb the surplus, that might be a solution. But there is no market --the great Central European market. which before was the greatest purchaser of American agricultural commodities, cannot buy -and the Goverhand, it will promote those organizaernment can no more dispose of that ⁱ product than the individual farmers It shifts the burden from the farmers. of course, who feel it, to the people at large, who will foot the bill, but who, because they are more numer ous and less concerned, will not feel it as much. And that is sound politi val psychology. It means votes,

Strictly Republican

The bill is denounced by its oppo nents as socialistic because it subsidives a particular industry or group

C. C. Springston, Payette, Ida., sent

of Chicago, and I. A. Anderson sent in

Sam Pinkus of Davenport, Iowa, dis-

J. E. Homer of Silverton and J. E.

Boston is wide awake as usual. Sam

LET OSCAR DO IT!

can't beat it. Warning: Our supply

Let Oscar do it. Oscar is a brilliant

Washington boulevard, Chicago, Bl.

Russian Co-ops.

can't last long.

tions which in the last analysis can serve the farmers best the co-operalief for the farmers is doubtful

is Socialism.

The Haugen bill, despite the char

acterizations of its opponents, is not

Socialism. It is another attempt on

the part of the ruling class, in order

to perpetuate its control, to save the

political scalps of its agents by tak-

ing from one group and giving to an-

other-by robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Tincher Bill

Of the two other bills, the more im-

portant, and possibly the more desir-

able, because the less unsound in

principle, is the Tincher bill, which

co-operative marketing associations. It

may be that many of these loans to"

30 Billions Thrown Away

them special privileges. The most the present regime in the United farmer will not be benefited very powerful trusts of today are the result. States is the impending failure of the of all sorts of subsidies, land grants, government insurance of the veterans special privileges, and high tariff of the world war. Although the government put into effect right after the war a publicly-owned system of insurance at cost for the protection of all who served in the war, most of the latter 3,500 owe have neglected this rare opportunity. The last chance to apply for reinstatement and conversion of their yearly renewable insurance policy expires on June 39.

The failure is not a failure of public ownership. Government insurance in two new ones. A bundle of 50 and cess in many countries, notably in two subs were ordered by Emil Frank; Australia. The failure is in a govso completely dominated by private interests that it totally failed to take the necessary steps to make a success of edition of the capitalist papers is filled tributed a bundle of 50. W. E. Rich this splendid system of protecting its with falsehood and misrepresentation, and of Roswell, N. Mex., sent for 25. i soldiers. By its neglect, its dishonesty You know, you members of the Army. Northwest, W. J. Martin sends in an vate interests and its disloyalty to it is only in the Socialist press that other order for 100 for Portland, Ore

ing power have fallen on the whole will be given the assistance of home is busy with the organization bers who might possibly be interested isince December, 1915. This statement United States Courts for compulsory of a new local wall Lack for is consistent on the organization. such noble work on the recent Debs' After the splended work done by a from a report by A. O. Wharton, last process of witnesses and papers. This citizenship drive were right on the job.

After the splended work done by a from a report by A. O. Wharton, last process of witnesses and papers. This operation. I have sent in a bundle loan. Appeal, and thus rekindle in order for 75 copies of the American Appeal, and thus rekindle in order for 75 copies of the American Appeal.

Harrisburg, sent two subs with an by the East Side Forum, New York creases are largely due to the adjust- merce, the Board of Mediation shall plains and seizes every opportunity to lish brothers manifest we might build ment of unequal rates as the result report it to the President who shall promote our movement in Kansas up an organization worthy of the of government wage orders that appoint an Emergency Board, which where, he believes, there is a great name. brought long delayed justice to numbers of men who had been permitted tion and report it to the President, farmers who have been so shamelessly Really, just as we told you before, to organize. Among the 252,000 works For 20 days after the Emergency Carnahan, of Payetteville, Arkansas, and he is abundantly well-informed, than before the United States entered in the payette and he is abundantly well-informed, than before the United States entered in the payette and he is abundantly well-informed, than before the United States entered in the payette and he is abundantly well-informed. ers now getting smaller real wares distributed 27. Highland, California, His little book; "Life and Deeds of the war, Mr. Wharton's report lists took 50 on an order from L. L. Stowe, Uncle Sam," is delightfully amusing electrical workers, blacksmiths, the controvers). and Comrade Tobey of Kennett or and it is a genuine eye-opener on machinists, passenger engineers, bolldered 25. Ten yearly sub cards were American history. If the boys and ermakers, freight engineers and conductors. The decline was from 10 to

This Coolidge bubble about the prosobligarry politician's job of roping in perity of the workers has been just the voters would be ten times harder, about exploded. The New York World strikes practically impossible. And still they keep coming in from Now here's a tip: A lecture would published U. S. government figures books, prepaid. Lend each of them fered a decline in real wages since appoint in each case members in no be 500. Think of it -500 people think | buncoed on the question of prosperity, interests or the interests of the emof our literature! Cost: \$3.00. You gamization and the vast increase of settlements. Capitalistic presidents wealth in America. The reason is that would undoubtedly use their powers organized capitalism is increasing its to appoint boards favorable to the empowers faster than organized labor, ployers. This condition adds another propagandist. Let him help you. Ad. Organized capital uses its political great reason why railroad workers dress: The National Office, 2653 arm, while organized labor does not.

State Housing Wins

Governor Smith's housing bill, ex The co-operative turn over in Russia | plained in previous issues of the Amer increased 17 per cent in the past six ican Appeal, has passed in a considermonths, says the All American Coope ably emasculated form, and has been

erative Commission. At the same signed by the governor. time with improving efficiency and or-ganization, the Russian cooperative ed dividend companies under control system has been bringing prices down, of the state to construct low-cost hous-More than half the total retail trade ing, regulates and limits rents, and of Russia is now in the hands of the gives public aid to housing through Congress for the establishment of

situation which depends upon the res toration of our foreign markets. But it can create a hope among the farmors - and where there is bope, there are votes -- and where there are votes, Republicans and Democrats can be The difference seems to be that prodepended upon to go after them, and tection and subsidy for the powerful they are willing to spend, if neces groups that control the old political sary, \$375,000,000 to get them. It may parties is Americansim and Republinot be necessary-in which events canism and the same protection and there will be no farm relief legislation subsidy for the hard-working farmer before adjournment.

Jim Maurer Again Heads Pennsylvania Federation of Labor

James H. Maurer, for many years an outstanding leader of the Socialist movement of America, was re-elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor without opposition at creates a loan fund of \$100,000,000 to its annual convention in Eric this be appropriated out of the Treasury week. John B. Kelly was re-elected secretary without opposition.

Maurer has been president of the state Federation of Labor continusome 12,000 farmer controlled business ously since 1912. The office was conassociations will be a dead less when ferred on him again as a tribute to payments will be made. On the other his ability and sterling integrity, al though Maurer is in disagreement with the political policy adopted at the convention of rewarding friends tives. Its immediate benefit as a re- instead of voting for the real repre sentatives of the working class.

This is a long way from Socialism.

but it is also a significant retreat of

One of the most coloseal failures of It means that capitalism in our larger the state to belo. Labor's New Law The Watson-Parker bill, which abold shes the present Railroad Lator;

of employers and employes and aims cases. It has been favored from the you tried and tried hard-lately? ernment in the United States that is first by President Coolidge and will undoubtedly be signed by him. This measure abolishes the Railroad

Labor Board, which has suited noby the people at least thirty billion and whose decisions shall be made nearby communities

Questions not majasted in conter-ence or by advantment boards go to a property of modition of the numbers created the determination for organ. National Office in again organizing the and party memoers. See that the goal ordered by Dan Tenny. Comrade Hat: The real wages of the railroad works board of mediation of two members lization and increase of power.

of agitation is organization.

created the determination for appointed by the President, which comrade Campo of Shay arbitral award by majority vote which i

Should a dispute he not adjusted shall investigate the dispute in quesment shall be made by the parties to by holding our party convention, and

This measure by all its delays and machinery, it is believed, will have two effects - leave disputes to be set tled very largely by the employes and ganization which is required under the employers themselves and make state Primary law, and then we spent

The fact that the President ap points both the Board of Mediation should organize politically and become an increasing factor in government Their political influence in and on government will be their only final protection in labor disputes when

this measure becomes a law.

Labor Banks for England Inspired by the success of the labor co-operative banks in America, British trade unions are bringing increasing pressure to hear on the Trade Union

Socialists May Be Decisive Factors in Polish Overturn

Poland?

Are they strong enough to count as decisive factor in the present revolt of all the left parties against the cialists and their program. attempted dictatorship of the right? In the last election the Socialists cast approximately 1,000,000 votes, through the use of religious influence That would be equivalent to the Socialist party of the United States re- have a membership of about 100,000

ceiving more than 2,509,000 votes. The Polish Socialists elected 41 members of the lower house and 7 members of the senate. This does not, however, begin to

of the Polish Socialist movement. By virtue of its dominant position in the labor movement and its close alliance with the Labor party and the radical peasant party, the Socialists are a real power in Poland and may prove to be the big factor in the present attempt of Pilsudski to oust the reactionaries.

The membership of the strictly Socialist trade unions of Poland is 300,mm. This is more than half the membership of all the trade unions in Poland. It is these unions that have It occupies much the strongest post-

Pilsudski. in addition the so-called Inde-

pendent trade unions support the So-

The Christian Socialist trade unions were organized by the reactionaries against the Socialists. These unions The Christian Socialist party, which merely uses the name "Socialist" to fool the workers, has about a dozen members in parliament.

The Labor party, which is partially neasure the total potential strength Socialist in its aims and program and is becoming more Socialist all the time and works in close alliance with the Socialist party, has 16 or 17 members in parliament.

The radical peasant party has about 30 representatives in the Polish parliament. There is mutual support between this party and the Socialist party in the parliament.

All these parties named except the Christian Socialist party are behind Pilandski. The Socialist party is the strongest party in this left grouping.

A state ticket will be prepared for the

campaign in Massachusetts. Comrade

Levenberg, District Secretary, on the

alert and active as a delegate in the

recent National Convention, is watch-

ful, eager and determined to have

Buffalo

Organizer Emil Herman is now in

Buffalo, New York, determined to

in this country. The election returns

for years have regularly indicated that

there are really many thousands of So-

cialists in Buffalo. State Secretary

Merrill has been eager to have a great

live local built up in Buffalo. Herman

will come through with his part-no

matter how many hours per day and

Puffalo comrades have their opportua-

Local Buffalo Socialist Party wishes

to announce that all communications,

which represent the Socialist Party of

Socialist Party of Buffalo, Erie Coun-

Connecticut

Do you ever see copies of The Com-

monwealth, a very attractive monthly

Mississippi

party in this and other states. I

am enclosing a list of old party mem-

istic oppression. Please mail a copy

of this paper to these parties and we

"I note with pleasure the attitude of

will watch the results.

things doing in his District.

How strong are the Socialists in \dagger called a general strike in support of tion. If Pilsudski wins, it is $q \leftrightarrow 1$ likely that the Socialists will occupa as strong a place in the Polish ernment as they held right after to

It will be recalled that at that time Pilsudski was president and a So ...l. ist cabinet held sway over Poland

Illinois Socialists Announce Convention

The organized Socialists of Elif-ia will hold their State Convention in Chicago, Sunday, 8:30 p. m., May 21, at the Labor Lyceum, Kedzie Ogden avenues. The delegates will elect a state ticket, officers for the state organization, draft a state patform, and lay plans for an active street wide Socialist campaign.

In honor of the State Convention the local Socialists have arranging play and dance which will be held at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Harah boulevard, Saturday, May 22, at + 39

Some hundred and fifty Soc are expected to be present. William H. Henry, the new executive tary of the Socialist party, and storray E. King, managing editor of the American Appeal, will be the grave pal speakers at the convention.

wants the Socialists of Arizona to opoperate for the up-building of our movement in his state.

New Mexico

Comrade Lena Morrow Lena, to her way to Pittsburgh as a delicate to the National Convention, made sea eral speeches in Pecos Valley, New Mexico. The best result was a spec did local organized at Roswell Conrade W. F. Richardson has written build one of the most powerful locals | the National Office a letter al waz with appreciation of Comrade Lev. work. His gratitude for her stickling service is very great indeed. He save it seemed for a while as if the entire audience would join the local at R -

All over this country theregreat deal of this spirit of love at: longing for the old days of the Seist movement so strongly exhibit in the Roswell meeting. It is latent in many places but it is there, genutprecious and available if the a z. rades will simply buck up and late as much faith as they would like to have other people have.

Members-at-Large

From all parts of the country o me letters from comrades saying We are lining up as members at large for the present, and our plans are to ex tend the circulation of the Appeal in preparation for the sentiment for ter in al organizations."

The Pioneer Youth

It will cost you only a post of itquest to have sent to you full information relating to one of the most in teresting and promising "organizate to in this country. The Pioneer Youth America (address 2 West 10th New York City). This organization is a wholesome inspiration to all yours Comrade Evans of Mississippi sters who find its literature. Write the

Come Right In; Get in Touch

The National Office would be glad to have a letter from you-right as as especially if

If you are not attached to our or ganization; if you want a copy of our constitution, our national platfirm 4 sample copy of the American Alice 2 the National Convention towards the or samples of our leaflets, or our leaf ature price list; if you want to now how to organize a local; if ye a weat to become a member at-large. If Nowish to get in touch with your State Secretary; if you want to kn w ab/ there are so many million and people in the richest country of earth; if you want to know who the Devil is going to break was with nervous prostration ... United States; or if you want explaining it to the other fellow want to make some helpf list gestions-or get some helpful some tions-relating to the upbuilties of our organization - then send at a few lines to the National Con-2653 Washington boulevard, Cl., 2000

Hungarian Socialist

Ferenze Gondor, former the well known Hungarian -

Socialist Party News be on the warpath in New England.

ity.

Pennsylvania

From l'ittsburgh comes the follow

"At the regular meeting of the Debs Branch on Sunday afternoon we added seven new members. Each of ten members guaranteed to have one new member at our next meeting -- Tuesday - and already three have signed up for membership."

capitalism in its American stronghold. Freekenridge is a town out of Pittsburch, controlled by the Steel Trust. cities cannot house its poorly paid in it is one of the Scouts of the Apworkers at profit, and has to call in peal Army, Comrade Close, who never sleeps, never tires, never gives up. Just before the Socialist convention in Pittsburgh he had sold 40 Appeal subscriptions in this particular reservation of the Steel Trust. These subs bore won lerful fruit.

Recently Comrade Close wrote to the officials of Local Allegheny that night may be required. Right now the lioard and sets up new arbitration Breckenricke was ripe for the organiand wage fixing machinery composed zation of a Socialist local, W. A. Adams, organizer for Local Allegheny, to abolish the necessity of strikes on went to I reskenridge at once and orthe railroads and other public cardiganized a live focal of 12 members. riers, passed the S-nate this week by This local at its first meeting donated Buffalo, N. Y., Eric County, are signed vote of 69 to 13. It passed the \$2000 for a big bundle of the Appeal by the Secretary, Martin B. Heisler, House some time ago with only 13 and \$5.00 to the Socialist Party. One 616 Genessee Street., Buffalo, N. Y. dissenting votes. All the progress Comrade gave \$500. The same thing All correspondence intended for the sives and most of the conservatives can be accomplished in almost every and reactionaries voted for it in both locality in the United States. Have ty, should be sent to the above ad-

Up from Oklahoma

Now there's Comrade Goodman, a body. It provides that disputes re farmer of Blocker, Oklahoma. He news and propaganda paper published garding wages, hours, conditions, wanted a local He got it created it. by the Socialist Party of Connecticut? grievances, etc., shall be settled as far Serious and sincere effort in his local. This paper is always welcome at the the public, this government permitted as possible by representatives of the ity resulted in the formation of a National Office—as evidence of loyalty, employes and employers. Where con husky local of fourteen members. A common sense and determination. tis defenders to thus lose thirty bil- ferences of such representatives fail charter has been sent to the new or- The Connecticut comrades are allion dollars, while private insurance to settle such disputes, boards of ganization; the comrades have their ready prepared for their state conven companies on far more unfavorable adjustment shall be created composed, sleetes rolled up for more members tion. creased the amount of insurance held of representatives of employers and and for co-operation to the end that

The Appeal here again, as in! Coolidge Prosperity Bunk Questions not adjusted in confer. Breckenridge, Pennsylvania stirred writes: 'I wish there were some way

Comrade Campo, of Shay, Okla-

Kansas

am going to have a State ticket in the labor movement and strike situation held for our propaganda among the betraved

Courade Snyder of Columbus, Kan-

sus, writes: "We celebrated May Day nominated an almost complete county ticket. We had a splendid attendance. much better than for years. Also elected the officials for the party orsome time in discussing conditions, and finally took up the subject of subs to the American Appeal, and secured the enclosed list. Our farmers are simply too hard up to have much ready money, and so many that wanted the paper had to forego subscribing at this time, but all agree that they will do so as soon as possible. Should you have any spare copies of any edition, and want to do so, you might | Knoxville, Tennessee: "Enclosed find send me a bundle of sample copies for \$2.00 and application for my subscripuse in soliciting subs. I find it the tion, also for Alex Smied. We will rehest way to get subs."

Lincoln, Nebraska, Too

Comrade Emil Herman recently visited for a few hours in Lincoln and organized a local with our "never-die" comrade, C. R. Oyler as secretary. The local's first move is its preparation for new members-chiefly through the use of the American Appeal.

New England

New Jersey Atlantic City is on the map with a new local of ten members, and the omrades are every one on the job for more members.

Seattle, Washington

Max Dorn, as secretary of local Seatle, regularly addresses his local membership and friends with an unusually ttractive minumgraphed-script bulletin. Recently he sent them a "warm one" on letting-George-doit. Our movement is improving in Seattlebecause Max doesn't "let-George do-it."

Tennessee

The old time ring is in this letter from Comrades Hall and Smied of organize the local party here. Please put us in touch with National Headquarters Socialist Party so we can have information as to procedure, dues, etc. We will have a meeting very soon.

"Yours fraternally"

Arizona

Kingman, is on the trail of the vote- Gondor Club, which was orgatable roping, side-stepping politicians of New York following a speech by 6.25 Arizona; he is determined to "give the rade Gondor, has since passed - so Affred Baker Lowis, Esther Fried goods" on the politically ambitious be lution to affiliate with the S. ... man and Lena Morrow Lewis will soon trayers of labor in that state. He party.

right away.

Draws Large Audience

paper, Az Ember, addres.ed and enthusiastic audience countrymen at Kimball Hall, (Saturday evening, on the w: ror in Hungary and the con-Hungarian immigrants and : in the United States. In 🗄 ence were representatives of variety of Hungarian progresganizations including a late sentation of Socialists. The S party was represented by N Executive Committeeman, W 13 who delivered a short address Cook County Socialist party w Comrade Lawrence McGivern of resented by L. Somlo. The 1 1978

All over the world the most import of 500 and with his order he sent at Less than 20,000 applications for govtant events are taking place, events here sub. Comrade Pollo is right there ernment life insurance since Januevery time. Two more Housiers, Com- ary 1. rade Sims of Knox and Comrade Richardson of Valeene, sent two subs each.

Appeal Army Column

which are making history in the revolution. Everywhere there is the struggle which marks the dying of the old order and the birth of the new. There was never a time when it was more important to the cause of labor that truthful news and correct interpretations of the efforts of our comrades in a subscription which is to go to Den-America and in foreign lands should mark. be placed before the people. Every with fulsehood and misrepresentation. How will the people fearn the truth? Just to show that you can't beat the the story of the working class is told. If you feel this deeply, go to the people Johnson of Vale. Ore., sent in three of your neighborhood and put the Ap- subs each. peal in their hands. In the up-hill work which marks the beginning of all good things, do your utmost Fol- uel P Levenberg sent an order for \$25 low up every line of activity. Order, worth of sub cards. Twenty five new all the papers you can order. Dis- readers ought to help the Boston local tribute them and follow up the dist to keep things lively, Haverhill, Mass.; tribution with a campaign for subs distributed another 100 which was.

l new subs. Some of the Army captains who did the minute the drive was over, check- of anyone in the state waiting to each board ing up on their subscription and membership breath. Just up and at 'em again the : The outstanding fact shown by Mr. shall be final and conclusive and shall bership lists. From the letters we respect morning, not a bit tired. A. Wharton's figures is that 252,000 rath, he enforceable as a judgment ceive we are sure they are getting re. Shapiro of Brooklyn sent in six new road workers are worse off than they low it up. With the bundle order he New York, and Jas, Beer, Jersey City | than 20 per cent are receiving more | Board of Mediation threaten substant field all right." Comrade Bridwell, a of England. If the American workers sent five new subs. Frank I Marzolf, Another bundle of 50 was distributed, real waves than in 1915. These in tially to interrupt interstate com- desperately busy man, never come only had the backbone that their Eng-

City. The So inlist Local of Yama, Arizona, C. L. Johnson, Sec. took a bundle of 50 and two new subs from Oscar Ameringer is the funniest man Max Huntsman, Bishee Comrade in the American Socialist movement, sent in by Channing Sweet, Denver, girls in the American public schools Colo. A contribution of five dollars could taste this book all of them would 21 per cent. came from Comrade Li Pinn of Mis read every page; and believe me, the

soula, Mont. .

Ohio. The more they get the more cost you from \$10 to \$25, -but for some time ago showing that unskilled they want. In addition to the big only \$; we will send you loo of these tarm and industrial labor had suf- and the Emergency Board and must bundles already sent to Cleveland, G. Persi needed 400 more of the May day five times. Your total audience will 1920. American workers are being way connected with the employing edition. Nick Woltnick, Massillon, ordered 100, 5 a-week, and caught three ing along new lines and wanting more. They are losing ground in spite of or playes, gives him wast powers in new readers. Comrade Mochnick, Barberton, also sent three, and the following sent two each: W. C. Bloyed, Canon City; Chas. Levingood, Canton, and W. B. Beckerman, Cleveland.

Gasconade, Mo., is keeping up the good work. A bundle of 100 was sent to Emmet Miller. T. M. Polk of Patterson caught three yearlings. Twentyfive went to Comrade Charleston of Osage, Kans. Geo. W. Snyder caught four subs in Columbus; H. J. Andrews of St. Francis caught two. John J. Thobe, Covington, Ky., B. J. Conway, Antlers, Okla., E. R. Noldin, El Paso, Tex., and A. W. Clemons, Duchene, Utah, sent two each.

8. Pollo, Clinton, Iowa, took a bundle co-operatives and the government. | tax exemption.

Men of England By Percy Bysshe Shelley

Men of England, wherefore plow For the lords who lay ye low? Wherefore weave with toil and care The rich robes your tyrants wear?

Bherefore feed, and clothe, and save, From the cradle to the grave. Those ungrateful drones who would Prain your sweat-nay, drink your blood?

III. Wherefore, Bees of England, forge weapon, chain, and scourge These stingless drones may spoil The forced produce of your toll?

live ye leisure, comfort, calm, Solver, food, love's gentle balm? the what is it ye buy so dear With your pain and with your fear?

The and ye sow, another reaps; wealth ye find, another keeps; to pulses we weave, another wears; The arms we forge, another bears.

sea wed but let no tyrant reap; Feet wealth-let no impostor heap W. .. robes-let not the idle wear; page arms-in your defense to bear

and your cellars, holes, and the like ye deck another dwells.

West stake the chains ye wrought? 10 500 my coul ye tempered glance on ye.

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And we we your winding-sheet, till High edge your sepulchre. spressive lines were writerine flevolutionary Period; and that they are just as the well with the same for the above poem to the same for the same poem to the same for the sa

It Is This By Glengarry

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" -- / Appeal subscription helps South of labor. Are you helping? Accest for a year \$1-less than 2 ' week.

Young People's Department

National Office TOUNG PROPERS SOC. LEAGUE 28 Townsond St., Flichberg, Mass. Aarne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles York City-City Secretary Goodman reports continued progress in the New York City organization. predicting the chartering of four more circles in the near future. Since the first of March the dues stamp sales have steadily increased.

Fitchburg, Mass.—The circle is planning to adopt the outdoor meeting plan for the summer months. The party owned park, with meeting quarters, dancing pavilion, theater, groves, athletic field and swimming pool is at their disposal. Events of the circle will not be confined to the park, however. On May 13th the circle visited and entertained at the Socialist party headquarters in Ashby, Mass.

Gardner, Mass. The Gardner circle claims the championship for rapid delivery of convention pictures. The pictures were in the hands of the delgates just 32 days after the convention. Former records noted are 47 days. 72 days and 507 days.

Baltimore, Md-Morris Novik, chairman of the national committee, addressed a group of young people in Baltimore on two occasions the first week of May.

Brooklyn Circle 6-Contribution toward the Italian Youth fund has just been received from circle 6, the first Yipsel circle to give its help. The circle has also contributed generously toward the Passaic Strike nothing in wages, hours, conditions, fund, City League sustaining fund, or their union status, and the mindefense fund, besides many other for." worthy causes: A course of lectures recently completed by Comrade Claessens under the auspices of the circle drew full houses, with large educational and financial benefit to the circle. Another series of lectures was conducted by Prof. Osman. A weekly forum is conducted by the circle, recent speakers having been Clement Wood, Edwin Markham, McAllister Coleman, Norman Thomas, Dr. Cecile Greil and others. The circle arranges a social once each month. The membership is 100 per cent "American Appeal" subscribers. The circle has the distinction of being the first and only circle to own a radio.

International Congress

On the 26th of May representatives of the affiliated organizations of the Socialist Youth International will convene in Amsterdam for the second International Socialist Youth Copgress. The congress is expected to adjourn on the 29th. The tentative

order of business is as follows: 1. Activities of the Int. Soc. Youth since the Hamburg congress. Speaker Erich Ollenhauer, Berlin.

2. International and national strug gle for Youth protection. Speaker, Anton Kimml, Vienna. 3. Importance of cultural work in

Socialist Youth movement. Speaker. Erich Ollenhauer, Berlin. 4. International youth activity for

Socialist peace policy. Speakers. Rickard Lindstrom, Stockholm, and Arthur Tetley, England.

5. Relations of Socialist Youth Or ganizations to bourgeois youth organizations and also to public institutions for youth protection. Speakers, Max Westphal, Berlin, and Josef de Graeve 6. Elections.

7. Agenda. In connection with the congress the organization of Amsterdam has ar ranged elaborate celebrations for the delegates and thousands of visitors expected. A special camp of tents for lodging nearly ten thousand has heen prepared. A trainload of supplies has been shipped to the camp. Three hundred young comrades are busy already making preparations for the event. Special showings of interesting films have been arranged, several plays are to be presented, and the program includes a cruise in the North Sea. Sunday evening a torch light parade has been arranged through the streets of Amsterdam Simultaneously with the celebrations arranged in Amsterdam affiliated youth organizations the world over are arranging events at home. The Yipsel circles of the United States are preparing entertainments and special meetings. The coming issue of the American Appeal will have a larger

and the congress.

Young People's section on Youth Day

Youth of Sweden Meet Reports of the fourth national conrention of the Socialist Youth organiworkers' wages do not go zation of Sweden just received record even reach across. They are a tremendous progress made during the boy's father who makes the previous year. The membership wo king in a sewer; but of two years ago has been doubled being now 21,000 strong.

The convention, which was held in Stockholm, was opened by Comrade i pions, whitewashed devils Rickard Lindstrom, who in his address affirmed the relations with the party and the international, and pledged the continued support and co operation. Emphasis was laid on the extension of educational work.

It is a noteworthy fact that the Socialist Youth organization of Sweden has already developed the educational program to an effective institution in itself, having in Sweden the particular interest were the subjects largest number of study circles to be found among workers' organizations. The official organ is the "Frihet." with a circulation of 20,000 copies.

Speakers at the convention, opening discussion on various subjects, qvist and Lungqvist,

Try to Upset Strike Victory

(Continued from page 1)

proposals. "I regret the fact we are left alone to fight our battles," is only word of reproach by Cook. But the feeling among the miners is intense. What effect the last few days had on the rank and file in other industries remains to be seen. Will memory of earlier days of struggle and realization of their strength still hearten and consolidate them and thus bring an increased number and new vigor to the whole movement or will the final bitter disappointment bring revulsion and feeling of futility and disgust and so a loss in numbers and morale. On the answer of that question depends the

future of the British Labor Movement

in coming years." ' Just as the Appeal prepares to go to press a dispatch from Landon says: "The miners' leaders today conferred with members of the cabinet. seeking a fuller explanation of the prime minister's coal settlement plan in order to explain it to the delegates' meeting Thursday. All indications are that the leaders are pleased with the plan on the whole.

"The coal owners still are silent. but it is rumored they do not like the plan. If they prove obdurate, however, it is said the government is ready to use all its power to induce them to accept.

"The unions, which at first were inclined to criticize the leaders for calling off the strike, now are beginning to realize the outcome is better than they had any right to expect. They have had some casualties, but lost Miners' relief, and Sacco and Vanzetti ers have a better offer than was hoped

Gain for Labor

As the situation stands, the general strike can neither be called a clear-cut victory or a defeat. The Trade Union Congress was undoubtedly victimized by its faith in the good promises of the government which had always acted as the defender and representative of the employing interests, and was accepted as spokesman for these interests at the peace conference.

The losses to labor from the strike are not irreparable. Every concession treacherously wrung from labor by employers betraying the promises of their own government can be recovered by a renewed solidarity of labor. While the gains won by labor in this great experience are tremendous.

The government agreed to carry out the terms pledged in the Samuel memorandum. They include a reorganization of the coal industry with certain socialization features If this pledge is kept, the fact that initial processes of socialization have been forced by the general strike may well prove to be of

epochal importance. When the strike was called off there had not been a break in the wonderful solidarity of this immense national army of labor. The calling off of the strike was a keen disappointment to it. It had begun to realize the wonderful nower it possessed. It had in creased immeasurably in stature from and more capable than ever.

Not the least gain from this great! the elections in England from now on. the centuries. Just prior to the Appeal's going to press, a dispatch from the Daily who invented the dress suit was prob-Herald's foreign editor reflects the re- ably addicted to spinach or rhubarb." action in England to the treacherous attempt of the employers.

Tailors to Elect

The Appeal notes that among the candidates for secretary-treasurer of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America is the name of C. L. Spiegel of Salt Lake City, Utah. We wish bit and demanded that Bunny surren-Comrade Spiegel success in this election. . tion. He has been long active in the Socialist and Labor movements as an Rabbit, "what then?" energetic, progressive and militant fighter for the workers. The labor rovement needs such progressives among its leaders.

Mussolini Sets Up New Machinery to Enslave Workers

Dictator Mussolini of Italy, according to press dispatches, has created a new cabinet portfolio to control labor and has appointed himself to fill the office. It is intended to make strikes impossible by forcing the workers to accept wages and conditions imposed by employers.

Under the scheme of the new ministry, called the Department of Corporations, Fascist syndicates will take over the work of trades unions. These syndicates will be entirely under the direction of Mussolini. Any violation of his decree will be a criminal offense, punishable by imprison-

where are notinger regions among additional right. were Comrades Lindstrom, Gunnar Sundberg and Joal Ljungqvist. Of on political youth work, and youth's claims on social activities.

The new national executive committee consists of Comrades Lindstrom, Hovberg, Wallenthelm, Apel-

The Filling Station LINCOLN PHIFER

Thursday with no answer to Baldwin's } "I see you have your name in the papers, with fine words about you, said the Man from Illinois, as he stopped for gas, and he grinned as he

> spoke. in the advertisements, you "Yes: mean. "Sure thing."

"A raft of us, all looking as much alike as people in the penitentiary." The man from Illinois gasped. He added: "You all look happy."

"That is to coax business for others, you know. It reminds me of how the old South used to picture the contented slaves, and show how ever lasting happy they were."

"Well, you ought to be happy. You serve a big organization, and the or ganization serves the people." "Are not both these things true of

the penitentiary?" "What do you mean anyhow?

seems to me you have a good job and ought to be happy in it." "Would you be happy in a good job?"

"I would work hard at it until I was able to go into business for myself: just as I did in years gone by." "So you yourself do not like the as you could."

"Of course. But it is a mighty snug harbor for such as can't get at something better." "I know it. We can't all escape it but we all want to. That is-"

"That is what?" "Well, you think it over, and say." The Man from Illinois drove away in a deep study.

Jolts and Jabs

and tooth;
and to the seen are prized beyond the teuth,
arure would stop our hurry with the The off-repeated lesson being in vain.

Gosh! the golosh! Greens to the green. The brave are not reckless. Tongues have possession of the

We most enjoy the pleasure that te give. The man who tries to be genial is

so funny. A man is really known by the money that he keep

You might move somewhere and still not get rich. A sucker may be born every minute but one is made every second.

Old photographs showed only faces: now it is different. It is a poor town these days that

has no graft scandal to report. Only a few voices rang down the iges, and most of them, said nothing. The mill of the mouth grinds the orld very small, but it always comes

back for chewing on. The cause of humanity may be advanced by the lead in types, but not | by lead in bullets.

Capitalism cannot be reformed. this great experience. It is stronger Turn a wrong over and it is still a wrong. Words are bullets that do not

general strike will be political. Watch to go far, yet they have penetrated

The Kansan who said, "The man was doubtless correct.

They most appreciate success who never gain it. The man who fails is who succeeds.

Napoleon's Fable

Rewritten and abridged for American Appeal.

A Pointer stopped at seeing a Rab-

"And if I surrender," asked the

"It is death." "But if I choose to flee?" "It is death anyhow, for my Mas-

ter will shoot you down." "Excuse me if I tale the chance." returned the Rabbit, as he bounded

The Master shot - and missed him.

Canada Learning How to Own and

While the United States government, in the interest of the Shipping Combine, is dissipating, destroying and federal government reveals that it has giving away the once plendid fleet of a capital of \$15,000,000, of which \$14,merchant ships built and owned by the 278,650 is held in New York. Prior government during the war, the Ca- to 1918 only one share was held in nadian government is slowly putting Australia, by an official of the comits government owned merchant fleet pany. on a basis of success.

during the war period at wartime ing in Australia have been forced to

Reporting to the House of Commons last week, the Minister of Railways said that the operating loss in 1925 had been reduced 34.20 per cent as compared with 1921, and 49.15 per cent as compared with 1923. The actual deficit was \$1,169,096.43.

The report shows that this government-owned merchant marine, cooperating with the government owned railroad, is doing splendid work toward developing Canada's foreign trade.

Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

Letter XVII

My Dear Judd:

The social revolution has already happened over one sixth of the earth's today. To help us get it straight. surface, and 140,000,000 people are understand first, that they had to do now living in a working class world. what they did. In other countries-Whatever may be our point of view, we cannot afford to misunderstand Austria—the middle class took charge italism has made the world one, and there was practically no middle class, our own country are bound to fail.

With starvation actually upon them. formed unions, and in October, 1917, the Tsar, and formed a new government-and gave world capitalism the

most painful shock of its career. There have been slave revolts all through history, but always blind and futile, put down with hideous slaughwages system but escaped it as soon | ter. But here in the Russian revolution appeared a new thing; the control was seized by a group of men who had been trained in Western tions, and of working-class mastery they wanted, and they tried their extent that they are still in power. upon them by the whole capitalist world, and six more years of financial

of falsehood in all history. themselves Marxians, and apply the body in its industries. It would seem adjective "scientific" to themselves, that all this entitles the new system Nature would stop our hurry with the adjective "scientific" to themselves, that all this entitles the new system mucht bropped like a curtain on our fuss and because they think they have studied to study, and to fair play in the field the capitalist system—the laws of its of thought.

We sliep and are refreshed, then rush growth and decay, the forces which But Russia is not democratic; so growth and decay, the forces which are destined to overthrow it, and the they tell you, Judd-and you are kind of society these new forces will strong for democracy. Well, I also establish. History, says Marx, is a share that faith; but if, as time goes series of class struggles, and the end on, the workers of the world discover is the victory of the working class, that democracy means inequality such and the beginning of a society in as we have here in America, while which there are no classes, for the the "dictatorship of the proletariat" reason that nobody lives by exploit- means cultural freedom for the working anybody else. "Workers of all ers and a swiftly spreading plenty countries, unite," runs the slogan, for all—well, Judd, we advocates of

> never see; it subjects them to low industrial republic. volt, and take possession of the fac-

They had a chance to try it in Russis, and they did so; the question of what they have accomplished is the most flercely debated of all questions America, England, France, Germany, what has happened in Russia, for capof the revolutions; but in Russia

our efforts to shut ourselves up in it was the workers or chaos. And second, they took over a busted ma-The Russian revolution came as the chine, a country in collapse after result of a breakdown in the midst of three years of modern war, the most war. The great empire was rotten destructive of all things known this with graft, and after three years of side of hell. And third, they had to flighting, had got to a state where it face years of invasion from Europe, could no longer keep its railways America and Japan, fighting on 26 going, or feed the people in its cities. fronts at once; and at the same time civil war, and a blockade, and finanthe soldiers, sailors and workers clat Loycott, and world propagands. besides two successive years of famthey overthrew the government of ine, something which comes every so often in Russia-caused by drought,

and not by revolutions. In spite of all this, Soviet Russia confronts its world of enemies, eight years young, and proud and confident. It has restored its agriculture to the pre-war standard, and its industry to nearly 90% of this standard, with the certainty of passing it in 1926 or 1927 if peace is maintained. It has turned ideas, and had a theory of revolutione-sixth of the earth's surface from a militarist empire into a federated of society. These men knew what group of commonwealths, governed under a new system, in which the plan, and it worked at least to the voters are classified according to their occupations. It has trained a new in spite of two years of war waged generation of young workers, and taken a couple of hundred thousand of them into its governing party. It

blockade, plus the greatest campaign has taught millions of men and women to read and write, including every-Who were these men? They call body in its army, and nearly every-

But Russia is not democratic; so You have nothing to lose but your democracy will have a hard time in chains; you have a world to gain." | debates! But the truth is that we The Marxian theory is, in brief, have in America political democracy that the development of large scale alongside industrial autocracy; and capitalism brings the workers into these two are making a war upon each factories, where they toll for the bene-other, and we shall have to choose nt of absentee owners whom they between a capitalist empire and an

wages, long hours and uncertainty of | Russia has never had democracy, employment, and forces them to or nor even the ideal of it, except among ganize and fight for better conditions, a few dreamers. Less than seventy-In this fight they develop "class con- five years ago its farm population sciousness," and in the end they are were all serfs, bound to the soil. forced by capitalist breakdown to re- Many of its outlying peoples are semibarbarous tribes. Its factories are tories, and run them for the benefit few, and at the time of the world war of the workers and not of the mass they were financed by foreign capital, and run by foreigners. There came

this devastating war, and then a breakdown; and to expect those who took control to set up at once such a democratic system as we know in America, is to be absurd. Many who talk about it are dishonest, for they know that if their own parties get control, they will hold it by exactly the same means as the Bolsheviks-

that is, by force. What the Bolsheviks are doing is to educate the workers and peasants, and then take them into the governing party. The purpose of that party is to hold power until all the workers have come into it, and the "Union of Socialist Soviet Republics" includes the whole population of the former empire of the Tsar. In fact, they expect to include a lot more, because they think the workers of some other countries are going to join them; and the rulers and capitalists of those countries fear the same thing-which is the reason they hate the Bolsheviks, and carry on such deadly lying about them.

The British Tories, backed by American bankers, are now conducting a world-wide intrigue against Russia; and soon they may be calling the American people to join in a new war "to make the world safe for democracy." And what then? The chances are that the American people will join in, for they dearly love everything that is upper class British, and enjoy nothing so much as crushing labor anywhere in the world. They elected Coolidge in a fervor of patriotism, because they thought-mistakenly--that he had had something to do with smashing the Boston police strike. As I write, our government is donating a billion dollars -in the form of a pretended "debt settlement"-to the Italian government, because Judge Gary and our other masters so love these black-shirt Fascisti, and look forward to the time when they can administer the castor-oil treatment to American labor.

Yes, Judd: and we simply ladled out our money to the Tsarist adventurers. to every nation and tribe of reactionary that was fighting Soviet Russia on twenty-six fronts; we dressed up Polish troops in American uniforms to make war on Russia, and even burned American Red Cross supplies to keep them from being captured and used for the sick and starving people of We allowed the Soviet republic. Woodrow Wilson to send our boys to their death in his private war on a friendly people-under the command of British officers in Archangel, and helping the Japanese to take Siberia

All that was done, Judd, and done with your money, and under the flag of your country; and it will be done again when the British Tories are ready-for the bull-dog never sleeps. and he never lets go his hold. He has set out to strangle the Soviets, as once he strangled Napoleon-and for the same reason, to keep his grip on the 300,000,000 serfs of India. If. when the next attack begins, America does not hasten to pour out its blood and treasure, it will be for one reason and one only; because in the meantime it has been possible to reach the plain people like yourself. and make them understand, and hold back the world bankers from their next World Crime.

Standard Oil Tries To Wreck Wells of Labor Government By W. Francis Ahern

Brisbane,-How agents of the American oil trust tried to wreck the no more disappointed than the man oil boring operations of the Queensland Labor government at Oralla in the Roma district of Australia is now

> Following frequent interruptions in the boring operations, it was found that the bores were being deliberately blocked, that labor strikes were being engineered to hold up exploration work, that money was being wasted to embarrass the government. The person responsible was an American oil expert engaged by the government, and now known to have been in the pay of the American oil trust. Documents found in the expert's office showed that he was regularly sending geological and other information regarding the field and the work being done to the Standard Oil Co. in America. Before an arrest could be made the expert cleared out of the country. Since his sudden departure it has been discovered that the bores

tampered with are oil-producing. In its effort to defeat Australia's government-owned oil refinery com-Operate Ships government-owned oil refinery company, the Vacuum Oil Co. a Standard oil substitute in Australia. Oil subsidiary operating in Australia, claims that it is financed by Austra-

lian capital. An investigation by the Australian

One result of the government oil The fleet comprises to vessels built refineries is that the oil trusts operatcut prices 35 per cent. The government is increasing the working capital of its refineries.

The masters miscalculated. They

issued more stocks and bonds against

the property of the people than the

people can pay returns on; hence the stock market sags. The last refuge of the scoundrel is the federal court.

Passaic Strikers Lift Picket Ban

ets at a time are allowed in front of the Forstmann Huffmann mill gates under the modified injunction granted by vice-chancellor John Bentley. The original restraining order given the mill against the United Front Committee of Textile Workers and about a hundred individuals was one of the picketing at all was permitted.

Company guards are still on duty at is supposed to have said as he arrested a picket that clubs would be used more freely now by the guards to break the line. Forstmann-Huffmann mill got the original injunction by using forced affidavits to the effect that there was no strike in its plants and by making company union mem bers sign statements that they were being intimidated and wanted to work. Some of the strikers were torcibly made to sign such affidavits. The United Front countered with affidavits showing the actuality of the strike in the F-H mills and the spy and blacklist systems used

The Passing of Trust Busting

Editorial Chicago Tribune, May 15, 1926.) Secretary of Commerce Hoover, in his address before the United States Chamber of Commerce, does not hesitate to find fault with the Sherman and Clayton acts, the early and late flowers of the trust busting era.

"The original conception of this legislation," he said "seems to have been to maintain a great host of highly competitive units in every trade. By degrees we have been retreating from this notion because the competition it required became at times highly de-

structive." Mr. Hoover showed some of the absurdities arising from the interpretation of the anti-trust laws. The practice has tended to become "more legalistic than economic." Thus, the courts have approved a consolidation by purchase of units whose production constituted nearly half of the total production in an industry, but the same courts have frowned upon attempts of a number of individuals who together controlled a much smaller

percentage of the total product to combine their production and distribu-

Twenty years ago any member of an administration at Washington who would have dared publicly to attack the anti-trust laws in principle and practice would have endangered his position in the government and might even have endangered the continuance of the administration itself. Today it is different. We have come to realize that in industry the important most drastic New Jersey has seen. No thing is to produce and sell more cheaply, and that many, small units engaged in a ruinous competition canthe mills interfering with pickets. One | not as a rule pay either good wages or good profits. Labor, which was at one time active in its opposition to the trusts, is no longer embittered against them. A member of the cabi net can speak of trust busting as a "notion" and get away with it, unseathed.

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One of the big back-fires American the millionaire class, but also that capitalism has attempted to build THE WAGE EARNERS OWNERagainst the advance of public owner- SHIP OF CAPITALISTIC INDUSTRY ship and the coming of Socialism is HAS DECLINED ALMOST ONE the idea that the people are gradually HALF SINCE 1921. WHILE THE gaining possession of corporate property in the United States through the IN THE HANDS OF THE MIDDLE purchase of corporation stocks.

Looting of America

Mr. Phifer showed in his articles in the Appeal that in pursuit of this idea, the great corporations had put on a special campaign of frenzied stock selling to corporation employes and the general public which had amounted to a looting of the American people unparalleled in American history.. Among other things, billions of dollars worth of stock had been sold that had no voting power. Other billions worth had been sold in which the voting power and control of the corporations had been so carefully guarded that popular control by stockholders was unthinkable. An Income orgy of stock selling of these fake stocks had gone on unparalleled in \$5,000 and up. 600,000 history. The recent collapse of stocks \$3,000 to \$5,000 1,400,000 on the Wall Street market had been Below \$3,000 . . . 5,000,000 one reverberation from this gigantic. remorseless robbery of a defenseless

Mr. Corey's revelations are particu- 75 per cent of the individual holdings;

ease-breeding tenements and build de-

familiar method of politics.

When "Al" Smith, New Tork's fa- tions

Significant corroboration of the larly significant. Mr. Corey effective while 3,000,000 stockholders or \$3.3

CONCENTRATION OF INDUSTRY AND UPPER CLASS HAS RELA-TIVELY INCREASED.

In 1923, according to Corey, \$3,256. 000,000 of the \$4,169,117,678 in cash dividends paid by American corporations went to individual American stockholders. The balance went to corporations, institutions and foreign individuals. On this basis individual Americans own 78 per cent of the corporate stock worth \$62,500,000,000 at par. He continues:

Little Fellow Is Nowhere "On the basis that each group's percentage of dividends equals the percentage of stock owned we get the following results:

Number in Percent of group total stock Groups 75.07 12.9 8.1 4.0 Not reporting. . S. OOH, OH! O

"The statistics reveal," he points out. "overwhelming concentration: In the light of these developments, 600,000 stockholders or 4 per cent own

control of insurance companies was

The establishment of the Interstate

to be socialism of the worst type.

iminished because of the recognition

This Be Socialism

(From Collier's Magazine, May 1.) the very heart of American institu-

vorite son, advocated the public des State developed water power, state velopment of his state's waterways, housing, have admittedly been advo-

opponents denounced his plan as so- cated by Socialists. State regulation

When later "Al" Smith, first child to be socialistic. Government super-

of the city's slums to rise to the top vision of banks was denounced as

cent houses for working people, ence fought as the teaching of wild revolu-

mies thought to defeat him by calling tionaries who would destroy the fun-

him a social revolutionary. It is the damentals of the American Republic

a progressive Democrat and quickly denounced. The creation of the Fed-

he was counted among those supports mately he used. It is the opportu-

involved, these episodes might be If this be socialism, "Al" Smith to-

propaganda and education -the radio ready overcrowded with stations

Denied a license to broadcast bel wave lengths or time to radio sta-

cause it had no plant, the Chicago Fed- tions. The new labor station, WCFL,

eration of Labor is rushing to comple- when completed next month, will be

tion its projected radio station on the on the air in spite of Hoover.

selves. The issue, however, goes to reaction make the most of it.

New York's able governor and the grain and leave the chaff.

If the building of decent houses for of public rights.

state construction. So, too, is John or sect.

politan and John D. Rockefeller were found.

Labor to Have

Radio Despite

A bitter fight by the present capital-

-is foreshadowed by the develop-

ments to date connected with the

Organized labor in Chicago after

spending \$100,000 for the necessary

equipment for a broadcasting station.

is faced with two refusals of a license

by the self-constituted governmental!

casting station.

radio authorities.

"Treating all incomes over \$3,000 as group to have been in 1918, 94.4 per the corporations are still owned by cent: 1919, 94.8 per cent; 1920, 94.5 per cent: 1921, 86.5 per cent; 1922, 90.1 per cent; 1923, \$1.6 per cent, and 1924, 92.3 per cent. Thus the wageearners' share increased from 5.6 per cent in 1918 to 13.5 per cent in 1921, brief, where labor controls the governbut fell back steadily to 7.7 per cent ment and uses the law to secure soin 1924. He says, "Actually the per- cial justice, centage is much lower. Incomes below \$3.0(v) include wage-carners, farmers and trudesmen."

> Only 5 Per Cent Democratic, I have observed the labor move been: farmers, 2.3 per cent; wageearners, 2.5 per cent; non-wage-earners with incomes below \$5,000, 18.3 other land. per cent; with incomes of \$5,000 to \$20,000, 22.4 per cent; and over, 54.6 per cent.

"Corporate ownership," he concentration of corporate ownership is indications of its being broken. Under prevailing conditions we are not approaching, either immediately or potentially, working class ownership and management of corporate industry.

Sweet Land of Liberty

Professors G. S. Dow and C. M. of public utilities was also once held Hildebrand have been dismissed from the Denver University "for expressions of opinions harmful to the Unirank of political leadership, proposed the very doctrine of the devil by conversity and its administration," and that New York State tear down dis- servatives of another day. Public for alleged inefficiency

> The writing of essays on Communism has been banned by law in California on the ground that it is a subject "tahoo in this country."

"Al" Smith is no Socialist. He is Commerce Commission was bitterly A debate on the morals of modern he ridiculed those who sought to de- eral Reserve System seemed to others youth between the University of Call. have written into the national confornia, Reed College and the Univer-If the state development of water. All of these agencies and many othpower is socialistic, then Owen D. ers like them are now accepted and sity of Washington was canceled be code in the world Young, chairman of the board of the defended as a part of a very con-cause President W W. Campbell of Socialist, for Mr. Young approved the has been strengthened and not dis delicate."

The New York Supreme Court has working people is socialistic, then the The fact is that good and had, wis denied an application for a mandamus Metropolitan Life Insurance Come dom and felly, may be found in most ordering the discontinuation of a halfpany, the largest concern of the kind, men and in many parties. "We are hour a week recess from school for is socialistic, for the Metropolitan the people and wisdom shall perish religious instruction. In other words, offered to lend its fund to finance with us" was never true of any race the State Supreme Court upholds the present practice of taking the chile. the greatest fortune in the world, for found in any political party will ulti- ligious instruction.

nity of statesman-hip to separate the i involved, these episodes might be If this be socialism. "All Smith to offers of the Civil Liberties Union it ers in that movement, forgotten. These men are two-fisted day, as did Theodore Rousevelt before was shown this procedure was clear. One of the books is defined as the control of the books is fighters competent to defend them him, may well let the defenders of fy illegal and Englahl was freed. | Famous Speech s' and it contains en- own shadow. Appointing special con-

objection which is expected to result caus and human beings they say: E. A. Beane, supervisor of radio for fined for being on the streets at night. U. S. Refusal E. A Beane, supervisor of radio for fined for being on the streets at night, the 2th district, which includes Chie The men and women working on the ist monopoly to prevent the workers labor organization station on the this un-American and unheard of reg their social outlets are all on this Firmly convinced that Secretary side They cannot come to them i Hoover's monoroly of the air is illegal, without either the humiliation of getefforts of the Chicago Federation of the Chicago Federation has announced ting a pass, or the fear of arrest if Labor to own and operate a broad- the wave length it intends to use and they fail-to do so

> After being dismissed by a grand jury on a charge of murdering two Chicago, April 16, in favor of the federal entomologists, a Mississippi Negro was taken from the jail at Pop-Judge Wilkerson ruled that the 1912 larville, where he was held on another murder charge, and forced to Hoover or any one else to assign either hang himself from a bridge.

> > State troops were ordered to Madisonville. Ky., during a trial of three Negroes charged with attacking a white girl, to prevent mob violence.

The Ku Klux Klan riots in Herrin, IR., resulted in the death of six per

A Negro church was burned and the entire Negro colony of Cartaret, N. J., was deported from the town following the killing of a white man by a Negro worker.

A meeting of 300 Negroes to protest the delay in the prosecution of a white patrolman accused of assauking a Negro woman was broken up by police in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Twelve members of the Workers' E. Parsons, 3130 N. Troy St., Chicago, Party were arrested for distributing Illinois. literature in Elizabeth, N. J.

This Is Why Wall Street Wants War Against Mexicans By Albert F. Coyle

Cleveland .-- I have just returned from a land where Labor day and inbelonging predominately to other than dependence day are the two national American people through the partition of industry by the industrial workers of dividends going to this non-wage titued to vacation with pay, and is of business, the wild manipulation of holidays, where every worker is enguaranteed by the constitution an paper wealth has brought the whole 8-hour day, 6-day week, and 3 months plutocratic-profit system in America American people than was the war full pay in case of unjust discharge. where child labor is prohibited, as well as industrial night work for women and for youths under 16; in on manufacturing, transportation and

> This is not Utopia or on some foreign continent. It is right here in

Estimating on the basis of 1916 re- ments for a dozen different countries. turns he finds the class distribution ranging from socialist Russia to fasof corporate ownership in 1924 to have clist Italy. American labor has more to learn from and more to give to the organized workers of Mexico than any

I have explored Mexico not only by interviewing President Calles, members of his cabinet, state governors and the outstanding Mexican labor cludes, " is a nonwage earning class men, but also by conferring with monopoly (exclusive of farmers) of American business men, mining engi-95 per cent at least, 79.9 per cent be- neers, and foreign lawyers and capiing concentrated among those with in- talists. Even those most violently ulators have run hog wild in adding comes above \$5,000. The class con-opposed to organized labor agree that to the artificial values on which the political and economic future of prdfits have been predicated. For not being broken, nor are there any Mexico is going to be determined by the Mexican labor movement.

Just think over these significant

(1) The Mexican Confederation of Labor is the most strongly organized social group in the nation. The army formerly controlled the state, but the army has now less than 50,000 men, while the labor movement claims 1,500,000 members, 10 per cent of the population.

(2) The Mexican government open ly supports and favors the trade unions, just as the government in the. United States openly favors big busi-

(3) The Mexican Labor party is ing not only the 1,500,000 members. many others.

(4) Due to its efficient organization, the Mexican labor movement is a disciplined body, with no jurisdic tional or craft je dousies.

(5) By their political and economic power the workers of Mexico. stitution the most advanced labor

(The next article by Covie will tell General Electric Company, is also a servative present. Individual liberty California considered the subject "in- why the Mexican government supports the labor movement.)

Famous Speeches

Lucy E. Parsons, surviving widow D. Rockefeller, Jr. heir of perhaps Whatever of public good may be dren one of the pub portance to students of the labor generally. movement, expecially that period pre-Louis English, editor of the Daily coding the eight-hour agitation that my so, it was carried through with If merely the political fortunes of sound from the foolish, to winnow the Worker, was given a five-day sen culminated in the great strike and perfect solidarity, cooliness and even ticians temporarily holding office need everything. They raised the great strike and perfect solidarity. tence in fell for attempting to explain riots in Chicago, and finally in the temper. It was the best behaved expersonal reputations of such con- Epithets are the fools' argument in front of a half in Pittsburgh, Pa. execution by the capitalist authorities hibition of any social movement on conservative business men as Owen Wise men weigh reality and take that he had been denied a meeting in of Albert R. Parsons, August Spies record. D. Young, Haley Fishe of the Metros sound ideas wherever they may be the hall and the doors had been George Engel, Adolph Fischer and . As against the good order of the booked against him Through the Louis Links, the five principal leads workers, the manufactured hysteria what governmental authority they

cago, admitted today that he will resorber side of the river are wholly desor of the workers for industrial freedom. supplied. fuse to recommend a license for the prived of pleasure and recreation by Especially interesting and illuminating lare these speeches in the light of the from using the great new organ of ground that the Chicago area is all ulation. Their churches, their ledges, industrial desclopment and the proghistoric tragedy.

tains 310 pages of vitally interesting one of Great Britain. How much do matter, concluding with the famous they see? document by Governor John P. Altgekl setting forth his reasons for par. lution than is a strike in any single doning the three convicted leaders craft by the most conservative trades death were given life terms in the state prison.

Albert R. Parsons was the heroic leader who voluntarily surrendered strikes are the scare. himself to the capitalist court only to he legally murdered by it along with four of his associates in the struggle to establish the eight-hour day.

All of these leaders were men of re markable ability, and this is especially true of Albert R. Parsons, whose last words as he was strangled to death on the gallows were. "Let the voice of the people be heard!" The speeches of this valiant warrier who perished on the buttlefield of labor at the head of his legions can be read today with profit and inspiration, and with but very few changes they would apply to the labor situation today as well as they did when they were first given their eloquent and arousing ut-

The price of "The Famous Speeches" is \$1.25, and the price of the "Life of Albert Parsons" is \$3.25, and both may be obtained by addressing Lucy

EUGENE V. DEBS.

Orgy of Speculation May Force Socialization of Banking System

By Lincoln Phifer Story No. 2

While there is no fundamental reavery near to a collapse.

Already estimates have been presented to show that stocks and bonds distribution have been issued far in excess of the value of all property in America, so that, nominally, in the matter of bookkeeping alone, every bit of property you have is claimed North America, in the Mexican repub- by these three industries, which means nation wide bankruptcy.

The figures produced show, in ound figures: Total wealth of the United States, three hundred billion dollars; 'total indebtedness, represented by national, state and municipal debts, plus stocks and bonds issued by corporations and banks, four hundred billion dollars. Deficit, one hundred billion dollars.

But astonishing as is this showing. t is not the whole situation. The ability of American industry to pay profits and interest is so amazing that spec something like four years we have been operating on a bull market, in which almost all stocks were valued at considerable above par or nominal face values. In some cases, the sell ing prize on 'change has been more than double the face value of the stocks.

Because speculative values are constantly shifting, it is impossible to estimate, even for any one day, the total fictitious value thus added to the immense stock issues of the last five or six years. It may have been, at various times, from one fourth to one-third the face value of the stocks. This would mean that paper indebtedness of the American people has been increased largely, without their the largest and most powerful politic knowledge or consent, to near five cal organization in Mexico, comprise hundred billion dollars, on an actual valuation of the property of the of the Confederation of Labor but United States of approximately three hundred billion dollars.

often been paid on these artificial was not a loss of real values but only over the nominal values. This ex the loss of gambling debts on the part plains why prices in general have of individuals. son why there should be a slowing up been maintained equal to and often above war time prices. The post-war conditions have been harder on the itself. The "good times" that have prevailed have been because the profiteers were spending the savings of the whole American people, and part of the freely-flowing money went back to the people themselves; but they

> Within the last few months the huge inflation has created apprehension among those who understand the situation. This fear-almost a panic -has been intensified because a few papers have intimated something of the real situation. If the facts are told to only a few thousand people it creates absolute consternation in the minds of those holding consider able responsibility.

have been devouring themselves.

The extent of the movement to get rid of these wholly speculative values is shown by the report of the sales of stocks on the New York market in one day to the total of 3,356,000 shares. The deflation is indicated in part in this quotation from the stock market reports:

market reports:

At the low point the industrial average was down 23 points and the rail average down 12 points from the year's high, though the averages fail to register the full importance of the decline. From the high level Allied Chemical showed a drop of 36 points: Baldwin, 43, Tu Pont, 45; General Electric, 58; Hudson, 45, Mack Trucks, 55; Sears-Roebuck, 65.

The banks are trying to get out The banks are trying to get out

from under. The New York Federal Reserve Bank, during the five weeks ending March 24, reduced their loans to brokers to the amount of \$443,

The falling in speculative values has been so great that apprehension is felt for the future; for it must be remembered that the financial panic of 1907 came as a result of a similar squeeze in speculative values, in a far smaller scale than that which is in progress now. So far, happily, a panic has been averted, and it is hoped may be wholly avoided.

But it is evident that in the decline of stocks some have dropped literally saving themselves from utter run.

Strangely enough, dividends have | BILLIONS of dollars. However this

The only decline in artificial ues, however, has been specificitie. Granted that considerable of the - 12tion due to speculation has trea squeezed out, still it is probable that even half of it will not be take a som it. If it was, it would be too dir gop.

ous to the whole business situation And not one dollar of the facof the stocks and bonds that have been issued by the three protesting industries-manufacture, merch dising and transportation, and the nerest-taking industry -- banking been canceled. They still have the United States mortgaged for considerably more than the total actual value of all the wealth in the United States.

Bankers are indeed calling in . me of their loans, as indicated by the action relative to stock brokers in New York. But this means in it wit a decrease in the circulation not an and if banks cannot continue to lend the funds that pour in on then then the banks are likely to be drowned in a flood of their own paper. Secutor Ladd is reputed to have said "The most of the loans made throughout the country were loans of bank credit. If you went to a bank to borrow your loan was placed to your credit at the bank and you issued your bank thecks against it. You saw very little of the money that your debt was supposed to represent. It was a system of bookkeeping. The debts were created, but the money did not zo into circulation. Inasmuch as business depende on

circulation of money, the banks have the whip hand. If stocks have been issued in excess of all the property in the United States, it follows that not only the worker and the farmer are made propertyless, but the men chant, the manufacturer and the transportation-industry stand to lose much of their investment. Aponialous as it may appear, we may yet find these industries arrayed against the banking system in an effort to fully socialize it, as a means of possibly

What the General Strike Means and What Must Come After It

By Joseph E. Cohen

the most magnificent demonstration not seen of the might of Labor. It frequent, the hysterical sisters of the existing social order for solut. 2 fully attained its purpose of winning capitalist press will become used to of Albert R. Parsons, martyr of the for the coal miners a fair considerate them. They will take them as a mat-Haymarket at Chicago in 1888, has tion of their condition. It remains to ter of course. They are a symptom, throughout Europe means that the just published new editions of two secure its full object of driving off an unavoidable symptom of the largebooks which contain a large variety the attempt to reduce still more the scale breakdown of capitalist indus- the situation. They have non-

Its aim was entirely humane

of the enemy was a funny exhibition One of the books is entitled "The of a guilty conscience afraid of its gravings of these martyred labor stables by the tens of thousands and Negroe's of Daytona Beach, Fla. leaders and of the monument crected parading fully-equipped Tommies up have been required by ordinance to to their memors, and the speeches and down the land with mock mill-But when the station is finished this carry passes after dark. In a peti they delivered before the court shows tary discipline was better than a cir-But when the station is amend this carry passes at the state of Ameria ing why sentence should not be pro- cus, and such could be worse week, it was revealed today, a new tion demanding the rights of Ameria ing why sentence should not be pro- cus, and could be worse nounced upon them. These speeches only thing which could be worse ing why sentence should not be pro- cus. For sheed assuintly about the in further refusal of a license will be "Colored people employed in families contain many passages of real clos would be capitalistic editors three and hotels have been arrested and quence and they reveal an extraordic thousand miles away hiding under the nary insight into the true nature of bed sheets for fear the boges would the labor movement and the strugglo get them. That the American dailies

Not a Revolution

The uneasy crowned heads of indusress of the class struggle since that try and politics called the general strike a revolution. They denounced The second volume is entitled "The lift as an attempt to set up a govern-Life of Albert R. Parsons" and con- ment in opposition to the established

A general strike is no more a revowho instead of being sentenced to union. In bygone days for a few artisans to agree to a wage rate was considered a conspiracy and men have gone to jail for it. Now general

Philadelphia had a general industrial strike and, so far as is known. that city is worfully far from having had a revolution. If it had the political gang in control there has not yet in what reorganization is inevitable been notified. Seattle had a general for the common good? That is the Only \$1 for 52 weeks,

findustrial strike and, at the last responly same way of dealing with the port, it was still well inside the State problem, the most gigantic which all In the British general strike was of Washington, it did not jump out.

scale remedy is being tried.

not flatter themselves that they are test. the government. Ordered government will be here when they are cone and in spite of them. It is true they abuse! wield to help fortify the weak and of Britain and the Continent with unjust position of the industrial owners. They did so in Britain as they unemployed, the overworked. did in Philadelphia and Seattle. Their stupid and brazen capitalist classe do to rebuild, if they cannot but consciousness is what aroused the whole spirit of the community. But they are not the government. They are the enemies of government. Suppose the British strike had come

when the Labor party was in control of the government. Would it have capable. Otherwise history was 2004 been a strike against the government? Would it have been a revolution? Surely not!

The Only Alternative

The general strike is only a method. What it seeks to accomplish depends upon circumstances. With making such circumstances the owners of industry have most to do. What will they, do in the future? Will they attempt to outlaw the

general strike? That would do no better than to bottle up the combustible matter for a worse explosion. Will they seek to bribe labor lead-

ers by offering them separate peace at the expense of each other? That may delay but cannot prevail, because un derlying conditions make movements. Will they meet the issue of industrial breakdown and join with Labor

of Europe has to meet and which is When general strikes get to be more pressing so hard against the wide

The British general strike and the splendid co-operation shown by Later masses are alive to the seriousness ! groups make condition_ Acre-Nor are general strikes to be taken | want no drifting down into any our as anti-governmental. The puny poli-land upheaval which might desire

Up to Rulers

The next move is with " control the industry and civil structure will they do to better the lot derpaid, the destitute? What will ter, the standard of existence their fellow autocra's destrict their ruthless Word War?

It is up to them to get like they wish to continue to run tillthey will have to prove that they are them the door.

The general strike, like com strike, is a negative act. Il werer much it accomplishes, it is like the we ing a sorely needed barrier and and raging flood when there to the 1 21 danger of devastation. The mains to do the further and iindustrial waters to moisten ithroats, to irrigate arid soil " ready turbines and to carry carry the needy. That is construct and is If those in charge of think " are competent, there will be " eral strikes in the future. it is

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