



Political graft resulted in the death of hundreds of workers in California, when the waters of the faulty San Francisquito canyon burst, flooding the Santa Paula valley. Engineers had repeatedly warned that the collapse of the dam as it was constructed was inevitable, but it has been known for ten years that state inspectors had been bribed by real estate men to approve the project, altho they knew that the construction of the dam was faulty and its collapse would endanger thousands of workers and farmers. Photo at left shows workers searching the flooded area for the dead. At extreme right is shown the valley as it looked before the flood had devastated it.

THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNORGANIZED FOR THE 40-HOUR WEEK FOR A LABOR PARTY

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## POLICE GUNS FAIL TO HALT ANTI-HORTHY PROTEST

### BONITO, MENDOLA, MOLESKI, UP ON MURDER CHARGE

#### Defense Makes Active Preparations

PITTSBURGH, March 14. — Adam Molecki, Sam Bonito and Steve Mendola have been indicted for murder. A murder charge was returned yesterday against these three progressive mine workers who have been held in connection with the shooting of Frank Agati, one of the Cappellini gunmen in District 1.

Expected. The indictment handed down yesterday has come as no surprise to the local miners. It has been understood from the very first that the local police officials working together with the coal operators and the union officials of District 1, would seek to put these innocent progressive miners out of the way.

The three are to stand trial at the next term of the court. Bonito is declared to have done the actual shooting although Mendola and Molecki have been indicted with him. A local defense committee to work for the release of these miners has been formed. Powers Haggood, a well-known militant miner, is chairman of the committee.

The committee has announced that there will be no let-up until these innocent workers have been returned to their fellows.

Class Justice. The hypocrisy of class justice in Pennsylvania has been fully revealed in the past few weeks. Although four leading progressive miners have been shot down, and scores beaten up and their homes destroyed; although others have been bombed by gangsters of the district machine, still the police officials have shut their eyes to these crimes.

The machine gun killers, admittedly in the pay of the Cappellini crew, have not been apprehended. The murderer of Tom Lillis is still at large, the gunman who shot down and nearly killed Sam Geets is free to continue his activities. The local authorities make no real effort to run them down. But when a crime can be fastened on to a progressive miner no matter how impossible the connection, the police here are on the job.

The miners and workers everywhere will rally to the defense of Bonito, Mendola and Molecki.

### CHICAGO MINERS RELIEF MEETING

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 14.—A Chicago conference for miners' relief will be held here Friday at Redifer Hall, 50 North Wells St. Pennsylvania miners have arrived for the meeting and will give a first-hand account of the conditions under which 500,000 miners, their wives and children are living in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

### Three Workers Killed in Wreck of Train

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—Three workers were killed, one severely injured and several others shaken up and bruised late last night when the No. 10 Santa Fe passenger train, the Scout, was derailed at Yampai, Ariz. The engineer, Tom Cole, and Fireman Bailey, both of Needles, Cal., and a mail clerk named Daugherty were the dead.

### Another Victim of Political Corruption



Photo shows a worker carrying the body of a twelve-year old boy one of the hundreds who were drowned in the deluge which descended on the Santa Paula valley in California when the poorly constructed San Francisquito dam burst. State officials were bribed by real estate men who tried to get rich quick by booming the valley, to give their official approval to the dam project. As part of the same program of corruption, thousands of farmers who had been lured to Southern California by glowing promises of cheap arable land were later robbed of their water rights and financially ruined.

### DEMAND FOR INQUIRY INTO TRAGEDY GROWS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14.—The number of dead and missing as a result of the break in the St. Francis dam Tuesday morning has been rising steadily. Feverish check-ups of the number of victims of the tragedy reveal 248 known dead and over 600 missing. A large portion of the latter, it is expected, were probably drowned when the waters of San Francisquito canyon burst thru the dam.

### "BUILDERS" MEET IN PHILADELPHIA To Elect Permanent Officers

PHILA., Pa., March 14.—Permanent officers and an executive committee will be elected at the meeting of the DAILY WORKER "Builders Club," at 8 p. m., March 16, at 531 North 7th St. The new officers will carry on the activity which the present temporary committee has begun.

The "Builders Club" which has until recently been a pressing need in carrying on the national subscription drive for The DAILY WORKER in Philadelphia was formed during a recent visit here by A. Ravitch, circulation manager of the paper.

All subscribers to, and readers of, The DAILY WORKER are invited to attend the meeting. A number of important organization arrangements will be worked out at the conference.

### Philadelphia Forum To Hear Ella Wolfe

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Ella G. Wolfe, nationally known as a writer and lecturer on Latin-American problems, will address the Philadelphia Workers Forum, Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch Street, at 8 p. m. next Sunday. Her subject will be "The Havana Pan-American Conference." The Forum has been well attended since it opened its present season. Next week Powers Haggood will discuss "The Miners' Struggle Against the Operators and Union Officials."

### Mellon Admits Concealing "Oil" Bonds

#### "SLEPT ON" THEM; THEN DECIDED TO TURN THEM BACK

#### Offers No Proof for His Claim

WASHINGTON, March 14.—That Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury and virtual dictator of the Coolidge "oil scandal" government, returned \$50,000 of Sinclair oil bonds only because the Teapot Dome investigation had already begun and because he feared exposure was revealed here today in a further examination of the testimony given by Mellon before the senate committee yesterday.

Mellon first received and then returned the bonds sent him by Will Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee in November, 1923. This was a month after investigation into the Teapot Dome leases had created a national stir.

Mellon Gives \$50,000. Secretary Mellon further testified that December 6, only about two weeks after he says he returned the bonds, he sent Hays a check for \$50,000 toward wiping out the republican party deficit in the expense of buying the election of Harding and Coolidge in 1920.

In his testimony Mellon stated he received the bonds from Hays thru a messenger, after the latter had telephoned to him that he was sending the treasurer a "package of value." After opening the package he discovered that the contents were bonds. He did not count them, yet he appears to have known their exact value.

"I took the bonds home with me for safe keeping," he declared. "I had mislaid the combination of the safe in my office and could not get into it so I took the bonds home with me and kept them there."

He says he returned the bonds sometime later when Hays called on him. During the years which have since passed Fall, Daugherty, Denby, Weeks and others of the original Harding "oil" cabinet were exposed. Mellon kept silent but the full extent of his participation in the deal is now growing clear.

### Population of U. S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—A provisional estimate by the Census Bureau today placed the population of the United States as of July 1, 1928, at 120,013,000, an increase of 14 per cent above the 105,710,620 actual count of January 1, 1920.

### Workers Score Welcome of Horthy Terrorists



Over 500 white terrorists representing the Horthy fascist government in Hungary, heard boos and shouts from the Hungarian workers of New York. The blood-stained Hungarian fascists, among whom are many actual leaders in the torture and murder of thousands of Hungarian workers, will unveil a monument to Kossuth, Hungarian revolutionist, today. The name of Kossuth is being used to mask the real purpose of the terrorists, which is to spread Horthy propaganda in this country.

### MAYOR SPEAKS IN WELCOME AS POLICE ATTACK

#### Hungarian Delegation Denounced by Labor

With Tuesday night's gun fire of the New York police fresh in their minds, hundreds of workers returned to the streets again yesterday to continue their demonstration against the delegation of 572 Hungarian fascists sent to this country by Horthy, Hungarian white guard premier.

Shortly after the arrival of the delegation on the Olympic Tuesday night the police were firing into a crowd of men and women workers in a desperate attempt to disperse them. Scores of workers were beaten with night sticks and black-jacks. The police attack surpassed in brutality any similar attack of the recent past.

Police Ride on Crowd. Despite the exposure by the Anti-Horthy League of the delegation's purpose in coming to this country, Mayor James S. Walker officially welcomed the delegation at the New York City Hall yesterday, while 500 mounted police and patrolmen and 100 detectives stood guard. The police threw an armed cordon around City Hall Park to forestall a large congregation of workers there. Thousands of leaflets were distributed by the workers in the vicinity of the City Hall despite the riding of mounted police into the ranks of pickets bearing placards.

Workers Expose Motive. The official program arranged for the fascist delegation in cooperation with Tammany Hall for today consists principally in the unveiling of a statue to Kossuth, Hungarian liberator, on Riverside Drive at 111th St. at 2 p. m. The unveiling will be preceded by a parade on Fifth Ave. Organized Hungarian workers and liberals throughout the United States charge the unveiling of the Kossuth statue is intended merely as propaganda material. The Horthy regime hopes to raise a huge loan in this (Continued on Page Two)

### KEYMEN IN NEW LABOR ATTACKS

#### "Daily" Needed to Aid Workers in Fight

A delegation composed of representatives of the Keymen of America, the American Legion, the Allied Patriotic Societies of New York, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the New York Chamber of Commerce, have visited President Coolidge and urged him to put into force the scheme fixing the quotas of foreign born workers seeking entrance to the United States.

This new attempt against the foreign born workers, carried out by the same patriotic and militarist organizations which have been attacking The DAILY WORKER, is the latest development in the general conspiracy of the American capitalist reaction to crush the growing militancy of the American working class. The Keymen of America, militarist agents of the bosses, were the instigators of the original anti-against The DAILY WORKER whose purpose was today. (Continued on Page Two)

### N. Y. TRACTION WORKERS FIGHT TO SAVE UNION

#### RULING SOUGHT ON NICARAGUA STAMP

#### Anti-Imperialist League Meeting Monday

A complaint was filed by the All-America Anti-Imperialist League yesterday morning, applying for a temporary injunction against New York Postmaster John J. Kiely and Postmaster General Harry S. New, who have refused to allow the league to use a stamp bearing the inscription "Protest Against Marine Rule in Nicaragua." The complaint was filed by Manuel Gomez, secretary of the United States section of the League, through Arthur Garfield Hayes, his attorney.

"The use of the stamps has been only a part of our propaganda," Gomez said, "but the issue takes on additional importance only because of the government interference which makes it a sudden expression of the consciousness and ruthlessness with which the United States government is proceeding along the imperialist path.

Aid for Sandino. "At the same time as we carry our propaganda into the courts we also are carrying it among the masses of the people by sending out 25,000 circulars and appeals for funds to aid Gen. Augusto Sandino with bandages and medical supplies. The post office department notified (Continued on Page Two)

### FIVE PERSONS DROWNED

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 14.—Five persons were drowned in three feet of water when an automobile plunged over a culvert bridge into Copley Creek at West Hohenstaun today.

## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR "DAILY"?

What Will You Do to Help Save Your Paper from Destruction?

- To every Comrade, Reader and Sympathizer!
- The situation is still serious, the need is urgent. The DAILY WORKER is still on the defensive.
- We want to ask you a few questions. You make the answer. Then act at once.
- Do you want The DAILY WORKER to go to hundreds of striking miners, who can't afford to pay for it?
- Do you want the protests of the unemployed workers to go unheard?
- Do you want to save Bill Dunne, Bert Müller and Alex Bittelman from going to jail?
- Do you want the message of militant struggle to go around the country from New York to California?
- Do you want to save The DAILY WORKER?
- What has your organization, club, or nucleus done to save this paper?
- What have you done to get a new subscriber?
- Are you buying that extra copy of The DAILY WORKER to give to your fellow worker, or your friend, or to leave in a street car or some place where it will be read?
- How much are you giving REGULARLY to the Ruthenberg Sustaining Fund, weekly or monthly?
- How often have you contributed to The DAILY WORKER?
- What have you done about it? What will you do about it?
- The situation is serious, the need is urgent. You make the answer, and let your conscience be your guide.
- Have you already given? Then give more!
- If you haven't given then think of the miners, the unemployed, The DAILY WORKER. Then make your answer. Act at once!
- What have you done about it? What will you do about it?

—HARRY BLAKE

# Providence Forms "Builders Clubs" to Aid Daily Worker Subscription Drive

## RAISE \$58.00 TO DEFEND "WORKER" AT ACTIVE MEET

### Worcester Prepares to Push Campaign

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 14.—At a very successful meeting here Sunday of members of the Workers (Communist) Party, readers of and sympathizers with The DAILY WORKER, the first DAILY WORKER "Builders Club" in Providence was formed.

The big meeting, opened by H. Shapiro, DAILY WORKER agent in Providence, heard A. Ravitch, circulation manager of the paper, discuss the need of a strong "Builders Club" to intensify the national subscription drive in Rhode Island.

Ravitch told the meeting of the danger with which the paper is faced as a result of the attacks of the United States Government and emphasized the importance of the "Builders Clubs" in the work of organizing activity on behalf of the "DAILY."

Propose to Form Club. When Ravitch had finished speaking, it was proposed from the floor that the meeting proceed at once with the formation of the "Club." The motion was accepted. Nineteen workers were immediately incorporated into the new body which proceeded with the formation of plans for the subscription drive.

House to house subscription work, frequent free distribution of the DAILY WORKER and the opening of new news-stands for the paper were arranged. Fifty-eight dollars for the defense of The DAILY WORKER was collected before the end of the meeting with the promise that more would be contributed in the course of two weeks.

### Worcester Meeting Success.

WORCESTER, Mass., (By Mail).—In spite of heavy, snowy weather scores of members of the Workers (Communist) Party turned out in a general membership meeting here Friday, to hear A. Ravitch, circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER, discuss the dangers threatening the workers' press and proposed means by which the workers can defeat them.

Plans for organizing the subscription drive in Worcester and vicinity were discussed and the strengthening of DAILY WORKER "Builder Clubs" was decided upon. Other plans of an organizational nature were also arranged for.

The entire Party organization in Worcester is behind the drive and promises to put across the subscription campaign in their area.

Thirty-nine dollars for the defense of The DAILY WORKER was collected at the meeting.

## RULING SOUGHT ON NICARAGUA STAMP

(Continued from Page One) the League in January that it was violating section 212 of the United States Penal Code and that the stamps were libelous and obscene, according to the complaint. Other organizations have used stamps without interference from the government, however, Gomez points out.

Demand Injunction. The complaint asks the court not only to issue an injunction restraining the defendants from interfering with the mail of the League, but to declare the defendants, Postmaster Kiley and Postmaster General New, were without authority in declaring the stamps unavailable.

A meeting will be held by the New York Branch of the League Monday, March 16, at 3 p. m. at Irving Plaza, 10th St. and Irving place on the subject of "Wall Street's War with Nicaragua." Scott Nearing and Toribio Tijerina, former Nicaraguan consul general in New York, will be the speakers.

## Police Fail to Halt Anti-Horthy Protest

(Continued from Page One) country as a prep for its discredited power at home, according to the workers, and is using the name of the Hungarian patriot.

Mass Meeting Called. The Anti-Horthy League has called a mass meeting for today from 4 to 8 p. m. at the Central Opera House to demand the immediate departure of the delegation and freedom for the workers and peasants in Hungary, where many have been killed or imprisoned. English-language as well as foreign-language speakers will address the meeting.

The Workers (Communist) Party, the International Labor Defense and the Anti-Horthy League are participating in the demonstrations, which the organized workers in other cities will be visited by the delegation expected to carry on, according to dispatches received in New York.

## These Two Coal-Diggers Are Relief Workers



Here are Larry Peterson and Cullen E. Miller, rank and file miners of (District 5) California, Pa. They are in New York to work with the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Society to raise funds for the 600,000 starving miners, their wives and children. Yesterday these coal diggers together with two of their fellow workers gave the lie to the senators in the Washington probe who stated that the miners are unwilling to receive help from this Society.

## UNORGANIZED MINERS ARE KEY TO MOVEMENT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

The coal operators can snap their fingers at the organized coal miners as long as the non-union miners who last year produced 70 per cent of all the coal mined in the United States remain unorganized.

This fact was dramatically brought into the open when E. L. Wildermuth who operated mines in Ohio under union conditions and mines in West Virginia under non-union conditions took the stand at the senate hearings. Wildermuth amazed his auditors when he declared himself in favor of union labor in Ohio, provided, of course, the union gave him a wage scale that would enable him to compete with southern non-union operators, but under no conditions would he deal with union labor in West Virginia.

Wildermuth went out of his way to praise union labor in the first part of his testimony. Senator Wheeler nearly doubled up in attempting to compliment him, saying that if other operators showed a similar disposition to talk things over it would be possible for the union miners and the operators to come to an agreement.

The Real Picture. But this picture was spoiled immediately afterwards when an attorney for the Ohio Coal Operators' Association, evidently of the opinion that this undiluted praise of organized labor would not strengthen the open shop policy of the coal barons, asked the witness a question which developed the fact that Wildermuth was one of the most bitter foes of the miners' union in Logan County, West Virginia, and that he was a member of an operators' association that had raised over \$100,000 in two years to hire deputy sheriffs for the purpose of destroying the remnants of the union and preventing its reorganization.

Wildermuth then admitted that the most unpopular thing in West Vir-

ginia was the miners' union and declared that the miners themselves did not want a union. He paid Percy Tetlow, president of District 17, the compliment of being "one of the finest men that God ever made."

"But if this same Tetlow attempted to set foot in Logan County," Wildermuth warned, "deputy sheriffs paid by the coal operators would promptly dump him into a neighboring state."

There is little likelihood that Mr. Tetlow will compel the Logan County deputies to resort to these extreme measures. Mr. Tetlow lives quietly and comfortably in Ohio, on a salary provided by the International Treasury of the miners' union. And all Mr. Tetlow has to do to keep in good standing with the treasury is to bring more delegates from West Virginia to the next international convention to support the Lewis machine than there are union miners in the state. That is that! Now, to return to Mr. Wildermuth.

For Suppression. Mr. Jekyll-Hyde Wildermuth, defended the suppression of free speech in West Virginia on the ground that a man has a right to prevent somebody coming into his home and making trouble. He took the position that the workers had only those rights in the state of West Virginia that the operators felt they could allow them.

Wildermuth proved one important point. He showed that there are no "good" operators or "honorable" operators as Mr. John L. Lewis would say. He proved that all operators fight like tigers for every cent of profit they can wrench out of the labor of their employes and that they will fight desperately to maintain their right to exercise their power over their slaves. He dynamited the theory put forward by Lewis that only "certain" operators wish to destroy the miners' union. He demonstrated the truth of the contention of

## Earthquake Threatens Workers on Coast



Severe earthquake tremors shook the section of California to the north of Los Angeles a few days ago, and severed the water system in that city. The workers, who are forced by poverty to live in the most poorly constructed houses, are always the chief sufferers in earthquakes. Photos show the effect of the last earthquake on workers' homes in Santa Barbara.

## SEIZE FURNITURE OF MINE STRIKER; RELIEF IS URGED

### Disease and Starvation Rule Mine Sections

MOLLENAUER, Pa., March 14.—While Jimmy Daley, three-year-old son of a striking miner here is suffering from an infection in his foot which he contracted because he had no shoes and stockings, the Valley Furniture Company of Tarentum, Pa., asked the Justice of the Peace to confiscate furniture which the miner bought on the instalment plan before the strike began and is unable to pay for now.

Daley appealed to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee of 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., to help him. Vincent Kemenovich, a striking miner and secretary of the relief organization, succeeded in putting the company off several months. In a letter received by him yesterday, however, J. F. Hepler declared that his company cannot carry the account any longer and the matter is already in the hands of the Justice of the Peace.

Senators, Some Facts! "The union gives me \$4 a week for the five of us. My wife, the children, Jimmy and Clifford, and my brother Fred," Daley said. "We can't get a doctor for Jimmy because we have no money. If it weren't for the groceries and clothing the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief gives us, I don't know what we'd do."

Jimmy was tired of staying in bed and begged to be allowed to go out in his goloshes. But goloshes are meant to go over shoes, and so Jimmy's foot was rubbed by the large goloshes until a large sore formed, which soon became infected.

Many truckloads of clothing have been distributed in this area, but according to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee, very few pair of shoes and stockings are available. Hundreds of children are binding their feet with rags in place of stockings.

Daley was hurt three times during the year before the strike began, while he was working in the mines of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company. The miner was paid \$5 in four weeks for compensation on one occasion. Because of this, payments on the furniture lagged at times and when the strike began, Daley was unable to pay anything at all.

The Daley family will have no place to go when their furniture is taken away, since the barracks are overcrowded already.

Non-Union Operator Killed PARNASSUS, Pa., March 14.—Paul G. Hewitt, 26 year-old non-union operator was killed when some slate fell on him and fractured his skull while he was blasting coal in the Logan's Ferry Mine of the Allegheny and Pittsburgh Coal Company, Saturday.

This mine is operated under conditions typical of all non-union mines.

### FOR LABOR UNITY.

Vern Smith, editor of "Labor Unity" will be the principal speaker at a conference of Labor Unity agents to be held tonight at 8 o'clock at 101 E. 14th St. Plans for city-wide distribution will be discussed.

the progressives that all operators regardless of the face they show to the public, pay that wage scale only and grant only those working conditions forced from them by the collective might of the workers well organized and militantly led.

### Also An Open Shopper.

Mr. Wildermuth would not open up his Ohio mines non-union, he declared. He would rather let the grass grow over his tipple than bring in strike-breakers to disturb the serenity of the relationship that existed between his company and its former employes. But could he be expected to pay the Jacksonville scale while his southern competitors were paying a figure as low as \$2.85 with a maximum of \$4.40 a day? What a dilemma this god man Wildermuth is in! The union-hating Wildermuth of West Virginia competing with the union-loving Wildermuth of Ohio! What if Mr. Wildermuth does not find it possible to reopen his Ohio mines as long as he can operate his West Virginia properties with scab labor at a profit?

And right here is the moral. The unorganized fields must be organized. The wage scale must be levelled up and not levelled down! Lewis has failed to make any attempt to organize the non-union fields. It is clear that one of the main duties of the union coal diggers is to rid themselves of this old-man-of-the-sea leadership and substitute for it a leadership that will talk to the bosses backed by the power of the three-quarters of a million miners now engaged in digging the coal that keeps the wheels of industry in motion.

Unite behind the Save-the-Union Committee. Carry on the agitation for a great conference at Pittsburgh April 1. Support the Pennsylvania Ohio Miners' Relief. Unite the forces of the labor movement to support the miners.

## Exploit Desire for "Romance" for Imperialism



Desire for excitement, publicity and financial rewards are being systematically exploited by the war-mongers in their effort to extend the aviation machinery of the capitalist countries, British and American rivalry in building up their military forces has resulted in a series of aviation stunts by naval aviators in an effort to make flying attractive to Hinchcliffe, British military aviator, who left on a mysterious flight with Elsie Mackay (right) as passenger.

## NATIONWIDE PULLMAN STRIKE VOTE PLANNED

By ESTHER LOWELL (Federated Press.)

Stripping down for a fight is exactly what the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is doing. Before calling for a strike vote the union is intensively preparing to make its action against the Pullman Co. effective.

"The decision of the interstate commerce commission not to consider our case has proven a fine rallying point for the porters," declares general organizer A. Philip Randolph.

The I. C. C. decision virtually upheld tipping as a legitimate part of wages. Randolph expects a vote favorable to the strike in at least 20 main centers for porters.

### Action To Be Forceful.

Union supervisors are being sent into each of 7 regional zones the organization has delineated. The supervisors will be in touch constantly with the organizing executive committees which have had charge of union affairs to date. Keymen among the union porters will be lined up to lead the fight locally. No time will be wasted, says Randolph, in exhorting stragglers among the porters and maids to keep in line. The union plans to make its action forceful and effective enough to bring out the workers and cripple Pullman service on all main railroads.

### Tips For Wages.

While the dissent of three members of the interstate commerce commission from the decision to dismiss the porters' complaint was hopeful to the Brotherhood, no further action by the commission will be sought. Henry T. Hunt was counsel for the union in the first action. The porters' complaint was based on the Pullman practice of counting tips as part of workers' pay without publishing the fact in its rate schedules. The I. C. C. majority decision was that the union really wanted a wage adjustment, over which the commission had no authority.

Public sympathy has been built up by the Brotherhood from its inception two and a half years ago. In the past few months representative citizens' committees of whites and colored have been organized in New York, Chicago, and other cities to support the union's fight for decent conditions in Pullman service.

## KEYMEN IN NEW LABOR ATTACKS

### "Daily" Needed to Aid Workers in Fight

(Continued from Page One) the complete muzzling of the workers' press. The arrest of Wm. F. Dunne, Bert Miller and Alex Bittelman was the result of the representations made by this organization of American fascists.

Dunne, Miller and Bittelman are still out on \$1,000 bail apiece, awaiting re-arrest whenever the government "chooses" to strike. Thousands of dollars for litigation expenses and fines still hangs over the paper, threatening it with extinction.

Again the life of The DAILY WORKER is in the hands of the American working class. Only their contributions can hold off the attack of the militarist organizations against the crushing of the only militant English labor daily in the world.

The renewal of the attempts of the Keymen of America against the foreign born workers is another symptom of the general onslaught being prepared against the militant workers everywhere. Only the united action of these workers can save their only defender The DAILY WORKER from their class enemies.

The danger is great. Respond to your paper's need. Rush your contributions to The DAILY WORKER, 33 First Street, New York City.

## POLICE DEMAND IMPRISONMENT OF UNEMPLOYED

### Philadelphia Workers Appeal Sentences

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—The attitude of the police of this city towards the organization of the unemployed was shown yesterday in the trial of the appeal of 16 workers from sentences of \$10 fine or 30 days in jail for participation in a meeting February 12. Judge Allesandroni, who presided at the appeal hearing, took the matter under advisement and ordered the filing of briefs.

Superintendent of Police Mills stated that he had refused a permit for a meeting at Machinist Temple, February 12, when George Evans, one of the 16 defendants, applied for it, because the applicant was reputed to have "Communist leanings" and "in the interest of law and order."

He further stated that he ordered police to prevent the meeting from moving to the Workers (Communist) party headquarters. Other police told of arresting men for trying to enter the building although they had no warrants.

The police attorney, H. Eugene Heine, asked the court to sustain the action of the police.

Among the defendants are Herbert Benjamin, district organizer of the Workers Party, and Pat Toohey, militant coal miner.

The meeting was called by the Philadelphia Council of the Unemployed.

## NUMBER OF FLOOD DEAD IS MOUNTING

### Demand for an Inquiry Into Tragedy Grows

(Continued from Page One) where 800 homes were swept away with an undetermined loss of life, announced that he would conduct an "inquiry." It is expected, however, that the official quiz will evaporate just as soon as the immediate effects of the catastrophe are overcome.

### Tragic Scenes.

Grim, tragic scenes pervaded the entire southern valley, with loss of life and homes affecting hundreds of families. The vast majority of the victims are farm-hands employed in this territory, and at least 100 construction workers employed by the Southern California Edison Company.

Morgues have been established wherever places could be made available—lodges, rooms, pool parlors and dance halls.

Property damage is estimated to have exceeded \$10,000,000, with the city of Los Angeles the heaviest individual sufferer. The waters flattened scores of homes, ranches, railroad lines and bridges, tore out wire systems, light and power wires and gas mains.

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If you are on strike or unemployed and cannot pay initiation fee please check this box.

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# Kellogg, Wall Street Puppet, to Force 'Supervision' of Elections on Nicaragua

## REWARD MONCADA FOR SELLING OUT TO COL. STIMSON

### Chamorro Wants Job for Himself; Raises Row

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The American government intends to proceed with the supervising of this year's Nicaraguan elections, despite the refusal of the lower house of the Nicaraguan congress to approve the McCoy plan.



Gen. Moncada, rewarded by Wall Street

MANAGUA, March 14.—President Diaz of Nicaragua today was considering the "advisability" of calling a special session of congress to consider again the measure "empowering" the United States to supervise the general election in October.

There has been no news of any contacts between U. S. marines and Sandino's nationalists during the past few days.

MANAGUA, March 14.—The measure authorizing the United States to "supervise" the Nicaraguan elections was rejected last night after a bitter struggle. Followers of the conservative Chamorro, who is bidding for the presidency, openly charged that the United States is backing General Moncada for the post as a reward for his surrender to Col. Stimson last year.

The most bitter Chamorrist attack on the United States policy came at the end of the morning session when Alexander Arcia declared:

"The war was caused by the Americans. Moncada told General Peland: 'You Americans told me to shoot, and I shot. Now you tell me not to shoot and I don't shoot.'"

"I don't know whether Coolidge is a faker or the cables lie to us when they quote Coolidge as saying he will not transgress the law of weak nations. Yet here Coolidge's representative is trying to coerce congress to pass a law against our constitution."

United States marines guarded the session against demonstrations by nationalist workers, sympathetic with Sandino.

## Frame-Up Trial of More Than 300 Peasants Begins

WARSAW, (By Mail).—On Thursday, February 23, the first batch of prisoners, members of the "Hromada" appeared before the Tribunal at Vilna. Only 56 of the total number of 180 prisoners are to be dealt with in this trial. The remaining 133 will be brought up in small groups at trials of which the dates have not yet been fixed. The same applies to the 300 odd other political prisoners, members of other revolutionary organizations.



Pilsudski, Terrorist

The obvious intention of Pilsudski's Fascist dictatorship in trying these prisoners in small batches, is to muffle the clamor of protest, and to mask the extensive character of the prosecution of workers' and peasants' organizations, for which it is responsible.

Bribe to Landowners. The "Hromada" was the legal party of the revolutionary peasants, and of the national minority of White Russia in Poland. It organized the poor peasants in this region in their struggle with the powerful Polish landowners, and registered the oppression of Polish nationalism. It must be remembered that in Ruthenia, more than 50 per cent of the population is composed of White Russian peasants. The "Hromada's" activities were chiefly confined to co-operative and cultural work.

In October 1926 Pilsudski formed a government with the help of Conservative elements and representatives of the landowners. Their support was the result of a pact in which Pilsudski promised various favors to these reactionary elements in return for their aid in the furtherance of his Fascist and Nationalist policy.

The White Terror. Pilsudski started promptly

## Fascist Terror Victim



Gastone Sozzi, left wing Italian labor leader, who was kidnapped from his home in Milan and done to death by the Fascist police several weeks ago. The murder of Sozzi is characteristic of terrorist rule of the fascists.

## RED LABOR MEET WILL OPEN TODAY

### To Discuss Attack on 8-Hour Day

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

MOSCOW, March 14.—The general attack leveled against the eight-hour day by world capitalism will be one of the principal problems at the Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions which opens here tomorrow.

The Chinese and British questions R. I. L. U. head and the general position of the reformist trade union leaders will also come up for discussion at the congress. A. Losovsky, secretary, will open the congress.

## Worker Serves Term

Constantin Peliris, wip was arrested and beaten by the police and sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse for participating in a demonstration before the Greek Consulate here in protest against the attempted crushing of the labor movement in Greece, has been released after serving his term.

## USSR-AMERICAN TRADE GROWING AT RAPID PACE

### Amtorg to Open Branch on Pacific Coast

Further expansion of trade between the Soviet Union and the United States is indicated in the announcement that the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the principal firm in Soviet American Trade, placed in this country since January 1, 1928 orders amounting to \$10,777,000 which is several times the total for the corresponding period two years ago and \$3,000,000 larger than the purchases in the preceding three months and for January to March, 1927. An important feature in American-Soviet trade activities has been also the extension of credit facilities.

During the complete year 1927 the Amtorg purchased American products valued at \$31,199,834 which does not include purchases of cotton and some other materials handled by special organizations, the total purchases for 1927 amounting to \$75,000,000, while sales were \$25,000,000. These are double the pre-war figures.

Open New Branch. "Since the beginning of this year the Amtorg Trading Corporation has shown a considerable gain in operations over the record established in 1927," stated Mr. Saul G. Bron, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Amtorg. "While last year we trebled our business as compared with 1926, this year bids fair to set a new record. In the last three months of 1927 our purchases in the United States were \$7,778,486. The total of orders placed since January 1, 1928 of \$10,776,495 indicates the progress made since the end of 1927."

The expansion of the Amtorg business is necessitating the opening of a branch of the Amtorg, which will be located on the Pacific Coast as the Soviet Union is now in the market for products of many Western manufacturers. The development of Siberia and the Far East also makes it advantageous to have closer contact with the Pacific Coast.

## Tory Britain Makes Air Preparations for Imperialist War

### Great Britain in her preparations for the coming imperialist war is constructing monster airplane carriers.



Photo above shows the H. M. S. Courageous, newest air carrier, leaving Devonport, England, on her first speed trials.

## LATIN AMERICAN UNITY TIE URGED

HAVANA, March 14.—A proposal that closer cultural ties be established between Latin American countries has been presented to the various commissions of the 7th Latin American Press conference which is in session here.

Resolutions calling for a greater interchange of students and professors among colleges of Latin American countries, a proposal that colleges in all countries create departments for the study of the development of history, literature and art were among those proposed.

## 5 CANADIAN RAIL WORKERS KILLED

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14.—Three men are known to have been killed and several injured when a tunnel caved in on a Canadian National Railway work train near Kamloops today, according to word received here.

Relief crews are working frantically to extricate the workers entombed by the fall of rock. The roof of the tunnel collapsed while it was being relined. The dead are Andy Anders, George Parkes and M. G. Usson, all of Kamloops.

trade reflected in the increasing business done by the Amtorg and other organizations dealing with the Soviet Union is due to a large extent to the favorable reports given to the Soviet industrial organizations by the numerous Russian executives and technicians who have studied American industries and markets during the past year. The number of Soviet industrial and commercial delegations, which have placed considerable orders in this country, is without precedent in the history of Soviet-American trade."

Greater Credits "An important development during the recent period has been the expansion of credits, received by the Amtorg from firms. Credits up to two years have been granted to the Amtorg. There are quite a number of firms with which we enjoy credits for terms of a year or more.

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## Berlin Workers Honor Red Army Anniversary

BERLIN, (By Mail).—A huge mass meeting was organized here by the Red Front Fighters League to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Red Army.

Hundreds of people were turned away from the hall which was over-packed.

## BRITISH COTTON WORKERS RETURN

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 14.—The walkout effected about a week ago by the workers in the Acquaduct Mills at Stalybridge, to fight against an increase in hours from 48 to 55½, has resulted in a capitulation by the employers. The operators declared that they were ready to resume operations on the 48-hour a week basis. Their announcement, however, shows that they have by no means given up hope of trying to lengthen the working hours.

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## FASCISTS YELP FOR GOLD

BUCHAREST, Rumania, March 14.—The Rumanian Government is expected to lodge a claim for the \$5,000,000 gold which the Soviet Union shipped to the United States several weeks ago.

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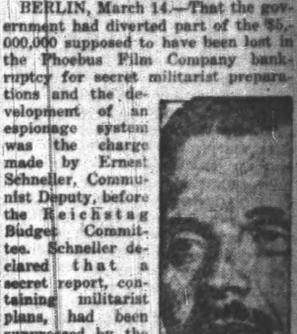
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## GERMAN SECRET FUNDS FOR WAR PREPARATIONS

### Communist Deputy Bares Fascist Scheme



Otto Gessler.

BERLIN, March 14.—That the government had diverted part of the \$5,000,000 supposed to have been lost in the Phoebus Film Company bankruptcy for secret militarist preparations and the development of an espionage system was the charge made by Ernest Schneller, Communist Deputy, before the Reichstag Budget Committee. Schneller declared that a secret report, containing militarist plans, had been suppressed by the government.

The Phoebus Film Company had been established in the hope of creating a fund out of the profits for secret experiments in torpedo tubes, according to Schneller.

Yesterday's hearings brought out the fact that "unusual authority" had been exercised over secret funds given to Captain Lohmann of the navy during the Ruhr occupation by the French in 1923. Lohmann has complete charge of the funds, testimony revealed. Lohmann continued to control secret Reichswehr funds for a long period.

As a result of the Phoebus film scandal, Otto Gessler, fascist minister of the defense, was removed from his post. Gessler is believed to have helped subsidize the fascist "Black Reichswehr," which he helped organize.

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# PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY GAIN HUGE IN 1927

## Baltimore and Ohio Cut Big Melon, Too

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press)  
In spite of a decline of nearly \$45,000,000 in its gross revenues the Pennsylvania Railroad's net income amounted to \$103,097,233, only \$2,455,454 below 1926, while the profit for stockholders was \$38,160,296, the largest ever recorded.

During 1927 the Pennsylvania distributed \$34,948,599 in dividends, the largest amount ever handed out in any one year. Since the company's organization in 1847 it has paid cash dividends totaling \$349,308,035. Including stock and scrip dividends and stock allotment rights the return to Pennsylvania stockholders has been close to \$1,000,000,000.

Profits per share for American railroad owners in 1927 were generous in spite of the decline in total railroad net from \$1,233,043,000 in 1926 to \$1,033,455,000 in 1927. Most of the leading carriers have for several years been making huge profits.

The two soft-coal carriers serving the non-union West Virginia and Kentucky fields lead the larger roads in earnings per share. Chesapeake & Ohio reports \$24.17 profit on each \$100 invested and Norfolk & Western \$21.23.

Baltimore & Ohio profits, although below the previous year, are still with that exception the largest on record.

In the last 5 years the B. & O. has added \$51,000,000 to its surplus profit account after paying dividends. This addition to surplus alone is equivalent to \$23 a share. Its profits for the period represent a return of 322.24 per share.

# ORGANIZATION ON R. T. CONTINUES

## Activity Despite New Discharges

(Continued from Page One)

will form the basis of a real rank and file movement when the time is again ripe.

In discharging the seven men yesterday the Interborough as usual used the agency of the company union which first expelled the workers. This was followed by their automatic dismissal from the company.

At the same time the Interborough made public a long statement in reply to Mayor Walker by 28 discharged workers Monday that they desired to be reinstated by the company. The letter was inspired by the Amalgamated officials and was the first item in a correspondence match between the union officials and the company with the mayor as the correspondence exchange.

Threatens More Firings.

In its reply to the plea of the 28, the Interborough brands as a "cumulative distortion" the Amalgamated claim that an understanding was arrived at on July 26, 1927, under which the Interborough agreed to fire no men because of membership in the Amalgamated. The statement defies the mayor and denies that he has any power to act. "No injustice has been done to the discharged men," its statement reads, "except by those agitators who misled them into believing that the Amalgamated would shortly be in control of the situation."

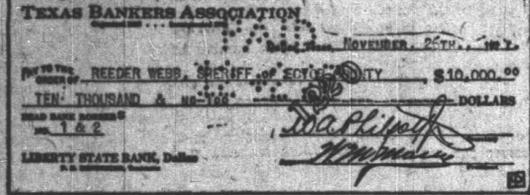
In the letter the announcement is further made that other "eliminations" will take place. "We cannot run the risk of continuing to have the minds of our men taken away from their work."

The Interborough, that is, "Rule or Ruin" Hedley and "Rough Stuff" Quackenbush, are not satisfied, according to their statement, with the feudal regime of the subway system which enslaves thousands of men twelve hours a day, seven days a week, 84 hours each week, no vacations and no holidays; it is not enough that the average wage is about \$32; that the company union binds the workers bodily to the Interborough belt is insufficient.

# HOUSTON JOBLESS AWAIT DELEGATES

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14.—When the democratic national convention opens here in June the delegates will find the city overcrowded with men out of work, many of the workers having been fired here by the so-called boom in the building line which has been press-agented to the world, but which has failed to materialize even under the expected business sunshine of political freehandness. Added to the workers in the skilled trades from various cities of the union there has been a large influx of Mexican laborers who have drifted from the Rio Grande. In unskilled construction work they have displaced to a large degree the American worker, employers giving the Mexicans the preference.

# Lure Workers to Death for Bank's Reward



A promise of \$5,000 reward made by the Texas Bankers' Association for each person killed "while robbing a bank" has resulted in the killing of several innocent workers who were forced to stand near banks and there shot by deputy sheriffs, who then claimed and received the rewards. Two Mexican workers were killed by sheriffs, and a third who recovered from wounds, has revealed that the workers were stood up in front of a bank and there shot down by deputy sheriffs. "Not a penny for a hundred live bandits," reads the handbill of the Texas Bankers' Association above, thus inciting the law officers to murder. Photo also shows a banker writing a check to a sheriff for the murder of the workers.

# BOSSSES IN TEXAS AGREEMENT CUTS 'MURDER MACHINE' OUT R. R. TO WEST

AUSTIN, Tex., March 14.—A "murder machine" has been created in this state by the State Bankers' Association, according to a statement made to the members here by Capt. Frank Hamer of the Texas Rangers. He insists that the posting of an award of \$5,000 for each bank robber has brought about this condition of affairs.

The captain states that the framers of the bank robberies accused innocent men and notified the officers by whom the victims were shot down, the framers receiving the reward. He claims that he can prove that four men have been lured to death by a group which shared the rewards. He challenged the bankers to make an investigation.

Capt. Hamer cited a recent frame-up in which two innocent Mexicans were killed in Stanton, Tex. Of the long list of awards paid, the captain told the bankers that he can prove that only one professional bank robber has been killed.

# Chicago Business Agent Takes Hot Springs Rest

CHICAGO, March 14.—After completely wrecking the formerly strong local Purriers' Union, M. Milstein, right wing business agent, appointed by the International officials, decided that he needed a rest after his arduous labors. He demanded recently that the executive board vote him \$150 for a sojourn in Hot Springs. He succeeded only by a small majority in spite of the fact that the executive board is his own carefully hand picked one. His immediate departure followed upon the receipt of the money.

# Klan Hounds the Dead

MELDRIM, Ga., March 14.—Ku Klux Klan in this town are said to have removed from the white cemetery the body of Marie Underwood, a Negro, Miss Underwood was buried in the white cemetery in the plot of a white family whose servant she had been for a long time. The grave was dug up at night by unknown parties and buried in the Negro cemetery.

# Negro's Paintings Shown

A painting by a Negro elevator operator was the first one sold at the newly opened art galleries of Thomas Russell, 37 E. 57th St. The artist is John T. Haitstalk, who has been elevator operator and furnace tender at 37 W. 57th St. which houses several art and antique shops.

# Worker Blamed

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 14.—Because of an attempt to put the blame on an accident on a worker, a driver of a bakery wagon, two members of the New York City Fire Department, George P. Henne and Walter F. Holland, and a retired lieutenant of the same organization, were accused of perjury.

# CHURCH WAR ON LIBERTY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 14.—Fundamentalists at a Methodist Episcopal convention now going on here have decided to start an intensive campaign against cigarette smoking. The fundamentalists state they will not be satisfied until an amendment adopted in the constitution making the smoking of cigarettes a violation of the law, similar to the prohibition law now in force.

# WORKERS' SCHOOL OPENS NEW TERM IN CLEVELAND, O.

## Three Courses and Forum Announced

CLEVELAND, March 14.—The Cleveland Workers' School and Forum has opened its spring term in the new school headquarters at 2046 East Fourth St., Cleveland.

The school is already well under way with three courses offered. Course No. 1. Fundamentals of the Class Struggle. Dr. Oppen instructor, meets every week, Monday night, 8:00 P. M. This course offers the student a thorough grounding in the basic theories of Marx and Lenin on the economic and political fields. On Tuesday nights a course in trade union problems with Tom Johnson as instructor is being held. This course after a brief historical survey of the American labor movement, will take up in detail and in a practical manner the problems of the left wing in the existing unions and in organizing the unorganized.

Y. W. L. Course. Comrade Lilly Borer is conducting a course for functionaries of the Y. W. L. which will be followed by a more general course in youth problems to be given by the league district organizer, B. Ganet.

The Workers' Forum, conducted by the school, will continue to meet every Sunday night at the new headquarters. The forum is going to be a real institution in Cleveland having an average attendance of over 100 workers. It is expected that the particularly interesting program of speakers for the balance of the season will draw an even larger crowd.

Speaks on Hygiene.

Next Sunday Dr. Aarons will speak on Hygiene and Its Relation to the Worker. He will be followed on April 1 by I. Amter, district secretary of the Workers Party, who will talk on the Economics of American Imperialism. No forum will be held on March 25th in order not to conflict with the bazaar and commemoration of the Paris Commune of the I. L. D. which falls on that date.

# Killing Charged to Cop

JERSEY CITY, March 14.—The Hudson County Grand Jury yesterday indicted Emil Von der Linden, West New York policeman, for the murder of Robert Abericci, whom he hit over the head with a blackjack when they were both in a saloon in Guttenberg on Jan. 3. Abericci died several days later of a fractured skull.

# Green Will Make Tour For Worker Subs

A tour of New England in the interest of The DAILY WORKER subscription drive will be started today by John A. Green. His first stop will be in Providence, whence he will go to Boston. From the latter city he will visit all the industrial centres in Massachusetts. Workers and subscribers throughout the territory are requested to extend every courtesy to Green who is fully authorized to transact all business for The DAILY WORKER.

# CANNON MEETING SPONSORED BY AFL

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 14.—The regular meeting of the Central Trades Council of this city, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, today voted to sponsor the mass meeting here to be addressed by James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, who is to speak on the menace of the frame-up system. The local federation voted to elect a committee of three to represent it at the meeting and obtain the support and attendance of the labor movement. The meeting takes place Thursday, March 22.

The action of the labor body is taken here as indicative of the feeling generally throughout the labor movement against the frame-up system.

# New League Unit Is Formed in Michigan

GRAND RAPIDS, March 14.—A new unit of the Young Workers' (Communist) League was organized here recently by Sam Don, organizer of the Detroit district of the League. There are already several members in the unit and it is progressing rapidly.

# Organize Mine Relief

LINDEN, N. J., March 14.—Charles Bucher, a worker of this city, has been instrumental in the shipment of over 2,000 pounds of clothing to the miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Bucher made a trip to the strike regions and as a result of the suffering he saw there organized relief collections in this city.

# FRIENDS OF BIG NAVY IN CONTROL OF U.S. CONGRESS

## \$274,000,000 Construction Bill Welcomed

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Both the republican and democratic steam rollers passed over every effort of a few House members to delay consideration of the \$274,000,000 navy bill. The opening fight against immediate consideration was led by La Guardia, republican, of New York. He would substitute a submarine program for the proposed 15 cruisers and one aircraft carrier and wanted part of the time allowed for discussion of the bill to present his side.

He was voted down 321 to 13. McClintic, democrat, of Oklahoma, the only member of the naval committee protesting the provisions of the proposed bill, announced that in his opinion farm relief and flood control legislation should be given preference over the naval program. His protest was of no avail and the bill went under consideration by its friends.

# The Front Families

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 14.—Prominent citizens and town officers of the town of Groton were arraigned in the Middlesex Court yesterday in answer to indictments returned by the Grand Jury last week. They were charged with accepting bribes, conspiracy to manufacture liquor, to corrupt town officials for the purpose of obstructing justice and malfeasance of office.

# PAY TRIBUTE TO WALL STREET.

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## LIKES WARM BLOOD

By Fred Ellis.

## Lewis Rakes in Fat Salary

By JACK RODGERS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 14.—The financial report issued by Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America for the six months from June 1, 1927, to and including December 1, 1927, reveals the startling fact that John L. Lewis, president of the International Union drew in salary and expenses, at a time when hundreds of thousands of union miners and their dependents in Pennsylvania and Ohio were starving on the pittance of a few cents per week per head given them in relief by the officials of the miners' union, the sum of \$11,093.66; \$7,000 in salary and the balance in expenses.

The enormous sum of \$317,079.05 was paid out to Mr. Lewis and the members of his machine on the international payroll in six months. This is \$17,000 more than the total contribution of the American Federation of Labor to strike relief since April 1, until this date.

Here Are Headliners.  
Of those who dug their arms up to the elbows in the union treasury during this period the headliners are, in addition to Mr. Lewis:

	Salary	Exp.	Total
T. Kennedy	\$4,500	\$1,694	\$6,194
P. Murray	4,500	745	5,245
V. A. Bittner	2,499	2,150	4,650
J. Feeley	1,580	1,793	3,373
E. O. Gassaway	1,650	1,717	3,367
A. J. Lewis	1,580	573	2,153
G. Lewis	1,580	1,095	2,675
G. W. Lewis	1,580	1,631	3,211
W. Murray	1,670	1,549	3,219
J. O. Leary	1,650	1,193	2,843



When the representatives of the Horthy regime of Hungary, known the world over as murderers of workers and peasants, arrived in New York Tammany Hall gave them a hearty welcome.

## Walsh, Mellon and Coolidge

We said several days ago that Senator Thomas J. Walsh would not push the investigation of the oil graft fund all the way from Harry Sinclair to the white house.

Walsh stopped even shorter than we predicted. Walsh not only stops short of inquiring into the activities of the titular head of the graft ring, the man who is the center of all the efforts to conceal the bribery, the chief living beneficiary of the bribery—Calvin Coolidge.

Walsh Tuesday stopped short before Coolidge's chief cabinet member. Walsh fell on his knees before Andrew W. Mellon. With the absolute proof that Mellon had received \$50,000 of liberty bonds from Harry Sinclair through Will Hays; with proof in Mellon's own words that he not only received this portion of the bribe fund, but, also in Mellon's words, that he wrote the check for \$50,000 the exact amount which Hays requested as a means of concealing the bribery,—with all this overwhelming and damning evidence, Walsh cringed before Mellon and said:

"I think all the members of the committee will agree that your attitude in the matter was entirely creditable."  
What was Mellon's attitude?

He received \$50,000 in bonds, and he concealed the fact until caught, after which he admits that he received it. He admits that he took the \$50,000 bonds home and kept them for an indefinite length of time. He admits he knew they were from Harry Sinclair. When asked as to how long he kept the bonds, Mellon answered in a stuttering, breaking voice:

"I am not very clear. Just as I said, it may have been—it was, I suppose, a couple of days or something like that when Mr. Hays appeared" (after having sent Mellon the bribery bonds), "and it was perhaps a few days after that or it may have run longer. It is pretty hard to tell. I have no record, you see."

"A couple of days" and then "perhaps a few days after that or it may have run longer" is the time during which the secretary of the treasury of the United States admits that he consciously held in his possession \$50,000 of Harry Sinclair's bribery funds. The most astute financier in the United States, in November, 1923, one month after the investigation of the Sinclair bribery began, consciously received \$50,000 worth of bonds, knowing they were from Sinclair, took this portion of the bribe-fund home—"because I had mislaid the combination of my safe which is in my office," says the great financier—he kept no record of the bribery bonds, but kept the bonds "it may have been—it was I suppose" a length of time which he does not know and which "might have run longer," and on December 6 he wrote the check requested by the bribe-fund distributor.

But that is not all.

Will Hays came to Mellon to exchange the bribery-bonds for \$50,000 cash, in order to conceal the bribery of the Harding-Coolidge administration of which Mellon was the chief cabinet figure. The investigation which was to pull down three of Mellon's co-members of the cabinet, Fall, Daugherty and Denby, was under way when Hays came to Mellon with \$50,000 of the loot and asked for \$50,000 cash to cover it.

Mellon's stuttering statement that he returned the bonds need not be taken seriously. It does not alter the case if he did. But since this is his defense—isn't it queer that all of the evidence that points to Mellon's guilt is established by hard facts that cannot be disputed, and—Mellon's one bit of evidence offered in his defense is merely Mellon's own stuttering word? That he returned the bribery bonds, when he does not know, after keeping them how long he does not remember!

During the months when Mellon was concealing his handling of Sinclair's bonds, Mellon himself was in correspondence with the chairman of the investigation committee on the subject of these same bonds, on the basis of the pretense of Mellon as secretary of the treasury to be running down the income tax on the very loot which passed through Mellon's hands—which Mellon took to his private home "because he had mislaid the combination" of his office safe.

Does anybody believe that Walsh acted otherwise than as the servant of his creator, the Standard Oil Co., when, at the end of such testimony, he declared the exonerated of this chief member of the Coolidge graft cabinet?

Walsh and the senate committee "exonerated" Butler, chairman of the republican national committee; but that was a smaller matter, even though Butler is Coolidge's chief sponsor.

Walsh fell on his knees before Mellon.

Will the investigation go any closer to Coolidge—Coolidge who sits in the presidential chair, as all the world now knows, by force of the bribery which Walsh is "tracing"?

No.

All the world knows now why Coolidge does "not choose to run."  
Walsh is running.  
The candidate who receives the biggest campaign fund will be elected this year, as always has been the case since the first known record of campaign funds. Those who put up the funds will own a democratic president just as they own the present republican president.

## Showing Class

"Mr. Ottinger has in view a grand jury panel made up of business men of the best type," says a capitalist paper's Albany correspondent in describing Al Smith's new plan to open up again the investigation of the graft of the republican lady, Mrs. Knapp, after Al's appointees had once allowed it to drop with a disagreeable political sound.

It is not often that the capitalist press lets slip an admission that "business men" are the ruling class. The grand jury as an institution is generally a hand-picked gang of business men for the terrorization of a community, selected exclusively from the "best type" of bank accounts and from among the tried and trusted servants of such bank accounts.

The particular business-man grand jury for investigating anew the graft of Mrs. Knapp will function as a class instrument for befuddling the other classes with some more of Al Smith's sanity delirium.

# Need for Organizing the Unemployed

The need for organization of the unemployed workers of this country, in order to procure speedy relief by mass demands, was yesterday stressed in a statement of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Communist Party. The statement follows: Once more the working class of America is faced with the menacing reality of unemployment on a large scale. Once more the streets of the "most prosperous" country in the world resound with the echo of tramping feet of hundreds of thousands of workers in search of jobs. But jobs are not to be found.

### Low Level Reached

Employment at present is about 15 percent lower than in 1923. It is already lower than in the depression of 1924 when about two million workers were out of work. As compared with the last months of 1926, employment decreased nine percent in brick and tile, seventeen percent in cast iron pipe, over 10 percent in foundries and machine shops, 11 percent in iron and steel, about 12 percent in lumber, etc.

### Profits For Bosses

The American capitalist class, the same as capitalism generally, is running industry at a tremendously high rate of profit. To secure these high profits, in the face of the ever-sharpening competition at home and abroad, the capitalists are introducing systems of speed-up, new machinery, and generally more intense methods of exploitation. The productivity of labor is increased tremendously. The introduction of these labor-saving devices creates a reserve of "superfluous" labor, a permanent army of unemployed.

### Fundamental Demands

The first set of demands is as follows: "1. Six-hour day and five-day week for all young workers. "2. The complete abolition of child labor, without modifications and the state maintenance of all children at present employed.

But this "normal" unemployment is periodically developing into large scale unemployment. Such a situation prevailed in the United States in 1921 when six million workers were out on the streets in search of jobs.

Capitalists are running industry for profit and not for the welfare of society. Under capitalism, production is planned by each capitalist or combination of capitalists for their own enrichment and not for the betterment of the conditions of the masses. Consequently, when the market ceases to offer the capitalist sufficiently high profits, the capitalist slackens production. A recession sets in. Workers are discharged. Others are put on part time. Hundreds of thousands of workers find themselves on the streets without the means of livelihood.

That is what is happening today. American capitalists are curtailing production. Tremendously sharpened competition on the world market together with the critical condition of such basic industries as mining, automobiles, oil, and the critical condition of the New England industries, are at the bottom of the present depression.

But the American capitalists are not much worried by this situation. They have become great exporters of capital into foreign lands. From the late imperialist war, American capitalism emerged as a first rate imperialist power, penetrating and subjugating the countries of Latin America, China, the Near East, Europe, etc.

### League Statement

"The National Executive Committee wishes to bring to your attention the question of unemployment which is confronting the league and which should receive your careful consideration and in connection with the league must carry on energetic activities. "A complete program on unemployment is at present being worked out and will be sent to you within a few days. The NEC, however, discussed thoroughly the question of our demands in the unemployment situation and reached the conclusion that it is necessary to issue two sorts of demands; one set of demands to deal with the question fundamentally and the other one to be demands which we issue for the unemployed young workers immediately. The NEC believed that it is absolutely correct to have these two kinds of demands so that we not only fight for relief and help and so on, for the unemployed, but we at the same time show that we make a more basic analysis of the situation and really offer a program for the entire labor movement, the entire working class, on the question of unemployment.

### Immediate Demands

"1. Two dollars to be paid to all unemployed young workers to be paid by the local authorities as unemployment dole. "2. Free food and clothing for the children of the unemployed workers—to be supplied in schools. "3. The immediate establishment of work schools as explained above, in the automobile industry, steel industry.

### Outside: Issue slogan

"Don't be driven by unemployment

ment doing about it? What is the trade union bureaucracy undertaking in this critical situation?

The answer is, they have done and are doing nothing to organize the workers for struggle. They have done and are doing all in their power to weaken and demoralize still further the ranks of the working class.

The workers must resist this attack of the capitalists. Must Fight For Relief. The way to meet the present situation is to fight for immediate and permanent relief for the unemployed. The American capitalist class and its government must be made to realize that the working class will not stand for the misery imposed upon it by the present industrial depression. The American workers will fight against it. The American workers will demand that the burden of the crisis be shifted from themselves to the capitalists.

Immediate government relief for the unemployed must become the demand of the American working class. The federal government, the various state and city governments, must be compelled to immediately appropriate and set aside sufficiently large sums of money to relieve the suffering of the jobless workers.

### Every trade-union organization in

and hunger into the army. Fight for effective relief set forth in our demands.

"(b) Inside: Increase of amount to dependents of soldiers, maintaining full amount to soldiers.

"In connection with Number 1, we set two dollars per day as the general national demand considering that the average wage of young workers is about \$15.00 a week, and since it is impossible to demand in unemployment doles, an amount equal to the average wage of the young worker. Consequently this demand is approximately correct. However, it may be modified in special sections, in industries where the wages are appreciably lower or higher than our estimate.

For example, in an industry where young workers would ordinarily be making \$25.00, we could easily demand \$3.00 in unemployment doles, but where the young worker is making only \$6.00 to \$10.00 a week, (textile workers in the anthracite) it would be difficult even to demand \$2.00 a day.

Districts should proceed immediately to carry on work based on the above demands, issuing leaflets, and so on. Of course one of the important means of activity is participation in the councils of the unemployed by the Young Workers (Communist) League, and by the young unemployed. We should endeavor to have representatives of the unemployed youth on all the councils and have the councils adopt some of our demands in their program.

The activity of the league should not be confined merely to participation in councils. It must also carry on activity in its own name, such as issuing leaflets, calling mass meetings, giving league headquarters as gathering places for the unemployed youth, etc.

the country must join the unemployed in the struggle. The trade unions must fight for the establishment and further development of unemployed insurance in their respective industries.

This is necessary not only for the relief of the unemployed, but also for the protection of the trade unions. The unemployed in every locality must organize themselves into special organizations. Councils of unemployed, similar to the one organized in Cleveland, Ohio, will prove of great practical service in the struggle for unemployment relief.

These councils of unemployed, together with the trade unions in each locality, must formulate and present to the local government concrete programs for immediate relief of the unemployed.

### Unemployment is no passing event

in the life of the workers under the capitalist system. On the contrary, it is a chronic and permanent institution, degrading the lives of the working masses and exploited by the capitalists to fasten and strengthen their domination. Unemployment will disappear only with the destruction of the capitalist system.

For this reason, the workers of all capitalist countries have been fighting for the establishment of permanent unemployment insurance by the government. Such government unemployment insurance, though inadequate, is at present operating in nearly every capitalist country.

Only in the United States, with the richest and most powerful capitalist class in the world, government unemployment insurance does not exist. The same is true of all forms of social insurance which the American ruling class refuses to accept.

With unemployment in the United States having become a permanent institution brutally exploited by the capitalists to degrade the whole working class, the workers must fight with redoubled energy for the establishment of government unemployment insurance.

But this insurance must not be permitted to become another means in the hands of the government and the capitalists to oppress and demoralize the workers. For this reason the workers must demand government unemployment insurance controlled by the trade unions, together with the organizations of the unemployed.

### Organizations Necessary

The Workers (Communist) Party of America calls upon the unemployed, the trade unions and the organized workers to organize and unite their forces for a struggle against unemployment.

Unite and mobilize your forces against the cause of unemployment—the capitalist system and capitalist rule.

Organize the unorganized and strengthen your unions to defeat the offensive of the capitalists.

Carry on a political struggle against the capitalist parties, organize a political party of your own, a Labor Party, to protect and defend the interests of the workers.

Organize Councils of the Unemployed to join with the trade unions in the struggle against unemployment.

Fight for the shortening of the workday and division of work.

Fight for Unemployment Relief.

Fight for the overthrow of the capitalist system under which unemployment is inevitable.

Fight for a Workers and Farmers Government.

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