

# TOM MOONEY APPEALS TO WORKERS FOR FREEDOM

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

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# BONITA FIRED IN SELF DEFENSE, EXPERT SHOWS

## TO REVIVE CASE OF BILLINGS, MOONEY, FRAME-UP VICTIMS

"Center on Masses," Is Message From Cell

By JAMES P. CANNON. SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Tom Mooney today appealed through the International Labor Defense to the workers of America and the world to raise their voices again in his behalf and bring about the liberation of himself and Warren Billings from the California prisons, where they have been confined for nearly twelve years on framed up charges.

I talked to him for two hours today in San Quentin Penitentiary and he asked me to make it clear that he has not given up the fight for his freedom or the hope that, with the help of the working class, it will be gained.

Courts in Vain. "Our hope is in a new protest movement," he said. "Every possible legal and technical move has been made to prove our innocence and our right to an unconditional pardon, but without success. The years go by until nearly twelve have elapsed, and still we are held in prison for a crime of which the world knows we are not guilty. Our crime was loyalty to the workers. Now, let the workers speak again in our behalf. I have confidence that our friends will find the way to make our appeal heard throughout the world."

Twelve years of prison have made their mark on Tom Mooney. It has grayed his hair and impaired his once robust health; but his indomitable spirit, which was the marvel of all who knew him, remains unshaken. His mind is as keen as ever and his eyes flash with the old fire of the fighter who never admits defeat. He still believes in the power of labor solidarity, and is full of hope that the power of the workers will yet bring about his vindication and his freedom from San Quentin Prison.

Recalls Protest of Russian Labor. "I have been fortified all through these years of prison," he said, "by my faith in the movement which I serve in this outpost of the class struggle and by the consciousness that, even though confined here, I am an instrument of the workers' cause and a symbol of their struggle. I have not forgotten the protest of the Russian workers which saved us from the gallows, and I have not lost my confidence that the workers of America, and the world, will again make their mighty voices heard in our behalf."

I brought him greetings from the mass meetings I have addressed throughout the country; particularly from the Colorado miners, who, in the midst of their own desperate struggle, have not forgotten the names of Mooney and Billings and who asked me to take a special message of cheer and encouragement to them.

Asks About Miners' Struggle. His face lighted up with satisfaction and he inquired eagerly regarding (Continued on Page Two)

## Chicago Workers to Protest Sozzi Murder

CHICAGO, April 11.—Progressive workers of Chicago will take part in an international mass meeting Friday to protest the murder of Gastone Sozzi, Italian Communist, by Fascist terrorists in Italy. The demonstration will be held in the West Side Auditorium, Racine and Taylor St., under the auspices of the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America. Speakers will include Robert Morse Lovett, Ralph Chaplin, George Maurer, and two Italian workers.

Sozzi, 23 year old revolutionist, was killed in the Percuse prison near Rome. The murder was covered up by the Mussolini government until two guards who witnessed the murder fled to France and carried the news there.

"DAILY" MEETING POSTPONED. The regular Friday meeting of the DAILY WORKER Builders Club of Philadelphia, which is held the second Friday of each month, has been postponed so as not to conflict with the International Labor Defense Bazaar which starts on that day. The executive committee of the club will announce another date next week.

## Frame-up Victims Approve New Labor Campaign for Release



## TAXICAB DRIVERS WINNING STRIKE

## A. F. of L. Will Reply on Charter Application

With the walkout of the Newark, Elizabeth, East Orange and Bloomfield taxi cab drivers so complete that the Yellow and Brown & White taxi companies were compelled Tuesday night to withdraw their machines from the streets, the answer of the American Federation of Labor to the union's application for a charter was expected last night. The taxi drivers are striking for union recognition, better pay and better working hours.

Altho the company put its cabs into operation this morning, it hired scabs who did not have their licenses and who did not know their way around Newark, union officials charged.

Four thugs who had severely beaten Patsy Casiera, a striker who was picketing the Yellow Cab garage, were arrested after a mile chase that ended in East Orange. The thugs were heavily armed, the police said.

## Fake Claims in Chicago.

By CARL HAESSLER. CHICAGO, (FP) April 11.—"We have recently raised the wages of our drivers to an aggregate of half a million dollars," brags John Hertz, the former prize fight boy who is now president of the Yellow Cab Co., the largest Chicago taxi concern. It is (Continued on Page Two)

## DETROIT WORKERS TO PICKET CONSUL

## Will Protest Polish Fascism

DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—The workers of Detroit will demonstrate their opposition to the terrorist methods adopted by the fascist government of Pilsudski toward the Workers and Peasants Party of White Russia, by a mass demonstration before the Polish consulate, 80 Garfield Ave., E., Saturday at 10 a. m.

Arrange Mass Meets. The Ukrainians, Russians, White Russians, Lithuanians, Jewish and Polish workers will lead this protest demonstration, it was announced today.

A mass meeting has been arranged by the Ukrainian branches of the International Labor Defense for Sunday, April 22 at 2.30 p. m. at the Ukrainian Home, Martin and Lindsey and at Yemans Hall, 3014 Yemans St., Hamtramck, Mich.

Demonstration in Cleveland. CLEVELAND, April 11.—The Cleveland local of the International Labor Defense has arranged a demonstration against the Polish white terror, which will take place Saturday at 2 p. m. on the public square.

P. S. Would like to see Owen and him "The Frenchman"—Tom at their earliest convenience.

California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal. 3-27-28.

Mr. James P. Cannon, Secretary International Labor Defense, Care Edgar Owen, 1212 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

My Dear Cannon:

After my talk with Fremont Older and your self today with respect to the Governors present attitude regarding my petition for pardon, I am convinced that a broader appeal will have to be made—that the present policy that I have been following for the past five years will not bring Justice to Billings and Mooney—that our appeal will largely have to be centered upon the great mass of workers, organized and unorganized, as well, that great body of liberal minded people throughout the entire ~~unorganized~~ nation.

Anything you can do, in this direction to help us secure some ~~small~~ small measure of justice after twelve years of imprisonment, I will, and I am more than certain that My co-sufferer Billings will also appreciate any efforts put forth by your organization to bring about the desired results.

I enjoyed your visit very much and hope that you will pay a return call upon your return from Los Angeles—some day other than Saturday or Sunday, preferably, as there is not such a crowd in the reception room.

With all good wishes for the success of your trip and the International Labor Defense in whose behalf you are making it,

I remain, as ever, Fraternally and Sincerely yours, Tom Mooney



Tom Mooney (left) has just endorsed the revival of a new campaign calling for the organization of a mass movement to bring about his freedom and that of Warren K. Billings (right). Both workers, active in the California labor movement, were framed up for murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness parade in 1916. Mooney was condemned to a trial unparalleled for the number of perjured witnesses against him. Only the protest which swept through the entire world compelled the governor of California to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Following a visit to his cell in San Quentin prison by Jas. P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, Mooney urged the new campaign which is to be initiated.

## OIL QUIZ TURNS TO SHOOTING OF WILSON

Reminiscent of the series of mysterious deaths of the closing days of the Harding administration, including that of Jesse Smith, the senate's Teapot Dome scandal investigation turned yesterday to the unexplained shooting here recently of Attorney Dallett H. Wilson.

## 14 ARE KILLED IN PARIS WRECK

PARIS, April 11.—Fourteen persons were killed in a collision between a special train bound for the Enghien Race Course and a Chantilly local just outside of the Gare du Nord station this afternoon. Thirty persons were injured. It was not known at the time of the disaster whether there were any foreigners on either train.

## Reid to Speak at Lynn Miners' Relief Meeting

LYNN, Mass., April 11.—A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held here Friday evening, 7:30 p. m. at Lesters Hall, 34 Andrews Street, under the auspices of Russian, Polish and Lithuanian organizations. Dr. James Reid, of Providence, will be the principal speaker.

## DESCRIBE KLAN MURDER PLANS

Victims Branded; Ears Cut Off

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—The Knight Riders, a branch of the Ku Klux Klan, had thousands of rounds of rifle and pistol ammunition stored in caves and barns "for bombings and shootings," J. R. Ramsey, of Dayton, former Klan investigator, testified today in federal court.

Murder Charged. Reading of the deposition of Col. William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, Ga., founder of the Ku Klux Klan, in which Col. Simmons alleges that Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, planned to murder him, was begun in court this afternoon.

In the document Simmons alleges that Evans perpetrated the murder of Capt. W. B. Coburn, Atlanta attorney. The reading was halted, however, (Continued on Page Two)

## LEVIATHAN SEAMEN WORK 16 HOURS Suit for Deducted Wages Thrown Out in Magistrate's Court

A suit brot by a seaman of the S. S. Leviathan against the United State Shipping Board for two days pay that had been deducted from his wages was dismissed by Magistrate O'Neil in the First District Court yesterday afternoon.

Garlick appeared in court as his own attorney in opposition to the high priced lawyers of the shipping board and several functionaries of that organization. H. C. Campbell, who headed the shipping boards legal battery, stated that the case was of "major importance" because if successful, other seamen, dissatisfied with the treatment on board ship would also resort to legal suits. Garlick told the court he was com-

elled to work 16 hours a day in spite of the fact that the Seamen's Act prohibits more than 8 hours in port and 12 hours at sea. Garlick was dismissed when he refused to work overtime and do the work of a longshoreman. "I refuse to scab on the longshoremen," asserted Garlick, "nor will I (Continued on Page Two)

## YOUNG MINE LEADER ACTED AFTER AGATI, CAPPELINI AGENT, LAUNCHED ATTACK

Observers at Trial Agree Evidence Warrants an Immediate Acquittal of Defendants

Defense Committee Warns Against Over-Confidence Pointing to Previous Convictions

WILKES-BARRE, April 11.—That Frank Agati, contractor and member of the Cappelini machine fired the first shot in the affair which led to the death of Agati, was yesterday conclusively demonstrated as a result of the testimony of Captain William A. Jones, a gun expert who was called by the prosecution to establish its own case against Sam Bonita on trial here for his life.

## TEXTILE STRIKE BALLOT TONIGHT

New Bedford Vote Will Affect 33,000

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 11.—The membership of the seven textile unions in New Bedford affiliated with the Textile Council will cast ballots Thursday night calling a general strike in the New Bedford cotton manufacturing mills. Seven years of continuous layoffs, speed-up, wage cuts, both official and unofficial make almost certain the result of the balloting which is expected to be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike as an answer to the new wage slash of 10 per cent made several days ago and which is to affect 33,000 textile workers in the 37 mills of New Bedford and Taunton, according to the sentiment here.

Action Anticipated. An announcement from the union headquarters states that the strike ballots will be in as simple a form as is possible. There will be one slip of paper perforated in the middle. One side will be printed with "strike," and the other "no strike."

The mood of the workers are in after this brutal attack on their standards is such as to justify belief prevalent that they will brook no action similar to that taken by the officials of the Fall River Textile Council when they announced the result of a strike vote to be 11 votes short of a two-thirds majority, demanded by the officialdom. This occurred when the Fall River mills made a similar reduction several months ago.

The strike sentiment is being crystallized by the activity of mill committees formed by a national progressive textile workers' organization. These committees, established in every mill, are issuing leaflets calling upon the workers to strike against the wage reduction.

Filmsy Excuse. The excuse given by the mill owners of Taunton and New Bedford, which is that they are compelled to (Continued on Page Four)

## Fascist Protest Meet in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 11.—A Chicago Committee Against Polish Fascism has been established here to work in unison with a national committee. Prof. Robert Morss Lovett is national and local chairman. A campaign of protest will be conducted locally, particularly against the imprisonment and prosecution of leaders of the Hromada Party of White Russian Workers and Peasants in Poland.

Saturday afternoon, at 1 p. m., a protest meeting will be held at 30 N. Wells St., Hall 304, from which a delegation will be sent to the Polish consul. Well-known speakers will address this meeting. Organizations will meanwhile be requested to send resolutions of protest to the Polish embassy at Washington, D. C., and cablegrams of protest to Premier Pilsudski, Warsaw, Poland.

Prominent speakers have been asked to address a mass protest meeting to be held at Wicker Park Hall, North Ave. and Robey St., Friday, April 20th, at 8 p. m. A conference of delegates will meet Sunday, April 22, at 11 a. m. at 1555 W. Division St.

Agati Fired First.

A sixth bullet found imbedded in the wall of the room, Jones testified, came from a gun not found on either Bonita or Adam Molecki, his companion. That this was a weapon in the hands of Agati who on previous occasions had beaten Bonita and who at the time of the shooting which led to his death had again struck Bonita was the conclusion drawn from the testimony of the expert called by the state to uphold its own case. The gun has disappeared.

Lawyers and competent observers who are closely following the case are uniformly of the opinion that nothing has been established to show that Bonita is guilty. They believe that the young labor leader will be acquitted if the decision is made on the basis of the evidence in the case. The Bonita - Molecki - Mendola Defense Committee, however, yesterday warned against over-confidence in the matter and pointed out that decisions (Continued on Page Two)

## DENEEN MACHINE WINS THE GRAVY

Will Have Grip on Two Billion in Contracts

CHICAGO, April 11.—With election returns showing a majority of 450,000 for Secretary of State Louis L. Emerson, Democratic candidate and with Judge John A. Swanson defeating State Attorney Robert Crowe for the Cook County prosecutor's office, the Deneen machine won a clean victory in the Chicago primary election struggle for the \$2,000,000,000 in fat contracts which has been appropriated by the state, county and city the next four years.

Col. Frank L. Smith, who sought the nomination for United States Senator, after being ousted from the Senate because of huge campaign expenses, was defeated by Otis F. Glenn, Deneen candidate.

Grand jury "investigation" into murders, sluggings, kidnappings, bombings, withholding of ballot boxes and other outrages which marked Chicago's primary election yesterday became a certainty today with an announcement by Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom.

Carlstrom, at the appeal of Senator Charles S. Deneen, is making arrangements to empanel a special grand jury "to sift the disorders" and to take over the functions of the defeated state's attorney, Robert E. Crowe.

## Scott Nearing Lectures In Pittsburgh on Sunday

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 11.—Scott Nearing, who recently returned from an extended tour through the Soviet Union and thru revolutionary China, will lecture here on "Russia and China" under the auspices of the Workers' International Relief. Proceeds will go for the relief of the striking miners. The address will be given Sunday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.

# Mine Families Defeat "Yellow-Dog" Starvation Scheme of Lewis Machine

## ATTACK OFFICIAL WHO GIVES FOOD TO FEW IN NEED

### Troopers Threaten to Hurl Bombs

PITTSBURGH, April 11. — State troopers, deputy sheriffs and constables threatened to explode tear gas bombs to disperse fifty enraged wives of striking miners of Avella, Pa., who stoned a committee which distributed relief brought in by the United Mine Workers' Union among only 14 of the 72 families living in the barracks three miles outside of Avella. Carl Wolcott, district organizer of the union, who denied relief to all those who had refused to sign a pledge repudiating and denouncing the Save-the-Union Committee, was badly beaten and had a tooth knocked out.

Reject "Yellow-Dog." Wolcott cut off all relief since last Saturday when the great majority of the miners refused to sign the "yellow-dog starvation pledge," as the miners term it. A truckload of foodstuffs including dainties like pies, butter, etc., such as never before had been received from the union, was brought in early Monday morning. When the women discovered that only fourteen families who had signed the pledge were receiving relief, the women demanded their share.

When the committee disregarded them, the women stoned the men and rushed for the foodstuffs. The larger portion of the food was stored in the "picket house" to be divided equally. One state trooper who had arrived by this time, appealed to Fred Siders, chairman of the barracks committee to order the women to disperse, but to no avail. The truck and committee escaped before all the food was unloaded.

Word that relief was being distributed in Avella reached the barracks several hours later, and the women piled into automobiles and rushed there. More than fifty women lined up at the relief hall, demanding their share. By this time, Wolcott arrived from Pittsburgh. When he refused to give relief to anybody who did not sign the pledge, the women declared, "we're entitled to relief, and by God, we'll get it!" and attacked the union organizer. State troopers, deputies and constables arrived in the midst of the fray, and ordered that no relief be distributed unless it be to everybody.

These locals 1355 and 2881 were strongly represented at the National Save-the-Union Conference in Pittsburgh, April 1st. At this conference they decided to organize district and national conventions of the union and oust the officialdom whose policies, they declare, are responsible for the weak condition of the union. As soon as they returned from the conference, Wolcott visiting the district bringing the "declaration of policy" which most of the miners refused to sign. Wolcott was run out of town by the miners and their wives.

## WORK 16 HOURS ON LEVIATHAN

### Suit for Deducted Pay Is Thrown Out

(Continued from Page One) work overtime when it is in violation of the seamen's act.

Garlick pointed out that when he signed up on the Leviathan he was not shown the agreement he signed. "This is in violation," the worker continued, "of the Seamen's Act that calls for a \$100 fine against any steamship company that refuses to show the agreement or post it in the sailors bunk. Neither of these two things were complied with."

Not Shown Agreement. Garlick was fined the first day's pay for refusing to continue working after he put in 14 hours at Southampton, England, where the boat locked on March 10 after its arrival from America.

Six Others Refused. The second pay deduction was made for refusing to move mail bags from the starboard to the portside of the boat on March 20, when it returned to New York. It was also brot out that six other seamen refused to move the mail at the same time. Five of them were also fined, Garlick continued, while the sixth was not, due to his being a personal friend of the petty officers of the boat.

Tirade By Judge. Magistrate O'Neil accused Garlick of "violating the discipline of the ship," and said that he was in favor of throwing the case out of court.

Turning to Campbell, he asked whether he was willing to adjourn the case to allow Garlick to obtain a lawyer. When Campbell refused to consent, he dismissed the case.

STORM EXPECTED. WASHINGTON, April 11.—The weather bureau today ordered Northeast storm warnings displayed from Cape Hatteras to Boston.

## BALTIMORE PUSHES CAMPAIGN FOR SPECIAL MAY DAY "WORKER"

Gathering of greetings for the special May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER, arrangements for its distribution on a wide scale, and preparations for the formation of a DAILY WORKER "Builders' Club," are being pushed as part of the campaign for intensifying interest in the May 1 issue of the paper.

Under the able direction of Philip Stanton, The DAILY WORKER agent in the Baltimore area, the work of gathering greetings for the May Day edition is being widened and all

labor and fraternal organizations are being approached in an effort to ensure their representation in the pages of the May 1 DAILY WORKER.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails both among the workers in this field of activity and among the organizations themselves. Scores of greetings have already been obtained and many more are promised.

The preparations for a city-wide distribution of The DAILY WORKER on May Day are being pushed with the

same energy. All arrangements are being effected and it is expected that the May Day edition of The DAILY WORKER will reach sections of the working class in Baltimore who have not previously been familiar with the paper.

The formation of a DAILY WORKER "Builders' Club," it is being pointed out, will greatly facilitate the activities for the only working class daily paper in the United States. Baltimore workers are eagerly looking forward to the possibility of such an organization.

## Free Subs Are Vital Need of Mine Strikers

"The American working class hasn't realized the vital importance to it of the striking miners' struggle," declared A. Ravitch, the circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER, in re-emphasizing his appeal for free subscriptions for the hundreds of miners who have been impoverished by their long struggle against the coal barons and their reactionary leadership.

"It is up to all the American workers to participate in the struggle which the miners have carried on single-handed for over a year," Ravitch continued. "The DAILY WORKER has been the only ally of the courageous miners in their long fight. Shoulder to shoulder with the strikers in the coal fields, their fighting class paper has carried on their struggle."

"But the paper is itself overburdened now with the fines levied against it by the Wall Street government. The paper is no longer able to bear unaided the full expense of the free subscriptions to the miners."

"In the past The DAILY WORKER has sent hundreds of subs free to the coal mines. Scores of requests for subscriptions to the paper, which has become a necessity to the men in their fight, are being received daily."

"It is the militant American workers who must respond to this urgent appeal of the strikers through the American coal regions. Workers, fill out the attached blank. See today that one more striking miner is assured of his subscription to The DAILY WORKER thru you. Send a free sub to a class fighter."

Striking Miner's Free Subscription. Daily Worker, 33 First St., New York City.

I am enclosing herewith \$..... for a free subscription to a striking miner.

\$6.00 ..... 12 months  
3.50 ..... 6 months  
2.00 ..... 3 months  
1.50 ..... 2 months  
1.00 ..... 1 month

Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....

## BOMBS, RIFLES, POWDER, STORED BY KLANKILLERS

### Stephenson Tells of Burning Men Alive

(Continued from Page One) when it touched upon conspiracy charges and squandering of Klan funds, Judge Thomson holding this was outside the scope of the trial.

Evans was directly responsible for the riots at Carnegie, Pa., in 1923, in which one klansman was killed, N. C. Hogue, of Swissvale, former kleagle of the order, charged.

Despite the fact that Carnegie officials had refused the klansmen a permit to parade, Sam Rich, Klan leader, gave the order to march, Hogue said, saying that "Evans had ordered it."

Stephenson Deposes.

CHICAGO, April 11. — David C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, today told how Senator Simeon D. Fess was made the object of a plot because he had voted against a bill to abolish parochial schools by national legislation.

The deposition continues as a part of their 100 per cent Americanism, 15 or 20 "heroes" took one unfortunate covering individual into the woods, unmercifully beat and torture him, even to burning him alive.

"In many instances they even branded victims, cut off their ears and turned them loose as a lasting walking delegate of frightfulness."

"Another instance was when they tried to direct Tom Austin to employ a woman and use her in an attack upon me. Austin refused. They therefore arranged to assign him to New Jersey or lower New York. Austin obeyed the assignment, went to the designated spot, and very shortly after he arrived the gunman stashed there with instructions to kill Austin, met him on the street and began firing at him. Austin returned the fire and both men fell dead."

"I was awakened one night by a terrible noise," Stephenson said. "I got up and found two boys and two men dressed in policemen's uniforms in my room. One of them had a bottle of liquor. I was arrested. Later they claimed I had been banished from the Ku Klux Klan as a part of this affair."

## WILL REVIVE CASE OF TOM MOONEY AND BILLINGS, FRAME-UP VICTIMS

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ing the latest developments in the labor movement and the miners' strike. Tom Mooney is a labor man through and through. The cause of the workers for which he has already suffered twelve years in prison is uppermost in his mind and heart, and he looks forward eagerly for the day of liberation which will bring him back to active work in the ranks.

There has been some talk of efforts to secure his release on parole; but Tom Mooney doesn't want to come out that way. "I am not guilty of any crime, so why should I be paroled and have all my movements mortgaged and restricted. I want to be free to take up my work where I left it off twelve years ago."

We discussed various methods and plans of reviving the public interest in the case and of putting the names of Mooney and Billings again on the agenda of the labor movement. An aggressive campaign to rebuild the protest movement for the unconditional release of Mooney and Billings was the center of the understanding arrived at.

As we shook hands at parting, he said, "Go ahead! You have my full approval and authorization for the work in our behalf."

I. L. D. Replies.

The International Labor Defense, from its national offices at 80 E. 11th Street, New York, yesterday replied to Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings regarding the revival of a mass movement to free them from prison.

The letter follows: "International Labor Defense welcomes the statement of Tom Mooney calling upon the working masses, through International Labor Defense, to organize a mass movement of protest for the release of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

"Not reliance upon courts and laws and dependence upon American capitalist justice prevented Mooney and Billings from traveling the road of Sacco and Vanzetti to death. Only the international mass protest of the

## Militant Newark Taxi Strikers Force Bosses to Withdraw Machines



The Newark taxi drivers strike has proved so successful that the Yellow and Brown and White taxi companies have been compelled to withdraw all of their machines. There are too few cabs to operate the cars. Spirit like that displayed in the picket lines shown above are winning the strike for the taxi drivers. (Photo by Newark Ledger).

## NEWARK TAXICAB STRIKERS GAIN

### Expect A.F.L. Apply on Charter Application

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While Hertz boasts, his drivers squeeze out a hollow laugh. They would like a smell of that half million. It is true that the driver's percentage of receipts has been recently raised from a 27-35 per cent basis to a 30-40 level, depending on the length of service. But the Yellow takes back with a dozen hands what it offers with one.

Right after the percentage boost the company cut passenger rates from 55 cents for the 1st mile to 45 cents for the 1st mile and a quarter. This reduces the driver's commission and also the tips, which are usually estimated by passengers on a percentage basis. New drivers have to buy uniform, leggings and cap for which the company charges about \$30.

A week's pay is held out to dock drivers for possible accidents. Dead mileage is charged against drivers at 10 cents for each mile without passengers in excess of the miles with passengers. If he wants to hold his job he has to pay 50 cents a week into a company club organized to promote employee stock ownership. Spotters cruise constantly to have him docked for petty rule infractions. If they don't report enough men they lose their own job.

## Send \$3,200 to Miners

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The Youth Conference of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee has called attention to the fact that up to date the youth committee has sent \$3,200 to the coal fields, not \$1,500 as was previously announced.

will take any sort of dirt from the boss and smile, the sort that will never dream of a union organization and that are boob enough to imagine that by paying 50 cents a week for a more or less visionary share of stock they will eventually be capitalists themselves.

2,000 Drivers Organized. Chicago's union taxi drivers number over 2,000, organized in Local 727, International Brotherhood of Teamsters & Chauffeurs. The principal union taxi fleets are the Bauer and DeLuxe.

"We sometimes make a bit less than the Yellow theoretically pays," says a Bauer driver, "but it's real money and you don't have to stop being a man when you get on the payroll of a union outfit."

## Oil Quiz Turns to Shooting of Wilson

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Blackmer "Absent." WASHINGTON, April 11.—The name of Harry M. Blackmer, American oil man, was called futilely three times today at the criminal conspiracy trial of Harry F. Sinclair.

Blackmer is one of the three missing witnesses in the Teapot Dome case. At present he is in France with a subpoena in his pocket which he is ignoring.

The government would like to question him, James E. O'Neil, also in Europe, and Henry Smith Osler, last heard of in Africa, about an oil deal which resulted in profits for them and Sinclair which later turned into Liberty Bonds. Certain of these bonds, to the amount of \$235,000, found their way into the hands of former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, allegedly as a bribe to induce him to lease the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Sinclair.

The case against Fall, named as a party to the alleged conspiracy, has been as good as dropped and Fall is now vacationing in California.

Federal Prosecutor Owen J. Roberts had no expectation that Blackmer would answer to his name. He had it called merely as a technicality. The so-called "search" for the missing witness has been farcical.

## BONITA FIRED TO DEFEND HIMSELF

### Mine Leader Acted After Attack

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in the case of workers are seldom rendered on the basis of the evidence presented.

Fight Over Contract Evil. Defense counsel, Thomas Dando, assisted by J. Frank Flannery and J. Harold Flannery, took every opportunity to introduce the mine contracting evil, responsible for the mine feud in Pittston which has caused three murders, the attempted murder of Sam Greco and the murder indictment of the three defendants. The court and the district attorney made equal efforts to keep it out.

International organizers, local officials of United Mine Workers were plainly alarmed and greatly perturbed as the evils were mentioned. All of them were afraid the lid would be blown off Pittston's mine contracting system and the allied murder ring before the trial is over.

District President Cappellini probably will not be called as a witness. State witnesses yesterday were international organizers Figlock, Sweener, Sifka, Kometz, followed by local officials, and board members, many of whom were forced to admit appointments came through recommendations from Cappellini to John L. Lewis.

The district officers, testifying at the trial, are the typical officialdom, prosperous looking, heavy-set, overbearing and stand out in marked contrast to the rank and file miners who crowd the courtroom.

The widow of Agati, garbed in deep mourning, wearing a heavy veil, expensive but vulgar clothes, offered another marked contrast to the wives of the defendants in simple, poor, neat clothes. The mother of Mendola, a Sicilian type wearing typical black shawl on head, indicated strain and grief, but held up with fine spirit.

Agati is alleged to have owned a forty thousand dollar house, an expensive car, all acquired in three years, as a result of mine contracting. The spirit of Alex Campbell and Peter Reilly dominate the courtroom causing a shiver of horror at the frequent mention of their names and work in defense of the present defendants, as well as their long and active record as progressives fighting the machine and the contract system.

Attorney Frank J. Flannery, one of the counsel for Bonita, opened for the defense with dramatic plea, during which he stated he proposed to introduce facts to show that Bonita was attacked when he shot at Agati. "We will call the defendant, and you will hear his side of the story. You have listened to the Commonwealth. Bonita is a man who was born in Italy, and has lived in this country for twenty years with the exception of a few years, and those few years he was in France in the U. S. army where he engaged in five major engagements. We will submit his honorable discharge from the United States army to show that he served with valor. We will call other witnesses to support the theory that Bonita was a law abiding citizen, and that he was president of No. 6 local, directed by the local to negotiate a conference with the company through Board Member Lippi.

Go to Lippi Home. "In pursuance of his duties on the night of February 15th at 6.30 o'clock he and members of the colliery grievance committee went to the home of Board Member Lippi at Exeter. They were informed that Mr. Lippi would

## TWO MILLION FACE OLD AGE WITHOUT AID IN THE U. S.

### Maurer, at Conference, Praises USSR Laws

The grim prospect of homelessness which faces all workers after a lifetime of toil was described by speakers Tuesday at the First National Conference on Old Age Pensions which opened at the Community Church, 34th St. and Park Avenue.

"More than 2,000,000 workers are facing old age without any means of support," declared James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, and one of the speakers at the conference.

Problems Worse Than Ever. Discussing specific conditions in Pennsylvania, Maurer declared that the misery of the workers there has grown in intensity due to the present acute unemployment situation. He said that at the Pennsylvania legislative hearing on the old age pension law, the political henchmen of the Mellon interests who fought and defeated the bill, boasted of the almshouses maintained for the poor. Maurer described these as "as hell for the inmates."

Praises Soviet Union.

Referring to the system of labor protection in the Soviet Union—old age pensions, sickness insurance, doctor, medicine, hospital and sanatorium care, clothing, maternity insurance, etc., Maurer said that in mining regions in the U. S. S. R. where the production is about 1,000 lbs. a day as against the four to five gross tons output in Pennsylvania, the stronghold of coal and steel, the Russian workers enjoy the profits of industry by an insurance law that guarantees protection to all workers against the common emergencies of life, and leaves no worker facing the prospect of being junked on the scrap heap in old age. Maurer argued that the American Association for Old Age Security should not waste its time on old age pensions alone, but direct the fight to winning old age security, sickness insurance and unemployment insurance.

Among the other speakers were Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain of Columbia University who discussed the \$10,000 appropriation granted this year to the Joint Legislative Welfare Commission.

Abraham Epstein, formerly Research Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Old Age Pensions, is the Executive Secretary of the American Association for Old Age Security.

not be home until late that night, and he would meet him the next morning at 7 o'clock.

"The committee, Mendola, Reilly, Moleski and Bonita went to the Lippi home the next morning at 7 o'clock and were told by Mrs. Lippi that her husband would meet them in the district office at Wilkes-Barre the next morning at 10 o'clock. Realizing that they would have a three-hour wait they decided to go to Wilkes-Barre and seek employment realizing that it would be some time before No. 6 colliery would resume work. Reilly, one member of the committee, procured employment at a gas station. They came to Wilkes-Barre and had lunch. Reilly parked his car on Pennsylvania Ave. and left the committee and told them he would return later.

"The trio, Mendola, Moleski and Bonita, went into the Miners' Bank and rode up the elevator to the twelfth floor entering miners' headquarters. They were not there long when Board Member Lippi called out 'No. 6 next.' Bonita replied, 'There is no use going in to arrange a meeting for us with Morris.' Lippi replied, 'Come in.'

Agati Attacks Bonita. "Gentlemen, they had no business with Agati. No intention to meet him there. He was seated in a chair. Figlock was seated next to him. Moleski asked Mr. Lippi for a conference with Mr. Morris, saying, 'We have our credentials now.' At this point, gentlemen, Agati jumped up: 'I'll take no more of your —. I have had enough, I'll fix you now,' as he grabbed Bonita with the left hand and hit him with the right hand. Agati stepped back pointing his finger at Bonita and made a grab for his rear trouser pocket to get a gun, when Bonita fired a shot at him through his coat pocket. Bonita then took his gun from his pocket and fired four shots, having been terror-stricken.

"On three previous occasions Agati had beaten Bonita and threatened to take his life. Bonita will tell you about those three previous beatings. He will tell you that he fired in self defense. He will tell you where he was previous to the murder and after until taken to my office at Pittston. He will tell you that he never carried a gun until Thomas Lillis was murdered. He will tell you that he was called by the police to aid in the apprehension of the murderers of Thomas Lillis. He will tell you what transpired at Pittston city hall and tell you that the police of Pittston gave him the right to carry a gun. We have many witnesses who will show that the defendant is an exemplary citizen. If we satisfy you with the truth, it is your duty to acquit this defendant."

## ACROBATS, CLOWNS, ORGANIZE UNION

### To Combat Greedy Booking Agents; Establish Minimum Wage

The Federated Novelty Acts, organized to protect the interests of acrobats, wire walkers and all other "dumb" act performers will hold a meeting Friday at 10 p. m. at Bossi Hall, 568 9th Avenue, which all novelty vaudeville and circus performers have been invited to attend. The Federated Novelty Acts is now conducting a campaign to organize the 6,000 novelty entertainers in its organization. More than 500 have joined already.

To Establish Minimum Wage. The purpose of the organization as stated in its "Aims and Objects" is "to establish a minimum wage scale

for all novelty acts worthy of being in the theatrical profession" and to "function only and honestly to better conditions and personnel of the novelty artists."

A member of the Federated Novelty Acts pointed out yesterday the importance of the organization to the vaudeville artists. "In addition to the regular 10 per cent that the booking agents deduct from the artists' salary," he said, "they sometimes keep as much as \$300 a week. They sign an act up for, let us say, \$200 weekly and then book it with the theatres for \$500. The agents keep the entire \$300 and in addition, deduct

the regular 10 per cent commission. One of the aims of the Federated Novelty Acts is to eliminate the booking agents and book the acts direct with the theatres, circuits and circuses."

To Hold Sawdust Party. The organization will hold a sawdust party and benefit entertainment and ball at the Central Opera House, Third Avenue and 67th Street, Sunday, April 22 at 8:30 p. m. at which 18 headline novelty acts will be presented.

The headquarters of the organization formed in January is located at 226 W. 47th St. Jack Wilbur is organizer.



# NEW HAMPSHIRE TEXTILE WORKERS, PAID \$14 A WEEK, ARE EAGER FOR ORGANIZATION

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 WILTON, N. H. (By mail).—The workers in the woolen mills, the Hillsboro and Souhigan, have been given a wage cut on which they can barely exist. Workers in the Souhigan Mill work part time receiving for a ten-hour day three dollars and fifty cents or

thirty-five cents an hour, so that working from three to four days a week, they make about \$10.50-\$14 per week. The speed-up system is the same as everywhere. The workers are forced to work on the high loom sys-

tem and have only a short lunch period. The young people in these mills are paid about one third less than the adults. They, more than the others, plug for their meagre pay. They leave school at the first or second year of high that they may help keep

together their homes. They would anxiously help the older workers to organize. The workers, mostly French Canadian, are listening with interest to the question of organization and want to organize and improve their conditions. —W. C.

## "Textile Committee Distributes Appeal at Amoskeag Mill Gates:" Correspondent

### RETURN 10% WAGE SLASH; ABOLISH SPEED-UP, PLEA

Set Up Your Own Shop Paper, Is Demand

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 MANCHESTER, N. H. (By Mail).—Enclosed is a leaflet issued by the Textile Mill Committee of the Amoskeag Mill direct to the mill workers at the gates this morning.

**The Leaflet**  
 The bosses own the factories and the machines and with these they own our jobs and control our lives. The boss does not care for us, except to hire us cheaper, to make us work harder, all for profits for himself. So the boss cuts our wages and speeds up the work and makes us work longer hours. He tries to fool us with fake employee representation or company union plans.

We have no use for the bosses' company union which gave us the wage cut. We want an organization of our own—an organization that will fight for a better standard of living.

Such an organization has been formed. A big New England Textile Conference of progressive textile workers' unions and clubs was held in Boston March 11th. This conference decided to build a new Progressive Textile Workers' Organization to be known as the Textile Mill Committees. These workers' committees are to be built up in every textile mill and to be joined together into one strong united national body of Mill Committees. Already workers in Lawrence, Lowell, Fall River, New Bedford and Providence mills have their committees. Right here in the Amoskeag mill a committee has been formed. Join it when your fellow-worker asks you. Join it when the organizer comes to your house.

The Textile Mill Committees stand for:

1. The recognition of the Textile Mill Committees!
2. Return of the 10 per cent cut in wages stolen from us last December!
3. For an increase of wages!
4. The 40-hour 5 day week!
5. The abolition of the speed-up system!
6. For a worker's shop paper!

The Textile Mill Committees are against:

- Employee representation or company union plans started by the bosses to fool us and to make it easier to put over wage cuts, speeding up, etc.!
- All textile clubs of the bosses!
- All newspapers controlled by the bosses!

Issued by the Textile Mill Committee of the Amoskeag Mill, National Headquarters, 1755 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.

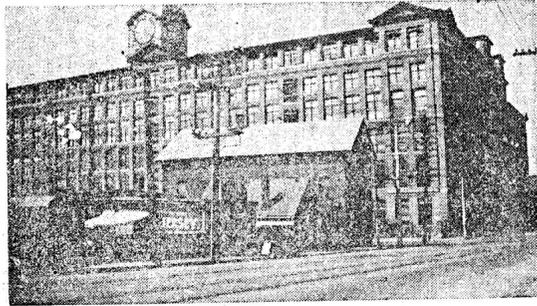
### Young Workers to Hear Talk on "Superstition"

CLEVELAND, O., April 11.—The West Side Branch of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold an open meeting Friday at its headquarters, 4309 Lorain Ave., at 8 p. m.

Nell Amter, agitprop director of the branch, will speak on "Friday the 13th, on Superstition and the Working Class." All young workers in the neighborhood have been invited to attend.

Branch 3 of the Young Workers League of Cleveland holds regular open meetings on every other Friday night at 4309 Lorain Ave. Interesting educational subjects are discussed.

### Progressive Textile Committee In This Mill



The Ayer Woolen Mill, above, is one of the three largest textile mills in Lawrence, Mass. The workers in the textile industry, underpaid, laid-off and speeded up, have set up their Textile Mill Committee in this mill. The Mill Committees have already spread thruout New England as the industry seethes with unrest.

## PIONEERS' CONVENTION AND CHILD PROBLEMS

By LOUIS SISSELMAN.  
 At the same time that an army of 5,000,000 unemployed march along the streets of our "glorious land of prosperity," there are two and one-half million children from five to sixteen mercilessly exploited in the American industries.

**Child Slaves.**  
 These children are slaves under the most miserable conditions. They are found in the street industries, that is, bootblacking, newsboys, in the candy industry, textile mills, coal mines, zinc industry and especially in the best fields of Michigan and the cotton plantations of the South.

In a system where everything is based on profits, it is quite obvious that the financial magnates will very readily fire adult workers and replace them with child laborers who offer a better means of exploitation, since their demands are fewer, and they offer less resistance. Because of this we find that the problem of child labor besides being a problem for the adults, is a special problem to the children themselves, a problem of vital importance.

The children must also fight the overcrowded conditions in the schools, they must fight unsanitary conditions, all of which are common to schools in the working class neighborhoods.

**Military Propaganda.**  
 The workers' children must demand the establishment of kitchens in the schools where the children of the unemployed will be fed. The children must fight the anti-labor propaganda instilled in our children in the schools. The teachers are willing and pliant tools of the capitalist class. In the intensification of the militarization of the youth in the preparation for a new war, military training is being installed in even the elementary schools.

The worker's child must be taught to carry on a militant struggle against the preparing of workers' children ideologically and physically for the coming imperialist war.

Especially must our children fight against the propaganda against the only workers' and farmers' government, the Soviet Union. They must teach the other children that such a government is the only government that really is for the workers.

**Pioneers in Lead.**  
 However, in order that our children meet these problems effectively, it is necessary for them to be organized effectively.

The Young Pioneers of America is ideologically near to the revolutionary section of the working class, and gets its leadership and organizational help from the Young Workers (Communist) League.

During the Pioneers' period of existence in New York they have ac-

complished much.

Each Pioneer knows that his "shop" is his school. He knows that it is there that he must carry on his fight to win the worker's child for the working class. The Pioneers have carried on successful struggles in the schools against overcrowding, against discrimination of pupils. In their fights they have rallied thousands of children. Every month the Pioneers distribute copies of the Young Comrade, the organ of the Pioneers, among their school mates with the view of counteracting capitalist propaganda. Under the leadership of the Pioneers a conference for miners' relief was called in January. At this conference over ten thousand children were represented. Now thousands of workers' children have been drawn into the relief work, and have become acquainted with the miners' struggle.

**Pioneers' Camp.**  
 The New York district has conducted a camp for three summers, where many workers' children had their vacation. At every celebration of the working class, at every revolutionary meeting, the participation of the Pioneers has infused new blood and enthusiasm to those present.

They have carried on systematic education within the organization. Special classes have been formed for the functionaries. The older Pioneers are being prepared to enter the Young Workers (Communist) League. At the recent Liebknecht memorial meeting of the League fifty Pioneers were graduated into the ranks of the League. All of these are already actively participating in its work.

The Young Pioneers coming to their district convention proud of their past, are full of hope and enthusiasm for the future tasks that are facing them. The tasks are great, yet we can very confidently say that the Pioneers will carry on their work among the workers' children, in the interests of the workers' children and the working class, successfully.

The Pioneers have proved by their past deeds that they are the children who are destined to be in the forefront of the coming struggles of the American working class.

If the workers will not understand the necessity of a strong children's organization our children will be won by the bourgeoisie. Every worker who is honest to his class must support the Pioneer movement, must see to it that his own children join its ranks, must see to it that every worker's child he comes in contact with becomes a Pioneer.

To you, young brave fighters, we send our hearty greetings on your convention. Forward to a real workers' children's organization that will be the pride of the American workers!

### NORDBERG ENGINE CO. DRIVES MEN 9 AND 11 HOURS

But Milwaukee Slaves Are Paid for 3 and 4

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 MILWAUKEE, Wis., (By Mail).—I have lately been victimized by the Nordberg Manufacturing Co. for Party activities.

**Open Shop.**  
 This is a large engineering plant which specializes in the construction of Diesel and steam engines. It employs over 1,000 men in open shop conditions. The day shift is nine and one-half hours and the night shift 11½ hours.

According to the Company's word we get paid for a 10 and 12 hour shift respectively. But in truth we only get paid for about three and four hours of work. Most of the tradesmen are started out with only fifty cents an hour. Yet the company has the audacity to say that we get paid according to our ability. (I find that my ability is about double in a union shop).

**Men Buy Own Tools.**  
 A few of the men have been there over 20 years, but are still unable to retire because they will never get a pension. This is one way that the company "economizes." Another way is by not providing sufficient tools in the tool-cribs, and by forcing the workers to buy tools, which the company sells at retail prices to the men. Thus the men are made to spend their own money to save the company from doing so and in order to make profit for the company.

The locker-room is very dirty, overcrowded and lacks many conveniences. Good clothes would soon be ruined there. To save hiring helpers or laborers for the mechanics, the new men are made to do a great deal of that work.

**Boss Propaganda.**  
 The men are kept divided among themselves by receiving different wages and partly by boss propaganda daily on the bulletin board, urging the men to "be loyal," "efficient," to produce more, to worship the goddess success, to be satisfied and so on. The company employs labor spies too.

At present six huge high pressure gas compressors are under construction for the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corporation. These are of a new and special design and will be used in the coming war for making explosives or lethal gas and for chemical fertilizers in time of peace.

The sketches are by Harold Atteridge and the music by Ray Perkins and Maurie Rubens. The lyrics are by Max and Nathaniel Lief. J. C. Huffman is responsible for the staging. —S. A. P.

### Answer Is Easy

NEWARK, N. J., April 11.—Will business interests of New Jersey give heed to polite recommendations by the Social Service Bureau that they conduct a survey of Newark unemployment and create a permanent employment clearing house? The bureau has formally requested such action by the state chamber of commerce.

**5,000,000**  
 Unemployed in the U. S. at the present time

**Organize, Fight Against Unemployment**

**500,000**

Leaflets, analyzing the causes for unemployment and telling how the workers must organize to fight it, to be distributed by the WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY this month.

**50,000**  
 ordered and paid for by Chicago District.

**HOW ABOUT YOU?**  
 How many can be distributed by your

DISTRICT?  
 CITY?  
 SECTION?  
 SUB-SECTION?  
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ORDER FROM  
**WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY**  
 43 East 125th Street New York City  
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NAME .....  
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**Thousands of Miners**  
 are asking that the  
*Daily Worker* be sent to them.

The mine workers are on strike. They cannot afford to pay for the papers. The financial condition of the Daily because of the attacks makes it impossible to meet the requests of the miners.

**The Miners Need the Paper.**  
 They appeal to all class conscious workers to help them get the Daily Worker.

Workers, the miners' fight is the fight of the entire labor movement. The miners' struggle is your struggle. Send them a subscription to the Daily Worker.

**THE DAILY WORKER**  
 33 FIRST STREET  
 New York City

Enclosed find \$..... to help you send the Daily Worker to a striking miner for ..... months.

\$6.00	12 months
\$2.50	6 months
\$2.00	3 months
\$1.50	2 months
\$1.00	1 month

Name .....  
 Address .....  
 City .....

### "Greenwich Village Follies" Opens at Winter Garden

THE first of many revues and musical comedies that are expected to open in New York during the next month or so, is the "Greenwich Village Follies," now playing at the Winter Garden.

Those who have visited the "Greenwich Village Follies" in the past will be well satisfied with the present edition that is by far the best of the series, and ranks as one of the outstanding revues of the current season.

While the music is utterly lacking in catchy tunes the show is impeccable. None of the songs are of such a character as to be remembered long after one leaves the theatre.

When one comes to discussing the comedians, there is a different story to tell. Dr. Rockwell, known for many years to vaudeville fans, is one of the chief funmakers. His style of comedy is slightly similar to Joe Cook, and while he is not so expert in handling his part, the audience is kept in a constant uproar.

A team known as Jans and Wahlen contribute a great deal to the gaiety of the evening. Their dialogue is fast and adds prestige to the entire production.

Blossom Seelye is another member of a large and distinguished cast. Those who have seen her in years gone by must sadly admit that her type of humor seems sort of slow in 1928.

Some of the serious moments of the evening are when Grace La Rue sings several sentimental songs. The revue also has some very fine dancing numbers directed by Chester Hale and Ralph Reader, while a team of dancers called Carlos and Vakeria execute faultlessly remarkably fine exhibitions.

There are 27 numbers all told in the production. The dramas that are travestied as usual in revues, are "The Silent House," "The Trial of Mary Dugan," and "The Command to Love."

The extravaganza opens on a bus bound to Greenwich Village, which deposits its passengers in the Purple Cat. The rest of the revue is devoted to the adventures that take place thereafter.

The sketches are by Harold Atteridge and the music by Ray Perkins and Maurie Rubens. The lyrics are by Max and Nathaniel Lief. J. C. Huffman is responsible for the staging. —S. A. P.

**ADMIT UNEMPLOYMENT.**  
 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 11.—Admission of the serious unemployment crisis was made when the city council yesterday approved the recommendation of Mayor Parker for the appropriation of several hundred thousand dollars for public works.



In the film melodrama "Chicago" at the Broadway Theatre this week.

### Broadway Briefs

The Theatre Guild will postpone the opening of "Playing at Love," scheduled for next Monday at the Republic Theatre. The play may open on the following Monday or in the middle of the week of the 16th.

"A Lady for a Night," the new Huteson Boyd comedy will open tonight at the 49th Street Theatre. Esther Howard is featured in the leading role with a supporting cast that includes Helen Lowell, Dorothy Hall and Betty Lawrence.

John Gilbert and Greta Garbo are to appear in "A Son of St. Moritz," a screen story of Viennese life. Before starting work on this film the two players will appear in individual pictures. Mr. Gilbert will act in "Four Walls," from the John Golden production recently seen here, and Miss Garbo will be seen in "War in the Dark."

Philip Goodman, on his recent visit to Paris completed arrangements with Maurice Chevalier for his first American appearance next January.

### TEXTILE UNIONS VOTE ON STRIKE

Workers Demand Fight Against Wage Cut

(Continued from Page One)  
 cut wages because of competition is branded as hypocritical by the workers. They prove that all the mills in Maine, New Hampshire, and the South which produce the same quality of fine cotton goods and rayon mixtures, do not equal in output that of three large mills in New Bedford. These are the only mills where the wage problem may prove an excuse for competition.

As for the large mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island, where the quantity of production may be sufficient to compete with New Bedford, these mills have not made a wage reduction in spite of the fact that wages are higher than in New Bedford.

**Buying Difficult.**  
 Another significant fact pointed to by the workers is that several Southern mill owners made statements to the trade journals giving specific instances to prove that they were never able to come within several cents a yard of the low prices quoted by the New Bedford Mills, in spite of their cheap labor.

A encouraging stimulant to successful strike action was also made public in textile trade papers. This is a news item announcing the difficulty of textile buyers in obtaining spot deliveries of fine cotton goods.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., April 11.—A strike was declared in effect yesterday at the mills of the Dartington Textile Company by the United Textile Workers of America. The mill management had locked out the 200 loom fixers and weavers in the factory when they refused to accede to the demand of the employers that a lower wage scale and an increased system of loom operation be adopted. The lockout was made a week ago.

They were joined yesterday in a sympathy strike by the 50 reamers who remained at work last Monday. This takes the last man out of the mill in spite of the fact that the mill operators had posted notices yesterday that they are reopening the plant, and will take back those returning on the company terms.

The new system of paying for the operation of four looms instead of three as previously, reduces the wages of the operatives by 40 per cent, the workers declare.

**AMUSEMENTS**

**The Theatre Guild presents**  
 Eugene O'Neill's Play, **Strange Interlude**  
 John Golden Then, 58th, E. of B'way  
 Evenings Only at 5:30.

ALL THIS WEEK  
**VOLPONE**  
 Guild Th. W. 52d St. Evs. 8:30  
 Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30  
 Week of Apr. 16: "Marco Millions"

**Madison Sq. Garden** 49 & 50 Sts.  
 Twice daily (except Sun.) 2 and 8  
 RINGLING BROTHERS AND **CIRCUS**  
 Including Among 10,000 Marvels  
 GOLIATH, monster sea elephant  
 ADMISSION TO ALL \$1 to \$3.50 (incl. Sent and War Tax). Children under 12 half price at all Aft. Performances except Saturday.

**National Theatre**, 41 St. W. of B'way  
 Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30  
**"The Trial of Mary Dugan"**  
 By Bayard Veiller,  
 with Ann Harding-Rex Cherryman

30th WEEK  
**DRACULA**  
 Fulton 6 Way, 46 St. Evs. 8:30  
 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30  
 "Bitchy Blood-curdling."  
 —Herald-Tribune.

The screen rights to George M. Cohan's comedy, "The Baby Cyclone," have been purchased by Metro and will be released sometime later this season.

**SCOTT NEARING**  
 is available for lecture dates, beginning Nov. 7, 1928, up to and including Nov. 21, 1928. — For information write to Harry Blake, c/o. Daily Worker, 33 First Street, New York City.

**ERLANGER** W. 44 St. Evs. 8:30  
 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30  
**GEO. M. COHAN (HIMSELF)**  
 AND HIS COMEDIANS **MERRY MALONES**  
 IN THE

**HUDSON Theatre**, West 44th Street,  
 Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat.  
**THE ABSOLUTE HIT OF THE TOWN**  
**WHISPERING FRIENDS**  
 BY GEORGE M. COHAN.

**KEITH JEFFERSON** 12th St.  
 Aft. 8:30. Evs. 5:00. 12th St.  
 Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun. Apr. 12-13-14-15  
 Ralph Whitehead & Co., Herbert  
 Faye & Co.—Other Acts  
 Richard Barthelmess in "The Noose"

**KEITH-ALBEE**  
**CAMEO HARRY LANGDON**  
 42nd Street  
 WIS 1789 in his newest comedy  
**"THE CHASER"**

MUSIC AND CONCERTS

20TH ANNIVERSARY  
**Concert**  
 of  
**BORIS LEVENSON**  
 Friday Eve., April 13th  
 at 8:30 P. M.  
 At the  
**TOWN HALL**  
 113 W. 43rd Near 6th Ave.  
 THE WORKERS' CHORUS OF  
 ELIZABETH, N. J., will sing 2  
 Revolutionary Hymns.

# Left Wing Polls Big Vote in Amalgamated Food Workers' Union

## BURKHART, LORE MAN, MAINTAINS HOLD ON LOCALS

### Gertig, a Progressive, Nearly Beats Machine

Election returns for national officers of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union were made complete yesterday when the results of the Bakers' Local 3 balloting became known. The results show that in spite of the fact that the August Burkhardt machine had complete control of the election machinery the left wing candidate forced them to give him credit for 530 votes to the 723 with which the present administration counted itself into office.

Carl Gertig, progressive candidate for secretary-treasurer of the organization, in opposition to August Burkhardt, the machine candidate, received a majority of the votes cast in the three locals which held elections during the past week. They are Locals 1, 164, and the Hotel Workers' Local. The largest local, Bakers' Local 3, which is the stronghold of the right wingers, was the one which gave Burkhardt his majority.

### Results Satisfactory.

In spite of the fact that the left wingers did not succeed in gaining control of the union they are jubilant over the results. The reason for this is that the returns show that the membership has realized the true character of the union administration, which at one time called itself left wing. The reactionary policies of the union officialdom are disillusioning the membership, the progressives say.

The administration, which is controlled by Ludwig Lore, editor of the German daily Volk Zeitung, expelled several years ago from the Workers' (Communist) Party, is pursuing policies no less reactionary than the right wing in control of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Recently in an article in the Volkzeitung Burkhardt attacked the Communists in connection with the situation in the needle trades unions. Furthermore, in the struggle between the Bakers' Local of the Amalgamated and the Bakers' International Union, the Burkhardt machine resorted to the usual tactics of the reactionary union bureaucrats by taking out an injunction against the International local.

### Oppose Amalgamation.

These are the policies which the progressive forces in the union are organizing the workers to fight against. The Lore followers in the Amalgamated have even gone to the extent of openly declaring themselves as opposed to amalgamation, in an article published in the Volkzeitung. In this article another vicious attack is made on the left wing and Communists for the amalgamation campaign they are carrying on in the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union and in the International union.

### Rank and File Worker.

The large vote registered for the left wing candidate in the elections was surprising, progressives say. The candidate is an ordinary rank and file worker and the campaign carried on was not intensive due to the prohibition of the use of the union organ, "The Free Voice," by the Burkhardt machine. This was done to stop presentation of left wing views to the membership.

## Miners Wives In Thick of Save-Union Fight



"They wouldn't let us women on the picket line, but we have defied the Lewis machine and we picket the mines along with our men," said Mrs. Christine Dolence, (above), miner's wife from Liberty, Pa., who was a delegate at the Save-the-Union meeting on April 1 in Pittsburgh. The wives of the miners bear every hardship in the miners' struggle for a living wage.

## MAY DAY MEET FOR CHICAGO

### Concert and Address by James P. Cannon

CHICAGO, April 11.—May Day will be celebrated with a concert and mass meeting at Ashland Auditorium at 8 p. m., arranged by the Workers' (Communist) Party.

The Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra, Freiheit Singing Society, Russian Singing Society and the Lithuanian Singing Society will participate in the program.

Czecho-Slovakian workers will perform labor gymnastics to the accompaniment of their own orchestra.

An address will be given by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense. Max Bedacht will preside.

## Chicago Dance Planned

CHICAGO, April 11.—On Saturday evening Chicago workers will attend an interracial dance at Forum Hall, 322 E. 43rd St., just east of the 43rd St. "L" station, under the auspices of the American Negro Labor Congress. Music will be provided by Lottie E. Hightower's High Hawks Singing Orchestra. Grosio Storms will dance and the Freiheit Singing Society will sing.

The primary purpose of this dance is to help in breaking down the suspicion and prejudice between Negro and white races, and to lay a basis for the development of understanding and sympathy between workers of different races. All workers of all races have been asked to attend.

## For the Miners

EAST PITTSBURGH, April 11.—A concert and dance to which five different organizations will contribute talents has been arranged by the East Pittsburgh Valley Miners' Relief Committee, for Friday, at 7:30 p. m. at Turners Hall. The Singer Hall, Turner Hall, Hungarian Hall and Swiss and Croatia Workers' Hall have prepared one of the best programs ever given here. The concert at 10 p. m. will give way to dancing.

## CAP UNION HEADS OUST MILITANT STRIKE LEADER

### Salzburg Exposed Acts of President

For sending out a communication to all the locals of the International Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, in which he denounced the president, Maz Zaritsky, and his right wing followers on the general executive board for the assistance they were giving the employers by advocating the union's adoption of the piece work system, while the Chicago capitalists are in the midst of a bitter four-months' strike, J. E. Salzburg, recently removed from leadership of the strike, was suspended yesterday from membership in the general executive board.

The DAILY WORKER succeeded in obtaining a copy of the declaration sent out by Salzburg and reprinted the most essential parts of it in a recent issue. This, among other reasons, was used by the right wing clique in control of the union to suspend Salzburg from membership on the board.

In a statement issued by the reactionary administration for the right wing Daily Forward, the claim is made that Salzburg violated the "ethics" of the general executive board by sending out the declaration to the locals.

Salzburg, in his statement, charged that the president of the union, Zaritsky, was violating the decision of the last convention of the organization by endorsing the employers' demand for the piece work system. He also pointed out that Zaritsky was making statements to the effect that the New York workers should go back to the 44-hour week instead of 40 for the "good of the industry."

This was in violation of the convention decisions which expressly bound him to fight the piece work system and protect the 40 hour week with all the forces at his command, the statement charges.

According to the account in the "Forward," even some of the members on the general executive board who like to pose as "progressives" by opposing the piece demands of Zaritsky and the employers, voted for the suspension of Salzburg.

Another fact brought out which clearly demonstrates the frankness with which Zaritsky tried to help the bosses in Chicago get piece work, is the fact that the latter came to the Chicago local executive board and advised them to accede to the bosses' demand. Their refusal led to a lock-out by the manufacturers. The head of the bosses' association is a former union official and a close friend of Zaritsky's. He was probably informed that he has the support of the union president in getting piece work installed.

## Dunn at Forum

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—Robert W. Dunn, author of "Company Unions" and "Americanization of Labor," will be the speaker at the Philadelphia Workers' Forum Sunday at 8 p. m. at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch St. His topic will be "The Menace of Company Unionism, Welfare Schemes and Labor Spies."

## Workers' Calendar

**Boston Mine Meet.**  
BOSTON.—A mass meeting for miners' relief will be held Friday, April 16 at Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple. The speakers will be Roger Baldwin, Alice Stone Blackwell and a Pennsylvania miner.

**Chicago Anti-Fascist.**  
CHICAGO.—The Anti-Fascist Alliance will hold a mass meeting Friday, April 13, at West Side Auditorium, Racine Ave. and Taylor St., to protest against the murder of Gastone Sozzi, a member of the Communist Party of Italy.

**New England Mine Relief Meet.**  
BOSTON.—The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee of New England will hold a conference April 15 at 2 p. m. at 62 Chambers St.

**Nearing in Milwaukee.**  
MILWAUKEE.—Scott Nearing will speak at two meetings here Monday, April 16 at St. Johns Cathedral auditorium, 500 Jackson St. The hour are 4:30 and 8 p. m. The subjects will be Education in Soviet Russia and Russia and China.

**Philadelphia Bazaar.**  
PHILADELPHIA.—The International Labor Defense will hold a bazaar at New Traymore Hall, Columbia Ave. and Franklin St., Friday and Saturday.

**Allentown Dance.**  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The Workers' Club will hold a dance Saturday night at 9 o'clock at Hungarian Hall, 520 Union St. Music will be furnished by Willie Friedman's orchestra.

**Nearing in Pittsburgh Sunday.**  
PITTSBURGH.—Scott Nearing will lecture on "Russia and China" Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, under the auspices of the Workers' International Relief. The proceeds will be donated to the striking miners.

**Boston Dance Saturday.**  
BOSTON.—The Young Workers League will hold an International Dance Saturday evening at Butler Hall, 1955 Tremont Ave.

**Baltimore Lecture Friday.**  
BALTIMORE.—R. H. Isaac will speak on the miners' strike, Friday, at 8 p. m. at 12000 E. Lexington St.

**Chicago Anti-Imperialist Dance.**  
CHICAGO.—An anti-imperialist dance and entertainment, Mexican food and dances, Saturday, at 8 p. m. at Temple Hall, Marshfield and Van Buren Sts.

**Philadelphia Open Forum.**  
PHILADELPHIA.—Robert W. Dunn will lecture on "The Menace of Company Unionism, Welfare Schemes and Labor Spies," Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Workers' Forum, 1626 Arch St.

**East Pittsburgh Dance.**  
EAST PITTSBURGH.—A concert and dance will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Turners Hall, East Pittsburgh, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee.

**Lynn Meeting Friday.**  
LYNN, Mass.—James P. Reid will speak Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Lesters Hall, 34 Andrew St., for the benefit of the striking miners.

**Cannon Tour Dates.**  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11-12-13-14th, Seattle, Wash. (includes trip to Walla Walla, Wash. prison.)

Sunday, April 15th, Spokane, Washington.

Monday, April 16th, Butte, Mont.

Tuesday, April 17th, Great Falls, Mont.

Thursday, April 19th, Plentywood, Mont.

Sunday, Monday, April 22-23, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

Tuesday, April 24th, Rochester, Minnesota.

Wednesday, April 25th, Duluth, Minn.

Thursday, April 26th, Superior, Wis., Workers' Hall, 429 Tower Ave.

Saturday, April 28th, Chicago, Ill., MITROF Hall, 1116 N. Western Ave.

Sunday, April 29th, Chicago, Ill., I.L.D. Conference of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

## ARREST 25 FRUIT STORE PICKETS IN CLERK STRIKE

### Hebrew Trades Leaders Aiding Owners

Twenty-five striking fruit store clerks were arrested yesterday while picketing in front of the fruit and vegetable markets on Bathgate Ave., Arlington Ave. and Fox St., Bronx. Twenty of them were discharged when they were brought up for trial later in the Eighth District Court before Magistrate McKinley. Five were released after the Fruit, Grocery and Dairy Clerks' Union had deposited \$100 bail each for their release. They are to come up at a later date before Magistrate Smith in the Sixth Magistrate's Court, 161st St., Bronx.

On the second day of the general strike called by the union for organization purposes, 75 more workers in the trade joined the union men when the stores in which they were working were visited by a committee of union men.

The union officers also announced that they have signed agreements with several more firms.

Just as in the general strike of the grocery clerks, the United Hebrew Trades officialdom is already taking direct steps to aid the employers to break the strike. They are now making an attempt to organize the fruit store owners into a bosses' association. Information has reached the strike leadership that the Hebrew Trades officials are already advising the store owners to take out injunctions to stop the organization drive of the union. This is an attempt to impede the progress made by the grocery clerks' union, because the latter organization succeeded in completely defeating a dual organization created by the right wing. Mason and Forman, a firm forced to a settlement several days ago by a strike called before the general stoppage, has already broken their agreement and discharged its union workers. The lockout was immediately answered by a strike.

### Ask Housewives' Aid.

The leadership of the strike sent out a public announcement from their headquarters at 3690 Third Ave., Bronx, appealing to all working class families not to patronize the fruit and vegetable stores in the Bronx unless they display a sign in their windows declaring that a settlement has been reached with the union.

## Vladeck, Manager of Forward, Freed After Girl Employee Is Shot

B. Charney Vladeck, business manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, was yesterday freed in Essex Market Court after he had been arrested following the shooting of Fannie Silverman, a clerical worker employed in his office.

According to Vladeck, he had been cleaning his desk in the Forward office preparatory to a trip when he found the revolver. In handling it, he explained in court, the weapon went off and a bullet struck Miss Silverman, who was later taken to Gouverneur Hospital.

The charge on which Vladeck was originally held was "possessing a weapon without a license."



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## Chicago Is "Cleaned Up."

Big Bill Thompson is beaten. Len Small and the whole Thompson ticket for republican nominations for state offices in Illinois seem to have been snowed under by the "moral" wave of voters supporting the candidates of Senator Deneen.

"The vote," says Deneen, "will restore law and order and will elevate the standards of public service."

To the class-conscious worker looking over the record of republican and democratic capitalist politics in Illinois, this is a bit of screaming irony. The conscious worker cannot fail to know that between the Deneen gang, supported by the majority of the preachers of Chicago, and the Len Small-Big Bill Thompson gang, supported by particularly straight-shooting and bomb-throwing underworld criminals, the difference is more apparent than real.

The outcome of the primary election, insofar as the two gangs of politicians is concerned, is a victory of a ring of municipal contract grabbers and a supporting set of professional underworld criminals, over another ring of contract grabbers supported by another ring of underworld criminals.

The Deneen gang proved themselves to be better gunmen than those of Big Bill, and that is saying much. But then the Deneen contractors and thugs had the advantage of being supported by most of the preachers, who are also useful in politics. If the Big Bill gangsters succeeded in murdering "Diamond Joe" Esposito and Octavius Granady in the effort to secure the victory for the \$77,000,000 city contracts and to elect the "draft Coolidge" delegation to the state republican convention, these murders in the good cause were clumsy beside shrewder crookedness of the "moral" forces of Deneen.

But the victory for "morality" means much more than that. The flying automobile loads of sharpshooters with which this gentle American democratic primary election was fought out are only the surface facts. Behind the gunmen, and behind even the contractors snatching at tens of millions of dollars of profits, are the bigger criminals of capitalism—the real ruling class of the country.

Their "law and order" and "public service" are merely strike-breaking and more efficient exploitation of the working class.

Look over the victors. Lowden, the Pullman multimillionaire, obtains personal control of the state republican convention and an apparently better shot at the presidential nomination. Lowden, enemy of the working class, the meanest exploiter of labor, is an inside man in the biggest ring of republican looters of the country. Ruth Hanna McCormick, daughter of the late and odious Mark Hanna and another of the top ring of the ruling class, is equally an enemy of the working class.

Chicago and Illinois are "cleaned up" against one gang of the enemies of the working class, for another gang of the enemies of the working class.

Chicago and Illinois will continue to be ruled by the same big business forces, through only a slightly different set of professional criminals of the underworld, with the assistance of a rather larger sprinkling of preachers. The working class will continue to be exploited as before, but even more exploited as the processes of intensifying the exploitation are developed.

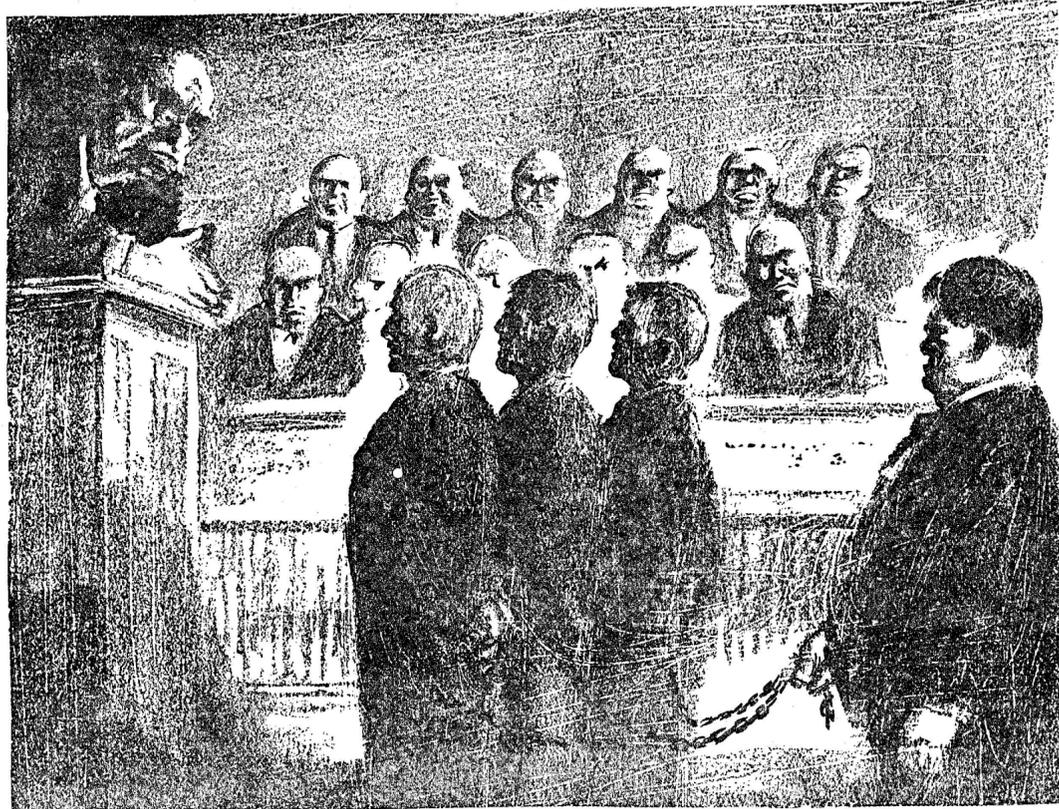
As far as the working class is concerned, the choice between the candidates of the republican party, although it determined which set of politicians and contractors and bootleggers should enjoy the fruits and immunities, meant nothing for their welfare one way or the other. The cold fact is that the working class could gain nothing from the election except insofar as the election could be utilized to make workers see and understand the meaning of capitalist class rule and the capitalist state—only insofar as the working class could be mobilized during the election period for the struggle against the capitalist class, against all capitalist class parties and against the capitalist state itself, including these "democratic" forms of rule so elegantly shown in the career of "Diamond Joe" Esposito and Ruth Hanna McCormick.

Because the working class is still under the illusion that it can gain its emancipation through the capitalist state and the so-called democratic forms of election, participation in these elections can be made a means of training the workers in the struggle against their enemies. The Workers (Communist) Party in Chicago, Illinois, participated in the elections for such purposes.

The mobilization of development of the class-consciousness of the working class can be given a tremendous push forward by the formation of a Labor Party based primarily upon the trade unions. But the trade union bureaucracy of Chicago is not interested in the welfare of the workers. They prefer the advantages which accrue to themselves out of the loot-laden victories of such a gang as that of Thompson and the \$77,000,000 bond issue.

The overthrow of the entire gang that participated on both sides of the Chicago fight, and the labor bureaucrats who support them, and the capitalist class which really rules them, is the task of the working class. Not the reformism of Ruth Hanna McCormick and the labor-hating king of the Pullman empire, but the revolutionary program of the Workers (Communist) Party, will give the workers their liberation from the gunman rule of capital.

## CAPITALISM "TRIES" ITS ENEMIES



Sam Bonita, Adam Moleski and Steve Mendola, members of the United Mine Workers' Union, are on trial in the coal operators' court. Into this capitalist court, with the demand for their death, John L. Lewis, agent of the operators, drives these workers because they dared to fight to save the union from betrayal and destruction.

By Fred Ellis

## San Francisco I. L. D. Helps Mine Relief

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., (By Mail).—As I have shaken my boss and so now have some leisure time on my hands, I will give you a few particulars about the activities of the comrades in this vicinity. First as to the relief work for the Colorado miners.

**16 Organizations.**  
We have been able to get the cooperation of a quite a number of the best elements among the I. W. W., tho officially we were not able to get delegates from that organization, except in one instance. But we managed to draw into the work 16 organizations in all.

We held three mass meetings in Frisco, two in Oakland and one in San Jose, the latter in the Labor Temple which was donated free. In spite of the small attendance \$100 was raised for the relief. At all these meetings the I. W. W. speakers were the principle ones.

As a result we have added to the membership of the International Labor Defense, and have sent from San Francisco to Colorado close to \$800, besides 3,000 lbs. of clothes, for which we had to pay about \$200 for transportation. We still have a few dollars from the dance recently held.

**Push Penn.-Ohio Relief.**  
The Pennsylvania-Ohio miners' relief has also been pushed, principally among the American Federation of Labor. A number of unions have donated to the relief fund. I understand that a carload of clothes has been sent east. There have been many individual donations sent with the lists which the committee sent out from Pittsburgh.

—FRISCO WORKER.

# Two Features of the Miners' Conference

By MARTIN ABERN

The Save-the-Union conference had many important features, but two of which are herein dealt with: One, the delegation from the Illinois district; and two, discussion on the Anthracite situation.

At this conference the delegation from Illinois, district 12, was represented by close to one hundred delegates.

### Veteran Leaders.

The delegation was led by the old leaders among the Illinois miners, such as John Watts, Tom Parry, Freeman Thompson, George Voyzey and others. They represented mature, seasoned fighters in the struggle of the United Mine Workers Union. They had been leaders in the famous "wild-cat strike" throughout Illinois in 1921, a militant leadership which refused to acquiesce in the moth-worn conservative traditions of the Farrington-Lewis machine; and they brought out the workers then in that strike, among other things, in behalf of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

The delegation from Illinois, in many ways, was the most substantial delegation at the Save-the-Union Conference, particularly when it is considered that they came from the distances of Southern and Central Illinois. This delegation gave solidity and substance to the conference which was attended by 1125 delegates altogether.

The conference was a demonstration to the Labor movement in general, as well as to the membership of the United Mine Workers, that the Save-the-Union movement was not merely an upstart movement, led by some "irresponsible youngsters, new leaders, etc."

Rather it showed that the old militant fighters of the type of Thompson, Watts, Perry, Slinger, were as one with the younger elements coming forward in the United Mine Workers of the type of Minerich, Haggood, as well as the older types like Brophy in other districts, etc., and were uniting their energies and forces to carry out the elementary needs of the membership in the union.

### Needs of Union.

These needs are: To restore the Union to the rank and file; to remove the Union control and domination from the traitors and crooks like Lewis and Cappelini and place it into the hands of honest, militant unionists; to fight for a national agreement; to develop and spread the strike into Illinois and unorganized territories in support of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Miners; to organize the unorganized;—in brief: To save the union for the rank and file.

The Illinois delegation from the outset took a prominent and leading part in the proceedings of the conference. It is not a matter of passing attention, but of quite some significance that the chairman of the conference was John Watts from the Illinois district. Watts is one of the old mine leaders among the progressive and militant forces in Illinois and has a record of struggle of many years against John L. Lewis and Farrington.

The Illinois delegation represented genuine progressives and left-wingers and not pseudo-progressives of the type of John Hindmarsh who play

## "You Can Jail Us but You Can't Stop Mass Picketing"



Police "cosacks" who attempted to smash the mass picket line at Library, Pa., are shown above. "You can throw us into jail, but you can't stop us and you can't stop mass picketing," the courageous wives of the striking miners cried as the police charged. Tear bombs were the reply of the authorities to the resistance of the militant miners and their wives.

between the progressives and the Lewis forces.

This large delegation from Illinois made certain that a real fight will be made as the delegates return; that the scab mines in Illinois will be picketed en masse; that a 100 per cent strike in Illinois in support of the Pennsylvania and Ohio miners will be attained.

### The Anthracite Issue.

The propaganda carried on by the forces of the Save-the-Union Committee for spreading the strike into organized and unorganized mine territories now at work, had its repercussions and effects at the Conference. This demand for the general strike of the coal fields to win the strike is correct agitation and propaganda and represents the best interests of the rank and file. That this demand of the progressive and mil-

itant forces for a general strike was echoed time and again by the delegates at the Save-the-Union Conference demonstrated fully that the delegates at this conference had a fundamental, sound and healthy outlook on the miners' needs.

During the course of the discussion on the organization of the unorganized, the question of tactics regarding striking other fields came up for discussion. The recommendation of the sub-committee was first to strike Illinois, Indiana and Kansas on April 1st, and then on the 16th the Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset and Green counties, i.e., Pennsylvania unorganized territory, and use these as a base for spreading into other unorganized sections.

It was proposed also by delegates that a call be issued at once for a strike in the Anthracite. A discussion

for many hours took place. However, at this point the sound leadership and the understanding of the delegates came to the front. Everyone desired the general strike called. But in the Anthracite territory, where the Lewis-Cappelini machine still has some strength; where the Brennan opposition forces tend to dissipate and weaken a united action of the rank and file by playing between the Cappelini and Lewis machines; where the progressive and left-wingers supporting the program of the Save-the-Union Committee is not yet sufficiently strong—the delegation came to the conclusion that to issue a call now for an anthracite strike would be premature, unlikely to be widely successful, and would play into the hands of the Lewis-Cappelini oligarchy.

The resentment of the delegates at the division Lewis had created among the miners by a separate agreement in the Anthracite was strong. A healthy sentiment for a struggle was present, but the delegates realized that a strike now would have demonstrated unpreparedness of the progressive forces in that territory and finally accepted, virtually unanimously, the recommendation of the sub-committee to refer this question to the national committee to work out a program for drawing the anthracite into the strike as soon as possible to achieve success.

### Significant Features.

This vehement discussion for a number of hours at the conference showed many significant features of great importance to the movement among the miners. The aims of the conference, as pointed out, first spoke generally for the issuance of the anthracite strike call, but sound leadership prevailed. This overwhelming vote and discussion on the question,

which was led by Brophy, Minerich, Toohey, Plecathy, Haggood, etc., showed the following:

One, that the mass of the delegates had confidence in the integrity of the leadership of the Save-the-Union forces. Such confidence in the honesty of leadership is not obtained merely by words of the leaders, but by a demonstration of their abilities and activities in the struggle. This had evidently been shown to the satisfaction of the delegates.

Two, this discussion brought forward qualities of leadership both among the established leaders of the Save-the-Union forces, as well as among the new elements.

Three, it demonstrated the ability of the mass of delegates at the conference to reason and think out the concrete situation correctly, and not be swayed merely by their desires and emotional reactions. It proved conclusively that this Save-the-Union delegation was miles ahead, intellectually and in leadership, of any previous gathering of miners hitherto held.

Four, this discussion particularly prepared the delegates to return to their local unions and districts to go ahead militantly for carrying out the program of the conference, and particularly for spreading the miners' strike systematically and persistently in every field.

### Problems of Delegates.

At the same time it must be pointed out that even this difficult situation at the conference might have been avoided by a greater clarification and preparation of the miners before the conference in regard to the miners' situation, especially in the anthracite territory. After all, it is too simple and easy to excuse these difficulties because we have been successful in passing through the crisis. The main problems yet remain before the miners.

The delegates must go back to the locals and districts and mobilize the membership to carry out the program; to carry out local elections to oust the reactionaries and put in militant and progressive forces on the Save-the-Union program; to prepare for district conferences for the struggle to kick the Lewis machine out of the union; and to take over the Miners' Union for the rank and file.

This conference demonstrated that our Party is sinking its roots more and more among the workers in the basic industries. With continued militant and organized leadership of the progressive and Party forces, our program and movement will win.

At the recent convention and plenums of our Party the perspective that the working class in America would be drawn very shortly into bitter struggles against capitalist oppression and intense exploitation and governmental persecution was drawn and accepted. This perspective has been fully justified and the successful conference of the Save-the-Union forces of the United Mine Workers of America, held in Pittsburgh, April 1st and 2d, bears witness that these struggles are developing the class consciousness and organization of the workers, under the direction of a militant left wing policy which receives its clearest expression in the policy and program of the Workers (Communist) Party.

## BULL

Bull head, bull neck, bull shoulders,  
Protector of the rich against the poor,  
Harrasser of the unfortunate,  
Traitor on the downtrodden,  
Smashing the heads of his victims:  
The picket, the violator of the law, the  
loiterer, the suspect.  
Let them come singly or in small groups,  
He is prepared with his billy and gat—  
But what, oh what shall he do  
When they come by the thousands?

—HENRY REICH, Jr.