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THE COSSACKS AT WORK

Used on Side of Employers to Break

Strike at Rome, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y.-How well justified

vas the opposition of the socialist as-

semblymen of New York in opposing

the establishment of a state constab-

ulary, on the grounds that the troop-

ers, or "cossacks," would be used on

the side of employers to coerce strik-

ing workers, is demonstrated in the

or dispute at Rome, N. Y., where

he metal trades are in conflict with

the masters. On July 14, the cossacks

of the mayor to the governor, and on

the following day the New York

"Times" was able to report gloating

"A few broken heads and the arrest

of between thirty and forty foreigners

among the striking metal workers, put

a decidedly different complexion on

bout largely through the efforts of the state troopers, assisted by the

local police force and deputy sheriffs.

congregate, the troopers riding their

horses through and breaking up such

For more than five weeks the metal

workers, some 4,000 in number, had

facturers refused to grant. As a re

and Discontent

the order of the day, it appears from

an article in "Common Sense," in

which specific instances are cited in

proof of the growing "signs of im-

refused to go aboard a transport that

was to ship them back to the conti-

2. At Witley Camp, Canadian

soldiers, impatient with the delay in

demobilization, set fire to the camp

and burned down the shelters of 20,-

3. Gordon Highlanders refused to

4. At Brocton Camp, near Stafford,

about 160 men marched into Stafford

complain to the civic authorities on

5. At Ripon trouble coccurred

among Canàdians in camp, because

the date of their departure for Canada

6. At Epsom the police station was

wrecked, a sergeant killed, and all

the constables injured, by about 400

Canadian soldiers, who were incensed

at the locking-up of one of their mem-

bers on a charge of being drunk and

Otto Branstetter was sent into Mich-

igan to reorganize that state for the

pary despots. He returned to the na-

tional office with a very long face. A

local of seven members was the only

opposition to the tyranical acts of the

national executive committee.

had been indefinitely postponed.

sail from Aberdeen, Scotland, for In-

cited are the following:

000 men

dia on June 14.

disorderly.

being ordered to India.

Mutinies in the British army are

assemblages.'

. . : No crowds were allowed to

ere dispatched there at the request

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## MINERS AID THE I.W.W.

Executive Board of Kansas District Denounces Wichita Frameup and levies Assessment for Defense of Prisoners.

A heavy blow was dealt to the plans of the Oil trust last week when the executive board of the coal miners of Kansas, 15,000 strong, adopted resolutions demanding a fair trial for the members of the I. W. W. Oil Workers Union who have been sealed up in the Kansas dungeons for over twenty months without trial. The resolutions of protest were coupled with the levying of a voluntary assessment of ten cents per member for the legal defense of the persecuted oil workers.

This action, coming from the most powerful organization of labor of the state, created a sensation in political circles and is said by shrewd observers at Topeka to have knocked Fred Robertson's candidacy for Governor into a cocked hat. The failure of Robertson to bring the I. W. W. men to trial

for a period of twenty months and his action in holding the men in jail after two indictments had been thrown out by Judge Pollock have caused widespread criticism throughout the state. Ugly stories of Standard Oil influence behind the prosecution have been afloat for several months and the storm of protest from the workers has been steadily gathering since the full details of the frame-upand conspiracy were exposed in the special edition of The Workers' World.

At the same session when the action was taken for the I. W. W. men, the executive board of the miners also adopted resolutions demanding general amnesty for all political and After reciting industrial prisoners. the fact that amnesty has already been declared by European Governments, the resolution quotes from the writings of . Thomas Jefferson and Woodrow Wilson and urges "the necessity of granting an immediate general amnesty to all political prisoners. whose -political, religious or economic beliefs form the basis of their prose-

## FRENCH LABOR UNITED

"C. G. T." Joins Hands with Socialist Party for Aggressive Action

An event of the utmost importance to the labor movement of France. if not indeed of the whole world, has been demanding an eight-hour day and for the first time come to the atten- an increase in pay. This the manuists in copies of "Le Populaire," dated sult work in the plants of the Rome June 13 which have arrived in New Brass and Copper Co., Rome Manu-York. This event, which appears to | facturing Co., Rome Wire Co., and two have been carefully omitted in the allied industries is at a standstill. capitalist dispatches from France, is nothing less than the General Federation of Labor, popularly known as the "C. G. T." (Confederation Generale du BRITISH SOLDIERS MUTINY Travail), and the Socialist Party have united. To any one familiar with the pre-war conservatism of the "C. G. T." | Many Signs of Growing Impatience this event demonstrates forcibly how radicalism has advanced by leaps and bounds during the great war.

The epoch-making incident is heralded in "Le Populaire" in a fat, seven-column headline running straight across the front page of this brave paper edited by Jean Longuet, grandson of Karl Marx.

The text of the news item is as fol-

"In connection with the meetings which have been held by the delegates of the Socialist Party and the General Federation of Labor, yesterday afternoon and this morning, at the Federation office, the following order of the day has been adopted:

"The two organizations, the C. G. T. and the S. P., are united. They have examined the conditions under which they may act in order to assure the maximum of autonomy and of independence to each one of them and the unity of action necessitated by the actual circumstances.

"In conformity with the agreement which has been arrived at they have

decided as follows: "'In view of the labor and socialist conferences which are to be held at the end of the week between the organizations of France, Italy, England and Belgium, these conferences, in accordance with resolutions which have already been adopted by the C. G. T. in its national federate committee and by the party in its last Congress, have for their object the organization of an international demonstration in unison with the different countries represented

"'It has been agreed that the character of this demonstration should be result of his trip, the English locals fully discussed by the labor confer and branches being a unit in their ence which will be held at the same date with the socialist conference."

## Here is the Resolution of United Mine Workers Demanding Fair Play for the I. W. W.

WHEREAS, the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 14, in their fight for industrial justice have learned the bitterness with which the coal operators unite against the workers and the extent to which they will go to accomplish their own purpose, and

WHEREAS, they have learned also that this same injustice is exercised by the owners of many other industries, especially in their determination that the workers shall not organize to protect their rights, and

WHEREAS, in November, 1917, a group of 35 men, all members of a newly organized union, the Oil Workers Industrial Union, were arrested without warrant in the oil fields in and about Augusta and Eldorado, Kansas, and for nearly twenty months have been held in various iails throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the oil fields of Kansas and Oklahoma have for many years been in a badly disorganized state, every attempt to form a union of the workers being crushed by the owners of the oil wells, and

WHEREAS, on two separate occasions, that is, in September, 1918, and March, 1919, the indictment against these 35 men, above referred to, was quashed, the Grand Jury hastily convened, a new indictment returned, and the case set over to the next term of Court, and

WHEREAS, while we are unacquainted with the charges alleged against these oil workers, except that the indictment charges violation of the Espionage Act, the Draft Act, the Food and Fuel Act, all of which are war measurers, never-the-less, we believe if any crime had been committed by these workers it would not require two years to frame up an indictment that would stand the test in court, and

WHEREAS, the long months of imprisonment and the great expense attached to the trial of a case of such magnitude necessitates a strong defense fund, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of District No. 14, United Min. Workers of America, that our organiz since lend our support to our brother workers in the Oil Workers' redustrial Union, to the end that they they receive justice.

WE, THEREFORE, recommend to the members of our organization that the various local unions throughout the District levy an assessment of ten cents per member on each member of your local union in the month of August to assist in the defense of these brothers who have been in prison the past twenty months; the amount donated by each local union to be sent to Thomas Harvey, District Secretary, and he will send you a receipt for the amount and will also send all money received for this purpose to the proper parties in Wichita, who 'are connected with this case. The Local Unions are not obligated to pay this small assessment unless you feel disposed to do so. It is hoped, however, that our members will respond to the call as they have always done in the past to assist in the great cause of Justice, those who are now in a position where they are unable to help themselves.

SIGNED on behalf of the executive board.

ALEXANDER HOWAT, Pres. Dist. No. 14, U. M. W. of A. THOMAS HARVEY,

Sec. Dist. No. 14, U. M. W. of A.

patience and discontent." The facts Editor, Workers' World: 1. At Dover, 200 seasoned soldiers

venworth. I want this to go in as a are in prison. special contribution in addition to the amount I have pledged to the endow-

ment fund. I hope all the comrades Enclosed find check for five dol-will remember their obligation to the This is my response to the brave boys who have sacrificed so

Yours for the Workers' World,

## PLOT WAR ON MEXICO

Powerful Banking Group, Head ed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Conspire to Sieze Oil Fields in Name of Patriotism.

Intervention in Mexico by the United States with a view to making our sister republic safe for Anglo-French-American financial imperialism is being put over on the people of the United States with amazing rapidty. Among the significant facts the last few weeks which have transpired without apparently creating any particular stir are the following:

1. A meeting was recently held in the Bankers' Club. New York City, between representatives of American oil interests in Mexico and a leading religious organization, to map out the campaign of spiritual uplift for our boys in the inevitable war with Mexico.

2. A host of translators and legal experts are at work in New York City NOW to figure out a method by which IRON HEEL IN CANADA certain enormous oil and gas properties may nominally be held by native dummy directors to conform with Mexican law, but the real control may reside in Wall Street, New York.

3. For the last six months higher officials of the American Army have campaign by the United States troops.

4. The British Government has already taken over title to the oil holdings of its nationals in Mexico, and has thus perfected an important step toward an Anglo-American alliance to exploit our sister nation.

most powerful banking groups in the world, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York and in cluding British and French bankers besides other American firms, have organized themselves to protect the "rights" of foreign investors in Mexi-

6. An intensive campaign for intervention in Mexico-on humanitarian-not oil grounds is being waged upon President Wilson.

7. The New York Times on July made to the New York Times correspondent by a person who is usually well informed that President Wilson would soon appear before Congress and make an address on the Mexican problem, dealing with the matter along the lines of the McKinley Message to Congress which led to intervention in Cuba."

8. "Restore Law and Order" will be the slogan of our war with Mexico, just as "Making the World Safe for Democracy" was our government's slogan for fighting the Germans. Says the New York Times:

"A canvass of the situation seems to indicate that American intervention in Mexico, not for the purpose of interfering with the sovereign right of Mexicans to govern themselves, but to WHO FIRED THE WHEAT? interfering with the sovereign right of protect the lives and rights of foreigners in Mexico, and to restore law Beloit Editor Says I. W. W. Accuser and order, may be a matter of months

3,000 ITALIANS, BOUND FOR HOME,

New York, July 20.—Nearly 3.000 Italians, bound for Italy, were lined up here yesterday afternoon, ready to go through the necessary proceedings preparatory to sailing. This was said special appeal in last weeks' issue much for us and make an extra effort by officials to be the greatest number from the boys who have gone to Lea- to keep the paper going while they seeking to return to their homeland on one day since before the war. The early prospect of an Italian Socialist republic is given by the Italians as Sam Rosenzweig. the reason for their going home.

A Deluge of Persecution Descending Upon the Workers

Winnipeg, July 21,-A veritable deluge of persecutions is descending upon the workers of western Canada, been drawing up plans for a Mexican and is keeping the Royal Northwest Mounted police—the Canadian cossacks-busy at the heroic task of breaking into the homes of workers and into their labor union headquar-

> At Vancouver, the Labor Temple was made the object of the "gas attack" of the cossacks, who were acting under orders of the Citizens' League. A systematic raid was executed. Then the cossacks, looking for fresh worlds to conquer, paid visits to the homes of the president and the secretary of the council, to various members of its executive committee, to the chairman of the central strike committee, and to the home of a lecturer who was just then in Seattle. Almost simultaneously another di-

> vision of the cossacks, eager to share ed to Vancouver, invaded at night the headquarters of the Winnipeg Trades Council, blew open its safe and carried off what ever they pleased. The homes of many workers were ransacked. As these were in some cases away from home, visiting friends with their wives and children, the cossacks merely broke the door-locks and forced their entry.

> In other cities, too, the raiders conducted "successful" skirmishes against the workers. Calgary leaders came in for extensive visits. So also did those of Saskotoon. Brandon leaders also came in for attention. The same was true of Montreal.

was "Wrongly Informed"

Comrade Gertrude Harmon of Lawrence, Kansas, sends us the following letter received from the Beloit "Daily Call" which certainly gives the direct lie to all recent insidious statements three deep around the Customs House in the public press accusing the I. W. W. of being responsible for the wheat field fires. One of the prominent business men of Lawrence had warned Mrs. Harmon about the "terrible I. W. W." referring to her visiting the four intelligent young men held in Lawrence County jail for so many months without trial. When she asked his reason for considering them dangerous he said "Don't you know? Down in Beloit; Kansas, my own home, many farmers have had their wheat fields burned to the ground by the I. W. W." When she demanded names he couldn't think of one, and finally said she could get particulars from the Beloit Daily Call. She immediately wrote that paper and received this prompt re-

Mrs. Harmon:

As far as this office knows there has been no trouble here with the I. W. W. There have been a number of wheat field fires, but we have never heard of one being laid at the doors of the I. W. W., in fact in every case but one that we have heard of the fires have been caused directly by the owners themselves with gas engines or exhausts on their cars. Mr. Gill has evidently been wrongly informed on the matter, or he has information that we do not possess. Sincerely.

THE BELOIT DAILY CALL, Harry K. Houghton.



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## ONE BIG UNION

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## Playing with Fire

Scott Nearing

The leaders of the American Labor Movement are playing with fire. They are being feasted and honored; they time of capitalist justice. are hailed as patriots, and treated as equals by the President and the leading interests are taking union officials been occasioned by union activity.

The latest development is reported from Pittsburgh, where the Public Defense Association has filed a suit against the officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employes, and others, for \$2,000,000.00. The losses for which these damages are asked, were due to a strike during which citizens were forced to hire taxis, stores were deprived of shoppers, newspapers lost advertising, and factories were compelled to close down.

If this principle is upheld, all of the losses due to labor troubles may be assessed against the workers. Think what this might mean in Lawrence, Winnipeg, Seattle, Butte and New York.

Labor and capital may lie down together like the lion and the lamb; at meetings of the National Civic Federation. Charles M. Schwab and Woodrow Wilson may praise Samuel Gompers and laud his organization, but when it comes to a show-down before the courts in a country where as President Wilson puts it.-"The masters of the Government of the United States are the combined capitalists and manufacturers of the United States" the worker and the worker's organization should look to itself, for it will be shorn as clean as ever a shearer clipped a guileless sheep.

## THEY DO NOT KNOW

(By Edward Rutledge.)

It would take too long to enumerate all the things the people do not know about Russia. This is not a book. However, a selection at random might be edifying.

The people do not know that 95 per cent of Russian adults can vote, while in America the percentage is 65, which disposes of the charge of Bolshevik

autocracy. They do not know that the soviet form of government dominated Russia in one week after the revolution, all

unparalleled in history. They do not know that Lenine is serving for \$60 a month and Trotzky cialism has past. The period of for lack of leadership. for \$90, the latter receiving the larger dreamy discussion and of theoretical

and two children. They do not know that Russia lost Italy and America combined and that Litovsk was forced on an exhausted from its ranks its spineless sympalution. country.

They do not know that the Bolsheviki carried on extensive revolutionary propaganda in Germany and Austria, thereby greatly increasing unrest hundreds of American lives.

They do not know that Trotzky has been an almost fanatical opponent of autocracy all his life, and that his book, "The Bolsheviki and World Peace," is the most damning indictment of Imperial Germany ever peace made at Brest-Litovsk "a brigand's peace," admitting that it threw obtainable at the time.

appeals were made for machinery and population retards the development of ing themselves to enter the fight for tion, and that action on the separate seethes with the spirit of revolution ance of these gentlemen who do not until it was plain that no material assistance could be expected from America or any of the Allies.

able. The people must be given it. Party is that the Left considers the themselves and learn whether they are part of the Entente forces in Odessa New light is at hand; the people must revolution not a vague probability but of the stuff of which genuine revolube guided by it, lest they continue to a swiftly approaching actuality. Its grope in darkness. This work is great scientific analysis of the present situwork and hard work-nothing of ation convinces it that the country is child's play about it. Much prejudice economically ripe for revolt. It rehas developed. Calm, careful thinking alizes that the country is not ripe ical periodicals, the deportation of agiis the exception. The less people know psychologically, but it realizes also the more they seem to talk, and the that an acute crisis may easily create of what is coming. The era of the more stubbornly do they resist at a psychology productive of revolt. Iron Heel, so graphically depicted by tempts to set them right. The hue Everywhere there is a quickening dis Jack London a few years ago in his and cry once raised about Socialism is satisfaction with the present order. It novel of that title, and scoffed at by being transferred to Bolshevism, the has manifested itself in Lawrence, in skeptic socialists is already upon us. forces of falsehood realizing that their Butte, in Seattle, in scores of other We may expect the imprisonment and former efforts have failed completely places. When this sporadic dissatis- deportation of thousands more of our

In order to make life more bearable or the hundreds of working-class prisoners who are languishing in American Bastilles because of their eco nomic agitation, the Workers' Defense Union through its national headquarters at 7 East 15th Street, New York, is making a wide appeal to men and women from the ranks of labor to write letters to the unfortunate vic-

"These men must not be allowed to be either bent or broken," says the ers of the Administration. Mean-appeal. "Write to the Workers' Dewhile, in case after case, the employ- fense Union and get a list of names of working-class prisoners. Write once and union men into court and asking | n a while to some one. Send flowers. for damages to cover losses that have | Send books. Send money, any amount, to be used exclusively for books and The Danbury Haters Case set the periodicals to be sent to those incar-

#### No Life in A. F. of L.

But the most important symptom was in the attitude of the radicals themselves. They were not disheartened by the results of the Convention. After all, it was what they had expected, and at the end their attitude seemed to be that or men who had found what they came to find. All with whom I talked were very cheerful. The Convention had proved itself not only reactionary, but entirely out of touch with the Labor movement of the new era. It was not the rank and file which was represented here; this was a gathering largely of national and international officers, profoundly ignorant, profoundly selfish-business men, looking out for their jobs. The "radical" delegates—the Westerners and the foreigners, as can be noticed, acting to gether-were at last, I thought, and finally, convinced that the American Federation of Labor was nothing but a putrid corpse, and that life was not in it: that what new life shall come into the Labor movement must come, not through the bourgeois political machinery by which the Federation is controlled, but from the new revolutionary impulse stirring at the bottom among the workers on the job.

And they seemed to feel that the Thirty-ninth Convention of the American Federation of Labor had provided them with some pretty good propaganda against the Trade-Unionism of before-the-war, which, although it is not yet apparent, has gone as completely out of the world as Wilson's Fourteen Points.

Federation of Labor. Without Capi and progress. talism there would be no A. F. of L. 8. A Presidential election where needs and will justify your help. -From John Reed's story of the A. F. of L. Convention.

## Something to Think About

By JAMES WALDO FAWCETT

times; there was a great deal of senseless unemployment, starvation, suffering. Landlords were busy evictdreds of families were destitute.

I used to go about in the slums and watch the misery rampant there. wanted to "write it up;" to try to show the cause and the effect of the thing. I prepared some articles on what I had seen and submitted them to my City Editor. He looked over what I had written and handed back the whole lot.

"Nothing doing!" he said. "Stow that stuff. Give them something else to think about."

Something else to think about, in

Now the world is suffering again; the same disease, but worse, the same cause, but more acute, the same effect, but-unspeakably more of it.

And the plute press is giving the people something else to think about. The same old tactics, the same self-

We should be working out a solution for our social troubles. Instead we are being taught to think about: 1. A so-called League of Nations,

framed by a group of silly old men working for greedy capitalists and imperialists generally.

2. Prohibition laws that will not prohibit.

3. Airplane flights from one side of the world to another, "stunts" that have no relation whatever to a suppressed working class denied not only the ways and means of travel but also the normal communication and transmission of mere written

4. Prize fights where the biggest brute wins and the deluded audience

5. A long drawn out trial to decide whether or not a billionaire automobile manufacturer is an anar-

6. An extra large crop of sensational murders, robberies and divorce

7. "Investigations" of Bolshevism by fanatical incompetents already Capitalism created the American everything that makes for change

And the end of Capitalism is in sight. one group of reactionary politicians will be succeeded by another equally about, something really worth think reactionary group.

Some years ago I was working as a 9. Cheap books, plays and "mov reporter on a big metropolitan news- ies" produced by those "who know paper. It was a period of very hard what the public wants" for a public not quite so sure.

10. Carefully written propaganda to prepare the people for war with ing tenants who could not pay. Hun- Mexico, Japan and-continued war

> 11. "Sporting news" and "finan cial news," all bought and paid for, brought forth by the yard and mea sured up in sections.

12. Personal society twaddle o the sfiliest variety. "Mr. and Mrs. Silver Spoon are spending the summer at Giltrox-on-the-Hudson," etc.

13. Last, but not least, great quan tities of the most vicious perversion of everything attempted by labor, shameless attacks on radicals in all countries, and lies, lies, lies about Soviet Russia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland India, Egypt, China and

The tragedy of the situation is that the people really do read this junk. Watch your neighbors in street car or subway; they are all reading the pre digested pap of the plute press. It is because they have been educated to read it, because they are so tired. because they can for a moment forget their own troubles in watching the troubles of others. But we are not discouraged. The people can be fooled for a time, but the time is almost up. And when the people awake, God help the bosses who have cheated and murdered them! In Ber lin, during the revolution, the radical attack was directed on the newspaper buildings; the Spartacides know the value of the printed word. We know it, too; and the salvation of our cause and of the world is the education of the masses to an appreciation of the weight of their chains and a desire to throw them off. We Socialists must build up a press so strong that every lie the enemy promulgates will be answered before it is uttered, so strong that no amount of government oppression will stifle our voice, so powerful in its appeal that will resist it.

Comrades, support and uphold the convinced of the wickedness of radical press. Dig deep into your thin purses. THE WORKERS' QRLD is fighting your fight and it

> We shall have something to think ing about.

## PUSHING THE WORLD Tom Roberts came in Wednesday

with his regular weekly donation of one dollar to the endowment fund. Tom is one of the regulars, never having missed a single week since the paper started.

"You are putting out a mighty fine paper," says comrade Lillian K. Bullard of Herace, Kansas. She sends in two subs.

"I believe the Workers' World is going to make a hit here. I will do all Party for the stand taken in regard I can to push it along," writes J. L. Creviston of Mulberry, Kansas. He couples his faith with good works by sending in two subs.

All the live ones are not-in Kansas, however. Edward Rutledge, the State Secretary of Nebraska is a consistent booster for the World as well as a contributor of first class copy. "All here like the paper," he says, "and high taxes. It doesn't mean education. will support it in the way it deserves eventually."

Comrade Frank Krasich, formerly of Kansas City, Kansas, has moved to Chicago. He took a bunch of sub cards with him and is putting them to good use.

Comrade Lachner of St. Louis orders 100 copies a week to help wake up St. Louis. Look out for the big "Triple Alliance" for revolutionary Socialism: Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis!

"Here's a Dollar for my subscription," writes Gordon B. Hoover of Big Springs, Nebr. "I have just returned from France," he says, "and am glad to know our movement is not dead in the U. S." Comrade Hoover has promised to write about his experiences for The World. Watch for his

Comrade Thos. McMillan of Coyville, Kansas, says: "The Russian people are showing the workers of the world what could be done if they would all unite and stop fighting one not one single working man or woman another and bring in the year of jubilee. I delivered the five copies of The Workers' World you sent to persons I thought would be interested. They say it is allright and may subscribe, which is the main thing. I am enclosing one dollar for my sub."

> I am distributing the bundle of papers you sent and hope it may be the means of awakening many of the heedless workers to a realization of their helpless condition under this system of greed and graft. Enclosed find one dollar as subscription to The Workers' World.

Fraternally. H Hershh Hutchinson, Kansas.

Gust Westlin comes to the bat again with his regular monthly donation of three dollars to the endowment fund.

"Put me on your list for 50 copies." writes Tom Doyle from Ellsworth, Kansas. "Robertson sure stopped the I. W. W. drive here alright," he says. "There are about 30 of us here; most of them delegates."

A check for ten dollars is Comrade J. Gitterman's contribution to keep the flag flying while the boys are at Leavenworth.

"Yours for the Left Wing," is the way Comrade Stutz of St. Louis closes a letter. Then he adds a P. S .- "Enclosed find one dollar for a subscription to The Workers' World."

Where would you rather spend your money? With a firm that advertises in the masters' press or one that advertises in your paper?

The negroes were conscripted to 'make the world safe for democracy" and yet America is not safe for the Negro.—Editorial "Negro Messenger."

### The Pulse of the Movement

(Under this heading we aim to print each week letters from readers.) No Reform For Him.

Mt. Hope, Kansas. Editor, Workers' World:

I just received a circular from St. Louis Headquarters decrying the action of the Michigan State Socialist to reform movements which mean endless legal enactments of which the Country is now surfeited. While the Michigan comrades may have been just a little previous, I heartily coincide with their idea of doing away with the clap-trap business, and devoting our time only to real fundamentals. Let the Appeal To Reason whoop for Government Ownership and

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#### Are You Ready? By Alanson Sessions We advocates of revolutionary so- no one can tell. But it justifies revo- | der of hundreds of our group—perhaps with a lack of violence and blood-shed cialism should begin to realize that lutionary socialists in organizing an thousands.

the path ahead of us is not one strewn | educated and militant minority so that with roses. The day of parlor so- when the crisis comes it will not fail conscious of what participation in a to dare and die in the final conflict.

I do not mean to say that the overturn will occur in 1920-or even in in those countries, hastening the end the date. All that we know, or care gathered from the following remark of the war and incidentally saving to know for practical purposes, is that must proceed to prepare for action.

America can no longer isolate itself

fairs of the rest of the world. Just as the logic of events forced it into entangling alliances in the world confight. penned; that Lenine himself calls the flict, so will the inexorable forces of them gently and has spoken kindly to evolution render it susceptible to the propaganda of Bolshevism spreading out Bolshevism, however. Russia into an abyss of humiliating defrom the Old World. America lags Bolshevism has glunged Russia into feat, but declaring that it was the best behind the European nations because utter confusion, financially, industriit is a comparatively young nation. It ally and socially. They do no know that Russia looked is still flushed with its triumphant to America for assistance; that frantic victory in the recent war. Its polyglot tions are endorsing resolutions pledgtechnical men and means for building a unified revolutionary sentiment. But the extermination of Bolshevism. We up an army to resist German domina- when the remainder of the world will not dwell on the pathetic ignorpeace with Germany was postponed it is only a matter of time before a see that Bolshevism in Russia emerged geographically isolated nation suc- triumphant after a half century of the

cumbs to the wave of rebellion. Authoritative information is avail- Left and Right wings of the Socialist call themselves socialists must inspect

The tendency of the times precludes amount on account of having a wife controversy is obsolete. In these our taking other than a militantly reversely of class vengeance? Are we United States we are on the verge of olutionary position. If we mean busa titanic revolution—a revolution in liness, if we are sincere in our talk be necessary—to endure untold sufmore in the war than Belgium, France, volving loss of life, bloodshed and jail about revolution, we cannot pusillanifering and hardship for the cause? sentences. The time has come when mously inform our critics that we are the much-denounced treaty of Brest- the socialist movement must weed in favor only of an "orderly" revo- Paine uttered those immortal words: We know the mind of the thizers and build a membership ready master class sufficiently well to know souls." No truer statement can be that it will do all in its power to make said of the crisis to-day. The time the transition a disorderly one.

Some idea of the character of the 1925. One cannot accurately predict opposition which awaits us may be of Dean David P. Barrows of the Uniit will occur in the near future. And versity of California at a recent conupon this justifiable assumption we vention of educators held in San Francisco:

"Bolshevism is directed at the very from the political and economic af- foundation of the civilization of the world, and I believe in killing the Bolsheviki. them with militarism. It is time to America has treated

The country over, patriotic organiza-

The essential difference between the persecution. The point is that all who

tionists are made The imprisonment of 2,000 I. W. W. Socialists and other malcontents, the blanket suppression of a hundred radtators,—these are but a dainty taste faction will flare up into open revolt comrades. We may expect the mur-

revolutionary struggle implies? Are we prepared philosophically for the determined—yes, even eager, if it

Over a hundred years ago Thomas "These are the times that try men's cries for men and women with the courage of their convictions-eager to serve though service leads to suffering and death. It is easy to repeat the shibboleths of revolution—it is harder to act the rebel when the test

Are you morally and spiritually armed for the fray?

According to "L'Humanite," a Russian wireless of May 19 announces the refusal of Greece to continue the fight gainst Soviet Russia as follows: "The Greek Admiral of Sebastopol has assured the representative of the Red Army that henceforth Greece will not participate in the operations against Bolshevik Russia. Previous to his departure he called with other diplomatic representatives on the President

the Revolutionary Committee and repeated his assurances of Greek sympathy for Soviet Russia. In their private conversations the Greek representatives condemned in strong terms the Entente's action of forcing the most brutal kind of oppression and Greeks to participate in operations against the Red Army.'

Greek troops constituted a large

How "patriotism" can be exhibited without financial loss, is demonstrated by the National Cloak and Suit Company, a million dollar mail order concern of this city. This firm gave proof of its 100 per cent Americanism by closing its offices on July 4th and giving its employes the "day off."

After their return to work, however, the workers paid for this patriotic observance by working an hour longer each day until the loss to the company

## Musings

By John DeQueer.

I have lived today. Lived in the great and vital sense. No I have not made a dollar. I have produced or acquired nothing that can be sold or traded for concrete stuff. I have just lived life as I love to live it.

I did not eat until late in the afternoon, and I drank nothing stronger than water-and yet how sweetly I lived. ---? No I did not make love. I do that by Mail. Neither did I wander out into the woods to converse with Nature and Nature's God. I did none of these things. And yet the day was one short span of perfect pleasure. Pleasure such as one does not experience in every day life but only on rare and wonderful occasions. Occasions that become mile stones in ficient to make the hospital the best one's existence; that stand out as beacon lights on the shores of life.

I have been in this town about four or five days and I had not seen a sign of a radical anywhere. In fact I asked the police and they did not know of any. Niagara Falls the home of Shredded Wheat, Corborundum, and electric power seemed entirely devoia of any reasoning above the dollar and the bible. And they did not reason on these subjects, for they simply | favor of the strong, so the main funcgrabbed the one, and swallowed the tion of Federation is the adjustment other, and digested neither. It was a lonely place.

Then I ran across a copy of the "New Age," a Socialist paper of left week. wing persuasion, published in Buffalo, it advertised a picnic to be held in Brauns Park, Buffalo, July 4-in honor of our erstwhile freedom.

I went to this picnic and it held two surprises for me. The first was I met an old time friend of mine whom I had known in Portland, Oregon, more the spirit of our celebration of what was Independence Day. Through him I became acquainted with many of the Comrades in Buffalo and listened later to an address given by Mrs. Tobinson on "Conditions in Siberia Under the Bolsheviki." Her address was so humanly logical and simply direct that it made every one ashamed of the fact that these people bent upon the peace of their land and the happiness are hampered by such acclaimed Democrats as the Mikado of Japan, the King of England, and the President of America each backed by military force. It was a pleasure to listen to Mrs. Tobinson from the simple fact she gave her message unembellished by any thing but fact. What she said was too natural to be fiction and to sinple to be propaganda.

All this, however, was only the prelude to the life I lived today, for I was my friend who took me back to the Falls and introduced me to two Rebel Cops. That was out of the ordinary. Next they introduced me to and these in the Italian Comrades, turn made me acquainted with some rebel doctors. It was all set.

We retired to the back room of a drug store run by a rebel druggist and there the vials of wrath were unloosed from half a dozen tongues upon all the evils that are spawned from the Womb of Capitalism. I do not think that we left a field untouched from geology to astronomy and from thence to the Nature of Matter, on the ozone of life-the evolution of the species, social, religious, political and economic institutions, up to Lenine, Trotsky, and Bela Kun, to say nothing of Kolchak, Mannerheim. Chas. Edie Russell. Spargo and other creeping and crawling things that pester mankind in their upward march from the Beast to the God. All passed under review in a half dozen accents and dialects. The imperfection of the language, however, did not detract from the perfection of the eulogy of the first three or from the thoroughness of the verbal chastisement of the last named individual. But that was not all. It predicting beforehand that the meetshowed me that in our foreign lan- ing will be a success as the boys of guage federations we have men and women whose heart and mind are big been known to fail in any undertakand loyal enough to their ideals to ing. raise above the artifically injected hatred of war times. And in spite of wars' savagery still cling with a child- duct a number of study classes in Solike devotion to the hope of the brotherhood of men, and the federation of the world.

We sat for four hours, and discussed were a conglomerate of Italians, Holling up the party membership and the landers, Germans, French, English and Russian.

The Masters had made their nations enemies but these here were children of the Internation. They were an aristocracy who will some day rule the world.

"When the battle flags are furled In the parliament of men, the federation of the world."

for meetings on July 30, 31, August Monday evening. July 28th, at Book-1 and 2. Every member should pre- binders' Hall. Mrs. Bloor will lead a pare to co-operate in getting up meet- discussion on the subject of "Woman's ings for this great orator of the move- Relation to Social Problems." ment.

A free hospital and not run by charity either, is a discovery made by the union men of Eureka, California.

It came into existence a few years ago when a whion lumber man had been injured. His companions could think of no better way to help him than to give him into the care of a doctor and nurse.

Before he was cured, another one of their number claimed medical attention and was passed over to the doctor and the nurse.

From this beginning grew the labor union hospital: and even though the lumber barons practically wiped the labor unions out of existence, the hospital survived.

It was upon a co-operative basis; the yearly membership tickets at \$12 each entitled holder to surgical and dical aid in the hospital.

This income has been entirely suf in the country and paid off money that had once been borrowed to establish ic.

#### "Jurisdict ""

The real business of the Convention was the settling of jurisdictional disputes. Just as one of the functions of the capitalist state is to settle disputes among the capitalist class, and to suppress the weak capitalist in of troubles between groups of skilled workers, and the strengthening of the powerful at the expense of the

A little union is formed in a new trade. This union grows, gets a char ter from the Federation, becomes important enough so that the great national and international unions about it covet its dues-paying membership, which would strengthen their own financial and political position. So they than eight years ago. This added to fall upon the little union and begin to compete for its membership. Then the little union appeals to the Fedcommittee is composed of persons obedient to the Gompers machine, in which are represented the presidents of the great unions. Then begins a bitter fight between the great unions for the fragments of the little union; and the end is that they partition it between them, like the Kingdom of Poland, or the Austrian Empire.-From John Reed's story of the A. F. of L. Convention.

## Hungary Under Working Class Rule

By Grace Hunter.

Budapest, Hungary, May 27. "Ten | sand workers. Before the war it was come to me for furniture and rooms" said the People's Commissary for Housing, Somlo, in answer to my first for his department. "The business of my department was originally intendempty rooms and roomless proletarians together but now that the working man and woman gets a living per cent. wage with a surplus, they seem to get married very fast. As soon as the knot is tied they come to this office not only for rooms but they must have kitchen utensils and other practical appliances to make the new home livable. Therefore I have had to open a clearing house for household furniture, socializing the unused furniture of the bourgeois and making sure discourage the attractiveness of facthat the proletarian brides and bridehome and encourage free love?" he

At one of the socialized factories which I visited in Budapest I got another sidelight on the lack of fear in taking up the responsibilities of married life which the Hungarian proletarians were showing. At this factory the controling council of workmen (women were equally represented on average about four hundred and eight it) decreed that the extra rooms in the houses in the neighborhood occupied by the prosperous bourgeoisie of ten years for women and of six (who formerly received the profits years for men is essential before from the factory) should be turned either can be classed as skilled workinto day nurseries for the children of ers. They account for this apparent the factory workers. The family could therefore come to the factory itself in the morning, deposit the chileration; and the Federation appoints dren in rooms of pleasantly situated a committee to investigate, and this houses nearby and at noon the mothers and fathers could spend their two nours of rest with the children, and at night the family could again be united in their journey home. "The factory the chairman of the Controlling Coun

m. and there are fifteen thousand

thousand couples have married in Bud | the largest incandescent lamp factory apest within the last two weeks and in Europe, but owing to the lack of materials it produces only ten or fifteen thousand lamps a day and the employees, in order to insure work question as to the greatest problem | for all, are employed only four hours a day though a full day's wage is paid them all. The Controlling Council of ed only as a clearing house to bring seven members, elected by the workers, raised the wages from one hundred per cent. at first to two hundred

I talked personally to many of those men and women workers. The aver age wage for women in this factory before the war was twenty crowns a week and under communism it is from 125 to 150 crowns a week. Older women are paid more than younge women not only for their experience but as a social party which desires to tory life for young girls. In fact, the grooms get what they need and need young girls of fifteen or sixteens years what they get." "Does this look as at present employed because they are though communism would abolish the skilled workers and can obtain no other employment are to be subject to the compulsory education up to eighteen years just as soon as the schools are organized for their admittance. Some of these older women workers get three or four hundred crowns a week.

> Skilled men workers before the war got sixty crowns a week and now crowns a week. The controlling council has decreed that an apprenticeship discrimination against women by pointing out that women have only recently during the war entered into the

"What has that to do with their present ability or the kind and quantity of work they can do?" I asked.

"It has notning to do with it," he answered honestly "the simple fact is is no place for children," remarked that women have never been allowed to take part in public affairs and therefore the mental attitude toward them is unconsciously unfair. When, however, the decision is made by the workers own representatives elected women among the twenty-five thou- and recallable by them, this mistake

is more apt to be rectified than under the old system when the factory owner made the rules."

"The Control Council meets twice a week at least, and two of the members devote all their time to its business receiving the pay of the highest paid skilled workers in lieu of their the government as to its activities and once a month to the trade coun-

Antol Pollak, the co-inventor with rapid telegraphy is a workman in this factory. His system increased the efficiency of the old Morse system from forty thousand words an hour to six lution he has been installed in a prisome electrical appliances. His face ments.

"From America!" he said, in very good English. Well, now I have a little grudge against America, because a long time ago, I went over there to try to sell a contrivance of mine. They told me it was no good but after my return to Austria it was patented by the firm with which I had consulted and has been used ever since. That is the way they used to treat inventors here also, and workmen were forced to pledge their inventions to the firm, as they still do in America. have the benefit of his findings."

"Of the two hundred thousand proletarians in Budapest about one-half vere living in misery before the revolution," said Commissary Somlo. "The housing department originally intended to apportion one room to each person but four rooms are about the maximum which we can allow to each during the war, principally for the purpose of trading in contraband food. These were mostly Galician Jews. The socializing of houses and rooms was therefore further complicated but the intention of course, is to build new homes for the proletarians as soon as materials are available. This office has already awarded twenty-one thousand rooms and has tried to accom modate all specialists such as physicians, artists, writers and dentists whom we consider most useful public servants, with an extra room for their

"All licensed houses of ill-repute were abolished by decree but this department went further and removed the women to two hotels outside the city, and both men and women were replaced by proletarian families. We knew exactly where these houses were as each householder had to fill out declaration blanks and our inspec tors afterwards investigated them.

"In twenty-eight villages around Budapest we have socialized the houses and intend as soon as possible to include all the larger towns in the ovinces. So far the peasants have not been disturbed. We have already planned to build ten thousand houses of available stone but want of coal also handicaps us. We have an engineering and building department for find that "Mother Bloor" was the repairs as most of the houses have deteriorated during the war and must be kept up for the benefit of the whole community. As to the ownership of small houses. The owners of small

e family houses who have bought their houses with their own wages are generally allowed to keep and own their houses but the individual cases are decided by the local council of workmen."

One of the first reforms undertaken by the Soviet government of Hungary For the Benefit of the War Suf- is a simplification of the marriage law, your pocketbook. The supply in the ferers, and "The Workers' World," a especially the sections dealing with

> The new law provides that, if both parties to the marriage contract are agreed that they desire a separation, the court grants a divorce without argument. If only one of the two parties institutes divorce proceedings, both are summoned to court and the party desiring the divorce is asked to state the case. If the other party, afnated to be raffled off. Miss Anne | ter hearing the reasons, agrees to the desirability of a separation, the divorce is granted forthwith. If, however, the second party does not agree to separation, then the judge renders a legal decision which is binding upon both parties.

> > The questions of alimony and of care of the children are settled by mutual understanding. In the event of disagreement on either or both of these points, the court renders the de-

"What think you of a Christian land where men and boys and women turn from prayer to lynch, to rob, to burn, and oft their drowsy minds refresh, through sport in purning human flesh!"-Negro Poet.

We have just run across a capy of a circular, entitled "Labor," which is being distributed by the American National Exchange Bank of New York. Among other things, they pay this compliment to the I. W. W.:

"'I. W. W.-ism' is also opposed to the idea of 'The State'. The idea befactory work. This council reports hind this movement has become the once a week to the confidence man of most formidable the advocates of the 'social justice' have developed in this country. Its formidableness does not consist in the predisposition of its membership to violence, but in the Vireg of the Pollak-Vireg system of fact that it runs more nearly on all fours with the development of modern industry. 'I.W. W.-ism' is the advocate of the 'One Big Union' from which the leaders of the minority in hundred words a second over the the American Federation of Labor same wire. Since the second revo- have adapted the idea of Industrial Unionism. The idea of Industrial vate office of his own where I found Unionism is not far removed from the him closely absorbed, bending over 'participation' plans adopted by a number of large employers. 'I. W. W.-ism' on one side is badly mutilated by an is a broader movement as it embraces accident during some of his experi- the whole of the proletariat. Industrial unionism contemplates the organization of the workers of each inastry to control the 'tools,' which means the plant. In Russia this idea has developed the 'Soviet,' and the 'Workmen's Councils' form the central bodies."

#### The Labor Skates

In the great white hall out at the end of the Steel Pier at Atlantic City. with the heavy surges running underneath, and the sea-wind sweeping over, Now, however, the inventors know six hundred delegates of the Amerthat not only he but all factories will ican Labor movement met in the "reconstruction" convention. (Said one delegate, in a spread-eagle speech. 'Reconstruction? We don't need any reconstruction in this glorious country. All we need is a few slight reforms!") No one suddenly dropped down in that hall would have guessed

at this was the annual meeting of delegates from all sections of one of family. No more than eight hundred the most powerful Labor movements thousand persons came to Budapest in the world. Portly figures, good clothes, expensive cigars, diamond rings and pins in abundance, buttons of lodges and Fraternal orders-Elks, Masons-in whose ranks these "workingmen" hob-nob business men, manufacturers, members of commercial clubs and Chambers of Commerce. Few workingmen here. It looked like the Democratic National Convention—but a little more prosperous-looking; or like the annual Congress of the Dress Goods Manufacturers.

> And it was like that. This convention was composed of persons with a commodity to sell; and the commodity was Labor. Moreover, Labor was sold there—in hundreds of different ways.-From John Reed's story of the A. F. of L. Convention.

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#### At this socialized factory work begins at seven a. m. and stops at 3 p.

The organized movement of Kansas City took a big leap forward at the zer for the party. A propaganda comfirst and most important of these was of open air meetings at Twelfth and kind. Oak Streets. The first of these meetings will be held Friday night with attend and help to make the first meeting a success.

Kansas City, Kansas is also getting awake. Comrade O'Sullivan, the newly elected secretary is making a determined effort to arouse the Kansas longs with them. side membership to greater activity. She is making a special appeal to delinquent members to pay up back dues and get into the fight again. The address of Comrade O'Sullivan is 719 Ann Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Mother Bloor speaks Wednesday night at Fifth and Elizabeth, Kansas side, just as we go to press and too late for an account of the meeting in this issue. However we feel safe in the South Slavic branch have never

Preparations are being made to concialist principles as soon as cool weather sets in. A class in public speaking and debate is also planned by the organizer. This is the time social problems of all kinds. And we for every member to get busy buildtreasury in preparation for the great tasks ahead.

> On Sunday evening, July 27th, "The Educational League" will meet at Bookbinders' Hall, 12th and Central. Comrade Ella Reeve Bloor will deliver-a lecture before the meeting at 8 o'clock sharp. Subject: "One Big Union. Everybody Invited.

The Socialist Women of Kansas Ella Reeve Bloor will be in Omaha City will hold a special meeting on

All women specially urged to attend.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZED NOVEMENT

The next meeting of the W. W. will regular meeting last Sunday by the be held Monday evening, August 4, hear about it in order to keep in election of Ella Reeve Bloor as organi- at Socialist Hall. The meeting will open at 8 p. m. sharp. A cordial inmittee was elected and a number of vitation to join is extended to all new activities were outlined. The women, young and old radical or conservative, who wish to improve their the decision to commence the holding minds and do something to help their ing in the Court House.

The purpose of the club, as previously announced, is to have enter- scriptions were taken for The Work-Mother Bloor as the speaker. Every tainments of various kinds in order ers' World" and much interest awakmember should make it a point to to sustain the social life of Local ened in lining up the working class Omaha and at the same time assist of St. Joseph in the revolutionary in the economic betterment of the Socialist movement. A number of working class.

are going to have some rousing times. Cap Makers Union were delighted to Every intelligent working woman be-

stamps, chiefly, we believe, from care- ly arranged an organization meeting lessness. Sentiment is practically for Tuesday evening, July 29th, at unanimous in favor of the convention and of paying for it. The stamps are the way. Buying a

sufficient number of them will mean be an open meeting and it is hoped that bills will be paid promptly, the there will be a large attendance. best terms can be secured and no heavy debt will hang over the Party as in the case of the St. Louis convention.

Think of the stamps and look at State Office is low, a number having large cake donated by Mrs. Fishbein, divorces, been sent out in the state, but more can be secured where these came winner sold it in slices for \$18.

dropped into Omaha Saturday evening and staid over Sunday, attending the picnic at Hillcrest Grove.

Guy is the same old "Guy." He is just as much of a "red" as ever, although he was kept so busy talking over old times with his friends that he hardly had time to talk politics.

Five dollars dropped in the State Office the other day, sent by Comrade K. H. Ladegard, of Litchfield. He pays for a year's dues and contributes the rest to be used as thought best. He writes that he cannot do much, but we think he has made an excellent beginning.

Local Omaha is "holding the fort" very well through the summer. Things ought to take a big boom this winter. By then everybody will be in fine fighting trim.

Plenty of agitating is geing done out in the state. We should like to touch with it and help it if possible.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

On Thursday evening the Socialists of St. Joseph held a successful meet Ella Reeve Bloor made an address

on "Industrial Democracy." Subunion men were present and the mem-The women have great plans. They bers of The United Cloth Hat and same "Mother" who had been Gen eral Organizer of the Cap Makers Many have yet to buy assessment Union for two years. They immediate which "Mother Bloor" will speak on "The Necessity for Women Workers to Organize Industrially." This will

> On Sunday last, The Workmens' Circle No. 483, held a successful picnic, at The Lake.

was raffled off for \$15. Then the

Some time ago Mrs. Fishbein was Comrade Guy B. Phillips, now of presented with a fine set of books hicago, but formerly of Omaha, from the general office of the Workmen's Circle for her work in promoting the growth of the Workmen's Circle No. 483. These books she do-Katz was the lucky winner. The proceeds amounted to \$18. \$10 of this was given to the "Workers' World" and Miss Katz also made a \$2 contribution to the paper.

> The subs are coming in lively now for "The Workers' World," from St. Joseph. Keep up the good work.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED. The Workers' World is in need of

volunteer help as follows: 1. A book-keeper who can work a few hours each week posting records,

Furniture Needed. 2. One roll top desk and one type writer desk.

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#### ON TO MEXICO!

to help along the proposed war with treason did not pay as far as the comways and according to our stations in purposes of the master class, they now life. The project seems to be well or-seek to crawl back into favor with "sob ganized, with the different elements which stuff" about Debs and the other political go to make up a successful war function-prisoners-for whose imprisonment they ing in first rate order. First there are and their kind were largely responsible the financial interests. It brings tears to in the first place. That the St. Louis our eyes to see the manner in which these Labor, voicing the sentiments of the people have thrown every selfish purpose moderate socialists should manifest a in the dust and have come out as a unit desire to "let by-gones be by-gones" for the war regardless of how many lives very significant. it costs. You have to hand it to these boys for gameness. They are as reckless ism has swept the party to such an exis of his poker chips.

Their cartoonists are already lined up in emergency convention and it is quite natbattle array; the headlines are mobilized ural for them to look around for company. and the editorial writers stand at atten- That they should turn in their extre ity tion ready to open fire on the first pro- to Kopelin and his tribe-holding out the Mexican that shows his head.

to hang back when there's a job of party. killing for other men to do. The cannon to growl and complain as usual but realize that there can be no compromise. haws—demands this and that and the to the finish—and a division. other thing. Then, too, he is sore about the workers having their beer taken away from them and it may be necessary to pacify him on that. But in the end Sam always delivers.

money, the publicity, the prayers and the from the economic organizations of Labor. targets all provided for.

## HAIL THE KANSAS MINERS!

defense of the I. W. W. men against to the active workers in all sections of of all who are working for the solidarity rank and file. of labor. It will strengthen the confidence and determination of the thousands elements—some common, general pro-The miners of Kansas are organized men, acquiring the habit of co-operation—is their words with their deeds. Let a few of the whole movement. The Left Wing similar bodies of organized workers and that reason we ought to be enthused the prison doors will swing outward.

It was a fine and generous act for the miners to stretch the hand of friendship across the artificial barriers which separate them from the brave fighters of New York City, 180,000 Italians applied of solidarity among the militant workers socialist movement, giving promise of in all organizations which is welding them making Italy a safe place for workers. together for the final struggle.

All honor to the United Mine Workers of District 14, and to their courageous and far-sighted officers, Alexander Howat italists is nowhere better manifested than and Thomas Harvey!

by way of the guilotine, for food profiteers. fairer? We have noticed a decided coolness lately being manifested by the profiteer press toward our French Ally. Now we understand the reason-you never can tell by John Brown and infamous by Fred where a fool idea like this might end.

### FLIRTING WITH THE TRAITORS.

Our contemporary, The St. Louis Labor, which seems to have taken upon itself the heavy burden of defending the us up to our enemies.

"Louis Kopelin hits the nail on the together? head." . . . . "Some day the great mass of the people will open their eyes of riches from the standpoint of the in- and then inevitable decline, of ebb and see these things the way Louis dividual possessor of wealth. Probably and flow, flow and ebb, the necessity Kopelin and we see them today," says no one realizes more keenly than the of guarding against a structure's bethe St. Louis Labor after quoting from rich that he who would amass wealth for coming top-heavy and tumbling is a an article in the Appeal To Reason on political prisoners.

the Appeal staff received from the master Everyone should do his patriotic bit class, they have discovered that their Mexico. We can all help in our various rades were concerned. Having served the

The Left Wing program of real socialof the lives of their men as a gambler tent that there are no moderates left except the officials and a few retainers. Then next comes the newspapers. They will be very lonesome after the olive branch to them and paving the way Of course the war must be sanctified— for an open alliance, is not to be wondered it will never succeed unless it's a holy one, at. For moderate socialism all over the there can be founded naught but tumult, and that necessitates the enlistment of world runs true to form. It has betrayed conflict chaos! the preachers. Reports on their attitude the working class of the world in every are not vet available, but they'll line up crisis. It will throttletherevolution in this warner again it. solidly, never fear. They're not the boys country if we allow it to dominate the lamential over its imminence.

fodder is slacking a little, being inclined learned our lesson from Europe and that's a problem for Gompers to handle. This developing friendliness to the traitors You know how Sam is. He hums and is further proof of the necessity of a fight

## HOOK UP WITH THE UNIONS.

The greatest weakness of Socialist propaganda in the past has been its So taking things by and large the failure to emphasize the fact that power war prospects are fine. We have the for the struggle against capitalism comes We must hook up with the unions and make them take on a revolutionary character. Until we direct our efforts to The action of the Kansas coal miners this end we are firing our ammunition in demanding amnesty for political pris- into the air. The Left Wing takes this oners and levying an assessment for the into account and makes a strong appeal Fred Robertson's frame-up at Wichita the organized labor movement. For puts new courage and hope in the hearts that reason it is bound to win with the

The unity of the various militant of our comrades who suffer in prison today. gram in which all can participate, thus and fighters, accustomed to backing up the first essential to the re-organization more such resolutions be adopted by program opens the way for this, and for about it.

According to the Italian Consul at The the I. W. W. in their hour of trial and for passports to Italy in the month of The drowsy man at the wheel and the persecution; a sign of that growing spirit June. The reason is the rise of the Italian

The get-together spirit of the capin their proposal to the workers for war with Mexico. They agree to furnish the The French Socialists have intro-war and let the workers do the fighting. duced a measure in The Chamber of This brings labor and Capital together Deputies providing for the death penalty, on a fifty-fifty basis. What could be Mine be a handful of ashes, a mouthful

Robertson.

### THE MENACE OR RICHES.

(By Scott Nearing.)

Hugo's famous statement that "the Upton Sinclair calls "Jimmire Hig- without being fired to free Debs and infamous deeds of the discredited Na- heaven of the rich is built upon the gins" his best novel. There were cer- his fellows, our martyrs, America's tional Executive Committee, takes the hell of the poor' meets with a ready tain descriptive passages in "The Jun-noblest men and women. To our imnext logical step along the road in its last response from the poor. Their life smells of the Chicago slaughter-yards, issue by quoting approvingly from an is hell. They realize it; they admit that for sheer realism excel anything ous devotion to the Cause for which article printed in the Appeal To Reason, it. What of the heaven of the rich? else in American literature and put they have sacrificed so much; but the same Appeal To Reason which be- Is "riches" a synonym for "heaven," to shame even Zola and the early we also owe appreciation to the skilled trayed the movement in the hour of or is it still true that it is easier for work of Huysman. But "The Jungle" author who has given us such a vivid crisis and exerted every effort to deliver a camel to go through the needle's horrors until the reader grows incred-freedom—until the day comes when eye than for riches and heaven to come ulous and indifferent and lays the book we free him, at least—and to the pub-

Much has been said about the futility himself "arrives with pains and sweat and law of universal application; but it is fury nowhere." Too little attention has George Brandes, probably the greatest Whatever may have been the rewards been devoted to the matter by those who living critic, considers Sinclair's "King are interested in building a vigorous, | Coal" one of the world's masterpieces body-social in the United States.

> less in the extravagant, careless, blase rather resented the hero's being a son idleness that pervades this "heaven," than in the abysmal chasm that yawns lower-class. It confirmed our belief between it and the hell of poverty, and that Sinclair had appointed himself a the forces that are at work widening and prophet to the rich and a missionary deepening the gulf.

> The present economic order makes stony ground; that the souls of the poverty as it makes riches—the poor are rich are scarcely worth saving; that poor, primarily because of the paucity they cannot be saved, anyway; that of their wages; the rich are rich primarily. he had far better leave the City of Destruction; that he is altogether too because of the generous amounts of rent, good for the job he has tackled. The interest and profit that falls to their share "Cry for Justice," an anthology 900 as owners of income yielding property. pages long of pictures and poems and The same system that blights the poor, epigrams and parts of novels and fattens the rich-necessarily, because plays, selected from twenty-five lanriches is built upon poverty.

> The rich may remain rich only while mand for equity and equality, liberty they keep their neighbors-brother humans-poor-truly and extraordinary basis upon which to build a society. Society? How absurd! Upon such a basis

Daniel Webster saw it coming and Abraham Lincoln

Today, it is here, and we are busily But we will not allow it! We have engaged in making it more thorough going and emphatic.

## CONSECRATION.

periwigged charioteers Riding triumphantly laurelled to lap the fat of the years.

Rather the scorned—the rejected—the men hemmed in with the spears;

The men of the tattered battalion which fights till it dies,

Dazed with the dust of the battle, the din and the cries, The men with the broken heads and the

blood running into their eyes. Not the be-medalled Commander, be-

loved of the throne, Riding cock-horse to parade when the

bugles are blown, But the lads who carried the koppie and cannot be known.

Not the ruler for me, but the ranker, the tramp of the road,

The slave with the sack on his shoulders pricked on with the goad,

The man with too weighty a burden, too weary a load.

The sailor, the stoker of steamers, the man with the clout, chantyman bent at the halliards

putting a tune to the shout, tired lookout.

Others may sing of the wine and the wealth and the mirth, The portly presence of potentates goodly

of girth; Mine be the dirt and the dross, the dust and scum of the earth!

Theirs be the music, the color, the glory,

the gold; of mould.

Of the maimed, of the halt and the blind in the rain and the cold-The state of Kansas was made famous | Of these shall my songs be fashioned, my

tale be told.

John Masefield.

## VIEWS, REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS.

By Ralph Cheyney

is spoiled by having horrors piled on pen picture of Deb's last days of down in utter boredom. The Law of lisher who had the courage to issue it. Diminishing Returns the rule of cresof realism. To us it seemed strained The terrible menace of "riches" lies rather than strong, somewhat trite, and tainted with conventionally. We of the upper-class descending to the of Socialism among them. We feel that he is sowing excellent seed on guages and covering a period of five thousand years, all voicing the deand happiness, seems to us the best literary work Sinclair has done. Indeed, it is in our opinion the best contribution anyone has ever made to the literature of social protest. But we agree with him that "Jimmie Higgins" is the best novel he has yet written.

It is the story of an average active Socialist, a genuinely heroic figure, who opposes the war, then becomes convinced that it is a war for deberia, works for the Bolsheviki among | boat and be deported to England!! the American expeditionary forces, is discovered by the army authorities, tested and only the common sense and is tortured by them until he be- and humane understanding of the capcomes insane. This is a parallel with tain of the cattle boat who refused to Not of the princes and prelates with the story of Sinclair himself, except- take them, saved them from this outing that words were his only weapons rageous, un-American, illegal act, as in the war and that our infamous war of course, the law requires deportees against Russia has resulted in his should be sent to the country of their sanity, not his insanity. Of course, birth. the significant and striking fact abou Sinclair is that he is sane once more and is serving Socialism splendidly.

Here are the momentous and moving words that end this masterpiece 'Poor, mad Jimmie Higgins will never again trouble his country; but Jimmie's friends and partisans, who know the story of his experiences, cannot be thus lightly dismissed by society In the industrial troubles which are threatening the great democracy of the West, there will appear men and women animated by a fierce and blazing bitterness; and the great democ racy of the West will marvel at their state of mind, unable to conceive what can have caused it. These rebellious ones will be heard quoting to the great democracy the words of its greatest democrat, spoken in solemn warning during the slaughter and de struction of the civil war: "If God will that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequitted toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as it was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

tally with Life, books that will voice the demands of Labor, the indomitable. The name of the firm is the Irving Kaye Davis Co., 42 West 28th St., N. Y. C. "The House of Spiders," a set of fascinating, stirring, vital stories by James Waldo Fawcett is shortly to be brought out by them. The first book the firm has published is by the brilliant editor of the Sunday Call Magazine, David Karsner. It is entitled "Debs Goes to Prison." (25c is the price). It is a piece of profoundly moving propaganda; but it

is also a work of genuine and lasting

A new publishing company has just

been organized, a company that will

publish real books, books that will

## "AMERICANA"

(Compiled by E. R. Bloor)

"America Shall In Truth Show the Way."-Pres. Wilson's Speech to the Senate.

"John Hartfield will be lynched by Ellisville mob at 5 o'clock this after-

Governor Bibbs says he is poweress to prevent it.

Thousands are flocking into Ellisville to attend the event. Sheriff and authorities are power-

less to prevent it.

"Mathesburg, June 26 .- J. hu Hartfield has been taken to Ellisville. He is wounded in the shoulder but not seriously. The officers have agreed to turn him over to the people of the city at 4 o'clock this afternoon when it is expected he will be burned."

"The above news item taken from "The Jackson, Miss., Daily News," June 26. -

In commenting on this news "The New York Call" says:

"He was turned over at a specified time sufficiently advanced to permit the committee of citizens to make all arrangements for the burning including full advance publicity to insure a good attendance.'

It might be noted here, that Ellisville, Hathesburg and Jackson, Mississippi, are still in America.

Margaret and Jeannette Roy, Scotch girls taken by Immigration officials to a cattle boat with 100 American mocracy, enlists, fights, is sent to Si- men on it and ordered to stay on that

The Scotch girls staunchly pro-

"Food Crisis in United States Most Serious of Problems.

Continuation of Profiteering Tactics may force "Bust Up"-Cappers Warning.

Unrest, Increasing, soaring prices intolerable, say house wives in K. C. Petition to Congress, Post July 21.

DENY FREEDOM TO FILIPINOS AND PORTO RICANS.

(By a Staff Correspondent, Chicago Daily Tribune.)

Washington, D. C., July 20 .- (Special.)--The Republican leaders in congress, it became known today, have reached a decision to postpone indefinitely the question of granting independence to the Philippines.

The Porto Ricans, who also have been clamoring for independence, have been satisfied for the time being by promises of congressional action to relieve them from conditions they find irksome.

Having laid these specters of selfdetermination in our own family closet, for the time being at least, congress will be able to give undivided attention to the question of Irish independence

The general conclusion was that no step in this direction should be taken until more convincing proof has been offered of the ability of the Fillipinos to stand alone and to continue to maintain the institutions of government and education established by the United States which have wrought such beneficent changes in the islands in twenty years. Moreover, it was deemed inadvisable to take a step of such great moment to these wards of the American republic until the equilibrium of world conditions is restored.

"Self Determination or Paternal literature. I challenge anyone who ism? Which is more true to form has read this pamphlet to lay it down laid down in "New Freedom?"