

Meyer London Is Killed In Automobile Accident

Former Socialist Congressman, Labor Attorney, Strike Leader, Passes At Age of 55

Socialist movement of America lost the loss of a loved and prominent leader in New York City on June 11 when Meyer London was struck by an auto and received injuries from which he died later in a hospital.



Meyer London

Meyer London was only 55 years of age when he attained rare prominence and distinction in the Socialist movement from able and useful activities covering a period of 30 years.

Comrade London was the first Socialist to be sent to Congress by his own state. He attracted public attention in 1910 when as legal adviser to the shoemakers' union, he led his strike to a victorious ending.

The best evidence that the merging of Socialism and labor is proceeding is that politicians are beginning to fight against it.

One Billion in 5 Months for War Under Coolidge

Peace Blah-blah Washington, D. C.—Surrounded by three generations of America's soldiers in the dazzling, white marble amphitheater of Arlington National cemetery this afternoon, President Coolidge, lifting his eyes toward the hoped for dawn of a day when the world will fight no more, admonished Europe in no uncertain terms to make good its pretensions and join the United States in disarming.

War Action Up to April 24 this year Congress had appropriated and signed appropriation bill for war purposes as follows: Navy Department... \$127,003,000 War Department... 339,516,000 Independent Offices... 507,279,000 Later Appropriation for War Planes... 100,000,000 Under "Independent Offices" the tremendous appropriation for the Veterans' Bureau is concealed, and that accounts for three-fourths of that sum.

Where Labor Has Governed Eleven Years

By W. Francis Ahern Brisbane—Eleven years of continuous labor rule in Queensland has made the workers better fed, better housed, better clothed and with better social conditions than in any other part of Australia. The cost of living is lower, wages are higher, unemployment is less and the hours are less.

A profitless court protects the workers from the trusts. State insurance runs at lower costs than in any other part of Australia.

New Evidence Delays Sacco, Vanzetti Death

While Victims Have Respite, All Labor Is Needed in United, Gigantic Defense

Boston.—(P. F.)—Second denial of a new trial for Sacco and Vanzetti comes three weeks after the first refusal by the Massachusetts supreme court. The appeal of the defense for a rehearing by the full bench on the arguments that were rejected May 22 began with unanimous denial.

But again, almost at the last moment, the electric chair is being delayed, for the time being at least. The defense is coming forward with sensational new evidence, proving still further the innocence of Sacco and Vanzetti. Publicity on the new revelations is being delayed, while further investigations are being made, but the new evidence is believed to be the strongest still in the case since Lola Andrews and Louis Pelzer, star state witnesses, confessed that they perjured themselves in identifying Sacco as a South Braintree gunman.

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The Broadcaster

The only safe investment a worker can make is in Socialist literature.

When a worker supports the profit system he helps enslave his own children.

Negro slavery wrecked the South, and now it is trusting in child slavery to save it.

Plutocracy has destroyed the republic and openly ridicules parliamentary government.

The federal courts are enemies of the people and have usurped the power they exercise.

The plutocrats thought they were deeply entrenched, but are almost jarred loose even now. Watch for the earthquake!

The busier the robbers are, the worse it is for the workers who can't keep watch on their own pockets.

You have no private property under the profit system. You never will have any until Socialism is in operation.

It is not by accident that English mine owners wish to reduce their workers to five dollars a week. Plutocracy always brings serfdom.

Socialism is the economic hope of the world.

Profiteering is sabotage of the wheels of industry.

Armies and navies exist to open new fields of profit and interest of the workers and to keep the workers out.

Congressmen are cowards and traitors when they submit to one man government at Washington.

The looters of the world do not want to try Socialism but Socialists.

The present president is trying to usurp the legislative function and is getting away with it.

Socialism has never been tried—except by prejudiced and dishonest judges.

The pirate was a piker. He did not steal a thousandth part as much as the modern profiteer does.

Just as soon as plutocracy is found out it will crumble. Then Socialism will come to save the world from its mismanagement.

And They Say It Can't Be Done

The Canadian National Railways, owned and operated by the people of Canada, through their government, are climbing rapidly to glorious success under the management of Sir Henry Thornton, declared Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways, in submitting the annual railway budget before the Canadian parliament in Ottawa this week.

Green of A. F. of L. Sent May Day Message

Via Berlin Vorwärts As The Appeal goes to press a most significant item of news, suppressed for a month by the capitalist press, reaches the Federated Press via the mails from Germany.

President Green of the American Federation of Labor, in contrast to all past policies of that organization, cabled a May Day greeting to the Socialist Labor movement of Europe through the Berlin Vorwärts.

The message speaks of the ideals for which May Day—International Labor Day—has always stood. It is an appeal for the international solidarity of labor.

The international development of industry makes imperative the international unity of labor, whatever be the differences in the internal political policies of the national labor groups, says the message.

Chicago Labor Leads Fight on Radio Monopoly

Will Defy Present Control of Air, If License Is Denied

The Chicago Federation of Labor begins this month the real battle against the monopoly of the air by the capitalist class and for the right of the workers to use the radio as a means of information and education.

Before the end of June the broadcasting station now being erected at the Chicago city-owned pier on the shores of Lake Michigan will have been completed.

Prior to that event a formal application will be made to the representative of the Department of Commerce in Chicago for a license.

If this is refused, a delegation representative of the Chicago Federation will go to Washington and make formal application for a license to Secretary Hoover of the Department of Commerce.

President Green of the American Federation of Labor and Frank P. Walsh, well known liberal and labor attorney, have offered their services in connection with the visit to Washington of the Chicago delegates.

If the application is finally rejected by Mr. Hoover, the Chicago Federation, if not forcibly prevented, will begin broadcasting without a license before the end of the month.

The fight is one of the most important in which the workers have been involved in years. It will determine whether or not the capitalists can make good their present monopoly of the air and shut the Labor and Socialist movements out entirely from this very important avenue of intercommunication.

This optimistic prophecy on the reports of the National for the first four months of this year which show net earnings of \$9,529,217 as compared with \$3,774,782 for the same period last year, an increase of nearly \$6,000,000 or 157 per cent.

Net earnings, or profits, for April totalled \$2,551,330.41, an increase of 163 per cent over the same month last year.

This set up a new record in net earnings for any April since Canada amalgamated under government ownership the various railroad systems which had been wrecked by "private enterprise."

Mr. Dunning's presentation of the railway budget was the first big job he has undertaken since he joined the cabinet and he carried himself in a manner which won general admiration.

"In 1920," he said, "the operating deficit of the National was \$31,000,000. In 1925 there was an operating surplus of \$22,000,000.

"The extreme swing between the operating deficit of 1920 and the operating surplus of 1925 was \$63,000,000, or an average of \$11,000,000 a year.

"Last year's operating results were so far in advance of previous years that I feel my first duty should be the altogether happy one of congratulating the chairman and president, Sir Henry Thornton, the board and responsible officers and the rank and

British Courts Caused Calling Off of Strike

Injunction Outlawed Strike and Made Union Funds Liable to Confiscation if Used to Support it

Economy Coolidge Gets 3 Billions in Five Months

Calvin Coolidge, prize economy president, will have signed in five months, or by the time the first session of the present Congress comes to an end appropriations totaling at least \$3,000,000,000.

Table with 2 columns: Department, Amount. Agriculture: \$127,003,000; District of Columbia: 33,759,000; Independent Offices: 507,279,000; Interior Department: 226,326,000; Legislative Department: 16,406,000; Navy Department: 312,312,000; Justice, Commerce, Labor: 79,856,000; Treasury and Post-office: 867,612,000; War Department: 339,516,000; First Deficiency: 381,684,000.

The courts are again revealed as one of the most powerful anti-strike weapons of the owning class in a decision by Justice Astbury in the court of chancery dealing with the recent British general strike. According to The Wall Street Journal, this decision granting an injunction against a sympathetic strike, undermined the confidence of the General Trade Union Council.

What broke the strike, says the journal editorially, was a momentous decision by Justice Astbury. The Seamen's and Firemen's union, of which Havelock Wilson is the head, asked an injunction against a strike declaration by certain of its officials.

The so-called general strike (the justice decision was illegal and contrary to law and those instigating persons to it were not protected by the trade disputes act of 1906. There was no trade dispute whatever alleged to exist, except in the case of the mining industry, and no trade dispute could exist between the general council of the Trades Union Congress and the government. The orders of the council were therefore unlawful, and the defendants were acting illegally and ought to be restrained. Members of the union refusing to strike could not be deprived of their benefits. No member of the union or any other union could lose his benefits by refusing to obey illegal orders and the orders of the Trades Union council were illegal.

Members striking would not be entitled during the continuance of the strike to receive strike pay. The funds of a trade union were held in a fiduciary capacity and could not legally be used for, or depleted by, paying strike pay to those strikers who obeyed illegal orders. The matter was beyond question. The defendants, in addition to defying the law (the court concluded) had broken the rules of their union.

The trade disputes act was passed in 1906 to protect unions from being sued for damages by employers following a strike. It resulted from the Taff Vale decision, in which the courts had held the union liable for heavy strike damages. Justice Astbury simply held that unions which go out on a sympathetic strike without themselves having a dispute with their employers do not enjoy the protection of the act and their employers can sue them for damages and attach their funds.

This decision implies that the workers as a class cannot have a trade dispute with the employers as a class. It threatens the leaders in charge of the general strike with immediate jail. "Small wonder that the British strikers surrendered."

The British workers were not whipped on the industrial field. THE GENERAL STRIKE WAS SCUTTLLED BY A POWERFUL POLITICAL SUBMARINE. THIS LESSON IN THE SUPREMACY OF LABOR'S HOLDING FULL POLITICAL POWER WILL NOT BE LOST ON THE BRITISH WORKERS.

Over Half of U. S. Wealth Owned by 1 Pct. of People

Washington. One per cent of the persons living in the United States between 1912 and 1922 owned 53 per cent of the total national wealth, and 13 per cent of the number owned over 80 per cent of the total wealth. This situation was indicated, says a report made by the federal trade commission to congress, by a study of 43,000 probate records in 24 typical counties, supplemented by an estimate of the average value of unprobated estates.

In the year 1922, says the commission, the national wealth amounted to \$155,000,000,000, and national income in 1923 was \$70,000,000,000. However, the national increase in population from 1912 to 1922 was 15 per cent, and if allowance is made for changes in the purchasing power of the dollar the increase in national wealth in the 10 years becomes only 16 per cent instead of 72 per cent—the amount as measured simply in dollars. So the actual wealth per individual in the United States is scarcely larger than before the war.

Concentration of ownership of natural resources is shown to be very far advanced. Six companies, in 1922, controlled about one-third of the waterpower already developed; 8 companies controlled three-fourths of the unmined anthracite coal; 30 companies had over one-third of the immediate reserves of bituminous coal; 2 companies own over one-half of the iron ore reserves; 4 companies nearly one-half of the copper reserves; and 30 companies about one-eighth of the petroleum reserves.

Manufacturing corporations, led by the metals and metal products group, had about \$34,000,000,000, out of \$102,000,000,000 held by all corporations in 1922. Railroads were the richest single industry, and had the largest average wealth per company. Ownership of stock in corporations was held in lots averaging \$6,969 per owner of common and \$5,211 per owner of preferred—this figure based on 4,367 corporations with a combined capital stock of over \$9,000,000,000. These averages dispose of the much advertised claim that people of small means now hold the stock in the great corporations of this country.

In its study of income the commission classes salaries with wages. By so doing it shows that 90 per cent of the income of the construction industry goes to supervision and labor, and that the same combination of salaries and wages absorbs 70 per cent in the railroad industry, and 55 per cent for the average of all national income. The rest goes to capital. The rate of return of corporate income, on the "fair" value of corporation stock as figured by the treasury, was 7.9 per cent in 1922.

From this report the country will become officially aware that— 1. Eighty-seven per cent of the American people have only 10 per cent of the national wealth.

2. Chief sources of future development of wealth are held by a few corporations, owned by the upper 13 per cent.

3. As the nation is losing its newness and is becoming closely industrialized and subjected to heavy machinery, all that the 87 per cent can hope to leave to their children will be jobs, or the hope of jobs.

Million Followers of Sun Yat Sen Organized for Socialism in China

The Kuomintang, or People's Party of China, numbers almost a million party members. It follows the teachings, as nearly as possible, of Sun Yat Sen, who was a Socialist and gave his life to introduce Socialism in China.

There are many communists in the Kuomintang. Several are members of the central committee.

China, is ruled by the Kuomintang, where Russian military methods are building up a modern government.

The Kuomintang has a well equipped army of 200,000 in northern China. Its first objective is to free China from the military means and create a workers and peasants' republic.

Extremely significant facts, which throw a strong light on present conditions in China and reveal a truly powerful Socialist movement, appeared this week in an article by the pen of Paul R. Wright, Peiping correspondent for American newspapers.

Among other things, Mr. Wright says: "The Kuomintang Socialists are working in China, June 6.—Three working people's party have given the world an interview. Their kind courage in talking thus is remarkable because one of them, Ching K'ai-shih, editor of a Peking Chinese language newspaper, was executed recently in Peking. Today all the chiefs of the Kuomintang are in hiding.

"There are three stages in the program of the Kuomintang or people's party," said the three party adherents. "The first is the military stage, the second is the educational and the third true democracy. In the third and final stage all the elements of China's population will be united in a government as truly democratic as is that of the United States or of the more advanced nations in Europe.

But we have not yet reached even the second stage. We are now engaged in military development.

Have 900,000 Members "From the district around Canton the Kuomintang is pushing its part in the campaign against Gen. Wu Pei-fu, the Hankow war lord and most active figure among the reactionaries. We are not numerous enough for open fighting in the north, although we have 5,000 Kuomintang members in Peking and possibly 200,000 in the northern provinces. Altogether the Kuomintang has 900,000 members. The Kuomintang armies in Kwangtung and Kwansi number 300,000 men. These are well equipped. Their first corps under Chiang Kai-shih are the best of these troops.

"Dr. Sun Yat-sen's influence and memory are very strong with the Kuomintang, which follows his teachings as nearly as possible. Our soldiers are well instructed in military tactics and politics, so they know why they are fighting. For each 100 soldiers there is a political adviser who goes to battle with the rest and many are killed. The orders of the army officers are not to be obeyed unless approved by the party. Many of the Kuomintang are communists. Only two or three communists are among the thirty-six members of the central committee of the Kuomintang.

"Yes, Russians are drilling the Chinese soldiers in Canton and elsewhere, but these are technical experts in modern warfare. Of course, there is Borodin, the well known Russian, but he is merely an adviser to the central committee. Internationalism is not the aim of the Kuomintang, but freedom and happiness for China.

"We are striving to revive China through promoting democracy. Russia is a dictatorship of the proletariat. We want a true democracy of the workers and peasants, with merchants and intellectuals as well.

"We are not opposed to religion. There is a priest on the central committee. Just now in Peking our work is all underground and we are continuing to spread propaganda among the workers and peasants."

MEYER LONDON

By Eugene V. Debs

Hail, Comrade, and Farewell!

In the very noontide of his noble life... Meyer London, one of the most loyal leaders and most beloved comrades of the Socialist movement...

And so it is that Meyer London... a place for himself, now vacant... He fought the good fight...

It Is This

By Glengarry

SEARCHINGLY... THE SILENCE... MIDNIGHT... CONFRONTED... PROBLEMS... NEEDED untangling... STOUNDING... HYPER-MANIA... HUNG human being... TRAVEL its mystery... SEARCH AND... ONE AND ONLY... BENEFITED... GREAT WAR... FURN UP... MILLION skeletons... HISSER in the hollow... AND EVERY skull... WHOM... FOR WHAT... DID YOU DIE?... SILENCE... OF DEATH... MBS you... ZES your tongue... I cannot TELL... WEeping MOTHERS... EXPRESSION... ABLED YOU to believe... UNWITTINGLY... MILLIONS OF MEN... FOR THE NEW... SAIRES... Trade.

Young People's Department

National Office YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 20 Townsend St., Fitzburg, Mass. Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY—International Socialist Youth Day was celebrated by the Yipsels of America by special meetings, mass meetings, indoor affairs and field days arranged by the various circles of the League.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Welcome Chicago Yipsels! A charter has been issued to a group of Yipsels to be known as the "Lawrence Circle" of Chicago.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—A meeting of the District Yipsels Executive Committee was held a few weeks ago. The principal work of the meeting consisted of final preparations for the anniversary publication which is to be issued in the early fall.

Youth

By Ben Goodman, Secretary, N. Y. Yipsels. Throughout the ages youth has laid the cornerstone of progress. It has always been the youthful section of the human family that has taken the initiative to seek something bigger and better.

Many a time I have heard the remark, "American Youth is going to the dogs." Boozie parties, necking engagements, "charlestoning" and devious are daily attributed to youth.

Splinters

Strength only is defeated; what is weak is vanquished; and it ever makes a start in conquering.

Egotistical Man—A Fable

It has been reported that the Cockroach, the Tumble Bug and the Moth all employ wireless, and have done so for ages.

formation of a movement to uplift American Youth, based not on the policies of fraternalism or secret societies, but upon something quite different. Issues that confront every man, woman and child were brought to the front and discussed pro and con.

The Young People's Socialist League is another example of the vitality of youth. The League stands firmly against the evils of the capitalist system and demands a change.

The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER

"Lots of money burned up in this business," remarked the Man from Arkansas as he paused for more gas.

Austria

Vienna.—The Austrian trade unions which are 97 per cent organized in the active industries and stand second in organization among the countries of the world, have just issued their report for 1925.

Finland

Helsinki.—The national Congress of the Finnish Trade Unions met here May 3 to 8. This congress was marked by the reentrance of the Socialists in strength and influence into the Finnish trade union movement.

Sweden

Stockholm.—The socialist cabinet in Sweden stepped down and out of office this week when a combination of all the capitalist parties voted against its measure to grant unemployment insurance to strikers.

Russia

Washington.—Industrial production in the soviet union registered big gains during the first half of the soviet fiscal year, Oct. 1 to April 1, according to preliminary figures of the supreme economic council received here by the Russian Information bureau.

He learned flying from the insect, and now he speaks of the wonders of wireless. Even the lowly Tumble Bug has been using wireless since the days of the Pharaohs.

When Things Are Slack—A Parable

The Teamster who refused to feed his oxen while they were descending the long mountain slope because they were not pulling found them too weak to pull up the grade that lay beyond.

With the Workers Around the World

Australia

Sydney.—The New South Wales Labor government plans an industrial bank. Workers will be invited to deposit their savings in the industrial bank, and the resources will be used to finance work enterprises and erection of homes.

Brisbane.—The maternity hospital and baby clinics, established by the Labor government in Queensland, now have training schools for nurses in motherhood and child welfare.

Norway

In Norway 30,000 workers have been locked-out since the end of April. The number is small enough in comparison with the recent millions of strikers in Great Britain, but its importance to the Norwegian movement cannot be appreciated from the fact that it represents more than 20 per cent of the total membership of the unions affiliated to the National Trade Union Centre.

China

Moscow.—Gen. Fong Yu Hsiang, commander of the Chinese "People's Armies," recently driven from Peking and Tientsin by Chang Tso-Lin of Manchuria and Wu Pei-Fu of the central provinces, has arrived in Moscow and made a statement to the press.

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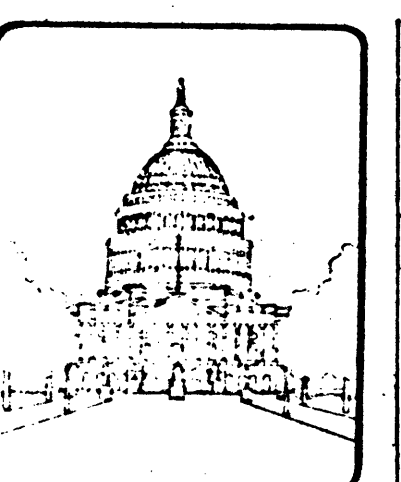
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U. S. French Debt Cancellation Was Made to Please Wall Street

Congressman Berger Denounces Deal—Gives Startling Figures on French Military Extravagance—Wall Street Will Get \$300,000,000 in Loans



By Marx Lewis

Consistent in its devotion to the ruling class, the administration succeeded during the past week in passing through the House the French debt settlement funding—funding now to be used for saying what was formerly meant when the word cancellation was used—the huge debt of the French Government to the United States.

Under its terms, the French will pay at least they promise to pay—\$2,477,000 in principal and interest running over a period of 62 years. If it finally succeeds in getting that sum, and only a very rocky gambler would be willing to bet that it will be paid, the United States will have lost by the transaction between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000, depending upon which set of figures mentioned during the debate is accepted.

The Democrats who opposed the settlement, even though they had the best of this particular argument, found themselves in a difficult position, for it was they who took the initiative in getting the United States into the war, as a result of which this debt, and all the others, and the huge national debt of the United States itself, were saddled upon our people.

But the Republicans offered them a way out by maintaining that the only consideration was France's capacity to pay. On this the Democrats, or some of them, took issue and so the debate went off on the capacity of France to pay.

But even on the basis of capacity to pay, does the situation warrant a cancellation of all the principal and a large part of the interest?

Referring to the prospective \$300,000,000 loan, Mr. Rainey said this loan probably will run 20 years and draw interest at the rate of 7 1/2 per cent.

standing army of 660,000 men—six times the number of the United States—although her population is only one-third of that of the United States—and her national wealth about one-fifth of that of the United States. She has close to three thousand first class aeroplanes ready, and 4,000 more in reserve.

But if France can get such favorable terms from our Government, our bankers can lend her \$200,000,000 or more at a higher rate of interest. And that is what is likely to happen—although, as Representative Berger stated, the French now and then go off on a communist revolution, and if the franc should continue to drop, the French may repeat the stunt—and their \$200,000,000 or more might prove to be a dead loss to our bankers.

Brands Debt Deal as Morgan Scheme

Washington—A charge that the French debt settlement bill is being "railroaded" through congress in order that the Morgan financial interests may make a \$200,000,000 loan to France is made by Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, in a minority report from the ways and means committee.

The council's report showed the cement industry led the general increase; the output being 113 per cent greater than that of the same period last year. The rubber industry increased 95.5 per cent and the output of cast iron gained 92.6 per cent.

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reached here telling of a Kuominchun (national army) battle at Yenmen pass due to the scouting operations of twelve Russian airplanes manned by soviet aviators, who are aiding the rallying Kuominchun against the Manchurian and Chihli forces. Russian ammunition and other supplies are arriving at the front in large quantities as a result of credits which Feng Yuhsiang, the Christian general, arranged at Moscow.

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Super-Power Trust Here, Says Electrical Journal

The Superpower Trust described in the following article by Laurence Todd, Washington, D. C., has been predicted for some time by public ownership advocates.

Civilization as at present constituted depends more upon power for driving machinery than upon any other resource.

The interests that finally monopolize power and organize the superpower trust will wield more power, industrially and politically, and will be in a position to extort more plunder from the people with greater ease, perhaps, than any other monopoly that ever existed.

There is something ominous in the big nation-wide combination of interests here described. The facts presented indicate that the privately-owned superpower trust is here.

There are just two great opportunities to drive wedges through this monster—our publicly-owned Muscle Shoals and Boulder Canyon power projects.

If the people foolishly let these slip away the industrial and political oligarchy will be in a far stronger position and the people in a far weaker position than at present.

50-Billion Machine
George R. Kirkpatrick in the second issue of the American Appeal described the stupendous water power resources as a gigantic fifty billion dollar machine, which if allowed to fall into the hands of private interests might doom our land to ages of horrible industrial slavery, but which if owned and operated by the people will release them to a glorious destiny of freedom and wealth.

opinions of the politicians may be, what our opinions may be; eventually all electricity for a given area must be produced by one concern.

By Laurence Todd
Washington. Proof that the electric power monopoly in the United States is now complete and consolidated, is furnished in the June issue of the Journal of the Electrical Workers and Operators, by a study of power company consolidations and interlocking, prepared by the research bureau of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

A dozen years ago a federal study of the electric power industry in this country showed that the General Electric group dominated the greater part of the field, and that unless its progress in consolidation of smaller concerns should be checked it would soon be able to dictate the price paid for electricity in thousands of cities from coast to coast. More than that, it would dictate the price to be paid by every consumer for each unit of electricity in the household or in industry.

The Answer



Plan of the Queenstown Publicly-Owned Hydro-Electric System, Ontario, Canada.

electricity in the household or in industry. Then came the world war, with its rapid expansion of big business enterprises. Since the war the General Electric has taken the aggressive against the public, and the forces that sought to curb its march toward monopoly have been glad to protect some of the minor holdings of the public, such as Muscle Shoals and Boulder Canyon, against the hungry grasp. In the cities and towns it has had no serious interference from any public

power except through the vote of various cities to produce and sell their own electricity.

Now the I. B. E. W. research bureau has traced down the identity of the interests merged in this private monopoly. Not merely does it show the control which the General Electric exercises through its holding corporation, the Electric Bond & Share Co., but it links up with them the Insull group in the Middle West and the Byllesby interests in the Northwest, which in the past have been declared to be independent of General Electric.

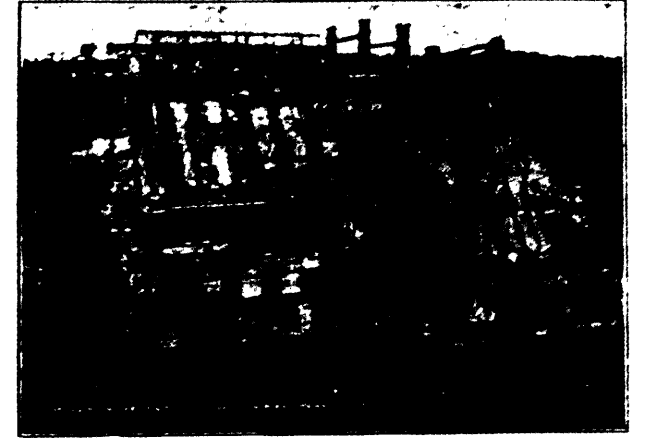
Interlocking Interests
Thus, the Electric Bond & Share Co. owns the American Superpower Co., an investment and operating corporation, which co-operates financially with the Insull group. American Superpower owns large blocks of stock in Insull companies, including the Middle West Utilities Co., which is a big holding and operating company. Inasmuch as the Insull group, centered in Chicago, has recently reached out even to the New England territory, the financial interlocking with its bigger rival is suspected.

Byllesby interests are drawn into the General Electric web by means of the Electric Investors, Inc., owned by the Electric Bond & Share Co. and owner of a large part of the stock of the Northern States Power Co., a Byllesby enterprise. This Northern States concern is said to dominate the electric power situation in the Northwest.

Beside its grip upon the Insull and Byllesby companies, the Electric Bond & Share Co. dominates these major corporate groups: American Gas & Electric Co.; American Power & Light Co.; Lohish Power Securities

Corporation; Electric Power & Light Co.; National Power & Light Co.; Southeastern Power & Light Co., which controls the Alabama Power Co., which is trying to get Muscle Shoals; Montana Power Co. Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Co., was a director of the Electric Bond & Share Co. until 1925,

other experts on the power trust question have repeatedly called attention to the growth of this private monopoly, which waxes content with war against every form of public ownership of power and light. The I. B. E. W. Inquiry supports the statement they have made that the Electric Bond & Share Securities Corporation, General Electric, issued shares of stock



Part of the Largest Power House in the World, Publicly Owned, on Canadian Side of Niagara River.

when public protest at the growth of the power monopoly became heated. At that time General Electric which owned all the stock of Electric Bond & Share, simply handed over to its individual stockholders their respective shares of the stock of Electric Bond & Share. It then announced that the companies were wholly separated and had no common directors. This claim is substantially untrue. Senator Norris, Senator Howell and

sold at from \$50 to \$90. The stock action means simply that General Electric owns the Electric Bond & Share Securities, which own the stock formerly held by General Electric in the Electric Bond & Share, and has paid a stock dividend from \$50 to \$90. Separation of the two giant companies was a fake, created by General Electric to take over and distribute the stock of Electric Bond & Share to stockholders

Mellon a Big Figure in New Power Trust

Secretary of Treasury Gains Commanding Position in the Most Dangerous Monopoly

According to reports from Pittsburgh, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has become one of the monarchs of the power trust. The Mellon fortune was accumulated primarily through banks, distilleries and the aluminum trust.

Within the last two or three years the secretary and members of his family have been going into the power field. They now control power corporations with assets estimated at \$20,000,000.

They have grabbed the Duke-Price power company, which is developing a vast project in Quebec.

In March last they stole a march on Frank T. Hulbert, who thought he was supreme in the United Light and Power Co. Hulbert woke up one morning to find himself a bankrupt. He had been maneuvered into a tight place on the stock exchange and was stripped of his millions almost before he knew what was happening.

When the smoke of battle cleared away the Mellons were found to be in control of the United Light. The Secretary of the Treasury is one of the richest men in the world. In addition, he is in charge of Uncle Sam's purse and is virtually head of the Federal Reserve system, which gives him a tactical position which even Morgan and Rockefeller would not dare to challenge.

Will Commemorate Death of Matteotti

A great labor mass meeting will be held in East Liberty, Pa., Sunday, June 13, 2 p. m., at Kingsley House, Auburn street and Larimer avenue, to commemorate the martyrdom of the great Italian Socialist who was assassinated by the Fascisti followers of Mussolini. The speakers will be Attorney Roland A. M. McCreedy, Attorney Nino Giannini, Dr. Sidney Stark, Diabete Massimo. Dr. Frank Abate will act as chairman. Everybody is invited.

Manitoba Controls Beer Distribution

Winnipeg—The Manitoba liquor commission has assumed entire control of the distribution of beer. The beverage may be bought only in offices of the commission.

Polish Socialist Leader Explains Pilsudski Coup

By M. Niedzialkowski

After President Piłsudski's death, the Polish Socialist Party (P.S.P.) article was forwarded to the Appeal by the Labor and Socialist International.

The Witos Cabinet, with a small parliamentary majority, represented a reactionary combination. On the extreme right of the government majority was the monarchist group, Witos' Party itself, a moderate peasants' Party was submerged within the majority by the reactionary Parties; organized fascism was preparing for a semi-legal coup d'état. In such conditions the Socialist Party of Poland was expecting a period of very difficult struggles.

On the May 11th the government ordered a transfer of two "safe" regiments from Posenania to Warsaw. This transfer provoked a military rising among several other regiments, faithful to democracy, who understood it as an attempt to arrest Piłsudski and as the beginning of a policy of reactionary prosecution. We were not expecting a military step of this kind, but the very fact of this step having been taken has put us in the necessity of participating in the struggle.

Lately the relations of the Party with Marshal Piłsudski have been somewhat strained. But the military revolt of the Marshal against reaction in power aroused immediately a tremendous enthusiasm among the working masses. On the other hand, the victory of the government would have been the signal for a formidable revenge against the working-class and all democracy, and doubtless for a military dictatorship in the purely fascist manner. In addition Piłsudski is personally very popular among the people.

Left, with Bartel as Prime Minister. Such is the present situation. For my part I define it in the following way:

1. The Piłsudski revolution was a purely political revolution and if one can say so—a negative one. It had as its object the overthrow of the reactionary government, that is, of reaction in power.

2. It has shifted power, supported by a section of the army, from the hands of fascist reaction into the hands of radical liberalism.

3. It was too soon over to enable the working-class to shape it in a social and economic sense. But at the same time:

(1) The working class has obtained a perceptible weakening of reaction.

(2) The working class has increased its own forces; it has recovered revolutionary enthusiasm, and it has responded magnificently to the orders of the Party.

(3) The Party has organized a strong workers' militia, which has acquired a solid reputation in military circles.

The National Council of the Polish Socialist Party has issued the following platform:

(a) Dissolution of the Chamber and the Senate. (b) Immediate new elections. (c) A Socialist-peasant government on the basis of a definite program (economic, social, political, national minorities questions). In short, if one attempts to look ahead, one can trace many possibilities of development from these events: 1. Either the present government will develop along the lines of a military dictatorship; a conflict with the working-class is then imminent. 2. Or it will base itself as it declares on democracy; the Chamber will dissolve, new elections will be proclaimed, concessions will be made to the Socialist movement and every effort will be put into the electoral struggle. 3. Or, finally, civil war with reaction in Posenania may break out, and then the necessity of a socialist, or almost socialist, government appears probable. At the moment the second likelihood is the most probable. It is also—considering the economic crisis of the country—the most advantageous to Socialism and to the proletariat. It is in this direction that the Party is working. Towards the Bartel Cabinet we have taken up a waiting attitude. We have presented to him a minimum program on economic, social, political questions and the problem of minorities.

Mexicans Have Finest Labor Code in World

Eight-hour Day, No Child Labor, Minimum Wage, Safety Laws Among Features

By Albert F. Coyle

Cleveland.—(FP) Mexican labor has the most advanced labor code ever written into a national constitution. If that statement seems extreme, here are the facts to prove it. The Constitution of 1917, called by the Mexican people their Magna Carta of Liberty, devotes an entire section to labor and social welfare. This section guarantees the workers of Mexico among other things:

The eight-hour day, with 7 hours maximum night work for men and none for women or children under 18 in industry; the 6-day week; child labor prohibited for all children under 12, with a maximum of 8 hours for children from 12 to 16, and none for children under 16 in industry or "unhealthy and dangerous occupations."

Childbearing mothers protected for 2 months before childbirth, given one month's vacation with pay after it and then daily rest periods during nursing.

A minimum wage for all workers "sufficient to supply the normal needs of life of the workman, his education and his lawful pleasures, considered as the head of a family," right to a share in profits "in all agricultural, commercial, manufacturing or mining enterprises," equal wages for equal work, regardless of sex or nationality.

Wages paid regularly in full, overtime limited to 2 hours per day for not more than 3 consecutive days with double pay for overtime or work on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. No woman or child under 16 can work overtime.

Employers are obliged to furnish comfortable houses for employees; "school, hospital, and other services necessary to the community" must also be provided by employers; saloons and gambling places prohibited in all labor centers.

Compensation by the employer for accidents and diseases; safety and sanitary safeguards for all workers. Both workers and employers have right to organize and to strike, but employers may not strike by closing their factories unless "the excess of production renders it necessary to maintain prices."

Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration. Workers who do not accept the findings may leave their employment; employers who refuse must pay three months' wages to each employee.

Employers who wrongfully discharge workers must, at the option of the workers, either reinstate them or pay three months' wages.

Worker wages are the first claim in case of bankruptcy or sale of business; no imprisonment of workers for debt, nor can more than one month's wages be claimed by any creditor; neither public nor private employment bureaus may charge the worker a fee; no employee can contract away the protection given him by the law.

Public and cooperative insurance for the workers against "old age,

U. S. Lowest in Ratio of Organized Workers

The United States, with about eighteen per cent of its industrial and commercial workers, ranks at the bottom in the proportion of trade unionists to the total working population, Russia leads with its workers nearly one hundred per cent organized.

These comparisons are for the first time possible for a majority of nations through a study of international statistics of working populations by W. Vojtinsky, summarized by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the working population he includes all who derive their living from salaries or wages except managers, administrators and higher officials. Figures for trade union membership are those issued by the International Federation of Trade Unions (Amsterdam).

The total trade unionists in the 25 countries covered by the survey were 25,710,829. Vojtinsky finds that the working population of these countries:

Table with 4 columns: Strength of Organized Labor, Union Members, Working Class Total, and In Industry & Commerce. Rows include Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Other European nations, and United States.

totalled 129,674,000 and that 69,257,000 were employed in industry, commerce and transportation. The remainder were employed in agriculture, the professions and in public service.

Taking these world figures it appears that trade unionism has reached about 29.6 per cent of the entire working class and about 51.5 per cent of those employed in industry, commerce and transportation.

Vojtinsky gives Russia's working population in 1920-21 as 6,000,000, but states that there has been a considerable increase since that year. Aside from Russia, Austria is the only country with more than half its working class organized in trade unions. Austria boasts 58.6 per cent of its entire working class organized. Membership in Austrian trade unions amounts to 87.7 per cent of the total workers in industry, commerce and transportation.

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Power Trust in War on Public Ontario Plant

Penetrates All Parties in Effort to Destroy State-Owned Power System

As long as this state-owned system stands as a monument and a beacon for public ownership, the Power Trust is not safe. For this reason and for the sake of preserving extortionate private monopoly prices, the Power Trust is engaged in a desperate assault on the Ontario system through an effort to split and control the various Canadian political parties and have laws passed abolishing, abolishing or selling the great Ontario system.

Says a recent news dispatch from Toronto: Toronto.—The alleged efforts of the power trust to undermine Hydro Ontario's famous government-owned power system, are shattering party lines. Hydro has earnest friends and bitter enemies in all political camps.

In the Dominion Parliament last week, T. L. Church, Conservative of Toronto, made a fierce attack on Cahane, Montreal Conservative. Cahane, who is the leader of the anti-government-ownership forces, had criticized Hydro. Replying, Church said:

"The more the honorable gentleman talks about the Hydro movement the less he knows, and the less he knows the more he talks. He is the spokesman of St. James Street of Montreal."

St. James Street is the Wall Street of Canada. Church denied that Hydro was exempt from taxation. It contributed \$450,000 to Toronto, he said, and \$5,000,000 a year to the Dominion Treasury.

Although Church is a Conservative he declared that the Ferguson government in Ontario, which is also Conservative, was not a friend of public ownership.

While Church was making his speech in the House, John R. Johnson, editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, published sensational charges against the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Ferguson government in connection with the Power Trust.

He criticized the action of the Hydro Commission, with the approval of the Ferguson government, in entering into a contract for the purchase of an immense amount of water from a privately owned company in Quebec.

This was the first step, he said, to link up Hydro with the superpower system, and thus to make it a part of the privately owned power company.

Lee Geisendorff Dead

Conrade Lee H. Geisendorff of Indianapolis, Ind., one of our best workers in the Socialist Party of Indiana, died on Saturday, June 8. Conrade Geisendorff was not only active in Party work but was also very active in the labor movement for various offices on the Party.

Members of the Socialist Party served as pallbearers at the funeral which was held Monday, June 10.

Sweet Land of Liberty

New Orleans. Special agents of the department of justice in the past two weeks arrested 50 so-called undesirable aliens, including Italians, Mexicans, Spaniards and Chinese, to be deported.

Every imaginable substitute punishment has been resorted to by chain gang officials. In one prison camp they tie a prisoner in a shallow box and smear molasses over his face, leaving him powerless to brush away the mass of flies.

In another camp visited by The Federated Press they tie a prisoner with his back to a post, the hands tied just high enough to make him stand on his toes.

In other camps were found stocks such as were used by the Puritans.

Sickness, death, unemployment and accident are declared public utilities to be fostered by both state and federal government; cooperative associations to acquire cheap and sanitary habitations are also considered public utilities.

The Mexican constitution contains an anti-monopoly law much stricter than the Sherman antitrust act, but it provides that labor and cooperative associations do not constitute monopolies.

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