

Plan to Federalize All State Militias In Next Congress

Will Give America Largest Standing Army and New Weapon Against Labor

The workers of America are confronted with one of the most dangerous and vicious steps toward the complete militarization of this nation in the history of our country.

One dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: "Suggestions that the national guard be diverted of its status as a state militia organization, that the federal government take over its training as a part of the army and accord to the states the right to use certain portions of the guard in an emergency to maintain law and order within the boundaries of the state, also that the guard be given the same status as the organized reserves now possess, are being made the subject of study by a special board of regular army and guard officers."

The war department recognized the desire of the national guard to be converted to all things as the army of the United States, and if no insuperable constitutional obstacles are discovered the department may be counted upon to use its full influence with congress to obtain whatever legislative or constitutional remedy may be necessary to effect this proposed measure.

Reading Labor Party To Back Socialists

READING, Pa.—The Labor Party at Reading, Pa., part of the Pennsylvania Labor party, at a recent meeting in which were present delegates representing 40 trade unions, introduced the candidates of the Socialist nominees.

As a result of this endorsement, the names of the Socialist candidates will appear on the ballot in two columns. They will appear in one column as candidates of the Socialist Party and in another column as candidates of the Labor Party.

The Next War!

Major-General E. D. Swinton, a British expert, states that progress is being made in the development of rays for lethal purposes. "We have X-rays," he says, "We have light rays. We have heat rays. We may not be so very far from the development of some kind of lethal ray which will shatter up or paralyze or poison human beings."

General Swinton prophesies the coming of germ warfare. "I think it will come to that," he says, "and so far as I can see there is no reason why it should not. We must investigate these new forms of warfare and as far as possible expend energy, time and money in encouraging our inventors and scientists to study THE WAGING OF WAR ON A WHOLE-SCALE SCALE instead of... thinking so much about methods which will kill a few individuals only at a time."

CALL INTERNATIONAL PROTEST TO SAVE SACCO AND VANZETTI

(By the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee, Boston, Mass.)

Sacco and Vanzetti face the electric chair, August 10! Reveling in secrecy, honest in intention though it may be, the hates and fears of prejudiced people are completing the doom of two innocent men. Under the protection of privacy these enemies of life and justice are spinning a web of falsehood from which our two friends cannot escape—unless even enemies of the honest men.

This committee feels that the hour is at hand when friends of justice in all places must unite in a vast, final attempt to save Sacco and Vanzetti. To that end we have chosen SUNDAY, JULY 31, as the date for an international protest.

Private Companies Arm With Machine Guns Against Labor

Coal Magnates Rush Armies of Strikebreakers—Court Enjoins Union

Private coal corporations are being allowed to arm their thugs and gunmen with deadly machine guns to protect newly levied armies of strikebreakers in Ohio in a final desperate effort of the owners to break the union and force a disastrous reduction of wages.

After permitting private companies to arm practically with artillery and conduct a function of the government—war—the government of Ohio admitted ordering machine guns and ammunition preparatory to opening their properties on a nonunion basis. The Rose Valley mine is to open next Monday, while the Goodyear mine is scheduled to open Aug. 5.

Flays President for War Plane Massacre

Following the monstrous slaughter of practically unarmed Nicaraguans by American war planes, Edward F. Dunne, formerly governor of Illinois and mayor of Chicago, sent the following open letter to President Coolidge:

"According to dispatches appearing in the public press, during a battle between Nicaraguan factions for the possession of an obscure little town, a detachment of American marines led by order to the scene of the conflict and under the American flag joined one of the warring armies and opened fire under the American flag against the other contending army."

Government Ship Lines Make Money

A net operating profit of \$371,000 was shown by the United States lines for the fiscal year ending June 30, the first time the line has shown a profit since it was established as a part of the government merchant marine.

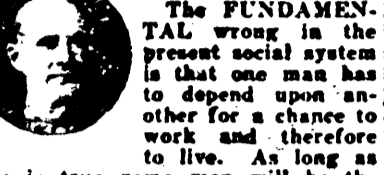
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, Brig. Gen. Dalton, president of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, reported that the line showed a loss of \$980,000, although it had six ships in operation, in contrast to the five for the fiscal year just ended.

The only real democrats in the world, the only people who would apply democracy to our industrial system as well as our government, are the Socialists.

From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

The Struggle for Social Justice



THE FUNDAMENTAL wrong in the present social system is that one man has to depend upon another for a chance to live. As long as this is true some men will be the masters of others, control their very lives, and this economic relation between man and man is the positive denial of individual or social justice.

In the present outgrown social order a few men, relatively speaking, own as their private property the sources, means and instruments upon which the masses of mankind depend for their livelihood. This means industrial mastery for the few, industrial slavery for the many, and social injustice for all.

Conservatives In Control in China, Kill Many Workers

The right wing of the Kuomintang, consisting of the business class, seems to have gained full control. General Yeng, the "Christian General" in whom the radicals had placed their hopes, has turned against the radicals and has become an ardent militarist general.

The correspondents reported that the Wuhan government has two policies: First, to eliminate Communism, and second to eliminate General Chiang Kai-Shek, moderate Nationalist leader.

They pointed out that in going to Kuling to escape the summer heat, Michael Borodin, soviet adviser to the Hankow government, has also escaped an unfavorable political atmosphere.

Norway Hamstrings Its Labor Unions

Oslo, Norway.—The infamous anti-trade union law in Great Britain has found its counterpart in a bill that has just passed the upper house here and is practically sure to pass the lower house.

The Norwegian measure is an amendment to the penal code, which makes an attempt by a worker to induce a seaman to leave a job punishable by a very heavy fine.

Pacifist Leaven in French Army

PARIS—More than 100 naval reserves arriving at Cherbourg with a contingent of 600 to do a month's service broke through the police lines at the railroad station and surged through the streets singing the International and crying, "Down with military service!"

The police finally quelled the mob and arrested two members. At Toulon last night 100 marine reserves surrounded the prison where a couple of their mates were held, sang the International, and demanded the release of the men.

Pan-American Labor Splits on Backing Monroe Doctrine

Imperialism Denounced and U. S. Asked to Withdraw Troops from Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Resolutions endorsing the Monroe Doctrine but deploring the "strained interpretations" under which it "has time and again used to the detriment of the rights and liberties of weaker nations" were adopted by the Pan-American Federation of Labor congress.

The action of the congress came as a climax to a turbulent three hour session in which President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, presiding over the congress, sternly rebuked radical delegates who attacked the doctrine and reminded them that only the Monroe Doctrine had saved Latin America from occupation by some "rapacious European power."

The only dissenting vote against the resolution as finally accepted was cast by Ricardo Martinez, a delegate from Venezuela, who charged in a bitter speech that the resolutions committee, headed by Matthew Woll, a vice president of American Federation of Labor, had forced it as a compromise for and sponsored by the delegations from Venezuela, Nicaragua and Santo Domingo.

Martinez' original resolution denounced "American imperialism as set forth by President Coolidge when he said, 'the person and property of a citizen are part of the general domain of the nation, even when abroad.'" declared the Monroe Doctrine to be the instrument for American imperialism; advocated the withdrawal of American forces wherever they are stationed in Latin America and the granting of immediate independence for Porto Rico.

President Green declared that the Monroe doctrine is a "fixed and unalterable policy of the United States," and asserted that he could excuse the "intemperate remarks" of Martinez only on the ground that the latter is "young and will learn eventually through experience."

The resolution finally adopted "registers the firmest opinion" of the congress "that the citizens of any country when abroad must be respected in the same manner as the citizens of their own country, and that the rights of the citizens of any country where they may find themselves and that no recourse to arms nor to force in any manner is justified in seeking to obtain for foreign citizens and foreign investment privileges above the rights that the native citizens of that country are entitled to."

Salomon de la Selva, delegate from Nicaragua, whose resolution in modified form demanding an immediate withdrawal of American marines from his country was adopted, emphasized the demand for immediate terms and asserted that like "a surgeon's knife, which may be used for murder rather than for the alleviation of suffering, the Monroe Doctrine may be so applied."

The resolution urging the United States immediately to withdraw American marine forces from Nicaragua, was passed unanimously. The resolution deploring the loss of life in Nicaragua caused by American intervention and urged that "the people of Nicaragua be left free to work out their own problems" without any interference on the part of any foreign nation.

The congress, which has been heatedly discussing the Nicaraguan situation for three days, voted to send copies of the resolution to Secretary of State Kellogg and otherwise give their action the fullest publicity.

In its resolution the federation members blamed the activity of Nicaraguan and foreign capitalists for foreign intervention in that country. Intervention, it was asserted, was not asked for by the living classes and was not working out for the best interests of the Nicaraguan people.

It was asserted that it would be to the best interests of Nicaragua if the United States immediately terminated its intervention and allowed the Nicaraguans to work out their own problems, both at present and in the elections to be held next year.

Passage of the resolution marks a victory for the Nicaraguan labor delegates. It was also supported by Luis Morales, minister of commerce and labor in Mexico.

Spilt Whiskey As A Cause of War

The present Afghanistan episode illustrates a cause of war which may be under the present system. Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany have agreed on a joint note to Afghanistan demanding restitution and satisfaction for a case of whiskey spilt or drunk by the Emir's subjects while in transit across Afghanistan last March to the British Minister at Kabul. A case of whiskey was taken from the British courier by Afghanistans hillmen and the empty bottles later returned. The hillmen claim the whiskey was spilt. England was asked to pay for the bottles and was wounded. Four of the world's leading powers have taken a stand on this profound question which is nothing less than a war

Administration Is Ready to Reinforce Nicaraguan Marines

Fear Effects of Bombing Plane Massacre at Home and in Latin America

(The following is from a Washington newspaper correspondent who is considered a close interpreter of the administration.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Much regret is expressed here over the outbreak of hostilities in Nicaragua. The "skirmish" in which more than 300 natives are reported to have been killed in an engagement in which one American marine was lost has not been measured by the casualty list, for it is realized that opinion throughout Central and South America is quick to sympathize with any groups which happen to be victims of American machine guns.

The friction stirred up by the American recognition of Diaz and the consequent forcible tactics used in compelling both sides to lay down their arms has left an impression which may quickly be converted into open hostility the moment the marines can be outnumbered by guerrilla groups. The marines here, therefore, are wondering whether it might not be necessary to re-enforce the marine detachments in Nicaragua so as to show the guerrillas the futility of attacking the American forces.

The administration policy is to keep marines in Nicaragua until next year, when a presidential election is to be supervised by American officials with the marines to maintain order.

The whole Nicaraguan question has been a thorn in the side of the administration for several months, not alone because of the difficulty of establishing an agreement between the factions but because of the belief in Central and South America that the United States has resorted to the "big stick" of imperialism in forcing the smaller and weaker countries to conform to the wishes of the United States.

Workers In Italy Are Reorganizing

LUGANO—The fascist terror is proceeding with unabated force in Italy, but it is failing to keep the Workers in subjection. Every day brings fresh news of the revival of Trade Union organization.

The new basis of the Italian Trade Union is in the factories, where the movement is in close touch with the Workers in their daily life and struggles.

The Trades Councils, too, are now beginning to function, the latest to reorganize activities being those at Milan, Trieste and Turin.

Nor are the peasants lagging behind in this new burst of anti-fascist life. An Agricultural Workers' Union is being formed and the Left Wing Workers' organization in Milan, recognizing the solidarity of town and country Workers, have broadcast a pamphlet calling for a campaign for the defense of "the right to existence of Italian Workers and Peasants."

Labor Radio Boosts Public Ownership

CHICAGO—Saturday, 6:45 p. m. Milwaukee time—and every Saturday night thereafter at the same hour, until further notice, Carl D. Thompson will speak for 10 minutes over Radio Station WCFL, the "Voice of Labor" of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The general subject of these talks will be Public Ownership and Public Utility Problems.

The WCLF wave length is 483.6—620 kilocycles.

Among the subjects Thompson will speak on in the future are: The New Issue at Muscle Shoals; How Much Public Ownership Have We in the United States; The Boulder Canyon and Its Tremendous Power Possibilities; The Success of the Detroit Municipal Street Car Lines; The Canadian National Railways—Another Outstanding Success of Public Ownership, and the like.

War Conspiracy Against Russia Is Fully Exposed

Willing Capitalist Governments Pay For Forgeries Designed to Plunge World in War

(The following sensational story appears in the current issue of The New Leader, London, official organ of the British Labor Party. It is from the pen of a special New Leader writer, who signs himself "Socialist Politician.")

I am able to give in advance a story which will shortly cause a sensation throughout the world. It is an amazing revelation of how the espionage services of many important Governments, including the British, have been hoodwinked by a hand of adventurers (or worse) with faked Soviet plots.

It has not been a matter merely of forgeries. The plots have actually been acted, and the alleged Soviet participants have been impersonated. This is not a Moscow story. It will be revealed to the world by the Public Prosecutor of France, who is about to take action against the group concerned on behalf of the French Government.

White Russians Involved I say the group may well be more than mere adventurers out to bleed the Governments of money, because they are known to be White Russian—Salvovsk, who belongs to the White Russian colony in Paris, has already been arrested. The French police are seeking to arrest Kevitsky and Mikheev, two of his colleagues. There is little doubt that there has been a political objective behind these astonishing "plots," as well as a mere money-making conspiracy.

The facts are these: Two months ago the Soviet Embassy in Paris received detailed information regarding the machinations of the plotters. It commended the information to the French Government, and assisted the French authorities to place their hands upon the whole organization. In the autumn one of the most sensational political trials in modern times will be opened in Paris.

The group of plotters has been active at work in Paris since last October. They have sold a large number of forged documents to the dif-

Canada Leads in Public Ownership

(From The New Leader, London, Socialist and Labor Magazine)

The "Economist" recently contained a remarkable article on the theory that "Canada is leading the way to become the earliest example of widespread public ownership in the British Empire." First of all, there is Canada's national system of railways, now managed by Sir Henry Thornton (formerly general manager of our Great Northern Railway), which has the largest railway mileage in the world under a single management. Then there is the great undertaking called "Harnessing Niagara," undertaken by the Ontario Government to insure cheap electricity under private enterprise. Today it is the most tremendous system of electrification in the world. Another sign of advancing State control in Canada is the progress and prosperity of her merchant marine. At first it was pointed out that the whole thing would be a sinkhole for the taxpayers' money, but it is actually paying its way and giving daily promise of better things. State-owned aeroplanes are now being used for the transport of mails, for small parcels and for protection. Still another phase of State control is the Canadian Government's Motion Picture Bureau, which is so successful and efficient that it obtains contracts from Hollywood. There is some probability, too, that the coal mines of Canada may be State-owned before long. The "Economist" ingeniously comments: "But this progress must not be confounded with Socialism as we know it in European countries. The State control I have indicated is merely the operation of certain utilities which the Federal and Provincial Governments of the Dominion are undertaking for the general welfare. Well, we don't mind. A rose by any other name smells as sweet!"

Chicago Responds In response to the stirring call on this page from the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee for nation-wide demonstration to stop the threatened execution of these two men on August 10, Chicago will set a magnificent example. The whole labor and liberal movement of Chicago will participate in a monster demonstration, Saturday July 30, 3 p. m. at Union Park, Ogden Ave. and Washington Boulevard. Speakers representing every shade of labor and liberal opinion will address the crowd.

Debs Book Now Being Printed— Appeal's Biggest Drive Begins

This is being written WALLS AND BARS is being printed. Our big crowd of prize winners and the many who have sent in advance orders for this wonderful book will get their handsome, red clothbound volume in a few days.

Socialist Party News

Party Activity

The news is beginning to arrive at headquarters from a number of sections of the country from comrades telling us that party activity is picking up, that organizations are being formed and a general move all along the line is being made towards a working organization.

"Walls and Bars"

The great Debs book, "WALLS AND BARS", will be mailed out by the time this issue of the American Appeal goes in the mails.

Pennsylvania

Old Socialists, young Socialists and sympathizers of West Moreland and Allegheny Counties, and in fact from all parts of Southwestern Pennsylvania, are all set for a big day out in the open on Sunday, August 21st, at Woodside Park.

New York

Comrade Irvine Schnabel has been elected Secretary of Local Buffalo. His address is 17 Marshall St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Massachusetts

Secretary Alfred Baker Lewis informs us that the meetings of Comrade Esther Friedman are good ones. He is confident that they will be an active one.

California

State Secretary Lewis is urging every Socialist to first be a member of the Socialist Party, and second to be an active one.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Socialists will hold a Banquet on July 29th, in Taites Coffee Shop, which is located at 540 South Broadway.

Old Age Pension Secretary to Speak

Chicago Yipsel has prepared a treat for the public. Abraham Epstein of Harrisburg, Pa., Executive Secretary of the American Association of Old Age Security, will speak on the subject of Old Age Pensions at a meeting arranged by the Young People's Socialist League of Chicago.

Young People's Department

National Office YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 23 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Chicago Yipsel Wins Essay Contest

The members of the Chicago Y. P. S. L. recently participated in an essay contest arranged as an educational feature of the circle.

The New Feudalism

When an average American thinks about the term feudalism, he imagines a state in which one who is born with equal rights by the law of nature is bound to the will of his lord who is fortunate to secure the land by means of inheritance or otherwise.

Army Record

The Army did \$50 better last week than the week before, and this is not counting the \$600 the Daily Forward Association sent in as a part of its regular monthly gift for which the whole movement is deeply obligated to our loyal Jewish comrades.

Fund Report

The following gifts were received by the American Appeal Promotion and Sustaining Fund during the week ending July 23, 1927:

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If a Man Die

By Geo. R. Kirkpatrick

Comrades, some of you have spent your prime in the Socialist movement and are now growing old. However, the "heart never grows old."

Labor Government

Fixes Wage and Child Allowance

By W. Francis Ahern

SYDNEY, Australia.—The New South Wales Labor Government has introduced a more equitable method of fixing wages.

Sinclair's "Oil"

By Louis Rabinowitz

The Appeal regrets that it is unable to publish all of Comrade Rabinowitz's excellent review of Sinclair's "Oil."

What's So And What Isn't

By John M. Work

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NEWS AND VIEWS

First Fruits of Imperialism

The United States is tasting the first bitter fruits of imperialism in Nicaragua. The bombing plane massacre in which a military unit of the liberal army was practically wiped out reads startlingly like a leaf from the British, French, Italian and Spanish book of imperialism.

Green's Defense of The Monroe Doctrine

President Green of the American Federation of Labor is not going to help out the problem of labor unity throughout the western hemisphere by attempting to defend the outward Monroe doctrine, as he did at the recent Pan-American congress.

Who Are the Traitors?

The following gem on "revolutionary" tactics is from a communist daily paper published in New York City: "When the demonstrations occur and the masses are actually in the streets, fighting against the capitalist government, it is the duty of responsible leadership to enter into the conflict with all the resources at its command and incite the workers to ever more widespread, violent and audacious action."

Premature Revolutions

Since the world war there have been industrial revolts in Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Finland and Latvia. In the years following the war Germany was a battleground of successive, but not successful, revolts.

Two nations that border on Austria, Italy and Hungary, have white terror dictatorships.

Under no circumstances would either of these countries be able to exist on their borders the League of Nations, but with Italy and Hungary. She is not allowed to arm. Any attempt of a new regime in Austria to provide adequate national defense would immediately precipitate an irresistible invasion.

The Austrian Socialists know all the facts and are getting themselves accordingly. They are slowly and peacefully transforming Austria through the solid, constructive and enduring power of the slowly increasing and advancing labor movement.

Europe is changing. This is the only program that preserves working class power and political ability intact until the real opportunity of the Austria workers will come.

In the midst of such a process a mere handful of communists taking advantage of a condition of extreme indignation caused by outrageous court injustice in freeing self-confessed Fascist murderers of workers, thrust themselves with destructive force.

To understand the enormity of this act, one has to have some idea of the Austria, in comparison with the Socialist movement. In the recent election in Austria the Socialists cast 42 per cent of the total vote. Out of 3,675,566 votes the Socialist cast 1,515,300. The communist vote was only 5,000.

This little handful of dwindling fanatics attempted by a sudden coup to push 1,500,000 organized Austrian workers into a revolutionary situation from which they could not extricate themselves. Out of this resulting chaos this 6,000 thought they could establish a "dictatorship of the proletariat."

Prosperity

There were 174 bank failures in the first ninety days of this year. This is more than two a day for weeks. In the same period last year there were 94—slightly more than one a day.

What About China?

In one of those surprising and baffling shifts that characterize Chinese movements, the Chinese revolution which seemed a few months ago to embody elements of great promise, has apparently reverted to the original condition of factional fights between war lords.

Every general in whom the revolutionary elements had reposed faith has betrayed the radical elements that did so much to give the nationalistic movement idealism, unity, morale. Even Hankow, last citadel of radicalism has surrendered to a militarist general.

The Passing of The Barricade

Beside the fact that the Western European revolutions of the World War were mainly cases of minorities trying to force majorities into a revolution, there is no doubt is another basic cause of their failure—the deadly nature of modern arms.

A barricade is about as much protection against modern artillery, armored tanks, poison gas and bombing planes, as hows and arrows would be in the present conditions.

War was the only method of successful method of barricade revolution has definitely passed. These dreamers still live among the scenes of the French revolution and the Paris Commune.

War Conspiracy Against Russia

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By Geo. F. Hibner

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Some Principles Of The Youth Movement

Editor's Note

One of the results of the world war was the European youth movement...

By Ellis Chadbourne
I. A New Type of Humanity
The struggle of the younger generation against the older is an ever recurring event in the spiritual development of the human race.

Very rarely have we observed in history a united, spontaneous movement of a whole generation of youth stirred by some deep instinct and not altogether definitely conscious of its goal...

The youth movements are seeking a new culture, a new civilization—a new world, as the song of the youth movement shows us...

they are building in flesh and blood, and stone and wood, the nucleus of a new world.

The Youth at Study
One concrete expression of the Youth movement may be found in the Volkshochschule (school-homes) for young working people...

ganda that is the most significant characteristic of the World youth movement.

2. Cooperation in the Youth Movement
Inspired by the ancient communistic principle, young people from the rank and file of the German Youth Movement early started their own communities (Siedlung)...

preliminary to the fairest division of labor.

3. The Wanderers
The Youth Movement began with wandering out into the open. In Berlin the Wandervogel, in Hamburg the "German Wanderers"...

The Wanderers must be equal to every occasion, must be able to get along without money and prepared for suffering and hardships.

4. The World War and the Revolution
In a sense the youth movement was a reaction against the treaty of war. The world-war came as a surprise to some; others anticipated it...

by the revolution. It was the same thing under another name. It was nothing more than war in one's own land.

For a long time the youth in Europe did not know how to go on living any longer. Slowly, very slowly, they came back to consciousness...

Government Report Reveals Alarming Robbery of Farmers

Incomes Drop 20 Per Cent in Face of Price, Interest, Rent and Tax Looting

At the peak of capitalistic prosperity in America when capitalistic incomes in the form of interest and dividends were higher than ever before...

Prosperity Arguments Smashed

According to an announcement just made by the United States Department of Agriculture...

After the war farm incomes began to slump until in 1922 they averaged less than \$600 a year net. Since that year there has been a more or less steady climb until last year the average net farm income...

The government report says: "Gross agricultural income showed a decrease of about 5 per cent for the crop year, which ended June 30, as compared with the preceding year."

20 Per Cent Net Decline

In computing the gross income, cash sales were placed at \$9,549,000,000, and the value of food and fuel consumed on farms at \$2,531,000,000.

The cash income from sales was estimated as follows: Dairy and poultry products, \$3,754,000,000; meat, animals, \$2,892,000,000; fruits and vegetables, \$1,511,000,000; grains, \$1,456,000,000; and cotton and cotton seed, \$1,291,000,000.

Expenditures were estimated as follows: Wages to hired labor, \$1,238,000,000; operating costs, \$2,987,000,000; taxes on operator-owned investment, \$984,000,000; rent on property rented from nonoperators, \$1,942,000,000; interest on debts to nonoperators, \$750,000,000, making a total of \$8,671,000,000 which farmers paid out of their income.

able for labor, capital and management for 1922 in 1925-26 to \$453 in 1926-27.

Corporations Earned 13 Per Cent

"For industry as a whole, the net earnings available for capital and management as percentages of all assets employed decreased from 5.2 per cent to 4.2 per cent, whereas comparable averages earned by all corporations on their total capital investment appear to have been about 13 per cent in 1925, as computed from reports of the United States Treasury department, and available data indicate that about the same percentage was earned in 1926."

The returns from agricultural production have been earned on declining values of agricultural products. The Treasury department, in its report for January, 1927, agricultural capital declined from \$3,712,000,000 to \$3,255,000,000, a reduction of \$457,000,000.

Compared with earnings for the preceding year the return for the labor of the farmer and his family decreased 19 per cent, wages paid to hired hands increased 2 per cent, while earnings of factory employees were as high in 1926-27 as in 1925-26."

What These Figures Mean

Note these facts: More than 6,000,000 farmers actually received only nine and a half billion dollars in cash for all their crops. This is around an average of \$1.50 each. But after they had paid expenses out of this, it shrank to \$2,440,000,000.

The average cash income of the farmers WAS LESS THAN \$100. In addition he consumed about \$425 raised on his own farm.

The free and independent American farmer received a dollar a day and board for the work of HIMSELF, FAMILY, HORSES, ALL HIS MACHINERY AND THE USE OF HIS LAND!

Taxes, Rent, Interest

Another expense was a tax bill amounting to \$651,000,000—a little better than \$100 per farm. HIS TAX BILL WAS MORE THAN FOURTH AS LARGE AS HIS TOTAL NET CASH INCOME!

Another expense was rent paid for the use of farms not owned by the farmers. Nearly two farmers out of every five had to pay this bill. It amounted to \$1,049,000,000. If all farmers had helped pay it, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN TWOFIFTHS AS LARGE AS THEIR TOTAL NET CASH INCOME, but for the two out of five farmers who paid IT, AMOUNTED TO BETTER THAN AN AVERAGE OF \$400 PER FARMER. Where did the renter get the money to pay it?

Another expense was the interest toll to the bankers. It amounted to \$750,000,000. This is sheer tribute for just the privilege of using the necessary medium of exchange to effect operations and transactions. It is about \$125 per farm family! This "expense" IS NEARLY ONE-THIRD AS LARGE AS THE AVERAGE CASH INCOME OF THE FARMER! Mr. Tolley Hartwick of Montana, will please note that while this item is enormous, important and outrageous, it is not as large as some of the other items, and that even its total elimination, which he proposes as a cure-all would not by any means settle the farmer problem. IT

WOULD ONLY SAVE THE FARMERS AN AVERAGE OF \$125 A YEAR EACH, AND WOULD LEAVE THEM WITH THAT EXTRA \$125 AMONG A RAVENING HORDE OF HUNGRY HOGGERS, PROFIT-MONGERS, LAND SHARKS, AND MARKET AND TRANSPORTATION EXTORTIONISTS.

Enormous Robbery Items

The total amount paid by the farmers in taxes to government, rents to landlords and interest to banks was \$4,900,000 more than their total net cash income for the year; but this incidental robbery was not half as great as the real robbery which took place when they received only nine and a half billion dollars for raising the food and raw materials for a nation that consumes yearly 60 billion dollars in finished products.

The sum total of all robbery items for the year REPRESENTS AMERICAN CAPITALISM'S TOTAL HARVEST FROM THE FARMERS. AFTER THE FARMERS HAD GATHERED THEIR HARVEST FROM THE SOIL.

Real Meaning and Remedy

It will be noted also that while this wholesale fleecing of the farmer incomes was going on their property was being advanced in value from \$12,000,000 the year previous to \$28,250,000,000 the crop year just closed. This is a reduction of almost one and a half billion dollars in agricultural value in only one year—and amounts in actual results to the transference of these values to the hands of the holders of organized capitalism.

This was some looting! This wholesale looting of farmer incomes and farmer property in the short period of twelve months explains exactly why the farmer income slumped so miserably that year and the income of corporations was the biggest in the history of this country. BIG BUSINESS GOT IT.

This is the result of farmer support of capitalism—the Republican and Democratic parties. The remedy is for the farmer and all other workers and believers in real democracy to unite politically in a party of their own to control the government and establish just and desirable conditions for all.

Big Farm Owners Worked for Nothing

Even the owners of large farms—farms of an average of 315 acres—worked for nothing during the crop year ending June 30, 1927.

Counting the average of \$242 worth of home grown food they consumed and deducting money paid out as interest on debts and for improvements, the average owner of 315 acres did not realize enough net income to represent 6 per cent interest on his investment of \$16,308. Further than this, he did not receive one cent for his own labor, and the labor of his sons, daughters and wife. They all worked the entire year for nothing. A statement by the United States Agricultural Department of July 24 says: Farming was less profitable to the average farmer in 1926 than in any year since 1923. Reports from 13,475 farmers in all parts of the country

disclose that the average net return on farms of 315 acres last year was \$1,133. The net return of this size farm was \$1,297 in 1925 and \$1,205 in 1924.

According to the department, 8975 of the 1926 return represents the cash balance which the average farm made available to the owner-operator to pay his living expenses, take care of debts, and make improvements. The other \$158 resulted from increased inventory values.

The average size of the farms reporting for 1926 was 315 acres, with an average investment of \$16,308. Average gross receipts were \$2,448, consisting of \$926 from crop sales, \$894 from sales of live stock, \$589 from sales of live stock products, and \$839 from miscellaneous sales. Average current cash expenses in 1926 totaled \$1,473, consisting of \$386 for hired labor, \$242 for live stock bought, \$232 for feed bought, \$73 for fertilizer, \$44 for seed, \$183 for taxes, \$120 for machinery and tools, and \$179 for miscellaneous items. Receipts less cash expenses averaged \$975, in addition to which these farmers used home grown food products valued at an average of \$242. The value of fuel and house rent was not reported. On the other hand, no allowance was made in the expense items for the labor of the farmer and his family, which was estimated by the farmers at an average value of \$779.

Fascism Ruining Italian Farmers

MUSOLINI'S strong arm is ruining the lira is ruining the farmer. Wheat which was bringing \$11.96 per quintal before the harvest, is now bringing only \$7.61 per quintal.

This is less than it can be cut and sold for. Banks are taking over the crops to protect themselves. Last July there were 80,000 unemployed. Today there are 250,000 with 100,000 more working on part time. The large landholders say wages must be reduced or they will be ruined. The "Labor Court in Rome recently fixed the wage for rice workers at the inhuman figure of 32 cents a day, but the landlords are still unsatisfied. The government is ordering the farmers to put in big crops next year. They are unable to do this because they are getting less than the cost of production for their crops. There have been uprisings of jobless and desperate agricultural workers recently. Ten of these workers were killed or wounded by the police at a riot at Trezzo sull'Adda, a village near Milan.

Farmers Sells At Less Than Cost

President Coolidge was recently presented with a table showing the average cost of producing the leading crops during the five years ending in 1925. Compare these costs with the price the farmers have been getting. They show that the farmers in many cases have been forced to sell their produce for less than the cost of production. Here are the figures given by Coolidge. We will now see what he will do: \$1.42 a bushel for corn. \$2.42 a bushel for wheat. 85 cents a bushel for oats. \$16.32 a hundred weight for hogs. 28 cents a pound for chickens. 93 cents a pound for butterfat. 61 cents a dozen for eggs. This is 79 per cent above the five year average price received by the farmer. This varies in states but is not far from representative.

The essence of the Socialist aim in regard to the individual is to guarantee every normal individual productive work and the full product of his labor minus his share in the upkeep of society.

The essence of Socialism—the essence of real human liberty—is free access of all the people to all the sources of wealth and all the tools of production and distribution.

The Socialist movement is the real and only defender of republicanism and democracy in Europe today.

OVERPRODUCTION THREATENS BITUMINOUS COAL STRIKE

Editor's Note

An alarming development that should cause much thought among organized workers is here described by Dr. Isador Lubin of the Institute of Economics, Washington, D. C. One of the most serious dangers to the worker is here described as a result of blind and unrestrained competition that is overproducing above the limited market demands to such an extent that a strike involving 200,000 workers has not succeeded in reducing this overproduction below present market needs. Industry generally under capitalism tends to overdevelopment and overproduction in relation to our system of limited consumption. Labor will have to find methods of labor organization and proper control different from those now in vogue in America to meet this growing situation. The Appeal is indebted to Dr. Harry W. Laidler, our Feature editor for sending this article.

By Dr. Isador Lubin

Conditions in the American bituminous coal fields have reached the stage where for the first time in history it is possible to wage a nation-wide strike in the basic industry without anybody knowing about it. Despite the fact that most of the union mines of the country were shut down in May, the coal industry produced an average of 1,393,000 tons of coal per day, an amount which was different from those now in vogue in America to meet this growing situation. The Appeal is indebted to Dr. Harry W. Laidler, our Feature editor for sending this article.

THE DISARMAMENT FARCE

By Frank Cotton

In The Australian Worker About four years ago an American scientist published a work under the title of "Super-Engines of War," in which the prediction was made that chemical factories and the heavier-than-air flying machines would be the most potent factors in future wars. That prediction appears to have been a singularly accurate one, for in both the directions referred to great advances have been made which seem to point to the conclusion that

THE NEXT GREAT WAR (IF SUCH A DISASTER SHOULD OCCUR) WILL IMPERIL THE VERY EXISTENCE OF TWENTIETH CENTURY CIVILIZATION.

The fact was well known in scientific circles during the closing period of the world war that chemists in many different countries had worked out formulas for producing high explosive compounds so deadly in character that they could not be used in any known type of rifle or cannon, because they would destroy these weapons by the tremendous energy liberated by their explosion. Also the fact was an open secret that research work in several countries had proved the possibility of producing deadly chemical liquids and gases which were far too dangerous to use in warfare as then carried on. In every nation research work of the same character has gone on, and at the same time a most wonderful advance has been made in the direction of aerial flights.

An actual experiment has been made in America to test the possibility of destroying a battleship by means of a high explosive bomb dropped from an aeroplane.

A DISCARDED BATTLESHIP WAS TOWED OUT TO SEA AND A BOMB CONTAINING A TON OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE COMPOUND DROPPED ON ITS DECK FROM AN AEROPLANE. THE GREAT STEEL SHIP CRUMBLING UP AS IF IT HAD BEEN MADE OF CARDBOARD, AND BANK IN A FEW MINUTES.

So tremendous was the shock of this explosion that its effects were severely felt on the observation ship, which was about half a mile away.

where near their potential capacity they could produce twice as much coal as the American people require. This overcapacity has led to terrific competition, and has necessitated cutting production costs to the bone. It has also made coal mining one of the most irregularly operated industries in the United States. Large losses are suffered by the mine owners, and the miners are compelled to bear the brunt of unemployment in an industry where plants are idle 90 days a year, on the average. Even during 1926, an active year in the coal trade, there were important districts where the miners were employed but half the time.

Many progressive mine owners are seeking ways to overcome the difficulties by the installation of machinery and the mechanization of their properties. They hope thereby to cut their costs to the point where they can undersell their competitors. If this movement grows to any extent, the number of mines in the United States will, no doubt, be cut down considerably. But this does not necessarily mean that conditions will be improved. Mechanized mining means a tremendous increase in the capacity of the mines that use machinery, and unless the capacity of those nations which fall by the wayside is as great as the new capacity created by the installation of machinery, the condition of the industry will remain very much as it is. Indeed, little hope can be seen for the coal industry—both miners and owners of America. It is because of these facts that many have been persistently demanding that some other agency of control will have to take a hand in the situation.

Chinese Farmers Organizing Rapidly

Development of farmer unions in China is paralleling the rapid organization of Chinese industrial workers.

According to a report in the Chinese Economic Bulletin, "The Bulletin estimates that the number of organized farmers has reached 3,000,000. "There are country districts," says the report, "in which already tens and hundreds of thousands of members are united in farmers unions. Without the least doubt these unions will continue to increase within the next few months. During the last month it has been reported that the first farmer organizations in the province of Anhwei have come into being. They number tens of thousands. The increasing power of the so-called Red Spears of Henan, the farmers movement in Chihli and Shantung, prove that there is material ready for organization into unions."

The report shows the largest membership in Hunan province where organized farmers number more than 1,300,000.

"The cause of the rapid growth of the farmers' movement," says the report, "is first of all the general political disturbances and the backward economic conditions which for centuries have beset the farmers. The majority of farmers in the southern provinces of China either possess no land whatever or only a very small strip, so that the simplest existence is hardly possible."

The vast majority of Chinese farmers either possess no land or so little that they must rent additional ground to support their families. The customary rent is paid in farm products and ranges from 50 percent to 60 percent of the harvest. In many cases, according to the report, it is as high as 75 percent, leaving the renter less than the barest subsistence.

The perfecting of the super-engines of war will only bring about catastrophe which is inevitable in any case.

Political Action

From The Australian Worker, June 15, 1927

The President of the American Federation of Labor says he does not believe in political action. And under certain circumstances it would be easy to agree with him. Unfortunately, however, those circumstances don't exist. The exploiters of labor have a fervent belief in political action, and that belief is for no other reason than that they wish who do not make use of the same weapon.

A treacherous weapon it is, no doubt. You have to be very, very careful how you handle it. It is capable of doing a terrific amount of injury to the wrong person.

It is like a machine gun disaboliably aimed that has to be watched carefully, lest it should suddenly whip round and pour into you the broadside you intended for the enemy.

But that enemy uses a similar piece of artillery, and your only chance to effectually hold your own against him is to match his armaments.

By political action the exploiting class have achieved their supremacy and established their regime. Their age-long command of this weapon explains why they possess the great sources of wealth, and are able to compel the workers to sell them their labor for little more than a bare subsistence.

In Australia the workers are learning the peculiar tricks and twists of political action. They have had some nasty experiences with it. It has given them some shocks and knocks for which they didn't bargain, and often they must have felt inclined to cast the darned thing from them. But on the other hand, by its means they have won a number of notable victories, and as they grow accustomed to its pranks they will assuredly turn it to still greater advantage.

The American worker refuses to elect his own representatives to Congress. No political action for him!

Meantime, the American capitalist, smiling blandly, sits in luxurious comfort in the Capitol, and the grossly uses political action for his own aggrandizement.

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