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Work! How About Arkansas?

Murder of C. R. Gregor Direct Challenge to All Workers

Fayette County, Pa., Miners Demand \$1,500,000.00 More Relief from the U.M.W. of A.

Secretary Hamilton, of Miners' Relief Committee, Is Forcibly Ejected from Convention; Notorious Strike-Breaker Van Bitter Imported to Drive Steam Roller over Fayette Miners; Feeny Does Dirty Work.

(Special to "The Worker") PITTSBURGH, PA.—In the most heartless manner high officials of the United Mine Workers of America, Thursday, Jan. 18, attempted to close the tragic strike of the Fayette County Miners at a convention at New Salem, Fayette County, in one of the stormiest meetings ever held in the stormy history of the Western Pennsylvania Miners.

Verdict at Herrin Makes Yellows Howl

By CARL HASSLER (Chicago Press Correspondent)

CHICAGO—Howling in rage because the blood of union miners is not to be spilled on the scaffold as a result of the first Herrin riot trial, the metropolitan press is skating recklessly on the thin ice that protects the American judicial system from a complete overhauling at the hands of the people.

Fight Fascisti Terror with the Strike and the Boycott

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH

The challenging facts in the bosses' murderous war upon the strikers of the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad in the state of Arkansas are now available. They tell the story of the greatest threat to organized labor ever made by organized dollars. It is railroad labor's turn to act. If the murder of C. R. Gregor, railroad shop strike leader, at Harrison, Ark., is to go unavenged, then American labor had better get a little more accustomed to its shackles and prepare to keep on licking the boots of the American profiteers for a long time to come.

Gregor was in the front line trenches in this two years' struggle of the Arkansas railroad workers. He defended himself in his own home, at night, when attacked by a cowardly mob. But he was overcome, torn from his family, dragged to a railroad bridge, where a rope was tied around his neck. While the leering mob of respectable 100 per centers stood looking on, he was pushed off the bridge, the noose tightened, his neck was broken and life was strangled out of him. That same rope was just as surely around the neck of all organized labor. That rope tightens and tightens unless labor insists and insists it stays.

Rail Heads Incited Mob in Arkansas

By H. M. WICKS

It is now definitely established that the destruction of bridges on the Missouri and Northern Arkansas Railroad, which is said to have been the cause of the organization of the so-called "Citizens' committee" at Harrison, Ark., was due to defective fire-boxes in the broken-down engines of the road, and not to strikers as has been charged by the prostitute press of the nation, which re-echoed the declaration of the mob that has terrorized the district for the past week.

The effort of the railroad company to destroy the strikers' union first employing white breakers has resulted in the economic breakdown of all the engines on the road. Trains are always late and much produce perishes in transit. Many delays have been caused by the burning of bridges. The officials of the company and the petty country newspaper along the railroad lines, mostly edited by lickspittle editors who receive free car fare and other favors from the railroad company, have been used by the company officials to vilify and heap contumely upon the heads of the railroad strikers by blaming them for the physical breakdown of the railroad property.

All other means of intimidation, such as the employment of strikers' wives, children and gunmen and the general time-worn tactics of corporations engaged in crushing the strike, railroad heads, tried, tried and determined to fan the flames of mob violence.

It is charged by J. P. Venable, a labor leader of the district who escaped the treatment mob last week, that the mob was organized and directed by the railroad officials.

Fight for "Open Shop"

The burning of bridges by the defective fire-boxes was merely the excuse of the railroad to start a widespread open shop drive and thru mob action endeavor to destroy every union and drive every union man or woman out of the district.

Engineers who handle the engines on the railroad declare that every day there are hundreds of burned spots along the right-of-way and that there is constant danger of starting damaging fires because of the condition of the engines.

Simultaneous with the outbreak of violence against strikers there appeared large placards in many places of business proclaiming the "open shop." Strikers charge that these placards were prepared long before the outbreak and assert they are evidence that the "uprising" was not spontaneous, but the result of a well planned plot.

A number of stores alleged to be in favor of the strikers were closed by the "committee of one thousand" (Continued on Page Two)

Union Heads Move to Crush Brave Miners

(Special to The Worker)

PITTSBURGH, PA.—International Organizer Feeny has refused credentials to 11 coal miners selected by the militant strikers of the Fayette County coal fields to solicit voluntary contributions throughout the United States.

Need Unions to Win Social Revolution

By Radio to Impektor (Berlin) and Forwarded by Mail to The Worker

MOSCOW, Nov. 21.—"The aim pursued by the revolutionary capital unions is the overthrow of capitalism," declared A. Losovsky, secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, in discussing the question of organization at the Second World Congress here.

Van Bitter in Charge

"The International" did not take any chances with sentimental officials and sent the notorious Van Bitter to take full charge of the steam roller and gave his orders like the autocrat that he is. Van Bitter who is a product of this district, undoubtedly the most brazen, high official in the United Mine Workers of America and the most hated as well especially in the district, where he is best known. He was a former president of district 2 and was literally chased out of the district. He was the individual selected by John Lewis to destroy the organization in District 14 at the time of the Hovak trouble. No one knew of his presence in this district until he appeared suddenly on the morning of the 18th at the New Salem Convention.

Everything proves that the "International" realized that the calling off of the strike must be done with terrible swiftness. They knew if the miners had time to study over the matter there would be an upheaval. For this reason, Feeny sent out a call for the convention, but nobody could learn what was to be done there. When the time came for the convention no one but the delegates and the organizers were allowed in the room. J. A. Hamilton, Secretary (Continued on Page Three)

"For United Front of World's Workers!" Call of Fourth Congress, Communist International

The Slogan of the Fourth Congress: "UNITED FRONT" The Fourth Congress of the Communist International, comprising 62 parties of Europe, America, Asia, and Australia, has confirmed that which the Enlarged Executive of the Communist International has already twice resolved: that it is the duty of all Communist parties to devote all their energies towards organizing the working class into a solid united front, in order to resist the attack now being made by world capital on every position of the workers.

What are the remedies? Obviously the situation cannot wait "until the next election." It is just as certain the democratic state politicians and local prosecuting authorities, hypocritically sworn to maintain the law, will do nothing. No voice has been raised anywhere, even by those "progressives" in office, from whom the Gompers and Johnstons have told the workers to expect much.

Organized labor must fall back on direct action in this crisis—ON THE STRIKE AND THE BOYCOTT. The industrial slave in the state of Arkansas, who continues to toil for local capitalists before the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad has been completely unionized, deserves to wear his chains.

In the meantime American organized labor should place an effective boycott against the State of Arkansas until the murderers of Gregor thru even-handed justice, have been treated to a similar fate.

The workers of Europe boycotted Hungary, they boycotted Spain, they boycotted Jugoslavia, because of the White Terror ruling in those countries. Should the workers of the United States do less against the big business terrorists of Arkansas?

Workers of America! Crush the budding American Fascist movement in Arkansas, NOW, or it will spread to the entire nation. The strike and the boycott are your weapons, NOW! Use them before it is too late!

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International Bazaar for Defense—February 21st to 25th, at the Lyceum

Tossing at Banquet in Moscow

By ANNA LOUISE BROWN Staff Correspondent Federal Press and The Worker

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The guests were 675 delegates to the seven or eight international congresses which had been going on almost simultaneously in Moscow. The Communist international was the largest and, it started early in November, it had lasted two weeks longer than the others and overlapped all the others. Then there were the Congress of Labor Unions, the Communist Youth, and several congresses of socialists, metal workers, building workers, and so on.

Two thousand people sat down to the banquet at 10 o'clock in the evening, after a dinner of congratulations, ending in a closing session in the Grand Opera House. The dinner consisted of soup, roast beef, chicken, and bread, with ice cream, tea and soda water, but it took three hours to serve, as the guests were they were then the closely packed throng. But the eating was only an excuse, the real reason was to see that the banquet was a success.

Songs, shouts, stamping of feet, and all got up and sang at once. The place was so big that half a dozen songs could go on at once, with little intermissions in between. The program was an international congress. Over in one corner the Italian, and the French and the Spanish, and some Russian and some from all over the hall. And I know that one at least of the Italian delegates had escaped from the Italian dungeons and that the veteran leader of the delegation had been warned that he would be shot on his return.

A peculiar Russian custom consists in tossing in the air any honor whom the people desire to honor. He is seized by eight or ten comrades and throws high above their heads, sometimes stated, but more often being. As he comes down he is caught on 20 outstretched hands and sent aloft again. It is a strenuous honor, but he is supposed to be a good sport and take it smiling.

I saw as many as eight dignitaries, heads of national delegations, and favorite speakers, up in the air at once all over the hall. At one time Kanner, who is supposed to be the most eloquent of Moscow and governor of Moscow province combined, was being tossed toward the platform in this way. He is a very dignified gentleman, and a polished man of the world in appearance. When they got him to the platform in this undignified way they unspined him and set him on his feet. He was brilliant but he pulled his clothes into shape and smilingly began to preside at the banquet.

That was the note on which they closed and went home, some to the slow and tedious tasks of labor organization and others to the more bloody massacres of India and the far corners of awakening Asia.

SOLON DE LEON Will conduct the Study Class Work of the Broward Branch, W. F. Each Friday Eve, 8:30 P. M. 12th Fifth Ave.

The subject will be: **"THE WORKERS AND ECONOMY"** Party members and non-party workers are urged to attend.

Millionaire "Bread Trust" Promiser Freed After Murder; Innocent Workers in Prison

By MAX SHACHTMAN

The self-admitted murderer of a penniless ex-Sailor has been released from the industrialist's restaurant against him six months ago. The murderer, he says, was committed in self-defense as the result of repeated extortions by blackmail of money from the accused by a so-called "ring" of whom the dead man was a member.

The murderer is Walter S. Ward, the eldest son of the head of the Ward Baking Company, "The Bread Trust." He refused to state on what grounds blackmail had been exacted. The members of the "ring" whom he named were never found, and are believed to be the heroes of one of the most ingenious pieces of fiction of the season.

Ward, Sr., who was given as a witness, came away from subpoena service and could not be found. The prosecuting attorney, Fred E. Wechs, who procured an indictment only when public feeling had been raised to a high pitch, vacillated continually in bringing the case to trial. Under the administration of the party to which Wechs belongs, the Republican, the entire party was held up to ridicule. Now the Democratic attorney Mr. Arthur Howland is in office.

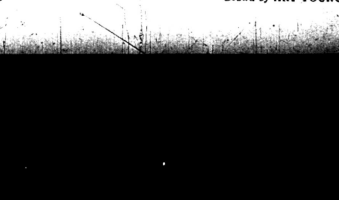
One who has been called to the bar of the Chicago wobbles, the New York Communist cases, Sacco and Vanzetti and the innumerable other instances of the bitter persecution of those who give their all for the cause of Labor. Compare finally all the charges against the millionaire with those of any case where the ideals and principles of Labor are invoked and you will be forced to come to the same conclusion as the jury.

The courts, like every other institution under bourgeois democracy, are instruments for the perpetuation of the present order and the vindictive suppression of all that opposes it. If members of the gutter class are brought to trial, he is shown every consideration. A confessed criminal of the bourgeoisie can get by with any sort of a ridiculous tale. An accused worker dies bitterly hard to gain freedom with the most obvious truth defense. A fat bourgeois may kill a man, seduce a girl, murder, hang and feather, but what else? A negro or a worker, with impunity. A political party of the workers must take a fugitive existence underground.

The scandal of Ward's release strikes so atrociously that even so lauded a sheet as the New York Daily News lets out a mild squeal of protest. But it will never be mentioned again and they will continue to feed the workers their daily garbage. How different was the protest when Len Small released the Illinois Communist. His resignation was demanded by the fearless hero Jack Pershing and at a meeting some ass yelled out "Hang Small!"

So it goes under Capitalism. Ward, the murderer goes free. Ford, Sobor, Money, Blumenthal, Chicago and Wichita wobbles, Blankenship and Jake Dolia, the New York Communists, Roosevelt, and many, many others still waste their lives in their "steel blooded coffin of a cell." Others are on the waiting list.

This, Workers of America, is Democracy. You know how the law rules. Liberty—Pursuit of Happiness—Freedom—Same Law for Rich as for Poor.



Mooney Calls on Workers to Rally Behind Raid Victims

By TOM MOONEY

Tom Mooney, from San Quentin prison, where he is serving a life term after one of the most infamous frame-ups ever perpetrated against the labor movement, has come splendidly to the support of the Labor Defense Committee, which is conducting the defense for the 20 men arrested in the case of the Bridgman-Michigan raids. In a stirring article Mooney makes a dramatic appeal for the defense of Foster, Rothenberg and the 18 others. Mooney's statement which is one of a long series which have been written by famous American political prisoners on the Michigan case, follows in full:

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Each and every trade unionist should take it upon himself to have his local write a letter or resolution to the Governor of Michigan, protesting against the raiding of these men to prison for exercising their constitutional right of free speech and free assembly. Every labor body should take this action in support of these workers.

Send all communications and make all checks payable to the LABOR DEFENSE COUNCIL, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. (Signed) TOM MOONEY.

Demand Dollars from Prison

Whereas, Jacob Dolia, a member of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, an active and powerful rank and file leader, possessed of keen intelligence and speaking several languages, inspired the desperate criminality of the steel strikers in Lehigh, Pennsylvania, during the great steel strike of 1919.

Whereas, to rid themselves of this able champion of labor and to take revenge upon the steel strikers, he had him arrested, charged him with a series of dynamiting, and by the use of this degree method of the state police and other authorities, succeeded in securing some forced testimony against him and his associates to the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, where he is now serving a sentence of from 12 to 17 years.

Whereas, all the witnesses against Dolia have since confessed that they were compelled to charge him with the crime on pain of being sent to Lehigh prison for long terms, the latest confession being from Murnford, principal witness against Dolia, who has stated that he overheard Dolia, an innocent man, to jail, but himself as well;

Resolved, that we, the Chicago Federation of Labor, protest most emphatically against these heinous outrages, and condemn as a crime not only the unjust imprisonment of Dolia, but also the attempt to railroad him out of the country; and be it further Resolved, that we call upon the Department of Labor to refuse to permit itself to be used against this innocent worker by the steel trust, and not to issue the deportation papers; and be it further Resolved, that we call upon the Governor of Pennsylvania, to correct the grave injury done Jacob Dolia, so far as he can, by granting him an immediate and complete pardon.

Pikens Talks Sunday at John Reed Hall

Mr. William P. Pikens, of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, will speak at the "John Reed Hall" Forum, at John Reed Hall, 205 E. 11th St., Sunday evening, Jan. 25, 8:30 P. M. "Don't Throw This Paper Away"

Demand Governor of Pennsylvania Free Dolia from Prison

By TOM MOONEY

THE WORKER this week publishes in full the resolutions adopted by the Chicago Federation of Labor demanding that Governor Clifford B. L'Hecht, alleged "progressive," free Jacob Dolia, victim of the 'steel strike' frame-up.

Every local labor union in the country should adopt this resolution and send it to Governor B. L'Hecht, Harrisburg, Pa. The resolution follows in full:

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Frank Walsh Carries Michigan Communist Case to Washington

By FRANK WALSH

Frank P. Walsh, famous labor attorney, who is handling the legal defense of the Communists and Party leaders, Michigan, raids has carried the case to Washington and is making it unpleasant for the cabinet. Wm. J. Burns and other stool pigeons of the capitalist class are

Walsh was seeking to determine from what sources Burns and his thugs obtained their "evidence" against the Communists and Party leaders to appear in court with the proof demanded. Attorneys for the Communist Party, however, refused to seek to have Burns cited for contempt of court because of his refusal to answer questions pertaining to the raid at Bridgman and other follow-up cases throughout the nation.

One R. M. Whitney, the miserable agent responsible for the article on the "Reds in America" that appeared in the Boston Transcript and other follow-up journals throughout the nation, had boasted to certain individuals that he was a stool pigeon and had attended the gathering at Bridgman. Whitney denies the statements attributed to him. He is a member of the notorious American Defense Society, an organization of Communist Party members.

The sources from which Burns and the creature of the Whitney spy secure their information is so questionable that they dare not reveal it. To do so would completely discredit them before the lay man, that still fall for their idiotic propaganda.

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SOME PICTURES AND A LETTER



Dear Worker Reader: WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU—that the saddest man—the most cast down—down—in the month and all-round miserable creature alive—is the worker who refuses to keep informed on what's going on in the world of LABOR. A WORKER who knows not what WORKERS are doing, what are their aspirations, their activities, their needs, their D. D. A. picture is a funeral, only it isn't the worst trouble!

Great events are transpiring, great things are happening; LABOR IS WAKING UP. It is striking, fighting, AMALGAMATING in a new, stronger line-up against the BOSSES—a line-up which takes in larger masses of workers every day.

"The Worker" wants to help you keep happy by keeping you informed of what Labor is doing every month in the year. Don't get into the class of workers above, I keep informed.

Ask Official to Term About \$1,500,000

(Continued from Page One) of the Miners Relief Conference being driven out of the room by physical force.

Feeny Bats Delegation With One Week's Relief

As soon as the doors were closed Van Bitter appeared and railed with a foot of iron. The first clash came over the selection of a resolutions committee.

Organizers Fly for Lives

As soon as this was accomplished the organizers rushed away to save their lives knowing that the delegates got back to their locals and their members what had happened the storm would break and end.

What About the \$1,500,000?

What makes the miners particularly bitter, both in the coke field and the organized sections in district 10, is relief assistance paid by the "International" on its entire membership of over 50,000 miners for \$4 for November and December.

Connected With N. Y. Conference

It is very significant that the calling off of the Fayette County strike by Van Bitter on January 18th was the same day that the announcement was made in New York that Pennsylvania would be left out of the settlement and only Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were considered.

There is no question but that these two incidents were carefully staged to occur at the same time.

Fear Progressive Miners

There is no question but that one reason that the Fayette County miners have been handled in the manner that they have is because the machine fear the Progressive Miners' movement in this district. It was called the "International" because they thought they could escape this responsibility. The heavy vote polled by Progressive Miners led by Thomas Myerscough has resulted in winning the machine as it was never scared before.

No Dual Movement

The Progressive Miners cannot emphasize too strongly at this time that they are absolutely opposed to any Dual or Outlaw Movement. It will only bring disaster to the miners. They must stay inside the organization and fight this thing out to the finish. A definite policy will be developed soon for Fayette County and carried out.

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Help "The Worker" Find The Worst Boss in the U. S. A.

This week we publish the first story in our hunt for "The Worst Boss in the U. S. A." THE WORKER wants to publish your story about your worst boss.

THE WELL-FED BOSS and His Check

EDITOR, WORST BOSS STORIES—Below is a true story of what actually transpired, I being the committee.

Letters to the Editor

New York City, Jan. 22, 1923 Dear committee—I wish to insert the following in your paper.

A Profetch Union has been organized by a group of radical miners in the Fayette County district.

The purpose of the Forum is not alone to stimulate interest in current events, but to promote a keener understanding of social problems through open and free discussions, and to facilitate ease of self-expression.

Comrades are earnestly requested to give this forum their full-hearted support, to make it a center of radical thought.

The Sunday evening, January 28, Mr. William Piken will speak on "East, The Negro, Wages, Social Frontiers" at John Reed Hall, 208 East 12th St., N. Y. C. Mr. Piken is the Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Jeanette Pearl Secretary.

That a shock was in store for the committee! A glance at the check will tell the members of the word "CHARITY" written across the face of it in bold letters, and the sum was \$100.00 DOLLARS.

Such was the charity of the well-fed benevolent boss! Such was the reward of the meek slave on his way to the grave.

And so will charity be administered until the meek slave become M.L.L. and REBELS and overthrow the system that grinds blood and flesh out of the proletariat.

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Propose Practical Plan for Amalgamation of Metal Trades

A practical plan of Amalgamation for the metal trades has just been issued by a committee composed of a large number of delegates from the International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Steamfitters and Helpers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Amalgamated Street Metal Workers, International Brotherhood of Patternmakers' League.

These eight are possibly the most important of all the 24 unions that now exist in the metal industry.

Eight out of 24 does not seem to be many organizations to favor a plan that needs more than all to be completed. Even so, we need only keep in mind that the Amalgamation campaign is but one year old, and has to contend with all the reactionary international organizations of the various unions, and we have a great idea of the great progress made.

The convention at which the plan was adopted was not called especially for the metal trades—more attention from the outside was given to the work of the metal trades.

Any person employed in the modern metal industry will appreciate very much the clear description of the development of the metal industry from the days of the hand-forged and machine shop of the village in bygone days to the gigantic modern metal works.

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Reconc Mine Agreement for Three States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois

After a six-day conference between the National Executive Board of the International Union of Mine Workers and the National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America, an agreement was reached which reconciled the wage scales of the three states.

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Duncan Stays to Dance for F.S.R., Feb. 2

Leaders Duncan has decided to remain in America a few weeks longer for the special purpose of giving a benefit performance under the auspices of the Friends of Soviet Russia.

The performance will be absolutely her last on an American stage. She will leave for Soviet Russia as soon after the final appearance as possible.

The program for the evening, Miss Duncan has announced, will be exclusively Russian, and will be every respect new. Miss will be conducted by the Russian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Modest Altschuler.

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Book Review

By H. M. WICKS

"GUILD SOCIALISM" BY NILS CARPENTER, PH.D. PUBLISHED BY D. APPLETON & CO., NEW YORK.

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Put the Mine Down
The haughty, contemptuous agency supported Lester during the past few days over the acquittal of the five workers placed on trial for their lives in Illinois as a result of the Herrin Mine War.

It is now the turn of the Miners' Union to demand that the mine owners, their backers in the campaign against organized labor, and the heads of the scab-herding employment agencies in Chicago be placed on trial for their lives.

No one denies that William J. Lester, owner of the Lester Strip Mine near Herrin, tried to operate his mine with scab labor, while the miners were on strike for living conditions.

No one denies that Lester hired thugs and gunmen from detective agencies in Chicago, St. Louis, and other cities to terrorize the neighborhood in the vicinity of his mine.

No one denies that Lester had employment agencies in Chicago recruiting strike-breakers for him; that scabs were lured to the Herrin mine thru unrepresentative and falsehood.

No one denies that the three hired miners, when they came to the Lester mine to protest against these conditions, were murdered in cold blood by Lester's hired assassins.

It is declared that the United States Steel Corporation, successful in operating the non-union steel industry, supported Lester in his war on the miners' union, and that he resulted in deaths that organized business charged against the organized workers.

The miners' union and its members have been declared innocent by a just capitalist court of justice, the prosecution and being financed by big business and carried forward by the laboring Attorney General Brundage, of Illinois, who has ambitions to be the dollar governor of the state.

Lester was directly responsible for the Herrin Mine War and its death toll of more than a score of lives. PUT HIM ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

The heads of strike-breaking employment and thug-herding detective agencies were tested completely. THEY SHOULD BE PLACED ON TRIAL WITH HIM.

If it can be shown that the Steel Trust stood back of Lester, and an effort should be made to force the officials, even up to Judge Gray, should be put in the prisoners' dock along with Lester and the rest of his union-smashing outfit.

Union miners at Herrin have been arrested, torn from their families, thrown into prison, indicted and failed to face trial on a charge of murder. They have been acquitted.

The Illinois Miners' Union should not, and must not rest until Gray, Lester and all their open-shop gang, have been forced to go thru a similar ordeal. And the charges that, if this is done, they will be found guilty of the crime which everyone knows they have committed.

The Illinois Miners' Union and its members have been on the defensive since the Herrin Mine War last summer. It is time that the Miners' Union took the offensive against those oppressing its membership.

"Ghastly testimony to political cowardice," comments the New York Times on the acquittal verdict returned in the Herrin mine trial. It makes the Illinois Miners' Union proud that its peculiar brand of legalized lynching law to work Illinois.

The Chicago Federation of Labor

It has come to be taken for granted that the Chicago Federation of Labor will support any measure of immediate benefit to the workers. It is for amalgamation, independent political action, it has led in the past, and it will lead in the future, now calls upon Governor Lincoln for the release of Jacob Dolla.

In harmony with this advanced stand, the central organization of Chicago workers has endorsed the declaration of the Second National Convention of the Workers Party for the protection of foreign-born workers.

Similar action will be taken, no doubt, by the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Council, the Seatons Central Labor Council, and a few more. But that is about as far as most of these drive get. It is strenuously urged, however, that the campaign for safeguarding foreign-born workers be made the exception. Let every central labor body state its position, every international union consider and act favorably on this matter.

Consider these facts. The foreign-born workers have been singled out by the bosses for special attack. President Harding has urged that they be registered; the department of justice that they be photographed and finger-printed like criminals; the "Banker" Secretary of Labor Davis that their naturalization papers be revoked; the immigration conduct; and Rep. Edmonds, in congress, that they be immediately deported for participation in strikes.

While the thinking elements among the foreign-born are thus to be gagged, there is to be a special drive in Europe by the big employing interests for "selective immigration." Workers from northern Europe, who read and write, will be rejected. It is found that they refuse to come to this country, anyway. They do not relish being converted into human fodder for America's industrial machine. The quotas from these countries under the three per cent law remain unfulfilled.

These workers of northern Europe know American industry with its brutal exploitation, its union-smashing open shop policy, its spies and gunmen, its subsidized press and cheap churches, its injunction judges, state constabularies and servile lawmakers, in city, county, state and nation.

That is why the bosses drive for "selective immigration" is being made for illiterates from the Balkan states and other countries of Southern Europe where the belief still prevails that the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor stands guard over a land of golden opportunity. These do not know that they are merely exchanging their hard European serfdom for an American slavery just as grinding.

It will not be their unwillingness to engage in the American class struggle against their new exploiters, but ignorance of their new environment, that will make these newly arrived immigrants a powerful weapon in the hands of the bosses to beat down the strivings of organized labor.

It is, therefore, the duty of all American organized labor to support the stand of the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Workers Party to support foreign-born workers already here, against every assault of the bosses and the bosses' government, and to develop organs for the assimilation of all newly-arrived immigrants into the ranks of the American labor unions.

The giant need of the American laborer today is a real front of the native-born with the foreign-born. In the words of a real American patriot, Benjamin Franklin, when the colonists were fighting the British, "We either stand together, or we hang separately." The Chicago Federation of Labor calls upon the workers to stand together and triumph.

Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader, defeated in the recent general election in the House of Commons has been victorious in a by-election. He will prove a wet blanket rather than an aid to the fighting elements among the 145 labor members of the British parliament.

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Cachin Goes to Prison

The military dictatorship in France grows in audacity. That is the French chamber of deputies completely in its clutches is shown by the vote of 321 to 143 denouncing in toto Marcel Cachin, one of its Communist members. The fearless editor of L'Humanite, the Communist daily, is now lodged in the Sainte Prison, in Paris.

During the days of civil tranquillity, capitalist democracy in France, as everywhere that capitalism rules, wraps itself in bourgeois hypocrites. Among the most fatuous of these is the one abolishing members of parliament from prosecution for any utterance they may make, and to a certain extent from any activities they may engage in. This is supposed to be an aid to free and untrammelled expression.

But immediately an utterance or activity can be interpreted as attacking the capitalist state, this immunity is lifted. Communists have no rights in capitalist parliaments when the ruling class fears the loss of its power. Then the lot of Communists is prison and death.

Bourgeois democracy came to an end in Italy with the Mussolini dictatorship. "Democracy" in France took a big step in the same direction when the French chamber handed Cachin over to the public prosecutors to be put on trial for treason against the capitalist state.

French imperialism may well take a warning from the fact that when the Duke of Devonshire was announced, the Communist members of the chamber began singing "The International." That is the kind of spirit that will triumph against all opposition.

"German Mark Falls to 21,000 for Dollar," is the latest headline on the financial pages of the daily press. Yes, and it is still falling. That means that European capitalism is decaying.

Let the King's Son Work

British aristocracy is sorely troubled over the fact that the financial outlook for the Duke of York, second son of the King of the British Empire, is not of the best. In truth the prospects are very dark.

The Duke is planning to marry Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne. The Duke is just as poverty-stricken as the Lady, who comes from an ancient and bankrupt family.

It is reported that the Duke is going to be having a living, except as officers of the navy or army, which isn't very strenuous labor and not so well paid.

In the past, a kindly parliament has voted sufficient funds out of taxes wrung from the workers to keep the royal household. But that was before the workers had 143 members in the British parliament.

There are several millions of jobless in England today, unemployed workers who would be willing to take jobs if they were available. The labor bloc in the House of Commons is putting up a fight for these, and the labor commoners would make it very uncomfortable for the King's exchequer if he came before them begging for a huge sum to keep the Duke and his Lady in idleness. The debate would be very disagreeable "don't cherk" now.

Our suggestion to the labor bloc in the British parliament would be to let the Duke go to work in the docks along the Thames in London. That would keep him near his father's house. That would enable him to earn very much, to be sure, and he would be compelled to break royal precedents. But it would help him to get a bit of muscle and just a bit of a grip on the living against the day when British labor will abolish all bourgeois customs, take the titles away from all the kings, dukes and earls, and put all the royal parasites to work, a la Soviet Russia.

The era of new mergers has hit the theatres and we are promised a \$50,000,000 "Theatrical Combination" headed by Branger and the Shuberts. Get ready to pay more for the entertainment that you can afford.

The Coming Crash in Europe

There is more inflammable substance in Europe in the present crisis than there was in the summer days of 1914 before the great war burst into flames. Any day may furnish the spark that will set off the world holocaust.

The French armies are sitting around the Ruhr mines but little coal is coming to the surface. Strikes of the German miners and railwaymen are notices upon the Paris diplomats that bayonets are poor tools for digging coal and running trains. The result is that Germany is pulling France down with her in the general European chaos. This will be evident more and more as French imperialism is compelled to discard the present bold front that has no support of substance.

For the time being, what French capitalism has succeeded in doing is to develop a new spirit of German nationalism, to crystallize the jingoism that is drawing into its deceptive meshes large masses of the German working class. This militates against immediate solidarity of the German workers against both German and French capitalism.

This may be what France desires. Military resistance by Germany would be French militarism an excuse for taking over the remainder of the German republic, with the aid of her allies, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other French controlled states.

The hand of French capitalism is now seen in the seizing of Memel by the Lithuanians. The Russians have discovered documents, according to Moscow reports, showing that the French viceroy in Poland had urged the Lithuanians to seize Memel, hoping thus to keep this Baltic state quiet in the face of new developments.

With Poland attacking Germany from the east, Soviet Russia would certainly be drawn into the conflict as a defensive measure against the extending by France of world capitalism's front against Communism to her own borders.

Thus the world awaits the new crash in Europe. Great Britain and the United States stand back as they feel the must fight for their own doom. Soviet Russia would rather spend the months ahead in the great work of reconstruction in rebuilding her industry and rehabilitating her agriculture. But she must fight again for her preservation, her Red Army stands ready. The five years of victory of the Russian Soviet Republic will be followed by a sixth year of new triumphs.

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Governor Smith, of Illinois, has freed Jim Larkin from Ansonia Prison, where he had been confined in New York penitentiaries. Larkin entered Sing Sing Prison May 5, 1920, to serve a five year term for having been "in issue" in the "Left Wing Manifesto," voicing the position of the revolutionary elements within the Socialist Party in 1919. Larkin has thus served two years for expressing his political views, long after the war came to its end.

Governor Smith gives several reasons for "pardoning" Larkin. But he cleverly steers shy of the issue stated in Larkin's first words after leaving prison, "I never deserved to be sent here in the first place."

Larkin's big crime, according to the capitalist court that tried him, was that he urged the "dictatorship of the proletariat" in the form of Soviets, and that he favored the general strike. Governor Smith also takes complete exception to Larkin's views, claiming that "In a free democracy we know no dictatorship, and we endure none," sending that, "Political progress results from the clash of conflicting opinions."

Leniency toward Larkin by Governor Smith is perhaps best explained by New York's executive when he says that, "Our state rests too firmly upon the devotion of its citizens to require for its protection an imprisonment five years for the mere expression of an erroneous or even illegitimate opinion—political doctrine, unaccompanied by any overt act."

In other words, Governor Smith does not fear that Larkin can do any great harm to the capitalist state at the present time. Therefore, it is easy for him now to agree with two dissenting judges of the Court of Appeals that Fackin had been unjustly imprisoned, and that he should receive the prevailing opinion that the sentence imposed was too severe.

"From the legal point of view," says Governor Smith, "it is a case where a man has received, during the period of 'unusual' public excitement following the close of the war, too severe a sentence for a crime involving no moral turpitude."

It is because of this that we say, "Larkin is free again." If Larkin continues in labor's struggle, as we doubt not that he will, no new crime will mark his return from office by granting permission to the capitalist state to keep him in prison. The next strike, whether in New York or Buffalo, or any industrial center in between, will show that Governor Smith is still in the capitalist dictatorship, that he goes on, course, strenuously disavowed.

The war activities of American capitalism are not now threatened, hence some of the war political have been freed. The immediate extension by a Soviet Republic, Governors Small, of Illinois, and Smith, of New York, therefore, write "pardons" as good political moves during a period of popular protest.

Let labor, however, be on its "watching spell" to strengthen its forces and consolidate its power to meet the next attack by the frightened hosts of capitalism. It is only by knowing the real meaning of these "pardons" that we can profit by them.

Here is another fitting candidate for a place on the bench of the United States Supreme Court in the person of Ex-Gov. Stephens, of California. Stephens has just marked his retirement from office by granting pardons or commutations of sentence to four hundred, three hundred and thirty-two. He has pardoned many of the many criminal syndicate victims, or the class war prisoners, including Mooney, Billings, Ford, Suler and a host of others.

Mr. Lewis Brands Himself

John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, has not only considered an opportunity to attack the Red International of Labor Unions. Lewis will get no applause from the thinking sections of the miners' union for trying to curry favor with the mine owners by conducting a "red" line against the International of Labor Unions. So far as we are aware, this is the first district organization of the coal miners' union that has taken this action.

The Nova Scotia miners asked their international union for permission to link up with the Red International. No doubt they didn't feel like waiting for the more backward sections of the union to catch up with them. The Lewis administration wasn't content to send Canadian miners to the Red International, but they repeated the favorite charge of "union-wrecking" against the Communists. This is the indictment so often drawn by Lewis' friend Gompers, who, by the way, has never accepted the challenge of William Z. Foster to debate this question.

The Nova Scotia coal miners, having shown themselves the most radical section of the United Mine Workers, will no doubt disappoint Mr. Lewis by withdrawing their affiliation with the Red International until the other districts of the miners' union catch up with them. The militants of Nova Scotia realize that nothing is to be gained by flying in the face of the power of the present international officialdom.

The Nova Scotia miners will avoid by every possible means the ruthless expulsion that Lewis and his administration inflicted upon Alex Howatt and the Kansas miners.

Mr. Lewis, by invoking the aid of the capitalist press to attack the best elements in his own organization, has put the brand of "Union Wrecker" upon his own brow. By his repeated acts of betrayal he will burn it there so deep that every member of the miners' union will see it and act accordingly.

Geography and Slanders

One geographical fact usually overlooked by her critics is a rich source of mistaken conceptions about Russia. This fact is that Russia is not just a country like Germany, France or even the United States. It is a territory covering one-sixth of the globe, occupying, in fact, half of the European continent and half of the Asiatic continent. The distances are enormous, the transportation facilities insufficient. And so it was a matter of course for Russia, even before the war, that coal dug in Southern Russia, was exported to Italy, where the coal had to be imported from England. This method was cheaper and easier than direct transportation from the Don basin to Northern Russia. Sending coal by rail such a distance would consume more coal than the amount shipped. Nobody criticized this method before the Revolution, but at present it has become one of the "proofs" of the inefficiency of the Soviet Government.

From reports coming from Russia thru the Associated Press it appears that a similar situation prevails the coming winter in the matter of food supplies. Millions of pounds of grain will be exported to other countries thru the Black Sea, while grain for the winter will be shipped to the same extent from the Black Sea from abroad. A procedure which, although practiced already before the war, will certainly be used as a stock argument by the enemies of Soviet Russia.

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