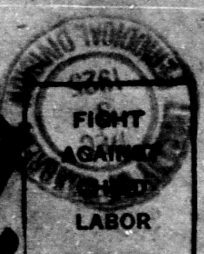


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## BOSSSES SEND GITLOW BACK TO JAIL

### Gitlow's Brave Fight for Workers Makes Bosses Hate Him



Just a few days ago, the Supreme Court decided that Ben Gitlow must go back to jail! Ben Gitlow is a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party and is one of the best and most famous working class fighters in this country. He ran as vice-president of the Workers Party ticket last year and this year was the workers' candidate for Mayor of New York City. In this year's elections, the bosses' tools who run the elections refused to put Comrade Gitlow's name on the ballot.

**"Free Speech" in this Country.**  
A few years ago Comrade Gitlow was arrested for coming out and showing the working class how to free themselves from capitalist rule. That shows how much "freedom of speech" there is in this country. He was sentenced to go to prison for five years. He served about half his sentence and then was let out while appealing his case to the Supreme Court.

**Supreme Court Sends Worker to Jail.**  
The Supreme Court is nothing more than a mouthpiece for the bosses to speak thru. And the bosses hate Comrade Gitlow because of his brave fight for the workers. So the Supreme Court decided that he must go back to prison again and serve for two more years. This is a blow not only against Comrade Gitlow but against EVERY WORKER OF THIS COUNTRY! THE WORKERS AND THE WORKERS' CHILDREN MUST FIGHT BACK!

**Fight to Free Comrade Gitlow!**  
The International Labor Defense, a workers' organization fighting to defend and free victims of the capitalists, like Comrade Gitlow, has begun a great fight to free Comrade Gitlow. All workers must rally to this fight! Surely all workers' children will fight with all their might to free Comrade Gitlow.

## ABOUT BOLSHEVIKS

By PAUL BARBES (Age 16.)  
When I was in Ann Arbor, Michigan, some ladies began to talk to me about God. I talked to them about the Bolsheviks. This talk lasted a long time from 2 o'clock to 3:30.  
When my mother came they told her all about it. The children of these ladies would not believe that religious propaganda only helped the capitalist bosses to fool the workers. The children were laughing at me and started to argue against my ideas. This lasted for a long time next day. I then started to talk to them. I said that if there really was a God and he was kind, "why don't he give you bread, a nice house, and a Lincoln automobile every time you wanted it."  
Then I told them, "why don't you be Bolsheviks and fight for the workers' children? Don't let those capitalists make slaves of you any more. Those policemen you see on the street, don't protect your interests; they watch and protect the big buildings. They are part of the bosses' government."  
The bosses spread lies that the Negroes are like dogs. But the Negroes are just like us. We must also get them in the workers' movement.

## MR. ROCKEFELLER'S SCHOOLS



**CHILD** (who has been pumped full of capitalist, anti-labor poison)... and strikes are wrong and unpatriotic. The employers are the workers' friends and so is the government....  
**TEACHER:** Fine; fine. This is excellent! Oh, won't Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gary and Mr. Morgan be proud of the fine work our schools are doing!

## WORKERS' CHILDREN! DON'T BE FOOLED BY AMERICAN "EDUCATION" WEEK! FIGHT BACK!

By H. P. and S. B.  
The so called "American Education Week" takes place during the week of Nov. 16-22. Do you know what kind of people are behind the Bureau of Education, the National Education Association and the American Legion who are running this affair?  
**Who Is Behind "American Education Week" — The Bosses**  
For one — there is Judge Gary. Mr. Gary is the boss of the big steel works where thousands of workers sweat away their lives before big fires. Mr. Gary is so "kind" that he makes the workers labor for 10, 11 and 12 hours a day, for starvation wages. It is just these kind of people like M. Gary and other big bosses who come together and make plans to dope us with patriotic and religious propaganda during Nov. 16 to 22 and all year round.  
**Whose Government Is This? — The Bosses!!**  
In our assembly rooms of the public schools during this week the Mr. Gary brand of capitalists will come around and tell us to be patriotic to the government. They will tell us that this is the government of the people. But we working class children will not believe them. We know that this is a lie. The workers are the majority of the people. The government is not their government but the government of Gary, Morgan, Rockefeller and the other big capitalists. Our government is the rule of just a few of the people

— the small group of Wall Street capitalists.  
**Our Elections Are Fakes!**  
We know how the government is elected. When election day comes around the bosses decide whom they want for president. Then they donate large sums of money to the campaign fund of their candidate. Then they hang up posters in their factories, mines or mills and they tell the workers whom to vote for. If they do not vote for the bosses candidate the workers may lose their jobs.  
**Whom Does The Government Serve? — The Bosses!!**  
What takes place after the government is elected? When the workers go on strike, the government sends in soldiers to shoot down the workers. We know that only a week ago a boy leader of the striking miners in Western Pennsylvania was thrown into jail by the government. What crime did he commit? He was only fighting for the interests of the 150,000 coal miners who are on strike for higher wages in that part of the country.  
**What Must The Workingclass Children Do?**  
We, the working class children, must come to school during this week prepared to answer all the lies of the bosses. We must not only read the YOUNG COMRADE but must take it to school with us and give it to our school mates. We must tell them about the fight of the YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA.

## POOR BOY KILLED PICKING COAL

### Bosses Steal All Workers Make so Workers Are Poor

**ROYALTON, Ill.**—Frank Caldwell, a nine-year-old boy, was killed in the Illinois Central railroad yards here while picking up coal along the tracks. The boy evidently had crawled under the car when the engine began to move and the lad was crushed under the wheels.  
**Why Must Poor Boys Pick Coal?**  
Why did nine-year-old Frank have to put his life in danger every day to get coal for his family? Because his father was poor. He was a worker who spent all day working hard but who got the most miserable wages while the de-nothing boss got everything Frank's father and other workers produced. That's why little Frank had to go picking coal under cars while the boss's cellar was full of coal, enough for a dozen poor families. The workers work and get nothing! The bosses do nothing but get everything!  
**Workers children! Do you want this to go on? Do you want the workers' children to hunt around at the danger of their lives for a little coal because the thieving bosses steal everything the workers make away from them? NO!! Then join the YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA and FIGHT against all these unjust and brutal conditions!**

**TRUE LIFE**  
By G. HAREK, Age 14  
One day while walking I happened to spy Under a rose bush A sweet butterfly.  
  
It was yellow and black A thing nice to see, And it flew and fluttered Till it came to a tree.  
  
Then what should happen, A hawk came by Which flew down and ate The poor butterfly.  
  
And so it happens In the daily strife Capitalism takes The workers' life!

## THROW HIM OFF!



This is the way things are in the world we live in—under capitalism. The bosses are useless parasites, producing nothing but taking everything the workers produce. They are a deadly weight on the backs of the workers. **THROW THE OFF!**

## Long Live the Young Pioneers of America!

After a long discussion the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers (Communist) League changed the name of the Junior Section of the Young Workers League to THE YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA. Don't you think that this name is much better?

In Soviet Russia the Communist children are also organized in THE YOUNG PIONEERS LEAGUE. The change of name of our Junior Section comes just at the time when we are celebrating the Eighth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The new name will give us a greater spirit in our work. It will make all the Young Pioneers feel that they are not a children's committee, but a real fighting League of Young Pioneers.

From the very start in our work, the Juniors have been part of a real Young Pioneers' organization. In many cities we have Central City Committees where the Juniors discuss the problems before the organization. From the very beginning we also had membership cards and dues stamps for the members. This showed us that we were not a Sunday School composed of children only to learn about the workers. We are organized to learn about the workers and to fight for them and their children in the schools, in the homes, and everywhere that we come.

Even now the Young Pioneers must begin to think about the time when we can call a national conference of the Young Pioneers' League and get ourselves organized on a national scale.

Forward to a big Young Pioneers League in the United States.

### HE IS CELEBRATING ARMISTICE DAY!!!



He went to war "to make the world safe for democracy." (So the bosses, and the newspapers, and the priests, and teachers told him.) He killed his own fellow-workers for the benefit of his boss and other bosses. He left for war with many fine promises for the time he would return. THIS IS WHAT HE GOT!!

War butchers the workers for the benefit of the capitalists! FIGHT AGAINST CAPITALIST WARS!!

## ARMISTICE DAY COMES ROUND AGAIN

ON November 11th of this year we had the 7th year of the signing of the armistice of the World War. Even now some of our older comrades remember how impatiently the crowds in the large cities waited for the news on this day in the year 1918. They will remember how the crowds went wild, paraded and blew horns when the reports that peace had been declared was finally proven true.

### Why The World War?

The United States entered the world war in April 1917. The sons of the American workers were sent to shoot down their fellow workers in other lands in order to protect the money which the capitalists of this country invested in Europe.

At that time Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States. He had been elected on the slogan "He kept us out of war". But the minute he got office as president he changed his

mind. Immediately we saw all the bosses' newspapers in the United States telling us that we must "defeat the huns." They told lies about terrible crimes that were being committed by the Germans, how the Germans killed babies and tortured women, etc. in order to incite the young workers to put on the uniform and go to war.

Then the capitalist government started a big drive to sell Liberty Bonds, Red Cross buttons and war saving stamps. They did this in order to make money and to spread propaganda for the war.

The Draft Law To Force Workers To Fight For The Bosses.

But even with all this propaganda not enough young workers were enlisting in the bosses' army. What did the capitalists then do? They made a draft law and forced all those between 18 and 40 years of age to enlist in the army and fight for the bosses.

## RUSSIAN YOUNG PIONEERS



### What the French, Belgian and German Teachers Saw in Soviet Russia

MOSCOW.—On the 8th of August, all of us, fifteen German, 12 French and 11 Belgium teachers departed for Soviet Russia. The Russian Union of Educational Workers had invited us to come and study the Russian schools for a period of four weeks.

The interference of the German capitalist officials forced us to cut our stay short; we could only stay 15 days. What we saw and heard in these 15 days we will now tell you.

First of all we must tell you a few words about these teachers who went to Russia. Of the whole 38 there were only 10 Communists; the others were either socialists or belonged to no party. Indeed among the Germans there was even a capitalist teacher.

#### Workers' Children in Soviet Russia.

Even the little that we could see in the first few days made us very enthusiastic. The capitalist teacher himself, whose name was Kruger, had to ad-

mit: "The children who are cared for and grow up in this way, as we see in Soviet Russia, will never forget it and will never be against the workers' rule."

#### The Children's Homes.

We were in Children's Homes in Leningrad. In Leningrad itself there are 26 such homes. These homes are the former rest places of the capitalists or Tzarist palaces. Today they are filled with the free children of the Soviet Republic. Here we find no bad feeling between the old and the young, between teachers and pupils. All are comrades working for the Soviet Republic.

#### The Young Pioneers.

Everywhere you look you see Young Pioneers. Only a year ago there were 200,000 of them and there are now a million and a half! The free and self-disciplined life of the Russian Young Pioneers made the greatest impression upon everyone of our teachers' delegation.

Then the delegation went partly to the Caucasus and partly to the Crimea. There they saw many other wonderful things about the life of the Russian children.

#### Greetings to the Young Pioneers.

Joyfully, we greet the Russian Pioneers, the Young Leninists! They call to us: ALWAYS READY.

A Teacher of the Delegation.

#### The Fine "Promises" of the Bosses.

Oh! How we remember the wonderful promises that the bosses made to the soldiers. They told them that when they got back they would get the best jobs and many good things. But thousands never came back. They were killed, crippled and blinded in the war.

#### What the Ex-soldiers Found When They Got Back.

Those who did come back did not find jobs. The bosses just laughed at them. They found millions of workers out of jobs. They were forced to starve and go begging on the streets. Even when the returned soldiers asked for a bonus — some money to give them a chance to live for a while, they did not get it. The capitalists and its tool the government carried on a campaign against the bonus for the soldiers.

#### Armistice Day—Holiday of the Profiteers.

On this Armistice Day, Nov. 11, the bosses have appealed to the patriotism of the young workers and children. Those same capitalists who did not go to war but who made millions of dollars during the war wanted to celebrate armistice day with them.

#### New Wars Are Coming! Fight Against Them!!

But even while we are thinking of the signing of the Armistice for the last war the capitalists of the world are already preparing another world war. The workers children of America will answer the call of an armistice day celebration by the bosses with the cry: Against capitalist wars. We will fight with the workers in the war against the capitalist class.

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## UNIONS MUST FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOR; MUST DEMAND FREE FOOD AND CLOTHES FOR THE WORKERS' CHILDREN

ATLANTIC CITY — The national convention of the American Federation of Labor met here in October. In the national convention there were very few real worker delegates. Most of the delegates were the crooked union officials who always betray the workers. They are the servants of the bosses. Before Sam Gompers died he was the leader of these crooked officials. Now their leader is Mr. Green and his crew. They organized themselves into a left wing of the union and have already won big victories.

### The "Leaders" Forget About Child Slave

Because the workers in the American Federation of Labor have fought so hard, the crooked officials are forced to talk a little about the terrible conditions of the workers children. When Gompers was alive, the American Federation of Labor favored making an amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the Child Labor Question. This amendment would have given the U. S. Congress the right to pass laws limiting child labor. For a while Gompers talked a little about this. But he did not get the millions of workers in the unions to really fight against child labor. After the state government, Gompers forgot all about the

children who work in the factories and on the farms.

Now Green, the new President of the American Federation of Labor, is following Gompers. The national convention only talked about child labor. Then it decided to tell all workers in the unions not to buy things which are made by the child workers. They called this the Plan to Boycott Child Labor Products.

### What The Workers And The Workers Children Must Do!

But the workers children know that this is not enough. A real fight must be made to get all the workers in the unions to really fight child labor. They must organize the child workers in the unions with no initiation fees and very small dues. They must put a real fight not to allow small children to work and demand that the Capitalist Government give the workers children all the necessities of life: Free food of the best kind, free clothing, free houses, playgrounds etc. This should not be left in the hands of the Capitalist government politicians but must be controlled by the unions and the other workers organizations.

When this is done then we will know that the unions have become the real fighting organizations of the workers and their children.

## FIGHT CHILD LABOR



SONG OF THE WORKERS  
VANGUARD GROUP  
(To the tune of "It ain't gonna rain no more")

Oh, mister, buy a paper!  
We know you won't refuse  
We've got the Daily Worker!  
So down with the bosses' news.

Chorus:

Oh, the capitalists aint gonna reign  
no more!

They aint gonna reign no more!  
Yes, by heck! They'll get it in the neck!  
And they aint gonna reign no more!

The bosses sure are "smart" guys;  
To the workers they're a foe.  
It's easy for them to declare war  
When they don't have to go!

Chorus:

Morgan is a rich capitalist,  
So we Pioneers have heard say.  
But when the revolution comes  
Oh, won't we make him pay!

Chorus:

A Young Comrade in our pocket,  
A red flag in our hand,  
We're for a Workers Government  
Where the workers rule the land!

## Get to Work for the Young Comrade! Become a Young Comrade Correspondent! 50,000 Subs for the Young Comrade!

With this issue of THE YOUNG COMRADE we are making a definite start to issue the paper regularly. Every month the readers will receive their copies. You know how hard it was to do this a short time ago. You know the difficulties in our way and we are only now beginning to make headway against them.

Become a Young Comrade Correspondent.

Now we are getting down to regular work. THE YOUNG COMRADE is the organ of the workers' children. Therefore the children must be the writers for it. Come on, Young Pioneers! Send in your stories on your life and work! Tell us of your fight in the schools! Come on, child workers! Write of your conditions on the job! Also send us pictures and cartoons.

Get Subs for THE YOUNG COMRADE.

During American Education Week we expect the Young Pioneers to get 1,500 subs for the YOUNG COMRADE. We cannot stop at that. We must work hard after this week and get at least 50,000 subs in the shortest possible time.

Get Workers' Organizations to Take Bundle Orders.

Do you know how you can do this? Your Pioneer Group can arrange to send delegations to all kinds of workers' organizations and get them to take bundle orders of the YOUNG COMRADE for their children. We are making a special popular price for this. The single sub to the YOUNG COMRADE is 50c a year. BUT FOR ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN SELL THE YOUNG COMRADE FOR 2 CENTS A COPY FOR 25 COPIES OR MORE.

On the job, Pioneers. Get bundle orders from the workers' organizations. On to the 50,000 sub goal!

## With the Young Pioneers

The Young Pioneers of NEW YORK District (this includes Connecticut and New Jersey as well as New York) as usual lead the way. They have already made an excellent beginning of the reorganization of the Young Pioneer League on the basis of school nuclei. They have already had many discussions on this subject, a big membership meeting of the New York Pioneers has been held, and many nuclei have already been organized.

The Young Pioneers of this District (District Two) are also going to hold their FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION! There will be delegates from all groups in the District, the important Pioneer work will be discussed, and a District Committee of the Pioneer League will be elected. The Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League have already sent their greetings to this Convention. WE GREET THE FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE NEW YORK YOUNG PIONEERS! LONG LIVE THE YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA!

The Young Pioneers of SUPERIOR, WIS. are on the job. There is one group with 30 members with leaders from the Young Workers League. During the month the important matters decided upon are: Program of Action for Anti-Education Week; gym classes for boys and girls; a local plan to organize school nuclei.

A new committee was elected for the PERTH AMBOY, N. Y. Young Pioneers. The group now has 40 members. The REVERSE, MASS. group suggests the changing of the name to Young Pioneers and is now planning to organize school nuclei. And in WORCESTER, MASS. the leader writes that the group has "started with renewed energy and enthusiasm."

If you want to know of the Capital

of New York state, ask the Young Pioneers of ALBANY, N. Y. and they will tell you. Comrade Helen Drutz the secretary, informs us that the group is now busy boosting the Young Comrade. A real "old-timer" in our ranks is the Young Pioneers of LOS ANGELES, CALIF. The 4 Young Pioneer groups here started the reorganization as soon as the Public Schools opened. They now have 6 good School Nuclei.

We don't want to forget about CHICAGO. The work of the Chicago Pioneers for November is linked up with the RED MONTH campaign of the Y. W. L.

DENVER, COL. Young Pioneers are first getting started in their work, but they show healthy signs of growing. Thirty Young Pioneers in MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. is not a bad start. During the past month the main activities have been: discussion on school problems, on the Young Comrade, playing Communist games, gym, etc. Comrade Mary Helander is now Pioneer Director for the twin cities. (Minn. & St. Paul).

The Young Pioneers in BUFFALO, N. Y. are busy selling the Young Comrade. One Young Pioneer group with 10 members is not a bad start for KANSAS CITY, MO. They now have the chance to do good work in our November campaigns. The Young Pioneer of NEW HAVEN, CONN. have reorganized and elected new officers. The same holds true of the Young Pioneers in WASHINGTON, D. C., right in the stronghold of the reactionary Coolidge government.

NEWBERRY, MICH. Young Pioneers may not have the same chances as the Young Pioneers in Chicago or New York but they are certainly taking care of their group. We expect to hear more about the school activities of this group during this month.

Now, Young Pioneers, you want the activities of your group written about. Send in the news to the Young Comrade.

## WORKERS' MOSCOW SCARES BOSSES



TO THE WORKERS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

By Diana Hubelbank, Age 12.  
Workers of the world unite!  
Give the capitalists a fight.  
Get together and get strong.  
Then it will not take so long.

Children of the working class,  
Get together and get strong.  
If you fight with all your might,  
We'll get the capitalists out of sight!



# A Bolshevick Lad in the Revolution

JOHNNIE Smart was a carpenter's apprentice. He was a husky young boy, with a sharp prominent nose, and lively blue eyes. He had the reputation of being the greatest mischief maker among the boys in the factory.

Today, Johnnie was excited. It almost seemed as if the fear which hovered over the city, this foreboding of something evil and inevitable, had crept into Johnnie's blood.

## The Advance of the Whites.

Since early morning, streams of people were leaving the city; an unexpected advance of White Guards had forced the Reds to abandon the city. Long trains of wagons, piled up high with furniture, boxes of all sorts, with food and ammunition, passed thru the streets. Anxious drivers, their faces covered with sweat, kept whipping the horses to a faster pace. Here and there could be seen a Red Guard hurrying on some duty. Wounded were already being carried into the city; the sick and crippled dragged themselves painfully into the departing wagons. The street was a confused medley of rattling wheels and groaning wounded. Here and there a driver lost his head and began cursing his horse and his carriage and pitilessly beat his poor animal.

## Johnnie Remains in the Town.

Johnnie had wanted to leave the city together with the other workers of the factory, but their leaders had ordered him to remain.

"Hey, where are you going, young scamp? Don't you think we've got enough without being bothered with you. You don't have to be scared of the Whites. They won't hurt you. So you remain here."

Johnnie saw that neither tears nor prayers would help. So he ran to the headquarters of the Young Communist League. He was a member of one of the Young Pioneer League groups.

## At the Young Communist League Headquarters.

But there also they were too busy to be able to help him. The committee was standing in the corner, discussing excitedly and in low voices. Three young men were piling all the documents on the table, and burning them as fast as they could in the glowing stove.

"We can't trust the tobacco girls for

our secret service work yet," Gregory was saying.

Johnnie pricked up his ears. Secret service work! He had already heard a great deal about it. It means something terrible and mysterious; one dared not sleep at home, and the White Guards burned the houses and hung the workers.

His older brother was caught in this work, and was now lying in prison—maybe they would let him try his hand at it.

## Johnnie Wants to Help.

"Comrades, can't I do something, too?" Gregory looked at the little figure before him. "What, then," he asked.

"Can't I do secret work?"

The young people burst into laughter. "You! You're much too young. Why, you're still at your mother's apron strings."

Johnnie felt hurt. He turned his back upon them sadly, and sat down on the window sill, pressed his face against the pane and fell into suffering silence.

In the street, the tumult had somewhat decreased; the crowd had grown less dense. There were fewer wagons. From the station little groups of Red Guards kept coming all the time, and a mounted officer would now and then rush down the street, with sparks flying from his horse's hoofs.

Beyond the city, the Reds and Whites were fighting. He could distinctly hear the guns and the loud thunder of the cannon. Now the cars passed by, followed by a few soldiers.

## The Whites Take the Town.

Suddenly the first shell exploded in the street. The troops quickened their pace. Then a second shot. Now, the commands could be heard quite clearly. From many windows faces peeped in the direction from which they expected the whites to be coming. On the outskirts of the city a bright flame sprang up suddenly.

"A shell must have hit its goal," thought Johnnie, and he directed his entire attention to the fire.

All the papers have been burned, and now the committee was preparing to leave the room, but Gregory stopped suddenly. He seemed to have remembered something.

## The Hand Grenades.

"Comrades! The hand grenades!

We've forgotten to remove the hand grenades."

"Which hand grenades?"

"Those which were in Frederick's house."

"Well it's too late, now," Mark said despondently. "Frederick has left the city; and we can't take the chance of going to his house. Everyone knows that he was a Communist, and we would surely be recognized. The capitalist soldiers are already searching the streets for our comrades."

What could they do? The hand grenades had to be gotten at any price.

"Comrades, let me go. I am small and no one will think of stopping me. And I will bring you the hand grenades."

Gregory and Mark looked at little Johnny. "Well, alright. They are in Leonard Street. The number 27, first floor, to the right, under the bed. You bring them here."

## Johnny's Mission.

Johnny grabbed his hat, ran down the street. Kronstad Street lay in the direction of the railway, where the Whites were approaching. Thru several side streets, over a silent deserted marked place, Johnny approached the railway. No Red Guards were there, and the Whites had not yet come. There wasn't a soul on the street. Here and there a terrified citizen peeped thru his barricaded windows. Johnny began to feel afraid. "What if I should be caught," he thought. He began to run quickly. Finally he arrived on Leonard Street. Here was 27. Johnny went to the door. It was closed. He pressed against it with all his might. But the door was solid, and did not give way. "What shall I do?" he thought. "They'll think I was afraid and ran away." And he felt so ashamed.

A lump rose in his throat, and he wanted to cry. "I can't go back this way, it will soon be dark, and then I can climb the wall and get the hand grenades. Johnny carefully walked round the house, and crept thru a crack between the wooden wash-house and the wall. Everything was dark and damp. The rats were scratching and squeaking under the floor. The cannon were thundering somewhere near. Tired and excited, Johnny sat down on the floor, which was all

bestrewn with dirt and cigarette stubs, and waited.

Somewhere in the neighborhood a shell exploded. Johnny was convinced that the end of the world had come, and that he was soon to die. He cast a glance at the sky. It had become quite dark. Carefully, he crept from his hiding place over the wall, and sneaked along in the direction in which he believed Frederick lived.

## Johnnie Finds the Grenades.

A window was open. With a leap he was in the room. It was empty. The floor was littered with paper, the furniture was in disorder. There was the bed. Johnny crawled under the bedstead and felt something hard with his hands—it was lying in a sack. With care, he pulled out the sack from under the bed.

"The hand grenade. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ....." Johnny fastened the sack and bound it fast to his shoulders, and steadily left the house by the same route he had used in entering.

"I can't go back to the League headquarters. The Whites must be there already.... I will have to go directly to Mark's house...."

Here is the market already.... "Halt, who goes there?" A voice from the darkness called sharply.

Johnny turned sideways and started running with all his might, between the market stalls.

## Johnny Succeeds.

Behind him he heard a shot, and thru the darkness he could see spluttering flame.... But Johnny was far away already.... Twenty minutes later, he burst into Mark's house, breathless, exhausted and frightened. Mark was sitting in a small room behind barred windows. A kerosene lamp lit up his face with a dull light.

"Have you really come?" called out Mark astonished, "we thought you must have been afraid or fallen asleep."

"Here," said Johnny proudly, "are the hand grenades," and he handed over the heavy sack.

Mark took the sack, his heart bursting with gratitude and grasping the little lad's hands, "Now you are worthy to become a member of the League, and a soldier of the Workers' World Revolution."

And he shook Johnny's hand fervently.

## Whose Thanksgiving Is This?

In the month of November we face another "Thanksgiving Day." President Calvin Coolidge, the friend of the bosses, has already issued a proclamation for this day. He urges all the "people" to give thanks on this day for the good things we have.

### For What Shall We Be Thankful?

We say to Mr. Coolidge: Thanks to whom, by whom and for what? Do the bosses of this country want us to give thanks to them for the way they treated us and our fathers thruout the year? Shall we thank them for the fire-trap schools, for the platoon system, for the thousands of hungry and poorly dressed children in the schools? Shall we thank them for keeping millions of our small brothers and sisters doing hard work in the mills and factories? Shall we thank them? We say that we have nothing to be thankful for.

### Puritans in 1621—Workers' Children in 1925.

On this Thanksgiving Day we will again hear from our teachers the story of the first Thanksgiving Day. They will tell us about the "poor" pilgrims who, in 1621, gathered their first harvest in New England and thus were saved from starvation. But they will not tell us that the workers' children have not yet gathered their harvest. They are still hungry and cold. Only in Soviet Russia have the children gathered their harvest—have they been freed from the brutality of the capitalist system.

### The Truth About the "Good" Puritans.

Furthermore, Mr. Bosses, we do not believe all the bunk you write about the Pilgrims in your school histories. We know that manufacturing, ship building and slave trade started early in New England. We know that the good puritans of New England filled up ships with rum made from molasses, sailed to the coast of Africa and exchanged the rum for Negro slaves. We know that the good puritans carried on a busy trade selling Negro slaves to the plantation owners of the southern colonies. We say that there was nothing "pure" about that. We know that the rich people would not sit in the same seats with the poor people in the old New England "town meetings."

We know that for a long time the rich people of New England had not only Negro slaves as servants but also had white slaves called "indentured servants." A paper would be signed which would make some small boy or girl the slave of some rich farmer, manufacturer or ship owner. Many of these children were kidnapped in Old England, brought here and sold.

### We Want the Truth.

Yes, Mr. Bosses, you will tell us all about the "love-making" of Miles Standish, but you will not tell us the truth in our histories of the struggling people of the New England colonies.

No, we will not thank you on this day. We will use this day to tell all the workers' children the true history of New England and the true conditions of the workers and workers' children today and urge them to join with the Young Pioneers in the fight against the bosses.

## Let Us Be Thankful!



Let us give thanks that the "kind" bosses are thoughtful enough to begin early in training us to shoot our fellow-workers for the profits of the capitalists!