

Angelo Herndon Framed Up, Thrown Into Solitary Cell

ATTACK ILL. MINE PICKETS; WOUND FIVE

Springfield Strikers Battle Deputies and Scabs

ONE WORKER IS SHOT

Resume Picketing In Christian County

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 26.—Striking miners of the Capital and Woodside mines on the outskirts of this city were attacked with gunfire and stones by deputy sheriffs and scabs supplied by the United Mine Workers officials, resulting in injuries to five workers and two deputies. One of the strikers, Joseph Peder, was shot in the face and had to be taken to the hospital.

The striking miners are members of the Progressive Miners of America and they have been carrying on a militant struggle despite the sabotage and betrayal tactics of the P.M.A. leaders.

About 1,000 pickets were massed at each pit mouth when the attack started. The strikers held their ground and made it pretty hot for the scabs and deputies, finally withdrawing their lines in good order.

While the battle was taking place, a so-called "investigation committee" appointed by the state Senate in order to whitewash the operators, was visiting the Peerless mine of the Peabody Coal Co.

The strike at the Capitol and Woodside mines is one of a series now in progress in the southern Illinois coal field despite the open strikebreaking of the U.M.W. officialdom and the "no strike" policy adopted by the recent scale convention of the P.M.A. Members of the P.M.A. have resumed picketing in Christian County, some of the vicious terror which has resulted in the arrest on framed murder charges of 22 striking miners.

Bakers' Officers Looted Treasury

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bakery workers heard a financial report given by Accountant Wolf, of the Forward machine, and by Greenbaum, the accountant for the new administration.

There was a tax that was supposed to bring in \$11,000, but the books showed that this tax brought in but \$600. Neither the accountant nor the Secretary could answer the question as to how this was possible.

Members of the old administration tried, through obstruction, to write-wash the bad impression left by the accountant Wolf's report.

Unable to Explain Greenbaum told the workers that he found in the books expenses of tens of thousands of dollars, with the old administration unable to explain where this money went, or how it was spent.

In the period of five months, Greenbaum showed, the sum of \$18,500 was paid out to a certain Benny Friedman. Greenbaum showed the checks to the officials, but nobody could explain to him what the purpose of the expenditure had been.

Greenbaum also produced a check to the sum of \$1,220 which the former secretary Coleman took. "Let him explain to us what he did with the money," Greenbaum shouted.

\$120,000 Spent "This is not all," Greenbaum said, "the old officers can not explain how they spent the sum of \$120,000." The books show the sum of \$110,000 that was spent for wages and office expenses, but they cannot account for who was getting this money or how it was spent.

Payments for bread given as relief to strikers, which had cost \$80, were put down on the books to the

Miners Picket In Illinois



The rank and file of the Progressive Miners of America have resumed picketing in some sections of Christian County. (F. P. Pictures.)

DEMAND ROOSEVELT GRANT HEARING ON AID TO JOBLESS FOR MARCH 4TH

Masses of "Forgotten Men" Join In Nationwide Demonstrations

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time work is growing. Thirteen million children are hungering; 2,000,000 homeless youth are tramping the roads; the Negro masses are undergoing the vilest terror.

"The steel industry is operating at 17 per cent of capacity; the auto industry at 15 per cent; the building construction industry is almost at a standstill; mining is rapidly declining. The result is that by the end of December, 1932, industrial production was down 46 per cent.

MISERY AND STARVATION ARE SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

"While governor of the state of New York, the demands of the unemployed and part-time workers were presented to you. These demands were brushed aside with the result that the condition of the workers has persistently been degraded. Miss Frances Perkins, industrial commissioner of New York and now appointee for U. S. Secretary of Labor, reports a rapidly worsening condition, with 45 per cent of the workers now totally unemployed, wages down to 40 per cent of the level of 1927, and more than 28 per cent below 1931.

"The workers of this country listened to your promises. The Wagner bill just passed by the United States Senate is totally inadequate and in no wise meets the needs of the situation. In the state of New York a commission as appointed by you to propose unemployment insurance legislation. The commission was reported. Your successor, Mr. Lehman, who follows your policy, and in the election campaign spoke of legislation 'towards unemployment insurance', now together with the state legislature has definitely postponed any unemployment insurance legislation.

"The workers cannot be satisfied with glib promises—they demand ACTION—a REDEMPTION IN DEEDS of the pledges made.

"The National Hunger March on December 6th, 1932, presented the demands of the workers of this country to the Democratic Congress. These demands have been consistently ignored. The 3,000 elected National Hunger Marchers, Negro and white, empowered the NATIONAL COMMITTEE UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS of U. S. A. to take such action as would be necessary to press the demands of the 17,000,000 unemployed and millions of part-time workers of this country.

"On March 4th, the inaugural day, there will be nation-wide demonstrations demanding immediate cash relief and Unemployment Insurance, to remind you of your promises and to demand ACTION.

"THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS therefore requests that, following its own meeting and conference in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, you grant a hearing to an elected delegation of twenty-five on Monday, March 6th, to present to you the grievances and demands of the working population of this country in a situation that has rapidly worsened since the elections.

"According to newspaper reports, you will be holding a conference of governors on March 6th. Among the items to be considered, is 'federal aid to unemployment relief.' We are distinctly of opinion that this is TOTALLY INSUFFICIENT and is not in keeping with the pledges that you and the Democratic Party made to the workers and particularly to the 'forgotten' man in the election campaign.

"We believe, therefore, that it is most urgent that our hearing be at your governors' conference, so that we may be able to impress upon the state executives the urgency of the unemployed situation, the condition of the working masses and the necessity of enacting direct relief and unemployment insurance bills to GO INTO OPERATION AT ONCE at the expense of the employers and the government. This is in conformity with the plank in the democratic national platform.

"Trusting to hear from you by return mail as to the place and hour on Monday, March 6th, our delegation may visit you in Washington, we are, Yours,

NATIONAL COMMITTEE UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS,
I. Amter, National Secretary.

Paper of Jobless In Latest Issue Scores Home Relief Espionage

BLOWN COLOMBIA SHIP TRACED HERE

NEW YORK.—A special issue of the Hunger Fighter, organ of the Unemployed Council of Greater New York, is off the press today. The issue will consist of twelve pages, instead of the customary eight, and features the mass preparations being made throughout the City, under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, for the March 4th demonstrations and the Albany Conference for Labor Legislation.

The Narino was the former Sea Fox of New York, a yacht. She had

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE

Hotel and Restaurant Workers Relate Their Conditions of Work

Taft Hotel Shows the Share-the-Work Plan Creating Unemployment

NEW YORK CITY.—Hundreds of times in the Taft Hotel, owned by Bing and Bing, we are told that in co-operation with the management lies our salvation. But the pay scale smaller and the conditions worse.

A few months ago the five-day week was imposed upon the majority of the waiters, to help solve the unemployment problem. This was done to get rid of the Saturday extra-men, who got \$3.50 per week and had to pay for their own uniforms. Then the six-day week was restored, but without increase in pay. This will, of course, result also in a wholesale lay-off. And this whole process was carried through in the name of helping out the jobless.

The grafting of the head waiter became so bad that he had to be fired, and two new grafters made their appearance; Mr. Smari, notorious for firing at the Astor, and Paul and the Crook, who was fired from the Waldorf, also for sipping the waiters out of their tips. So as a result of revolting against one crook, the bosses gave us bigger ones. Between them, they fired in three weeks four waiters and five buxys.

The case of Rene Ruchty is of special significance. He committed the criminal offense of being fifteen minutes late to work. His child was ill, and he couldn't help being late, but he was thrown into the street. His child is now in the hospital, he himself is ill at his home, penniless, worrying, threatened with eviction. In spite of the fact that he has worked many hours overtime and without pay, his explanation was not accepted.

The chambermaids hardly ever get a full week's pay because the housekeeper fires them before such time expires. No food nor a holiday, for \$11 a week. Five hours overtime on Saturdays, without pay. Pantry girls get a wage-cut of 10 per cent two weeks ago. The cooks are speeded to the limit, forced to work at over-

WATERS IN MONTCLAIR FORCED TO EAT STANDING

NEW YORK.—Conditions in Hotel Montclair are unbearable. Workers are threatened with being fired if they refuse to submit to these conditions. "There are hundreds outside waiting for a job," say the department heads.

Conditions in the restaurant department are simply unbelievable. There is no place provided for the workers to eat their meals, so that they have to swallow their food standing up in some corner. Waiters are paid 50 cents for one meal, but are forced to work two and sometimes three meals without being paid for more than one. In many cases waiters have had to spit their hard earned tips with the captains, because the latter do not receive adequate wages.

For any protest against such miserable conditions men get fired. Hotel and restaurant workers! The only way to change this terrible oppression of the workers, is through organized action of all the hotel and restaurant workers.

Military Regime in Banquet Department of New Waldorf-Astoria

NEW YORK CITY.—When the banquet department of the new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was to be opened, the 300 waiters employed had to bring perfect dress-suits, which Paul the Crook (we call him this because he gyps us out of our tips) put under rigid examination. Those who passed deposited our food-handlers cards, paid \$150 for six buttons, and then orders began

and at the command of Paul, we were put through Kaiser maneuvers. The first line had to rush to the table pretending to pick up some dishes, and left face march, climb the stairs as fast as possible to the second balcony. Then the second line and then the third line. Paul and his captains stood with watches in their hands to see how fast we could make it. We were too slow and

While Nanking Gov't Sabotages Defense



A Group of the Chinese Volunteer Troops Who Are Putting Up a Heroic Resistance to Japan's Robber War in Manchuria and Jehol Province, while the Kuomintang Nanking Government Betrays National Revolutionary Struggle and maintains a huge army of 800,000 well-equipped troops, with fleets of bombing and combat planes against the Chinese Soviet Districts.

U. S. MAKES NEW JAPAN THREATS

War Danger Sharpens In Pacific Area

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China against the Japanese threat, declaring that the U. S. "henceforth must play its full part."

Secret War Meet

On the same day, the U. S. Navy and Army officials in the Philippines held a secret conference, following the receipt of urgent instructions from Washington to hold the U. S. forces in the islands in readiness for any eventuality. U. S. warships in the Philippines are reported to have steam up and ready to sail for North China at a moment's notice. This follows similar orders issued to the Japanese Navy by Mitojo Onuma, Naval Minister.

Japanese reservists in the Philippines are reported getting ready to return to Japan. Unconfirmed reports declare that secret instructions have been issued to Japanese reservists in the U. S. to return to Japan for military duty. The Japanese Government has called additional classes to the colors within the past week, including thousands of youth.

French Boomer For Japan

The French Right press is defending Japan, with whom France has a secret military alliance, and attacking the U. S. charging the Wall Street Government with using the war debts as a bludgeon to force support from the European debtor powers for its drive for war with Japan. The Paris Le Journal des Debates predicts "dire events" in the Far East and declares: "the great future danger is an eventual clash between Japan and the United States." The Le Echo de Paris supports the Japanese contention that world imperialism should recognize Japan as the policeman of the Far East, and expresses the fear that Japanese imperialism may break under its present "too exacting task" and go down before the revolutionary Japanese proletariat thus strengthening "the revolutionary forces which are working in Asia."

A few hours after the League of Nations made its gesture of censuring Japan for its Manchurian aggressions, Japanese troops captured the city of Chaoyang in the drive of Japanese imperialism to add Jehol Province to its Manchurian loot. Capture of the city was preceded by a murderous aerial bombardment in which death was rained indiscriminately against the civilian population and the volunteer forces defending Chaoyang.

FIND ARSON PLOT IN SOVIET UNION

By N. BUCHWALD (European Correspondent of the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 26.—Fire broke out several days ago in the building of the Civil Air Fleet at Ustolsheeretsk, Kamchatka. Investigation established that the fire was due to arson, committed by the militiamen

ALA. GOVERNOR GETS DEMANDS

But Won't Act for Jobless, Poor Farmers

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 25.—A committee of Negro and white workers, elected by the first No-Discrimination Conference in Montgomery in the heart of the feudal reaction, visited Gov. Miller and the speaker of the House to present the demands of the poor farmers and unemployed workers. These demands include (1) cash relief, (2) a moratorium on all debts and taxes, (3) no attachments of farms and work animals of poor farmers, (4) free food, housing and clothing for unemployed workers and homeless youth, (5) free electricity and gas, (6) free seed for the farmers and croppers, (7) immediate re-opening of all schools, (8) full pay for the teachers and free lunches and transportation for the children, (9) no discrimination against Negro workers, farmers, croppers and their children.

Pass the Buck

The committee was "cordially" received by the governor who, however, remained non-committal on the demands, and suggested that the workers and poor farmers should turn to the "charity" relief doled out by the Red Cross, under conditions of the most brutal exploitation of the toilers through forced labor and other vicious schemes. Paxton, spokesman for the delegation, denounced the anti-working class schemes and red tape of the Red Cross and the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The governor then tried to shunt the delegation to the State Assembly. Paxton denounced this as a maneuver to get rid of the delegation without doing anything for the starving unemployed workers and croppers and the impoverished small farmers.

The delegation then visited the State Assembly, and saw the Speaker of the House, Representative Tunstall, who admitted "we are all in a devil of a fix," but gave the delegation no promise of relief, merely agreeing to place demands before the legislative committees.

Communist Makes Address

At the Thursday night session of the conference, Nat Ross, organizer of the Southern District of the Communist Party, was invited to address the delegates. He spoke on the role of the Communist International and its sections of organizing and leading the struggles of the starving toilers for adequate unemployment relief and social insurance at the expense of the bosses and their government. Six of the delegates joined the Communist Party, while all welcomed the support of the Party in their struggles against the starvation and boss terror.

GOERING FOR HIS MURDER DECREE

Fascists Ban Election Work of Opponents

GUARDS JAIL BREAK STORY IS A FAKE

Negro Prisoners Help to Expose Vicious Frame-up of Lad

PROTEST TORTURE

Prison Authorities In Plot; Held Up Letter

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—A letter describing the framing of Angelo Herndon in the Fulton Tower prison on charges of attempting to escape, as an excuse for torturing him in solitary confinement, and a denial signed by him and his three cellmates, has been received by the International Labor Defense here.

The letter of Angelo Herndon, Negro organizer of the unemployed whom the Georgia lynch bosses recently sentenced to 20 years on the murderous chain gangs, is an appeal to all white and Negro workers to defend him from these tortures. Although sent out by Herndon on Feb. 16, the appeal did not reach the I.L.D. for five days, showing that the authorities held it up to prevent mass protests from immediately forcing them to stop their torture. Herndon writes, in part:

In Solitary Confinement

"These dirty rats have me locked up in 'solitary confinement.' They came up to my cell last night about eight or ten times, and I thought sure they were going to take me out for a lynching party. When they first came in my cell they pretended they were looking for back-saws. But they couldn't find any. Then they took all my personal correspondence and went through it. I am not certain whether or not they stole any of it.

"They found some little pieces of iron that probably came off some of the rotten ventilator pipes, and then said we were trying to make an escape.

"They first put me in an old cell where water was running from an old rotten diet pipeline, and when I reminded them of the sink in the cell, they replied 'We don't give a god-damn if you drown,' they also threatened to put double shackles on all of us, and beat up one of the boys and told him, 'Nigger, if you ever talk to a white man like that again I will go home and get my Winchester and blow your god-damn brains out.'

"I can't even get any water or anything else in this 'solitary confinement.'

"They finally moved me out of the first cell about 1 o'clock last night and put me in another one, where there are no plumbing fixtures or anything at all, and I don't know how long they are going to keep me in here."

Only the most vigorous mass protest can stop this hideous torture of Angelo Herndon! Workers and their organizations are urged to immediately rush protest telegrams to Gov. Eugene Talmadge at Atlanta, Ga., and to the warden at the Fulton Tower, demanding a stop to the torture and military confinement of this working-class leader.

Deny Attempt to Escape

The statement denying all attempts at escape, signed by Herndon and three other Negro prisoners, Mose White, Richard Morris and Richard Sims, held under death sentences in the Fulton Tower death house, exposes the lengths to which the guards went to frame an "attempted escape" charge. It states, in part:

"We emphatically deny all charges, recently spread through the press and other sources, by the officials of Fulton Tower, that we attempted to escape Thursday night, Feb. 16."