

Told In Brief

Demonstrate Against Wage Cuts

Pittsburgh, Feb. 9.—Fifteen hundred workers demonstrated today before the Jones-Lazdulin steel mill against wage cuts that the steel industry is planning to put into effect.

Get Less Than \$10 a Month

St. Paul, Minn.—The East Side block and the neighborhood committees of the Unemployed Council held a big public hearing recently and about 600 workers were present. It was disclosed that the average relief given out was less than \$10 a month.

Canada Deports 5,952

Over 5,952 foreign-born workers were deported from Canada in 1932, reports W. A. Gordon, acting minister of immigration. Of these 339 were deported because they were sick and 33 because they demanded "exorbitant" i. e. living-wages.

Shoe Workers Win Victory

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—The strike of the American Shoe Company workers in Chelsea, Mass. ended today with a complete victory for the strikers. The company withdrew the wage cut of 10-25 per cent and agreed to recognize the shop committee.

8,000 Demonstrate in South Bend

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 31.—Over 8,000 workers demonstrated here today against the basket system of relief. This was the largest demonstration ever held here and it followed a number of local victories in forcing better food from the relief committee.

House Passes Gas Tax

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The House of Representatives passed a bill yesterday continuing the one cent a gallon gasoline tax until June 30, 1934. This hits the masses of small farmers who must have gasoline to get to town.

Food Products Corporation Makes Huge Profits

Standard Brands—Sellers of Chase and Sanborn's coffee and Royal baking powder—reported a net profit for 1932 greater than for 1931. Their income was \$15,000,491—a tidy sum for the third year of depression. And Brazilian coffee planters have to burn their crops because they can't get the cost of production.

Sentence Boy to 30 Years for Stealing

New York, Feb. 4.—Robert Washington, a 19-year-old Negro elevator operator was sentenced to 30 years in Sing Sing for stealing 50 cents and a overcoat.

Laundry Workers Win Strike

New York.—The strike in the Starlight Laundry which started last week was settled when the employer reinstated a fired worker and agreed not to discriminate against union members.

Sue Ex-Mayor Walker for \$2,079

While ex-mayor Jimmie Walker of New York is sporting around Europe his creditors are clamoring for cash here. One of the latest is the Crocker Hotel Company of San Francisco to whom he owes a hotel bill for \$2,079.

Snowbound Indians Get Aid

Supai, Ariz.—Fear of starvation for 200 Indians isolated in a snowbound reservation was ended today when a mail contractor and six tribal braves broke through deep snowdrifts and reach Supai with desperately needed food and supplies.

10,000 U. S. Sailors in Mimic War

Honolulu, Feb. 5.—The American scouting fleet of 21 vessels and 10,000 men is preparing to simulate an attack on the Pacific coast in order to train the sailors for the next world conflict.

Higher Prices Thru Tariff

President Hoover has asked Secretary of Commerce Chupin, to prepare a list of imports from countries of depreciated currencies. The actual program is to levy new taxes on the American workers and farmers thru higher tariffs. This would help to keep up the profits of some manufacturers.

Standard Oil Merger

Rumors are floating around Wall Street that the two largest Standard companies, Standard Oil of New York and Standard Oil of California are planning to merge during the present year. This would be another step to crush out the smaller fry of capitalists in the oil industry.

Proposal to Close Copper Mines

In order to push up prices the copper companies are considering a proposal to shut down this summer. At the present time the industry is running at twenty per cent of capacity.

Millionaire Cabinet Prospect

William Woodin, president of the American Car and Foundry Co. is the latest recruit to the number of millionaires who are expected to be part of Roosevelt's cabinet. Whether they are officially members or not, they will participate in the decisions of the Democratic administration just the same.

TOTAL OF LANDLESS PEASANTS IN POLAND REACHES 5,000,000

Exports of Agricultural Products Is Cut by Half as Result of Sharpening Crisis; Admitted for First Time by Government

Warsaw, Poland, Jan. 23.—A discussion has taken place in the Polish Sejm following on the presentation of the budget of the Minister for Agriculture. The debate revealed truths which are usually concealed in the Polish press.

According to the statements of the Minister for Agriculture the export of agricultural products has sunk tremendously; butter by 93 per cent and meat by 87 per cent. The general fall totals 49.7 per cent.

The Sejm deputy Kalinowski informed the house that the number of landless peasants now totals over five millions. The pauperization of the masses in the agricultural districts had reached such a pass that there was abso-

lutely no hope of any improvements in Polish standards of living for many years to come.

The organ of the Vilna landowners "Slovo" writes: "The present situation of agriculture is reminiscent of the worst situation in the middle ages." The organ of the National Democrats "Gazeta Vershavska" writes: "Agriculture is a patient which whom everyone sympathizes, but in whose recovery no one has any confidence, not even the government with its new economic policy. One of the most prominent Polish agricultural experts, Karshevski, has just committed suicide. He left a letter in which he declared that the agricultural situation had become so strained that his nerves could no longer stand it."

MINN. FARMERS PROTEST SALE

Sheriff Puts Thru Sale of Family of 13 After Lying Promise

(BY R. T.)

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 30.—Eight hundred workers and farmers demonstrated here today against the foreclosure of Esko Lappinen's farm at Corbin, Minn. Lappinen has a family of 11 children. Three hundred of the demonstrators were farmers who had come from as far as a distance as 100 miles, and the rest were workers of Duluth who had organized a demonstration in solidarity with the farmers again.

A meeting was held first inside of the court house in front of the sheriff's office. The speaker for the United Farmers League pointed out the necessity of the farmers and workers to be united in the struggle against the attempts of the capitalists to deprive them of the right to live. He called upon the assembled workers and farmers not to bid on the farm.

HOLD SALE WITHOUT FARMERS KNOWLEDGE

A resolution was adopted demanding that the sheriff withdraw the foreclosure proceedings. The sheriff said he couldn't do this, due to the technicalities of the law. Finally the sheriff in the office admitted that the sale was going to take place at 10 a. m. and that it will be held in front of the court house. The farmers and workers filed out of the sheriff's office and went outside, only to find the sale was through without any workers or farmers knowing that the sale had been held. In the meantime while the spokesman for the farmers was discussing this matter with the sheriff and demanding to know just where and when the sale was to take place, a couple of other sheriffs had gone outside with the representative of the Federal Land Bank and machine the sale through without any public announcement. Only one man bid and that was the agent of the Federal Land Bank, the holder of the mortgage.

The workers and farmers were indignant over this low down method of the sheriff and elected a committee to go to the sheriff's office to tell the sheriffs just what kind of robbers and tricksters they really are.

WILL RESIST EVICTION

Speakers for the United Farmers League pointed out that the fight to save the home of Mr. Lappinen from the clutches of the legal robbers has not ended, that hundreds of farmers must be mobilized to prevent the eviction when it is scheduled to take place. The farmers were more determined than ever before to go back and organize their neighbors into the United Farmers League and thru militant mass action carry on the fight against evictions and sheriff sales, for immediate relief, etc., and to carry on the fight for the passage by the state legislature of laws prohibiting MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES AND EVICTIONS.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SHOWS RECORD EARNINGS

Total income of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 1932 was nearly \$1,000,000,000, or the largest ever recorded by any life insurance company, it was shown yesterday in the annual report made public by Frederick H. Ecker, president.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 gives total assets of \$3,769,372,425, an increase of \$179,256,772 for the year. The company is the largest underwriter of life insurance in the world.

Total income for the year amounted to \$921,953,101. A great part of its billion income of this company has come out of the meager earnings of the farmers.

WATER DUCKING STOPS BIDDERS

Farmer's Wife Bids in All Property for \$15, Aided by 200 Farmers

Overton, Nebr., Jan. 25.—Threat of a ducking in a water tank so effectively discouraged bidders at a foreclosure sale of personal property and livestock under a chattel note held by a South Omaha bank at the farm of Mike Thimmes near Overton that Mrs. Thimmes bid all the property in for about \$15.

The procedure was simple. A piece of property would be offered for sale. Mrs. Thimmes would bid a few cents. When anybody else or a representative of the bank ventured a bid, a delegation from the 200 farmers gathered at the sale would wait on the outside bidder and suggest a wetting in the water tank.

The suggestion invariably discouraged the outside bidders. Mrs. Thimmes bought horses for 25 cents a head, a few cattle for 15 cents a head, and farm machinery for similar prices. She then returned the note to her husband.

FARM ORGANIZER



Leif Dahl, farm worker of Newman Grove is one of the leaders of the Nebraska farm relief conference which meets in Lincoln, Feb. 15-16.

MARCH 6 SET FOR TRIAL OF KILLERS OF STRIKE PICKET

Ole Anderson and his son, Leonard, who confessed to killing 26 year old Nordahl Peterson, strike picket, on the night of Oct. 4, 1932 will come up for trial in district court in Granite, Minn., March 6. They are charged with third degree murder.

Peterson was on picket duty with others near Canby, Minn., when Anderson and his son drove by and fired several times at the pickets. Peterson was killed instantly.

Depew, New York Bank Closed Feb. 3

Albany, Feb. 3.—Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks has taken possession of the business and property of the Bank of Depew at Depew, N. Y., he announced today.

Deposits at the close of business Feb. 2 were about \$650,000. Constant withdrawals and depreciation of the assets prompted the action, the superintendent said.

THE MILITANT PROGRAM OF AMERICAN FARMERS

Draft Program of the United Farmers League

There is Only One Way Out for the American Farmers

The demands of the farmers can be won only through mass struggle. Those who have always robbed us will not grant us our just and necessary demands because we ask for them. They will stop evicting only when we make them. They will grant us higher prices only when we force them to do so. Only mass action can "convince" the agencies of Wall Street of the necessity for granting us our demands.

We must organize for struggle to protect ourselves. Through struggle we can win relief, and only through struggle. While struggle for our immediate demands can win us relief, it cannot protect us from the robbery, misery, uncertainty, and insecurity that this system of society, capitalism, would always mean for those who toil. We can win a decent life. We can assure our children a life free from misery. We can do this if, in place of the capitalist system which uses workers and farmers only for profits, we set up a workers' and farmers' government.

The United Farmers League leads the toiling farmers not only in the struggle for their everyday needs and against every form of misery that breeds starvation, misery and war. The United Farmers League calls on the impoverished farmers to join with the city workers for a revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system.

The overthrow of the capitalist system would mean the confiscation without compensation of all the means of agricultural production, belonging to large landowners, bankers, insurance companies, machinery companies and corporation farms, including land, buildings, and livestock.

This would immediately abolish the rent, interest, and mortgage debts which the small and middle farmers are now forced to bear.

All the means of production owned by the rich would be transferred to a workers' and farmers' government, and would be used in part, to establish socialist agriculture.

This workers' and farmers' government would decide what part of this confiscated land, stock, machinery, buildings, would be devoted to state farms and what part would be distributed among the farm workers, tenants, croppers, and small farmers with insufficient land.

We sink deeper and deeper into misery. The possibility of even existing becomes ever more uncertain for us. The farmers in the Soviet Union on other hand are raising their standard of living at a rate that we never knew in the United States. They have built a country where there are no robbers. A workers' and farmers' government rules there. Because they have done this the robbers of all other countries are preparing an attack on the workers and farmers of the Soviet Union. The United Farmers League stands shoulder to shoulder with the farmers and workers of the Soviet Union in defense of their country, which is our fatherland, too and against all robbers and robber wars.

Just as it declares its solidarity with the farmers and workers of the Soviet Union who are building Socialism, so does the United Farmers League declare its solidarity with all exploited colonial people, especially those robbed and tortured by Wall Street's army and navy.

How to Organize

Every toiling farmer should call his neighbors together to dis-

AUSTRIAN FARMER IS MURDERED BY POLICE AT SALE FOR TAXES

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 18.—Collisions between desperate peasants and the police took place yesterday in Mittertrixen (lower Carinthia) when the authorities tried to sell up the property of a small peasant and for overdue taxes. The police attacked the peasants with fixed bayonets and one peasant was stabbed to death. There is tremendous indignation in the district and special police reinforcements have been drafted in "to restore order."

WORKERS ADDRESS COLO. LEGISLATURE

700 Delegates at Capitol Demand Relief in Meeting

(BY H. I. C.)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 23.—Demand of the workers and poor farmers of Colorado were heard by Governor Johnson, the State Legislature and Senate today when a committee of 60, representing the State Hunger March and United Front, the latter numbering 50 organizations including A. F. of L. locals, workers' fraternal orders and unemployed bodies, was admitted to the executive chambers following a mass meeting of 5,000 at a ball park and a determined demonstration by 8,000 before the state capitol. More than 300 delegates were present from most sections of Colorado.

The list of demands was made to the governor by Charles Gwynn, captain of the southern Colorado delegation. Both Gwynn and William Dietrich, section organizer, of the Communist party were invited to address the Legislature and Senate while other speakers reported back to the waiting throng.

Basis for a statewide organization was laid at the state conference. Over 700 delegates representing the United Front organizations and sections of Colorado were there and their message is being carried home. An attempt of the state federation of Labor to organize a move counter to the United Front is meeting with failure because of its obvious lack of sincerity and consideration for the unemployed.

REPORTER THROWN OUT OF MEETING

All Businessmen Asked to Leave Meeting of 200 Farmers

Sidney, Nebr., Jan. 28.—All business men and a reporter were expelled from a courthouse meeting of the Farmers Holiday association here Saturday afternoon as 200 farmers gathered to demand a five year moratorium on all mortgage foreclosures from District Judge J. L. Tewell.

Judge Tewell told them he could not recognize such a moratorium.

O. A. Rosenberg, Newman Grove and Mrs. L. A. Pearson, Sidney, were in charge of the gathering, and farmers from Duell, Kimball and Cheyenne counties in Nebraska and Logan county Ohio attended.

Jack Lowe, Sidney newspaperman, was the first to be expelled. Mrs. Pearson made a motion to exclude him "as an enemy to the movement." Lowe was ushered from the room amid threats from the farmers.

Shortly afterwards, three attorneys and two business men were ordered from the room. While more than 100 farmers milled about, Sheriff William Schulz was handed an order of foreclosure sale in the office of the district court Saturday.

Postpone Delinquent Tax Sale Third Time

Clarinda, Ia., Jan. 31.—The Page county delinquent tax sale, held on Monday with no bidders appearing was postponed for the third time by B. F. Mutz, county treasurer to March 27.

International News

France Has New Premier

Paris, Jan. 31.—The new premier of France is Edouard Deladier. He succeeds Paul-Boncour who took office after the defeat of Herriot. It is not expected that the new premier will win the support of the Chamber of Deputies.

Close Railway in Ireland

The railway workers of the Free State have refused to handle goods from the North of Ireland (Ulster) where 5,000 workers are on strike against a 10 per cent wage cut ordered by the government Railway Wage Board. The Great Northern Railway system is practically closed down.

German Reichstag Dissolved

Berlin, Feb. 1.—President Hindenburg has ordered the Reichstag dissolved since it was apparent it would not support Hitler as Chancellor. The date for the new elections has been semi-officially set for March 5.

Strikes Occur in Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Many strikes have taken place in Berlin factories at the appointment of Hitler for chancellor. There have also been strikes in lower Saxony and in the railway repair works in Eesingen.

Denmark Abolishes Right to Strike

Copenhagen, Feb. 1.—The Danish government has abolished the right of the Danish workers to strike and has inflated the krone to 22½ to the British pound which will greatly increase the cost of living for the working class.

Chinese Volunteers Fight Bravely

For the fourth time within a week Chinese volunteer troops carried out a fierce attack Feb. 1 on the Japanese invaders holding Chumen Pass, 12 miles north of Shanhaiwan. The Japanese claim that the Chinese were again repulsed.

Peasant Clashes in Italy

Clashes between dissatisfied peasants and the Italian militia have taken place in the towns of Monte San Giacomo and Sassano. The demonstrations occurred because of the recent lease law which places severe restrictions upon the rural population.

Dutch Navy Mutines

London, Jan. 31.—The Daily Mail prints sensational news of a mutiny of the Dutch navy in the Far East which involves the cruiser Java and two destroyers—the Pietheine and Everstein stationed in the Dutch East Indies. The mutiny was caused by a proposed reduction in the pay of the sailors, marines and petty officers.

Peruvian Workers Demonstrate Against War

Peruvian workers under the leadership of the Communist party carried out a militant anti-war demonstration January 31 in the heart of Lima, capital of Peru. The demonstration demanded the release of 110 political prisoners.

U. S. Threatens Peru

Washington, Jan. 31.—The U. S. government yesterday sent a second note to Peru, demanding that it surrender the Leticia region to the Colombian puppet government of Wall Street. Peru has rejected the U. S. terms of "settlement."

Admits War Horrors

Buenos Aires, Feb. 2.—The unclouded war between Bolivia and Paraguay (fostered by the U. S. and Great Britain) has resulted in a veritable hell for the workers, admits Dr. Arthur Elliot, missionary in Paraguay. He says "More thousands have been killed than anybody cares to tell and other thousands have died of thirst, starvation and disease. Each country has 50,000 men under arms. Asuncion is a city of hospitals."

Denmark Feeling Crisis

Copenhagen, Jan. 11.—(By mail)—In the beginning Denmark which is chiefly an agricultural country, was not so seriously affected by the economic crisis. During the last couple of years, however, the fall in the price of farm goods has hit the country very heavily. At the present there are about 180,000 workers unemployed or about 40 per cent of the industrial workers.

Rumanian Oil Workers Battle Police

Ploesti, Rumania, Feb. 2.—Four thousand oil workers battled the police yesterday during a demonstration against the government's decision to support the wage cuts and lay off policies of the Romano-American Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co.

Philippine "Leader" to Visit U. S.

Manila, P. I., Feb. 2.—Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Senate announced his intention to visit the U. S. to talk over the "independence" bill. He is opposing the struggle of the Filipinos for real independence.

Earth Shakes Near Vesuvius

Naples, Italy, Feb. 5.—Two strong earth shocks were felt today in the neighborhood of Mt. Vesuvius. No damage was reported. More than 200 tremors have been noted around the volcano since Thursday.

100,000 Jobless Meet in London

London, Feb. 5.—The greatest massed gathering of Great Britain's unemployed since 1928 occurred in Hyde park this afternoon. The demonstration called by the trade union congress as a protest against the government's economy policy. More than 100,000 took part.