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Socialists Urge Action to Halt Evictions

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

SOME TRUSTING SOULS who believe that the Socialists of the nation would make more progress if they would only change the name of their party ought to know better by this time. The opposition which Technocracy is receiving from various upholders of and apologists for Capitalist exploitation ought to convince them that a name, after all, means very little.

It is what a movement intends to do, not what it calls itself, that influences the attitudes of those folk who would public opinion. "Technocracy" sounded respectable for a while. But its proposal that industry should be operated to provide for human welfare instead of for private profit was quickly detected, and now we find capitalism's respectables even more bitter against the engineers than they ever were against the disciples of Karl Marx.

DURING THE PAST week the influence of America's financial dictators has been yielded. The results were seen when Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, dropped the Technocrats like the "hot potato" that it proved to be.

Poor Nicholas! During the past year he has voiced opinions which caused some to suspect that he was "going liberal" in his old age. But the habits of a lifetime proved to be too strong. When he heard his master's voice he evidently decided that, after all, any system which does not safeguard the privileges of the owning class is not worth advocating. No matter what the advantages John Smith and Bill Jones might gain by operating machinery for the benefit of mankind, that system is bad because it does not preserve the age-old profit feature. Civilization itself is not worth preserving unless it can be founded upon the principle that the present owners shall continue to be the dictators.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE been glib enough to believe that the people who control our economic and intellectual destinies actually want to do what is "right." They made that mistake by failing to bear in mind the fact that we are living in a class society, in which the thing that is "right" for one class is almost certain to be "wrong" for another.

Socialists didn't get that viewpoint. Neither did the Technocrats. Both groups prefer to be efficient in the business of making the world move in such a manner that the human family will make the most of its resources. The Socialists recognized the existence of classes and advocated a classless society in which all able men and women would be useful workers. The Technocrats assumed that the main business of life was living and the main business of industry producing those articles which people need to live.

IT WAS INEVITABLE that the latter group should draw the thunder of Capitalism's dictators. For from the Capitalist point of view, the purpose of industry is not the production of goods, but the production of profits for stockholders.

Just how slight is the importance of the things produced by industry can be understood by the fact that many stockholders do not even know what products their industries produce. A few years ago this fact was

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS

HOOPES BILL WOULD GIVE HUMAN RIGHT OF SHELTER TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

Inability to Pay Rent, Interest or Principal Should Not Make Workers Homeless, Under Socialist's Proposal. Actual Ownership of Homes Not Important If Workers Are Assured of Right to Occupy Homes—Companion Bill to Municipal Housing Measure

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A complete ban on eviction of unemployed workers from homes on which they are unable to pay either rent, or interest and capital on mortgages is the demand set forth in the anti-eviction bill introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly by Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes. The measure was introduced by Hoopes before the second special unemployment relief session of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1932, and was one of the principal measures on behalf of which over a thousand workers from all over the state marched to Harrisburg last July to demand "Bread, Jobs and Security."

The bill, by invoking the police power of the state to take emergency measures to preserve itself and the health and welfare of the people even against constitutional objections, would suspend certain established property rights in favor of the basic rights of human life.

Went: Safeguard Ownership. No attempt is made by the bill to preserve the title of the unemployed to their property, the Socialist feeling that it is impractical to protect one kind of property rights against another kind of property rights and that the vital thing is the protection of the worker in his right to his dwelling place and the security of a roof over his head for himself and his family.

Penalties of heavy fine and imprisonment are set for any constable, sheriff or other officer aiding an eviction. The anti-eviction proposal is a companion measure to the bill introduced by Hoopes two weeks ago, enabling cities to embark on extensive re-housing schemes for their workers.

WORKERS DRIVEN AND WAGES CUT AS DESPERATE EFFORT TO GET ORDERS, PARISH SUPT. CONFESSES

Answer to Advocate Story Seeks to Attack Socialists But Actually Reveals Terrible Conditions Confronting Capitalist Industry—Thrusts at Socialists Fail to Explain Why Poverty Is Widespread in Wealthy America

In a circular letter to the employees of the Parish Pressed Steel Company, Superintendent H. S. Lewis "answers" what he seems to feel is an attack upon Parish labor policies by the Labor Advocate. The article which has drawn the fire of Mr. Lewis was published in the Advocate of January 13, and exposed the Parish program of driving its workers to constantly lower wages and increased production as a means of securing orders.

In the Advocate's former story a previous circular issued by Lewis was discussed. Lewis charged that "radicalism," not low wages and speed-ups, was responsible for the dissatisfaction which is spreading among Parish employees. The Advocate's chief contention at that time was to the effect that workers everywhere are the victims of an economic situation which has developed with the Capitalist system and is a part of that system. Explaining the conditions which prevail at the Parish plant, the Advocate declared: "With Capitalist industry collapsing, only the very lowest prices will get what orders there are to be had. As a result the workers of every industry are pitted against each other in a dog-eat-dog competition." Further on the Advocate stated that "The story of the Parish Co. is the universal story."

Lewis Confirms Our Story. In his rejoinder, distributed January 18, Supt. Lewis attempts to discredit the Advocate and the Socialist party generally and even goes to considerable effort to use Russia as an

example of what he evidently thinks is an inconsistent Socialist position. As a matter of fact, the Parish official merely confirmed the warning of the Advocate that "only the very lowest prices (which, under Capitalism, means the very lowest wages per unit of production) will enable any firm to secure orders under this system of world Capitalism."

Much of what Lewis writes in his rejoinder to the Advocate is irrelevant to the present economic collapse. He charges that the Socialists failed to consider the welfare of workers when they used machines in the city street cleaning department and states that the Socialist officials of Reading did nothing to help the unemployed. He also attacks the Socialist administration for refusing to purchase American LaFrance fire-fighting equipment which, he declares, is the only union made equipment on the market and which is constructed in part by Reading workers.

The Advocate Replies

The story of the street cleaning department

CITY FUSIONISTS SHOW CONTEMPT FOR UNEMPLOYED

Grudgingly Concede Right to Meet in City Auditorium After Ermentrout and Smith Object

MAYOR'S TALK INSULTING

Dissatisfied Trouble Makers Is Fusion Official's Estimate of Needy Citizens Who Organize For Relief

Contempt and annoyance were the reactions which Capitalism's public officials registered for the unemployed of Berks County during the past week. Although many hundreds of jobless citizens have been acting in union under the banner of the Taxpayers' Protective League for the advancement of the interests of the needy families of Reading, none of the specific demands which they have made to the Poor Board have been met.

The net gain for the week, and in fact, for the entire period during which the workers of the city and county have been reduced to the scant assistance which public funds provide, is the permission, reluctantly granted by Reading's Fusion councilmen, to use the city hall auditorium for a public meeting today at 2 o'clock, which will be addressed by District Attorney John P. Wanner.

Even this slightest recognition of the fact that the discarded slaves of Reading's labor exploiters are entitled to certain consideration was not given in good spirit by the Berks elites at Wednesday's meeting of city council. After more than a half hour of squabbling in which the So-

JOBLESS RESENT COUNTY'S SHOES

Relief Money Wasted and Unemployed Cheated by Poor Board's Policy—Actual Cases Cited

That shoes are furnished to the unemployed by the County Poor Board under conditions which prevent the unfortunate charges of the county from receiving satisfactory merchandise and, at the same time, enable the shoe merchant to reap a harvest at the expense of the taxpayers of Berks, was the statement this week of officials of the Taxpayers' League.

Two cases investigated by George Moore, secretary of the Taxpayers' Protective League reveal that the vouchers issued by the Poor Board bought on out-of-date and "seconds" to the customer. The facts unearthed by Moore have caused deep resentment in the ranks of the unemployed.

In both cases the shoes were secured at Fogelman's shoe store, 335 Penn street.

Damaged Shoes, \$1.50. Jacob Held, 1334 Cotton street, showed shoes which had been given in exchange for a \$1.50 voucher. They were for a five year old child and were plainly damaged. Moreover, the quality was of such a character as to cause League officials to suspect that full value had not been given. Two shoe merchants who were asked to appraise the retail value of the shoes confirmed their suspicion. One declared that he could supply the shoes for 98 cents. (Continued on Page Four)

HOOPES MOVES FOR COMPENSATION REFORMS

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Rep. Darlington Hoopes this week introduced the first of four bills of a series of amendments to the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act intended to bring that sadly out-of-date institution into line with other more advanced states.

The bills submitted would first, make unlimited the benefit period for the totally disabled worker, increase payments as much as 10% and give unlimited medical care; second, make the State non-profit fund the sole insurer; third, set up a special fund for the permanently handicapped from death payments of those leaving no heirs instead of permitting unearned increment to the funds, and the fourth would include an allowance for reasonable funeral expense.

WILSON BILL TO SOCIALIZE M.D.'S

Woman Lawmaker Urges Socialized Medical Treatment. Hoopes Pleads For Cash Relief For Jobless

HARRISBURG, Pa.—In a comprehensive social insurance measure covering sickness, accident, death and maternity, Representative Lilith Wilson this week set forth a plan for a comprehensive system of socialized medicine.

The bill, a model piece of legislation based on the experience of many European countries, where strong working-class parties have forced at least partial socialization of health services, would provide compulsory insurance coverage for all workers in Pennsylvania industry. Contributions of two-fifths from employers, one fifth from the Commonwealth, and two-fifths from the worker would be the basis of the funds. Insurance would be carried by non-profit societies in which the worker should choose to insure, existing labor unions and fraternal societies being specifically mentioned. Not only actual medical and hospital care would be arranged for but dental care and preventive health work and medicine would be possible under this scheme.

Insurance through non-profit societies or associations, which would also institute facilities for care of members to supplement existing over-crowded public and semi-public institutions, is somewhat analogous to the plan for voluntary socialization of medical service proposed by the Wilbur Committee on Medical Costs but whose findings have been bitterly rejected by the official American Medical Society dominated by the capitalist-minded and financially-advanced physicians.

Wants Cash Relief. A plea for distribution of unemployment relief in cash, instead of

REACTIONARIES WANT LAW TO USE AGAINST JOBLESS

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The repeal of the Pennsylvania Sedition Act introduced by Rep. Hoopes is resting securely in a sub-committee of the conservative Judiciary General Committee of the House which is made up entirely of lawyers. The sub-committee is made up of three of the most conservative members in the legislature, including the regular Republican chairman of the Rules Committee. In urging his repeal bill before the committee, Hoopes was greeted with the testimony of a former U. S. Commissioner in Philadelphia who fervently asserted that during the war he wished he had had such a law. When Hoopes objected that the present time was not war, the quick response was "no this is worse than war and we need such an act more."

BOSSSES' PARTIES PREPARE TO AID RICH TAXPAYERS

Plan Seen to Make Municipalities Levy New Taxes on Homes and Jobs of Workers

SOCIALISTS IN OPPOSITION

Hoopes and Wilson Will Take Stand For Large Appropriations by Taxes on Big Incomes and Inheritances

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Faced with a relief need of a minimum of \$96,000,000 for the next two years, the Republican political machine in control of state Senate and House of Representatives in Pennsylvania are preparing apparently to try to lift the entire burden of this relief cost from the corporations and wealthy estates that pay the bulk of state taxes.

Grover Talbot, Republican Speaker of the House has already publicly suggested giving municipal subdivisions the right to tax these things not already taxed by the state and placing the burden of raising funds upon these local communities. This already has been done for the city of Philadelphia whose council immediately proposed an occupational tax, which unlike an income tax, would fall heaviest on the working class. This infamous proposal was abandoned after mass protest by the textile workers and civic groups under the leadership of the Philadelphia Central Labor Union.

Labor Fighting "Economy". There is real danger that this plan which is little less than a conspiracy will carry thru. Governor Pinchot two years ago killed all proposals

SOCIALISTS SET FOR BIG BAZAAR

Many New Features Planned. Lecture by Mark Starr Arranged by Committee. Ticket Sales Important

With the opening date of the big Socialist Bazaar only two weeks off things are beginning to hum. One of the new features at the Bazaar this year will be a country store. The women from southern Berks will be in charge of this new feature and will seek the co-operation of all the women members from rural Berks. The Bazaar will open at St. Casimir's Hall at Bingham and Orange streets, on February 11th and will continue until February 18th.

Sunday Program Arranged. The picnic committee, who are in charge of arrangements, have decided to use the hall on Sunday night, February 12, also. On that night the committee has arranged for a short lecture on technocracy by Mark Starr, a member of the faculty of the Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, N. Y.

The committee is also working on a program of free entertainment for that night, including a concert by the Socialist orchestra. Those desiring to dance will have the opportunity to do so. Everybody will be welcome, everything will be free, and everything will be done to make it a pleasant evening for all who attend.

The committee again wants to urge all members to do their utmost in the selling of Bazaar tickets. So

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

PRICES AND REWARDS

Judge Schaeffer's plan to fix prices for commodities charged against relief vouchers has some real educational possibilities. If the plan is adopted the unemployed are likely to learn what many of them failed to note while they were working; namely, that the price tag of an article has very little to do with the amount of that article which a worker is permitted to have.

It doesn't follow that, just because things are "cheap" people get more of those things. If that were the case, we'd all have more of everything than we had during the war when prices and wages were relatively high.

On the contrary, the lower the price of a thing, whether that thing be shoes, food, water or public schools, the lower living costs become and the less workers are paid.

A drop in the price of bread and flour is not going to mean that the unemployed get more to eat. What will happen is that the amounts of their vouchers will be reduced and that they will be no better off than before.

We make this prediction quite fearlessly and invite one and all to watch and see.

As long as we live under a system which produces wealth only for the profit of a small group of owners, workers will always be the lowest class in society and wages will be no higher than enough to keep them in working condition.

SHARE WORK AT BERKSHIRE

We are in receipt of information to the effect that the Berkshire industries in Wyomissing are on a 6-hour day and that nobody earns more than \$17 per week under that schedule.

If any of the unemployed think that policy is going to mean better times for them they had better change their minds.

One of the troubles of the present hard times is that everybody is being leveled down. And as everybody who suffers a wage reduction finds it necessary to buy fewer and different goods, reduced earnings eventually must mean more unemployment.

There was a time when workers at the "Berkie" sported automobiles of the better grades. But \$17 workers are not going to be good customers for the manufacturers of even cheap cars. Sooner or later the level of unemployment which must sink in the auto and other industries will find its way to Reading. What then? Oh, then the next step will be to still further reduce hours and prepare for even worse times.

Truly, it would be just as sensible to vote for a dead man as to cast a ballot for the preservation of Capitalism.

THEY GO TO SCHOOL

Anybody not acquainted with the real cause, might believe that times are better in Reading when they read the prediction of the principal of our high school.

Mr. Lozo warns the general public that the growth of the school population is making the present building inadequate, but it is not the quest for knowledge which is causing this condition to exist.

Only a few years ago more than 50 per cent of Reading's boys and girls of high school age were working in the industries in and around Reading. Then it was the continuation school which caused such a problem that the School Board found it necessary to build a fine modern building to house the youthful slaves who were being ground into profit on five days of each week.

But industries flopped. Jobs for the young as well as for the old, have disappeared. And so the youngsters go to school—because they have nothing else to do.

But they are only dodging the issue for three years. Those who are

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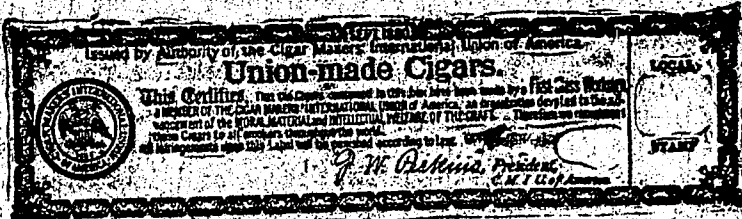
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351 PENN STREET**STATES JOIN IN
SLASHING WAGES**Relief Funds and Vital Govern-
ment Functions Will Also be
Slashed to Save Wealthy
TaxpayersNEW YORK (FP).—Following
the lead of federal proposals and
municipal action, the states are com-
pleting the battering given to govern-
ment employees' wages. "Take it out
of the workers' hide," seems to be
the government motto all along the line.Jobs which have always been re-
garded as the most secure, and wage
standards previously on the upgrade,
will go before the smashing blows of
legislature after legislature this
year. Pay-lashing employers will be
able to point to complete govern-
ment approval of wage cuts in the
examples set by city, state and na-
tional bodies, while legislators who
have hitherto decried private em-
ployers' wage-slashing will be put to
critical tests when economy bills
come before them.Not only will wage schedules and
the number of jobs, face cuts; re-
lief funds will also be slashed in
many states, and vital government
functions, such as education, road
repair and welfare, will have to hob-
ble along on budgets stripped to the
bone.As the Wisconsin Federation of
Labor has pointed out, state econ-
omy at the expense of social services
gives property preference over hu-
man and social needs.Wage Cuts Deepen Depression.
Every wage cut takes money out
of the pockets of consumers and
makes it harder for them to buy the
products of other workers; there-
fore, while state wage cuts may ease
the burden of big real estate own-
ers, they hit the farmer and worker.The seriousness of the situation is
substantiated by the American Legis-
lators' Association, which, after a
survey, reported that economy—
which means wage cuts—will be the
paramount question when 43 legisla-
tures meet. About 30 states will
consider "eliminating bureaus and
consolidating departments"—which
means firing employees. The sales
tax will also be a prime question, the
legislators' association says—and
the sales tax merely takes some of
the taxes from the property owners
and leads it on to the consumer's back.

South Hard Hit

The South will be hardest hit.
Tennessee's deficit, for instance, is
\$8,400,000, even though the legisla-
ture cut appropriations 11% at an
extra session last year. Officials
estimate the deficit will amount to
more than \$11,000,000 by July 1.
In one day Tennessee's senate saw
bills introduced to abolish four nor-
mal schools, the Tennessee Polytech-
nic Institute and the University of
Tennessee junior college, and pre-
pared a resolution aimed at investi-
gating expenses with a view to dras-
tic wage cuts.The assemblies of Georgia, Arkan-
sas and South Carolina are preparing
wage cuts. Georgia has a deficit es-
timated at \$9,000,000. Governor Rus-
sell has been given power to cut ex-
penses whenever state revenue
drops, and he has already snipped
11 1/2% from the budget. Governor-
elect Eugene Talmadge is pledged to
further economies, and to decreasing
real estate taxes and diverting high-
way funds.Virginia has given her governor
the same power to slash expenses and
Governor Pollard has already used it
to cut 1,500,000 last July and to
order a 10% cut in appropriations
this year.South Carolina's deficit is yet un-
estimated. Members of the assem-
bly have suggested a sales tax, but
wage cuts will also be in order.New Jersey is considering recom-
mendations for a \$14,013,000 budget
slash, to be effected by firing and
wage cuts, and by cutting expendi-
tures for highways and state institu-
tions. The board of education is
planning to cut the number and size
of normal schools, since there is al-
ready a surplus of teachers.North Dakota's Governor Langer,
in his message to the legislature, has
urged cutting expenses \$3,758,796.
County boards in Wisconsin have
slashed budgets about \$3,000,000,
and the legislature is expected to
make salary cuts. The new Demo-
cratic administration is seeking a
record on economy.Governor Horner of Illinois is
studying payrolls with a view to
wage cuts and wholesale firing.Mississippi will not pay its em-
ployees for two months, and about a
third of Louisiana's 64 parishes may
have to close their schools.Governor Lehman of New York,
America's richest state, is planning
a \$10,000,000 educational budget
cut.

Governor Rolph of California has

two bills before him aimed at slash-
ing education budgets \$12,000,000.
Although Governor Pinchot's mes-
sage to the Pennsylvania legislature
opposed wage cuts, he has submitted
a two-year budget which chops \$69,
000,000 from state services. Job re-
lief—\$20,000,000—must come with-
out addition to taxes, he says. A
legislative battle is expected to
throw aside his brave words on wage
cuts.These are a few samples from pre-
liminary reports of economy pro-
grams which will be decided upon
this year.**LABOR COLLEGE NEWS**

By STEPHEN H. ELY

The editorial contests which were
held at the Labor College this week
plainly demonstrated the fact that
there are among the personnel of
the students many with exceptional
talent in this field of endeavor.Monday night there were six par-
ticipants in this contest, which was
won by Edward S. Arnold with an
editorial entitled "Machines—Their
Advantages and Disadvantages." Mr.
Arnold's article was concise, and
clearly stated. The others were also
of exceptional interest, a trifle trite
perhaps, but of that type which is al-
ways acceptable to an audience of
liberal tendencies. The fact that
they did not register more favorably
with the judges was no doubt occa-
sioned by their unusual length.The name of the winner of the
contest held Wednesday night will be
published next week.Before the close of the Monday
night session, there was an interest-
ing discussion on the question of
"Script, Barter, and Technocracy." As
we all know, these subjects have
but recently made their appearance
on our economic horizon, and as our
program of studies for the remainder
of the season was compiled some
months ago, it will be impossible to
study these new topics in detail.
However, it is our intention to scruti-
nize carefully these as well as all
other subjects that have any bearing
on Labor's interests.Next week we will study the bank-
ing system of the United States from
the time of its inception until the
present day. If you are interested
in hearing this subject discussed
come to the Reading Labor College
next Monday or Wednesday night.**READING MOVES TO AMEND
SOCIALIST CONSTITUTION**National headquarters of the Social-
ist party has been notified that the
party members of Reading, Penn-
sylvania, at a regular meeting held
January 5, voted to initiate a refer-
endum to the constitution of the So-
cialist party to permit unlimited sup-
ply of exempt stamps for unem-
ployed members when requested by
state and local organizations.The present constitution provides
"Exempt stamps to be given free to
state and local organizations at the
ratio of two to five for regular dues
stamps bought and paid for, when
asked by the organization."The proposed amendment reads as
follows: "The national executive com-
mittee shall also issue exempt stamps
to be given free to the state and
local organizations, as required when
asked by such organizations."The motion must be endorsed by
at least five locals in three different
states, having a total membership of
20 per cent of the party. The con-
stitution provides that the motion
shall remain open for seconds for a
period of three months, but as soon
as the required membership has en-
dorsed the motion, it will be submit-
ted for an individual vote by all the
members of the party.Seconds should be sent to Clarence
Senior, executive secretary, 549 Ran-
dolph street, Chicago.**ONTARIO FARM GROUP
JOINS CO-OP FEDERATION**CALGARY, Alberta.—The United
Farmers of Ontario have now added
their strength to the Cooperative
Commonwealth Federation, Norman
Priestley, secretary of the latter
organization announces. The Federa-
tion now embraces most of the
"left" labor, farmer and Socialist
organizations west of Quebec.**Busy Railroads**NEW YORK.—Eastern railroads,
which were among those which
sought to force an increased wage
cut upon rail employees in December
under the excuse that they couldn't
show without cutting expenses, ex-
hibited a 15.7% rise in net operat-
ing income for November, 1932.**HARD TIMES FOR
FIRST FAMILIES**Chicago's Upper Crust Dis-
turbed by Falling Prestige of
Rich Idlers and Parasites

(By CARL HAESSLER.)

CHICAGO (FP).—Faster and
more furiously are the first families
of Chicago tumbling down the de-
pression toboggan. Call the roll and
you will find their heads in exile, in
suicides' graves, in financial disgrace
and in fear of the penitentiary. So
spectacular are the casualties that
fashionable North Shore drawing-
rooms are playing a new game en-
titled "Who's Next, and Why?"The game consists of naming the
next first family that is expected to
bite the dust and the reasons why.
Last Sunday the Reynolds banking
family was marked as the probabili-
ty and on Tuesday George Rey-
nolds, the old skink of the Conti-
nental Illinois National Bank and
Trust Company, announced his resig-
nation as director and chairman of
the board.

Theft Comes Out

Reynolds succeeded another mem-
ber of the family, Arthur Reynolds,
as chairman last May. At that time
rumors were thick that the Conti-
nental, biggest bank west of New
York, had been severely burned in
bad loans, including Insull deals. The
board set aside \$40,000,000 to meet
losses. Among the losses had been a
\$4,000,000 theft by the head of the
bank's coupon department, spread
over a number of years and sup-
posedly not detected by the bank
until a brokerage house got sus-
picious.Arthur Reynolds quit on the ex-
cuse that his wife would
like to see a little more of him. Both
were booked out for incompetent
management, though they were
known in LaSalle street as the most
hardhearted and relentless money-
lenders in town.The fall of the Reynolds banking
dynasty follows the disgrace of
Charles G. Dawes of the Central Re-
public, since made over into the City
National Bank. Dawes, chairman of
the Reconstruction Finance Corpora-
tion under Hoover, found his bank
slipping and resigned, to accept a
couple of weeks later a loan from
the R. F. C. of \$80,000,000 to keep
his usury shop from closing. His
bank had apparently been so badly
managed that the entire total of the
deposits, \$95,000,000, had to be bor-
rowed to meet the depositors' possi-
ble claims.Connected With Insull
George Reynolds' son Earle ran
the Peoples Trust, another down-
town bank, until it closed last spring.
Subsequently he was found to have
had peculiar financial dealings with
Sam Insull, the former utility czar,
now a runaway from justice.Insull bought his freedom from
the Greek court that refused to ex-
tradite him to stand trial as a thief
in Chicago, it is broadly hinted in a
Chicago Tribune editorial, which
says: "His enemies will mention
Frank Smith and snicker. Insull's
continued absence from the United
States as a fugitive from justice can-
not be interpreted here as anything
but a confession of guilt."Frank Smith was the head of the
Illinois commerce commission to
whom Insull gave \$125,000 while In-
sull utility cases were pending be-
fore it. The donation (in currency,
not check) was for Smith's success-
ful campaign for the U. S. Senate.
But the Senate kicked him out. The
late Julius Rosenwald had offered
Smith cash to withdraw from the
race but the Insull money looked
better than the Rosenwald cash and
he stuck to the humiliating end.Another first family recently un-
masked in the Stevens outfit, father
and sons, who, according to the re-
ceiver's report, looted the Illinois
Life Insurance Co. through excessive
salaries, excessive dividends, person-
al borrowings and sinking of a third
of the company's resources in two
family hotels, both now insolvent.Of the Ryerson family, long so-
ciety and business leaders in the city,
the head of one branch committed
suicide last spring. Another shared
with Samuel Insull, Jr., the leader-
ship of the campaign to extort nick-
els and pennies from the workers in
an emergency relief drive to save the
rich from being taxed to maintain
the unemployed.The revelations regarding the Chi-
cago upper crust recall the state-
ment of the now busted Secret Six
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siderable progress. Nearly 2,000
children are now being trained in
Music in Vienna by the two workers'
organizations.**Thugs Threaten Law Professor**HOBOKEN, N. J.—Dr. Walter
Peck, a teacher in the John Mar-
shall law school, was taught some
practical law when gangsters threat-
ened him because of his interest in
the strike of furniture workers
against the Ferguson Furniture Co.
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BOSSSES' PARTIES

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for unemployment relief with his slogan of "no new taxes, no increases in old taxes," and this year the Governor, his regular Republican opponents and the increased Democratic delegation, have taken up the cry. State labor forces have set their faces sharply against all cries for economy, which will be absolutely necessary, unless taxes are increased or a state income tax added to present sources of revenue.

Representatives Darlington Hoopes and Lillith Wilson, Socialist spokesmen in the House, more aggressive than the Federation, have given reasons for

fighting economy proposals as well as insisting on immense relief appropriations, pointing out that a representative of the working-class party has no interest in economy inasmuch as the chief sources of the general state revenue are the inheritance taxes and corporation taxes which fall on the owning class. The proposal to widen the field of local taxation is therefore a very deliberate attempt to save the tender pockets of Pennsylvania's wealthy at the cost of the hungry stomachs of the unemployed or any other price necessary.

The liberal "Philadelphia Record" has launched an editorial attack on Governor Pinchot, demanding that he end his diversion of relief funds to rural road building to strengthen his political machines, endorse the income tax and demand that the legislature appropriate \$50,000,000 for relief and ask the R. F. C. for an equal amount. The Record points out that Illinois under a reactionary administration has appropriated an amount twice as much as Pennsylvania, which outranks Illinois in wealth, has done under the allegedly liberal administration of Pinchot.

WILSON BILL

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food orders, was made in the House. In a resolution which went over for printing, Representative Darlington Hoopes said cash relief would "maintain the morale and self-respect of the unemployed by preserving their freedom."

He said the voucher system compels the "receiver" to buy all supplies from the same merchant, even though the articles can be bought more cheaply elsewhere, and prevents the purchase of fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs and dairy products directly from the farmers.

The resolution asserted that the order plan denies the unemployed "the right to buy many incidentals, which in particular cases are almost as necessary as food."

Brooklyn's bull fighter says red doesn't really make a bull mad. He isn't talking about the bulls that once inhabited Wall Street.

GERMAN FILM, "KAMERADSHAFT," TEACHES INTERNATIONAL LESSON

Common Interest of All Workers Is Theme Running Through Picture In Arcadia Theatre Production Tomorrow

That political boundaries are purely artificial, fictitious barriers, walls of glass, unreal and contrary to nature—this is the theme of the film "Comradeship," which has been directed by G. W. Pabst and which will open at the Arcadia Theatre commencing tomorrow with a showing at 2 p. m.

The tale revolves 'round the work fields, and deals with the different nationalities of the workmen symbolized by the miner, who, south of the boundary posts, speaks one language and north of them—another. As the

wait for political formalities to be settled, before the Germans can cross to rescue the French miners. As the posts on the upper soil mark the boundary between the two countries—so a trellis 800 meters under the earth's surface, divides the galleries; and while the rescuing party breaks through the post above, so the miners in the drift tear down the trellis in order to help their unfortunate comrades. Pabst heightens the symbolic to a still greater extent when he shows a Frenchman, almost unconscious, overcome by the gas, lying in the gallery. He is found by



ACTION SCENE FROM "KAMERADSHAFT"

story proceeds, it is shown that this difference of nationality is purely a superficial difference, for fundamentally is not coal always the same coal—is not man always the same flesh and blood?

This film develops the idea of comradeship in work, which, when the real need arises, is stronger than nations, mightier than individual nationality, and has the strength to combine each and every little political sector into one vast community.

The plot, which is based on the Courrières mine tragedy of 1906, in which the lives of fourteen hundred French miners were lost, emphasizes the symbolic. On the Franco-German border, French miners work the coal from one side and Germans from the other; an accident occurs in the French mine and the Germans have but one thought—the French miners suffering in the burning galleries, their wives and children who are lost, orphaned and widowed, if assistance is not immediately rendered. Every minute is of value, and it is not now the time to

a German miner, who, protected by a gas mask, is fighting his way thru the poisoned atmosphere. The Frenchman sees the gas mask—hears the German language, and imagines himself once more to be taking part in the Great War. He attempts to fight his would-be rescuer, who eventually, however, manages to drag him to safety.

This film shows, a way, the sole way of reason, when it later lets the French ask, whilst accompanying their German comrades: "Why can we only hold together in times of great stress, and dire need? Why not always?" "Ethical," not "aesthetical," values make up the significance of this film," says Pabst himself. The film tackles the fundamental essential problems devoted to daily life, and therefore combines intense human interest with a vital underlying theme of vast psychological breadth and conception.

The play will show for one week. Matinee prices are 25 cents, evenings 7 to 9, 50 cents. Children will be admitted to both afternoon and evening shows for 15 cents.

RESOLUTION DEMANDS CASH FOR JOBLESS

Another article in this issue records the Socialist effort to secure cash relief for the Pennsylvania unemployed. Following is the text of the resolution presented to the lower house by Darlington Hoopes:

WHEREAS, most of the persons receiving food vouchers in Pennsylvania are involuntarily unemployed and

WHEREAS, the food voucher system greatly restricts the freedom of purchase by

1. Compelling the receiver to buy all supplies from the same merchant even though some articles can be bought more cheaply elsewhere.

2. Preventing the purchase of fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs and dairy products directly from farmers.

3. Denying the unemployed the right to buy many incidentals and services which in particular cases are almost as necessary as food, and

WHEREAS, it is socially desirable to maintain the morale and self-respect of the unemployed by preserving their freedom, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED (if the Senate concur) by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania that the Emergency Relief Board shall distribute unemployment relief in cash instead of food vouchers.

HOUSE GAGS SOCIALIST ATTACK ON MILITARISM

HARRISBURG—The extreme reactionary wing of the regular Republican party now in control of the Pennsylvania legislature gave clear

indication of gagging radical opposition when the speaker of the house ruled Representative Darlington Hoopes off the floor in the course of an attack on a militaristic resolution passed last week by both House and Senate.

The resolution, which called upon Congress not to apply economy measures to army, navy, marine corps, or national guard lest the ability of the government to maintain "respect" for its force abroad and stability of its institutions at home be lessened, was rushed thru the House after being passed by the Senate, in defiance of the rule that all resolutions of any political significance be laid over for a day and printed. The two Socialist members of the House who are on the extreme back bench were unable to hear the resolution or to express opposition until it had apparently been adopted by unanimous consent. Even then, due to the fact that the resolution had not been printed according to rule, they were unable to verify what they suspected had happened.

Hoopes' Protests

At the opening of the next week of the General Assembly Socialist Assemblyman Hoopes, armed with a copy of the resolution from the House Journal, read protests from the Pennsylvania Committee for Total Disarmament, the Women's International League, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, etc., into the record and attempted to enter protest against its purpose. Speaking under the usually respected "question of personal privilege," Hoopes launched into a recitation of the insincerity of such a proposal as the resolution when both Capitalist parties were shouting economy at the tops of their voices and military expenditures are at least 72% of the Federal budget. He had scarcely begun when the Republican chairman of the Rules Committee protested and the speaker ruled the Socialist off the floor, something that even the Grundy-Republican speaker of the

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previous sessions has carefully avoided doing.

Following this demonstration of the steam roller, both Rep. Wilson and Hoopes rose to demand that the record show their two Socialist votes in opposition to the resolution which request was reluctantly granted. By a peculiar quirk, Governor Pinchot the following day declared this vote of the resolution in question as an interference with Federal affairs, and the measure will have to die or come back for consideration and the Socialist members grimly await its appearance to stage a real floor fight on this piece of owning class inspired militarism.

REFLECTIONS

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given a comical illustration when a rabid "dry" was surprised to find that he had purchased stock in a whiskey industry.

No, it is not to produce things but to produce profits that industries operate. That is why industries close when profits can no longer be made

—regardless of how badly the people may need the things which industries could produce.

THOSE OF US who want to destroy the Capitalist barriers which have been erected between life and the means of making a living must not deceive ourselves by thinking that we can fool the master class by mild-sounding titles. We're not going to sneak into the co-operative

commonwealth by walking in backward and creating the impression that we are going the other way.

Whatever we call ourselves, if we wish to break the economic power of the ruling class, we will find that class and its agencies in full array against us. It will be at least as unpleasant to end fundamental injustices in the future as it has in the past, and a bold front must be shown by those who hope to do the job.

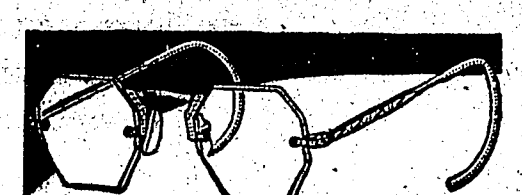
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The Dollar Line, Export Steamship Corporation, Munson Steamship Line, U. S. Lines, New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Co. and hundreds of other lines get annual subsidies from the government. The government might object if you called it a dole to industry—or a bonus—but then, the men who ask bonuses and doles aren't steamship owners!

JOBLESS

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The other thought he could give slightly better quality for 98 cents. Moore took the shoes to Judge Paul N. Schaffer, and declares that the judge expressed the opinion that the shoes were not worth the \$1.50 paid by the county. Schaffer, Moore declares, advised that the matter be taken before the Poor Directors. However, upon calling at the office of the Poor Board Moore states that he was advised by Oliver Stiller, clerk, that Director Milton Luft had not been in the office for the past week.

One Price For Shoes

Director Luft was finally seen at his place of employment and gave the explanation that a blanket price of \$1.50 per pair was paid by the county for all shoes. In this way the extra profits on cheaper shoes pay for the losses on higher-priced shoes, Moore reports Luft as saying.

This method of purchasing shoes is viewed by members of the Taxpayers' Protective League as a direct invitation to the merchants to force the cheapest shoes upon the unfortunate who are compelled to seek help from the county. It results in unfair costs to the county and, at the same time, prevents unemployed people from receiving the proper fit and value, League officials declare.

Boys' Shoes Offered Girl

Another case which strengthens the contention of the League is furnished by a W. Greenwich street mother who is trying to feed five children on the county's food voucher of \$5.50 per week.

She reports that she was offered boys' "clodhoppers" when she presented a voucher for shoes for her nine year old daughter at the Fogelman store. She finally was given a pair of low shoes more appropriate for girls but of a quality plainly below that of \$1.50 shoes.

Later that day she passed the store and saw the same pair of shoes for which the county paid \$1.50 displayed in the Fogelman window with a 79 cent price tag, League officials are told.

This matter was reported to Ralph Matthews, clerk in the Poor Board's office who, League officials report, "passed the buck by asking why the woman didn't tell the merchant about it."

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CITY FUSIONISTS

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cialists, Hoverter and George, strongly espoused the cause of the League and Mayor Ermentrout and Councilman Smith objected to the use of the hall by the unemployed, the matter

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was left in the hands of Councilman Yocom, who granted permission to use the hall on condition that no smoking and chewing would be indulged in by the audience.

The manner in which the hall was given to the League leaves future meetings in doubt. Gruffly, Ermentrout and Smith prevented the matter from going to a vote which would have placed the city government on record and established a policy.

Discrimination Against Workers
In objecting to the use of the city hall auditorium for unemployment meetings the Fusionists plainly discriminated against the unemployed workers. Mayor Ermentrout's objection that the hall should be used only for "educational purposes" is viewed by members of the League as a direct affront at their organization, which is doing everything possible to educate the unemployed on

the vital subject of unemployment and relief measures.

Without any dissent from the Fusion city government the auditorium has been used by a church and it is planned to have the season's program of forum lectures, sponsored by the aristocratic and middle-class Women's Club, held in the auditorium. However, discussions of unemployment and suffering by the victims of the Capitalist system are not considered sufficiently enlightening to deserve the co-operation of Fusionist public officials.

Mayor's Advice An Insult
In discussing the request of the unemployed group, Mayor Ermentrout took occasion to make comments which were little short of direct insults to the cast-off workers who compose that organization.

"It seems like a group of dissatisfied citizens trying to create turmoil among other citizens," was one comment which showed Ermentrout's viewpoint. The implication was plain that hungry and jobless men should accept the kind of treatment which is given them and keep silent about grievances.

"These are times when everyone ought to take his chin off his chest and try to do some constructive work," was another Ermentrout comment which sounded like bitter irony to the ears of the unemployed workers, some of whom sadly reflected that they had been deceived by the Fusionists at the last city election.

"To tell us to stop worrying and do some work may be the Mayor's idea of good advice, but he is well fed and has a job. He doesn't know what he is talking about and resorts to the meaningless phrases of business groups to meet questions that are vital." That was the reaction of the unemployed to the Fusion Mayor's advice.

Less Relief, Likely
While the jobless of Berks are making fruitless attempts to secure

adequate relief, the prospect of even less relief is seen in the frantic efforts of the county officials to save the taxpayers from increased millages.

At a meeting of the League last Friday Judge Paul N. Schaffer admitted that the relief needs would amount to \$2,000,000 on the present basis of family voucher awards. Neither the Poor Directors nor the County Commissioners wish to increase taxes sufficiently to meet the needs of the jobless and the outlook is dark.

From the beginning of the relief campaign the policy of the public officials has been to learn how little the jobless could be persuaded to accept as the price of public peace and order. However, the patience of the unemployed is getting shorter by the hour.

SHOP UNION NOT ABLE TO HALT LOSS OF JOBS

Although railroad shop workers are the chief sufferers from the Symtowne policy of having freight cars dismantled by unemployed relief workers who are paid five cents per hour by the county, the local union of the American Federation of Railroad Workers can do nothing to stop the practice.

That the shopmen's organization does not feel able to regain the lost jobs by organized action was indicated in a letter received by the Taxpayers' Protective League this week from Allen S. Matz, financial secretary of the union.

"The practice is not contrary to union rules," Matz informs the unemployed workers' organization. Seibert Whitman, Director of Unemployment Relief, is treasurer of the local shopmen's union.

Before the work was done by the unemployed, who are paid by the county, shop workers earned 74 cents per hour dismantling cars. Under the present arrangement the unemployed get the wood which was formerly sold or burned by the company.

\$85 Per Month Too Much

SAN FRANCISCO.—Market St. Railway platform men receiving more than \$85 a month have consented to accept a cut in pay amounting to 2 to 4c an hour. Salaried employees receiving \$300 a month and up will be cut 5 to 10%.

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UNIONISTS MEET SUNDAY TO PLAN MASS MEETING

A meeting in the Labor Lyceum on Sunday at 2 p. m., which all officers and active members of every labor organization in the city are urged to attend, has been announced by officers of the Federated Trades Council. Organizations not affiliated with either the Council or the American Federation of Labor, as well as those which are definitely connected with those bodies are invited to attend this gathering.

The purpose of the meeting will be to prepare plans for a mass meeting on Sunday, February 12, in the interest of the Pennsylvania Security League, an organization which has been formed for the purpose of securing progressive legislation affecting

Unemployment Insurance, Old Age Pensions, Minimum Wages and other matters affecting the welfare of the working-class.

Prominent Speaker Engaged
Among the speakers who have given their pledge to address the meeting are Stephen Raushenbush, of the State Department of Labor, John A. Phillips, of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and James H. Maurer, of this city.

Raushenbush is recognized as one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Security League. The League is securing statewide recognition from the organized workers and has already done much to increase the sentiment for humane legislation in the interest of workers.

Renting may cost more than owning, but it's nice not to give a darn when the pipes bust.

Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTIES FOR SOCIALIST RADIO FUND

Do you want to help keep the message of Socialism on the air? Of course you do!

Then play cards.
Two events which no card player should miss are scheduled for the benefit of the Socialist Radio Fund, and it looks as though other subordinate organizations of Local Berks would take up the idea. Here is the dope.

Saturday at Labor Lyceum: The Young People's Socialist League will be in charge of the card party on Saturday night and all proceeds will be contributed to the Radio Committee. In addition to a fine line of prizes, there will be an abundance of good "eats." Help the radio program to continue and encourage the Ypsels by attending this card party.

Wednesday, February 1, at Labor Lyceum: The women of the Central Branch will be in charge of a card party with fine prizes and the best of lunch. Roast pork dinner will be the chief number on the menu, but there will be other delicacies, including those diet-defying pies which the women of the Central Branch know how to make.

Don't miss either of these two big events.

COMEDY AT SOUTHERN BRANCH TONIGHT

Come and see the first attempt of the actresses of the Southern Women's Branch. A play has been scheduled for the recreation period directly after their business meeting tonight (Friday). A full house is expected, so come early to avoid the rush. A word to the wise is sufficient.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

The usual good time awaits card players who visit 1311 North Ninth street on Saturday night. A card party under the auspices of the women of the branch is the attraction, and the prizes will be worth striving for. Good lunch will be served to the hungry at reasonable prices.

LABOR COLLEGE REHEARSAL

Another rehearsal of the Labor College play is called for Saturday.

at 2 p. m., sharp, in the Southern Branch headquarters. A full attendance is expected.

SOCIALIST WOMEN WILL OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

At the regular meeting of the Women's Committee it was decided to ask all, especially the women, to co-operate in making "International Women's Day" a success. Mrs. Emma Sands was requested to act as chairman of the program committee. As the day usually set for this celebration comes early in March she welcomes any and all suggestions as soon as possible.

Not until the women folk of the working people all over the world unite in one common cause can we hope for better conditions for our children. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. What kind of a link are you helping to weld? Remember March 5th: "International Women's Day."

QUILT FOR CARD PLAYERS

A fine quilt made by Comrade Hannah Soliday will be the prize for the highest card score made during January.

HOE-DOWN WEDNESDAY AT BLACK BEAR

The Jacksonwald branch will hold a hoe-down and social on Wednesday, February 1, at the Black Bear Hotel. The price will be 5c a corner for the dances. Games and other entertainment and "eats" at depression prices. The proceeds will go to the State Office fund. The next meeting of the Jacksonwald branch will be held at Lora's carpenter shop near Spies' Church February 7. Comrades of the branch have found that by meeting in different sections of the township they are able to keep in contact with all the voters.

SANDS AT KENHORST

Charles Sands will speak in the Kenhorst school house, Friday, Jan. 27th, at 8 p. m. Music will be furnished by the Socialist Male Chorus. Meeting will be open for the general public, and the chart composed by Comrade Sands will be used to explain the recurrences of periods of depression and prosperity.

LECTURE SERIES AT NEWMANSTOWN

Starting February 5 the lecture committee has arranged a series of four meetings for the Newmanstown branch to be held in the Band Hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock: Feb. 5, James Wesner; Feb. 12, Miles Williams; Feb. 19, Miles Williams; Feb. 26, Ray S. Hofes.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETS THURSDAY

The Women's Committee will hold a special meeting Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

RETURN THAT BOOK!

The librarian is calling attention to those comrades that have books that are overdue to please return. If you have any of your own books to donate to the library they will be welcome.

LOCAL BERKS MEETING

Local Berks' regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 2. Business of importance to be discussed and acted upon.

MAURER AT WOMELSDORF SUNDAY

The last of the four lectures will be held at the Community Hall at Womelsdorf on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Speaker, James Maurer, whose subject is "The New Day in the Making."

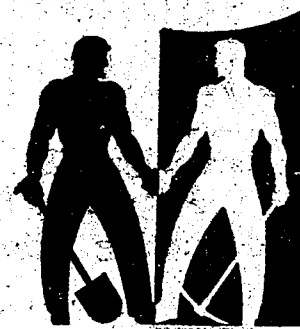
CARD PARTY TO HELP STATE OFFICE

Help the state committee by coming to the Southern Branch Card Party to be held in its new headquarters at Peach and Franklin streets next Friday evening, Feb. 3. This will be the first card party held at these headquarters, and an effort is being made to put it over in a big way. Fine prizes will be the big attraction, and the low price of 25c per corner will prevail. A tasty menu is also being prepared to whet your appetite. Everyone is welcome to participate in this affair. We'll be looking for you.

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FRESH PORK KIDNEYS 8c LB

FRESH PORK LIVER 9c LB

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BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 30TH

Tonight: Berkshire Heights: James Wesner. Northwest: Miles N. Williams. West Lawn: James H. Maurer. Gibraltar: Fred Merkel.

Sunday, Jan. 29th, at 2 P. M.: Womelsdorf in Community Hall: James H. Maurer, "The New Day in the Making."

General meeting of YPSL at Labor Lyceum at 8 p. m.

Monday, Jan. 30th: Northeast: Steven Lawrence.

Central: William Schwenen.

YPSL Circle No. 3: Discussion.

Tuesday, Jan. 31st: Southern: Cleve Long.

18th Ward: William C. Hovetter.

Muhlenberg: Mary Nelson.

Kenhorst: James Reslin.

Laureldale: Fred Merkel.

West Reading: Jacob Hiestand.

Lebanon: William Schwenen.

Wednesday, Feb. 1st: Womelsdorf Women: Social nite.

YPSL Circle No. 6: Social nite.

YPSL Circle No. 7: Discussion.

Thursday, Feb. 2nd: YPSL Circles Nos. 1 and 9: Stewart Tomlinson.

YPSL Circles Nos. 4 and 2: Discussion.

Local Berks County.

Friday, Feb. 3rd: Berkshire Heights: Darlington Hoopes.

Exeter: George W. Snyder. Northwest: Albert Hartman. Shillington: Stewart Tomlinson. West Lawn: Miles Williams. Stamp Club meeting at Lyceum.

CUT HOURS, KEEP WAGES, SAYS LABOR SPOKESMAN

GENEVA (FP).—"You must reduce working hours without cutting wages," Leon Jouhaux, general secretary of the French Confederation of Labor, told the International Conference on Unemployment. The American Federation of Labor and other workers' organizations represented at the conference backed his stand.

At least 30,000,000 workers, one-sixth of the world's working force, are jobless, Jouhaux said, and even revival of industry would not remedy the situation, for machines displacing labor remain a tremendous factor.

A proposal for a 40-hour week is the basis of discussion at the conference. Employers' representatives want proportionate wage slashes.

Still, think how much worse it would be if criminals didn't steal that \$11,000,000 and put it in circulation.

SUNDAY OPEN FORUM "UNSEEN REALITIES"

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STRIKE SPIRIT IN AUTO PLANT

Wage Cuts Rescinded When
Body Builders Show Fight In
Three-Day Walkout

DETROIT (FP).—Auto workers of the Briggs Body Waterloo Avenue plant won a 3-day strike against a 20 per cent wage cut and the Briggs Co., alarmed at the strike sentiment in other plants, rescinded wage cuts in the Highland Park, Meldrum Ave. and Mack Ave. factories. Other workers are talking strike now.

The Briggs Co. promised that there would be no victimization of any worker for strike activities. The strikers accepted the offer of the company and the men have returned to work.

The inevitable reaction to the wage-cutting policy of the auto barons came suddenly and unexpectedly. Workers at the Mack Ave. plant had their wages reduced one week before the company started to slash wages at the Waterloo plant. When the tool and die workers at the Waterloo plant were told of a 20 per cent wage cut they walked out. Seven other departments also struck.

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tories and Putting Idle to
Work

WORKERS, FARMERS UNITE

Mayor Hoan Heads Committee
To Arrange Conference of
All Labor Groups In State

(Special Correspondence)

Wisconsin Socialists have de-
manded that the State take
over idle factories and give the
unemployed jobs. A vigorous
campaign to organize the un-
employed behind this demand
will be launched.

These decisions were reached at a
state conference held last weekend.
The conference was the largest in
the history of the party, more than
300 party members attending. Dele-
gations were present from Racine,
Madison, Sheboygan, Sheboygan
Falls, Caledonia, Kenosha, Two Riv-
ers, Horicon, Green Bay, Manitowoc,
Wausau, Crandon, and Chicago and
Rockford, Ill.

To Shun Reforms

The conference was unanimous in
its demand that the time is ripe to
push for socialization. Delegate after
delegate declared that no reform
measure should be pushed by the
Socialist Party; all attention must be
centered on establishing a Socialist
workingclass republic.

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan opened the
conference with a stirring plea that
the party fight for a constitutional
convention to socialize the state. He
further urged that every county in
the state be organized to press this
demand.

Organization of the unemployed
has been started in Madison, Mari-
nette, and Milwaukee. These orga-
nizations are expected to spread rap-
idly during the next few months.

Farmer-Worker Unity Planned

A mass convention of organized
labor, farm, and unemployed groups
will be called in Madison during the
next few weeks. A special commit-
tee consisting of Mayor Hoan, State
Senator Polakowski, City Attorney
Max Raskin, Alderman Coleman and
Andrew Biemiller, of Milwaukee;
Arnold Zander, of Two Rivers, and
Art Rowan, of Racine, was selected
to arrange the conference and to
submit the program.

A committee on organization and
propaganda was appointed to
strengthen the state organization. Its
members are Carl Minkley, Paul B.
Schmidt, Maud McCreery and Wil-
liam Zumadi, of Milwaukee; Mayor
M. V. Baxter of West Allis; Mrs.
Ada Burrows, of Horicon, and Glen
Turner, of Madison. Leo Krzycki,
state, will serve as an ex-officio
member.

Educational plans were presented
by Andrew Biemiller, newly-appointed
educational director, for the So-
cialist Party in Milwaukee.

The national office of the party
was represented at the conference by
Ethel Davis, director of Women's
Activities, and Maynard Krueger,
professor of Economics at the Uni-
versity of Chicago.

WOMEN SOCIALISTS AID IN BELGIAN ELECTION

BRUXELLES, Belgium.—Women
forged to the political front in Bel-
gium in the recent elections and ex-
panded Socialist gains to over 400
seats in municipal governments and
to more than 200,000 votes. Based
on incomplete returns 17 Socialist
women councillors were elected.

There will be one woman burgomas-
ter, and at least three or four dis-
trict Justices of Peace are women.
Sixteen women were Socialist candi-
dates for the national diet, out of
whom four were elected to the lower
house. This climaxes a campaign
planned by the National Committee
of Socialist Women in which over
100,000 copies of a special number
of "Voix la Femme" were distrib-
uted, as well as leaflets directed at
housewives and domestic servants, a
special poster and picture postcards
passed out at polling places.

"Maryland, My Maryland"

BALTIMORE — Maryland pay-
rolls are down to 48.4% of the
average for the 36 months of 1929 to
1931, while employment is at
69.4%.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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graduated are immediately faced
with the fact that there is nothing
for them to do. The young man and
woman who ought soon to be mak-
ing homes for themselves aren't able
to support themselves because the
Capitalist system is no longer able to
exploit them.

And so, today, a careful census of
the young would reveal that many of
them are sinking into poverty, losing
self-respect and surrendering that
fine ambition which is youth's prom-
ise to the future.

If you are a father or mother
whose vote helped to maintain the
Capitalist system look at your chil-
dren and blush.

SOCIALIST VOTE, 903,181; THREE TIMES 1928 FIGURE

CHICAGO—With official returns
on hand from each state, in the form
of a communication or tabulation
from the secretary of state or board
of election commissioners, Socialist
headquarters here announced the
official Socialist vote total for 1932
as 903,181. This total differed from
the Associated Press report, which
was 881,951, and from a computa-
tion of the New York "New Leader,"
which was 906,900. In each case
the party's headquarters rechecked
official reports to verify its figures.

The total 1932 vote was 3.36
times that cast in 1928. Every state
which had a Socialist ticket printed
on the official ballot showed a gain,
ranging from an "infinite" ratio for
Arizona, Rhode Island, Vermont and
North Carolina, which were unable
to get votes counted in 1928, down
to an increase of 1.65 times the 1928
total in New York. New Mexico and
Michigan each gained more than 11
times the vote in 1932 that they had
in 1928.

New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois,
Ohio and California were the five
strongest Socialist states in total
vote, in the order named. Wisconsin,
Oregon, New York, Montana and
Connecticut had the largest percent-
age vote.

In view of the ease of showing a
large ratio of gain in a state which
was not organized in 1928, the
party's headquarters also computed
a rank of growth in effectiveness,
with Pennsylvania leading in gain,
followed by New Jersey, Ohio, Con-
necticut and Michigan.

PHILA. VETERANS JOIN PENNA. SECURITY LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Virtually
every member of the Liberty Bell
Post of the Veterans of Foreign
Wars has joined the Pennsylvania Se-
curity League this week after Ed-
ward J. Heany, a member of the
post and president of the Philadel-
phia Textile Workers' District Coun-
cil, made a plea on behalf of the
social legislation espoused by the
Security League.

Edward J. Heany, one of the lead-
ers of the Bonus Expeditionary
Force at Anacostia, told the "vets"
here that unemployment insurance,
old age pensions, minimum wage leg-
islation and adequate relief for the
unemployed is more "important to
the ex-service men than beer or the
bonus."

The members of the post showed
their approval of this point of view
by signing Pennsylvania Security
League membership pledge cards
and contributing ten cents as dues.
The veterans undertook to push the
legislative plank of the league by
signing a monster petition to bear
over 100,000 signatures to be pre-
sented to the Legislature.

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Doylestown Authorities Plan
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Which Brought Total Bid of
\$1.18

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (FP).

The Bucks County United
Farmers' Protective Associa-
tion will have until February 6
to file reasons why the \$1.18
sale of John Henzel's farm
should not be set aside on mo-
tion of Sheriff Horace Gwin-
ner. Sheriff Gwinner says he
will carry the legal fight "to
the bitter end." The farmers
say they are ready for as bitter
an end as he wants, while mil-
lions of farmers look to the
Bucks County test case and the
movement to stop tax sales
spreads like wildfire.

According to Pres. Lewis C. Benz-
ley of the farmers' association, the
action at the Henzel farm is only the
beginning of action to be taken by
his group. Emphasizing the decla-
ration that they had no intention of
forcing the issue in any case, but
only of protecting the equity of any
farmer involved in a sale, Benzley
made it clear that the full impli-
cations of the association's name will
be lived up to. "We aren't going to
see the result of years of labor go
during the depression without mak-
ing an effort to protect ourselves,"
he said. "Last spring we said we
would wait to see what our elected
representatives would do for us.
They have failed to help us. Now
we must protect ourselves, and we
intend to do it."

Asked what the association in-

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tended to do in case Sheriff Gwinner
carried out his threat to bring in
state troopers. Benzley made the
assertion that "if state troopers are
brought in, they will be brought in
for only one reason: to start trouble.
We can't say what tactics would be
used when the situation arises, but
we are not going to start trouble
ourselves. In case we are attacked
our men have strict orders not to
resist."

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BELGIAN PARTY BARS POLITICS FROM RELIGION

Conference In Brussels Re-affirms Stand That Religious Beliefs Are Matters of Personal Conscience

PARTY OPEN TO ALL

Workers of Hand and Brain Have Proper Place Within Socialist Ranks, Is Declaration

BRUSSELS.—In what was one of the shortest party conferences in its history the Belgian Labor Party defined its position following the recent elections in which it was so successful.

The conference heard a great political speech by Vandervelde and then unanimously adopted, without any discussion, a resolution on the lines of Vandervelde's enthusiastically received speech.

In this unanimous resolution the conference "declares that the members of Parliament must not confine themselves to a negative opposition but must, on the contrary put forward a constructive policy with a view to carrying out the program submitted to the electors; considering that the Catholic party derives its principal electoral strength from the shameful exploitation of religious feelings, and that its tactics consist in diverting the working class by this means from the healthy conception of the defence of its interests, it reaffirms that religion must remain a private matter and that the ranks of the Socialist Party are open to all manual and intellectual workers without distinction of belief, and denounces the intrusion of the religious authorities in the sphere of politics; it pledges the workers to redouble their vigilance in order to develop their organizations and the Socialist press."

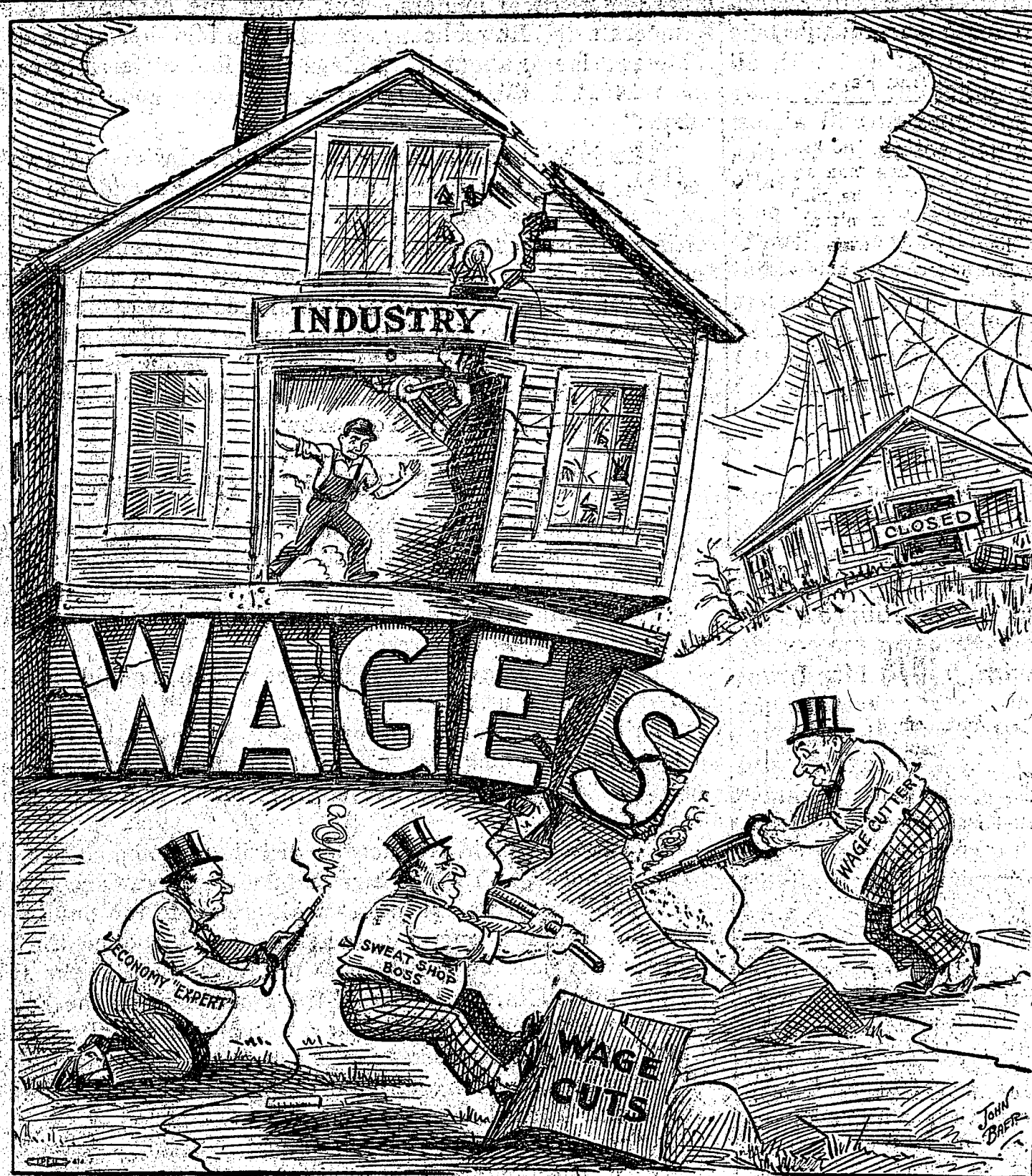
WORKERS DRIVEN

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partment is well known to most citizens who interest themselves in municipal matters. The Socialists found that the contractor who was cleaning the streets was paying old men \$2 and \$2.25 per day. They decided (wisely, as events proved) that economies could be effected by using machinery to do the job. They saved the citizens' money and employed the best men the former private contractor had. And they increased the wages of the street cleaning workers to \$4 per day. The old contractor did not work all of his men every day. They made full time jobs for the men employed.

The Socialists refused to purchase American LaFrance equipment upon its best judgment of price and quality. They purchased all the city's supplies and equipment upon the principle of free and open competition, a principle which non-Socialists openly endorse but which they frequently seek to evade when they can do so to their own advantage.

As for caring for the unemployed, it can be said that the unemployment situation of that time was not at the critical stage it has now reached. The Socialists maintained then and still contend that municipal and county



WORKING TOWARD A CRASH

funds can not meet the situation. They further declared, as they now declare, that private industry, which had reaped profits by exploiting workers' and casting them aside should be made to function for the benefit of all workers. And the reason the Socialists have not used private industry in the interest of workers is merely because the working-class voters have always voted the political power of the state and nation into the hands of old party politicians. However, the Socialists did all they could to prevent the unemployment of municipal workers, and in 1931 they did start a movement to raise \$100,000 for the unemployed. Moreover, they spent more than \$100,000 more for city workers' wages than the Fusionists did in 1932. The Socialists were slow to fire men out of jobs and into the breadlines, as a comparison of the city's fiscal records will show.

Lewis' Statements Condemn Capitalism

When Lewis attacked the Socialists as city managers he was merely dodging the main question—which is, "Why are millions of people unemployed, why is poverty increasing in the midst of plenty, why is it necessary for private employers like the Parish corporation to speed workers and cut wages below the decency standard?"

However, he answers that question in a manner quite satisfactory to the Socialists when he stresses the element of Capitalist competition which has grown sharper throughout the entire world as the productive ability of modern machinery has increased.

Must Meet Foreign Levels

Mr. Lewis lets the cat out of the bag when he commented upon the influence of competition from countries in which labor is even worse off than in America.

"As long as this condition exists, and as long as men consider their selfish interests first, we MUST continue to manufacture and produce at a price if we are ever again going to expand our production and be able to hold our position of keeping our employees on the highest standard of living in the world," Lewis admits.

And then the Parish official naively states: "Wages will again move up when prosperity returns."

In making this admission Mr. Lewis merely repeats what the Advocate said two weeks ago, namely, that "only the very lowest prices will get what few orders there are to be had."

And then he continues by publishing figures to show how far the American workers must be degraded if

Capitalism (the system of private industry for private profit) is ever to be revived in this nation.

Quoting from Federal figures, the Parish official shows that for 1931 wages in the United States averaged \$26.30 as against \$11.37 in England, \$10.20 in Sweden, \$9.02 in Germany, \$7.25 in France, \$6.21 in Belgium, \$5.37 in Japan, \$5.08 in Hungary, \$1.31 in China.

How Far Will Wages Fall?

Just how far wages in America will be depressed in order to enable the Parish Co. of Reading to take orders which might otherwise be captured by a Hungarian firm is not predicted in Lewis' statement. However, the assumption follows that, in order to compete against the entire world, the workers of America must continue to increase production and accept lower living standards until they are somewhere on the Chinese coolie basis.

But the fact is that even such sacrifices of standards are not going to bring orders to industry as long as profit is the motive for production. If low wages and cheap production would bring jobs and prosperity to workers, why are the workers of cheaper nations not prosperous and busy? The Parish official fails to touch on that point because, as he must be aware, unemployment is a scourge in the cheapest-wage country just as it is in these United States.

The way this mad scramble for orders and profits has operated right here in Reading, has resulted in the discharge of railroad shop workers and railroad work is now being sent to the Parish—because the Parish workers are cheaper. Such unbridled competition can only mean that the next wage cut of the Parish employees can be delayed no longer than the discovery that workers in another section of the state or nation are doing similar work at lower wages.

The Russian Menace

In comparing conditions in America to those existing in Russia Mr. Lewis is again trying to beloud the issue. There are few points of similarity between Russia and America to warrant comparison. Russians are living poorly because Russia is a poor nation. It does not have the resources for a full and abundant life which America possesses. It is therefore impossible for the Russians to get higher living standards at the present time.

Americans, on the other hand, are poor, not because America has too little, but because in this nation there is too much.

Under the economic order for which non-Socialists vote the only reason for producing and distributing wealth is that of producing profits for owners of industry. When the owners can't find markets for the things which workers produce, then the mills are closed and the workers are permitted to starve. And such owners as the Parish group, who desperately seek to get orders in spite of the economic collapse, have no other way of doing so than the way in which they are doing. They speed production, cut wages and, by exploiting their workers harder than

ever, take the orders away from employers who have not learned how to exploit workers to the limit.

Parish Not the Cause

That Supt. Lewis resented the Advocate's story of the effect of Capitalism upon private industry and upon private industry's workers may indicate a tendency to exaggerate the importance of the Parish plant. It was not and is not now the intention of the Advocate to blame the Parish for the evils which have come upon the workers of this nation. The Parish is not the cause, but the horrible example of Capitalism's inability to serve the welfare of mankind. Sooner or later it may be predicted that the Parish, along with other minor plants, will become the victim, along with its workers, of the system's steady collapse. Even the Parish will not be able to forever save itself at the expense of its workers.

Mr. Lewis complains that "due to the low rate of production, few manufacturers are making profit." It is not improbable that he is speaking of his own concern in that connection, despite the desperate efforts to make Parish workers absorb the shocks of cut-throat competition. However, the sum total of unearned incomes increased 55 percent in 1932 over the figures for 1926, while wages dropped 38 percent.

That is the way the system which Lewis supports and attempts to beat is working. To those who have given, from those who have not been taken even what they have.

The remedy does not lie in higher wages for any man or group of men, but in the establishment of a new system which will enable men to produce for the benefit of all instead of for the profit of owners. The machines of industry must be made the servants of men. That is the end toward which Socialists are striving.

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

SMOKELESS FACTORIES AT LAST

Youngstown, Ohio, is trying to feel cheerful because its steel production this month will rise to about 19 per cent of capacity. This is an increase of 2 per cent over last month, but to begin to make profits even at the present low rate of wages the mills should have 41 per cent production. Every industrial city we have seen from New York to St. Louis presents a spectacle of idle factories and smokeless chimneys. What irony it is that men can see the sun again, not because they have used their scientific knowledge to banish the smoke nuisance and redeem the wealth that is wasted in soft coal smoke, but because their mills and factories are idle and they are hungry!

Family relief in these towns runs from a dollar and a half to two, or at the most three dollars a week. We don't starve people fast in America; we starve them slowly.

SCRIPT AND INFLATION

Far better than voluntary piece-meal inflation, under which script facilitates the primitive method of barter, would be the controlled inflation provided by the Socialist plan for granting each unemployed worker a maintenance wage with which to buy what he most needs. This maintenance wage should be turned into a regular wage at socially useful work by a great program of public works, especially including a program of housing to replace the miserable houses which our industrial workers have to call home. Money could easily be provided for this plan.

There is lots of money in the banks which bankers are afraid to invest in private enterprises and the federal government can borrow at a very low rate. All money borrowed should be paid back by future taxes on wealth, that is, by income and inheritance taxes and a capital levy. These bond issues would have to be in the billions, as were the Liberty Loans. They would operate to bring about some inflation and they could be supplemented, as I explained repeatedly in the last campaign, by a direct issue of money by the federal government to those now unemployed for relief and public works. This money could be retired in a year by a two-cent stamp tax on its weekly circulation, which tax would stimulate the circulation of the money. It should be agreed in advance that the printing of such money should be stopped if and when it tends to raise the price level above the price level, let us say, of 1927.

Something like this will be even more imperatively necessary if this Congress or the next finally passes the allotment plan for agriculture, which now appears likely to be loaded up in the Senate by a subsidy to the growers of all kinds of food, not merely those the prices of which are fixed in the world market. Imagine a food tax of over a billion dollars which will have to be paid by unemployed or underpaid workers if they eat at all.

Remember, this huge subsidy cures no primary agricultural evil; its primary benefit will be grabbed by mortgage holders and farm landlords; it will create an immense spy system in an unsuccessful effort to enforce a genuine twenty per

cent reduction in actual production; in reality it will probably stimulate a wild overproduction; in spite of its allegedly experimental nature its tendency will be to force an unwholesome tariff and subsidy system more firmly upon us; and with all these domestic complications it is likely to get our export trade in a worse jam than ever. Foreign governments will almost certainly hold that a subsidy to wheat and cotton in America means that what is sold abroad at a lower price is really dumped and therefore subject to excess duties and other penalties against dumping. It is simply impossible for capitalism to cure the sickness of agriculture by an immense dose of subsidies collected by what is in effect a general tax against consumers without creating new evils greater than the old. To make the attempt prior to granting something like adequate relief to the unemployed is to invite danger to expand into sheer disaster.

BRANCH BANKS AND BIG BANKS

Six neighborhood banks, all of them independent, closed their doors in St. Louis last week. The consequent panic started a serious, though not disastrous, run on the big banks. Yet a young man after a forum in St. Louis asked me whether I did not think that Huey Long was doing a great service by his one-man filibuster against the Glass bill which under certain restrictions would permit branch banking. I told him I was as a Socialist little concerned one way or another about branch banking. On the whole, big banks with branches, whatever crimes and blunders they are guilty of in this country and abroad, have proved safer than small independent neighborhood banks. There is no social merit in fostering small banks. What we must have is socialized banking as part of a general socialized plan of production for use, not profit. Few capitalist institutions are breaking down as badly as a privately-owned banking system. Theoretically the banks have two functions: to protect the depositors' money and to make credit available for various activities. Our American banks have failed in both respects. First they showed themselves unable to protect the depositors' money and then in a frantic zeal for what they call "liquidity" they began to call loans or refuse to extend them and otherwise to contract business, thus adding to depression.

CONFISCATING FARMS OF THE FARMERS

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, reviewing forced sales of farm lands for a five-year period ending March 1, 1932, presents some interesting information of what has happened. There has been a big turnover in ownership during this period, nearly 10 per cent of the farms having passed out of the hands of owners. Of the increase in the number of forced sales in 1932 compared with the year before, the Bureau declares: "Not only were there more farms sold as a result of tax delinquency, but a greater number changed ownership as a result of mortgage foreclosures, bankruptcy proceedings, sales to avoid foreclosures, deeding back to avoid legal action and other related causes."

The bankruptcy of farmers has continued from year to year, the average number of farms changing hands as a result of mortgage foreclosures and related defaults being 28.4 per 1,000 in 1932 as against 18.7 in 1931, while for all types of forced sales the average rate was 41.7 per 1,000 as against 26.1 the year before! That is, the number of farm tax sales nearly doubled in 1932.

As this report is released Iowa farmers gather in groups as large as a thousand to block sales of land and in many cases have succeeded. The movement is spreading to Nebraska and other farming states are likely to be affected. No doubt many of these farmers have thought that Socialism will confiscate their holdings but they face a confiscation now that is real.—The New Leader.

BOGIES BECOME GOOD JOKES

During the presidential campaign many employers sought to intimidate their workers with the predictions of ruin if President Hoover were not re-elected. Broad hints were dropped, or actual assertions made, that it would be necessary to close down the factory entirely if Franklin D. Roosevelt should be swept into office. Both candidates sought to convey the impression that the contrast in philosophy of government was so momentous that the future of orderly society depended upon the outcome of the election. Over against the eloquent appeal for a new deal was the warning that grass would grow in the streets of many a city. Fear and passion ran high, and tens of thousands of "liberal" votes were lost to Norman Thomas.

But all that is now far away and long ago. President-elect Roosevelt has quickly been taken to the bosom of big business. The ceremonies of inauguration will be accompanied by no tremors of fright on the part of captains of industry or admirals of finance. On the contrary, it is now good form to joke about the scarecrows of the campaign. Listen to a Wall Street spokesman, Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., of the Chase National Bank, as he addressed an assembly of manufacturers in Chicago:

"We take our politics seriously in the United States while the campaign is on. We get tremendously excited about things. We conjure up bogies and nightmares. Our imaginations are so good that we are even able to believe, for a time, in the cari-

catures which we create of opposing political parties and of opposing political leaders. But, when the campaign is over, Democrats and Republicans can sit down together at the dinner table and laugh about it. Things that looked terribly earnest and real while the campaign was on become good jokes afterwards."

The joke is on the American people. Instead of awakening to a realization that both the Republican and the Democratic parties are dominated by wealthy conservatives, and of setting themselves seriously to the task of strengthening the Socialist party or laying the foundations for a new political alignment, they let themselves be stampeded by campaign tom-toms into voting for the status quo under the illusion that they are supporting "the lesser of two evils." The moral of all this is that the time for the Socialists to launch the campaign of 1936 is now.—The World Tomorrow.

WHAT ARE PUBLIC UTILITIES?

Such industries as those which provide light, power, gas, water, communication and transportation have been classed as public utilities because they are "vested with a public interest."

The Capital Times believes that milk is also a public utility, and it is undoubtedly correct.

There are many other industries which should also be classed as public utilities.

This can be proved without going off the basis that only those industries which are vested with a public interest are to be classified. In fact, there are a great many industries which are so affected.

Industries which produce or distribute commodities that the public needs, and which hire and fire employees, are affected with a public interest. It makes a difference to the public how these concerns are operated, whether they produce the best products it is possible for them to produce, whether the products are placed in the hands of the consumers at the cost of production or at prices that allow a rakeoff for social parasites, whether these industries keep going or irresponsibly shut down and throw men, women and children upon the public to be fed, clothed and housed.

Is there any flaw in this reasoning?

If not, it follows that, in addition to the recognized public utilities above mentioned, the industries engaged in manufacturing, finance and distribution are also public utilities.

A steel plant is just as clearly a public utility as a gas plant.

A chain store company is just as clearly a public utility as a chain telephone company.

The banking system is just as clearly a public utility as the railroad system.

The clothing industry is just as clearly a public utility as the water industry.

And so on down the line. The list could be indefinitely extended. Nearly all of the great industries are public utilities.

And they should be owned and operated by the public. Regulation is a ghastly failure. Private ownership is an equally ghastly failure. So long as they are privately owned they are run for the private profit of the private owners when run at all. When there is no profit for the private owners, they are shut down and the employees are thrown on the public for support. There is no way out of this stupid and tragic condition except through public ownership.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

The bill providing for the independence of the Philippines has been passed over Hoover's veto, and after a third of a century of imperialism and broken promises the Pacific Islanders are to be allowed to control their own affairs. This country, however, was as shamelessly selfish in releasing the islands as it was in first acquiring them and then holding them against the wishes of the inhabitants.

So long as there was a profit to be made out of the Philippines our solemn promise to give them independence was a mere scrap of paper. Idealists who proposed freedom were merely laughed at, until it was discovered during the hearings on the last tariff bill that the American sugar producers could never be benefited by a tariff so long as Filipino sugar was admitted free of duty. It was then that the statesmen from the sugar producing states suddenly became lovers of freedom for subject races—particularly when those subject races are competitors whose products can be excluded once freedom is granted.

The terms of the bill are as unfair as all other previous dealings with

the islands would lead one to expect. There is to be a transition period of ten years, during which we retain control, but during which Filipino exports to this country are subject to quotas and tariffs. Filipino industry has developed in the precise manner that it has because it was within the American tariff wall. To suddenly exclude the islands would be to risk an almost complete economic collapse. The Filipinos would be well within their rights if they rejected independence couched in such outrageous provisions.

THE LAME DUCK AMENDMENT

Thanks to Senator Norris, the stupid lame duck sessions of congress have at last been abolished, and the long waiting period before a newly elected administration takes office has been considerably shortened.

No one opposed the amendment, and no one had any reason for opposing it. Yet so complicated and so tedious is the process of amending our constitution that, despite the evident sanity of the measure and the total lack of opposition, it takes years for any change to be made. One amendment that we have long needed was one making the constitution easier to amend.

Better than that, the entire document needs to be over-hauled. Framed for a simple agricultural community of three millions by a group of wealthy aristocrats who distrusted democracy, it now controls the government of a highly complex industrial nation of 120,000,000. Particularly do we need to centralize authority in a single chamber democratically chosen under proportional representation, and take from the Supreme Court its power to nullify acts of congress.

JAPANESE HUMOR

One reads in amazement that Japan, as she openly prepares to conquer the Chinese province of Jehol so as to add it to her puppet state of Manchukuo, solemnly warns China against sending troops there. Not only is China to suffer the loss of a rich and strategically located province, it becomes a crime in the eyes of the Jap militarists, for her to make any effort at defense.

Perhaps it is a mistake to look upon this warning as a particularly bold piece of enfrontery. Perhaps it is just a delicate bit of Japanese humor.

Socialist Party Directory

Local Berks: First Thursday at Labor Lyceum, 8 p. m.
Labor Lyceum: First Thursday of each month immediately preceding the meeting of Local Berks.

Executive Committee: Second Thursday night of each month and at the call of the chair or any three members of the committee.

County Committee: Third Thursday night of each month.

Picnic Committee: Second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at Labor Lyceum.

Central Branch: Each Monday night at 8 o'clock at 600 North Ninth street.

Northeast Branch: Each Monday night at 1311 North Ninth street.

Northwest Branch: Every Friday at 8 p. m. at Green and Gordon streets.

Southern Branch: Meets each Tuesday night at 829 Franklin street.

18th Ward: Meets each Tuesday night at 431 Summit avenue.

Berkshire Heights: Each Friday night in basement of Peterson's barber shop, Seventh and Oley streets.

Birdsboro: Second and Fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m. at 622 West Second street.

Exeter Twp.: Second District, first and third Fridays at 8 p. m. at Lincoln Homestead.

Fairview: First Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the home of Thomas Moser, Pershing Blvd.

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West Reading: Each Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, 233 Kline street.

West Side Women: Every Thursday, 8 p. m. at 2022 Spring street, West Lawn.

Womelsdorf: First and third Tuesday at 118 Franklin street, at 8 p. m.

Women's Socialist League: Meets each Thursday night at Labor Lyceum.

Central Women: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

Exeter Women: Meets every Second and Fourth Thursday at 8 p. m. at Lincoln Homestead.

Northeast Women: Every Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, at 1311 North Ninth street.

Northwest Women: Tuesday night at Green and Gordon streets.

Southern Women: Every Friday, 8 p. m., at 829 Franklin street.

Womelsdorf Women: Every Wednesday at 117 Franklin St., at 8:30 p. m.

Women's Committee: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 at Labor Lyceum.

18th Ward Women: Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 8 o'clock at 431 Summit Ave.

Male Chorus: Rehearsal and meeting every Wednesday, 8 p. m. at 1311 North Ninth street.

Y. P. S. L.

Circle 1, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at Franklin and Peach Streets.

Circle 2, Jr., meets every Friday, 8 p. m., at 1311 N. 9th St.

Circle 3, Sr., meets every Monday, 8 p. m., at 233 Kline St., W. Reading.

Circle 4, Jr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at 1311 N. 9th St.

Circle 6, Sr., meets every Wednesday, 9 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.

Circle 7, Jr., meets every Wednesday, 7 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.

Circle 9, meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at Franklin and Peach Sts.

Circle 10, meets first and third Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., at Newmans-town Band Hall.

County Executive Committee meets every Sunday morning 8:30, at Labor Lyceum.

STATE SOCIALISTS

Allentown—Central Branch—Every Friday night at Labor Temple, 126 North Sixth street.

Erie—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 133 East 23d street.

Lebanon Branch meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., at Red Men's Hall.

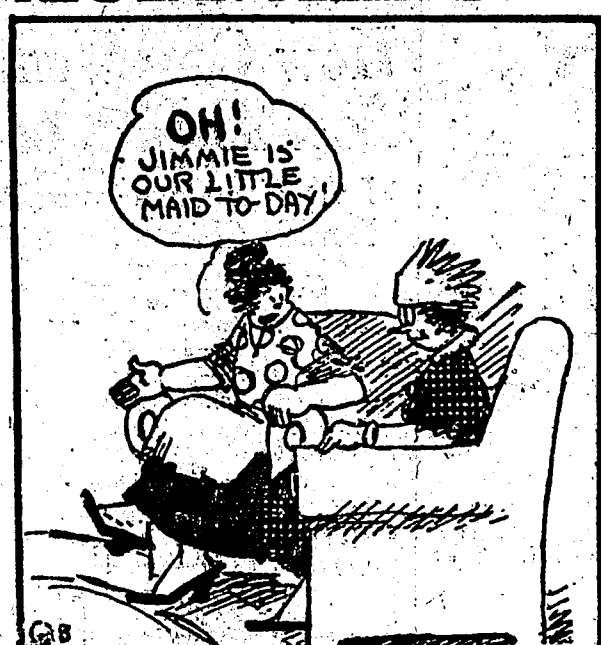
Pottstown—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Labor Lyceum, 24 South Charlotte street.

Rank and File Veterans' Association: Meets second Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock, at Labor Lyceum.

There Are Now 84 Taxless Towns

CHICAGO.—There are now 84 towns in the United States which collect no local taxes on account of the profits of publicly-owned utilities, the Public Ownership League of America reports.

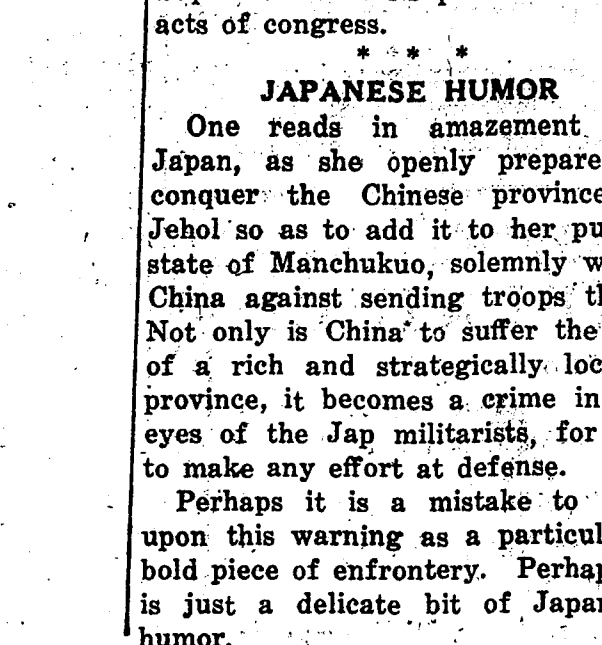
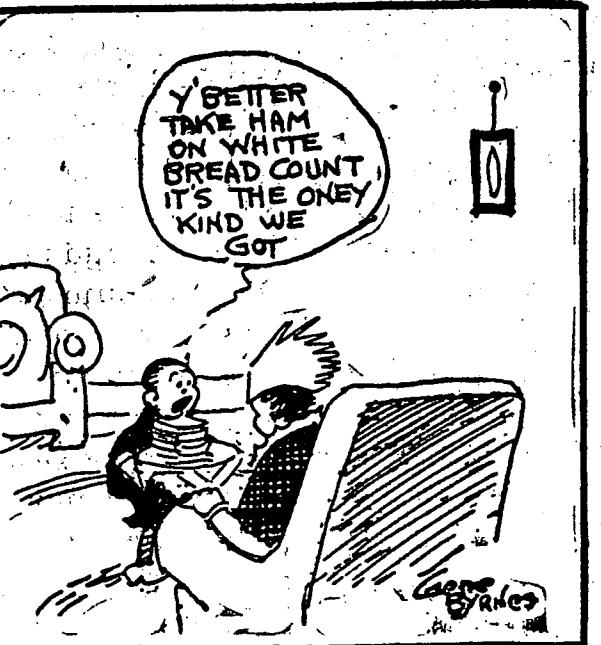
REG'AR FELLERS



Jimmy Helps The Guest Choose



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