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## Lawmakers Evade Meeting of 5,000 Jobless

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I HAVE FOUND a new definition for the word "technicality." No, my discovery has nothing to do with the technocrats who have been ridiculed in the Capitalist press and silenced in Columbia University. On the other hand, it has a close connection with the financial engineers who know how to burden the people of this country of ours with more debts than one could bring to a total on the most recent office machine.

What is a technicality? Here's the answer: A technicality is any agreement which the owning class makes with the great mass of people or with the government.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE: When an ordinary human being signs a note agreeing to pay a bank \$100 in 30 days, that's a "sacred contract." If he fails to come through the bank has all the protection of law. And the minions of justice will sell the contract-breaker's auto, furniture, home or pet poodle in order to enforce the contract and collect for the bank. But when the thing is reversed, when the bank fails to pay deposits to the depositor—that's a "technicality."

Likewise with the insurance companies. When I signed on the dotted line many years ago I was told that I was buying a "contract." Six months ago I paid the final premium on a 20-payment life policy, and patted myself on the back because I possessed a loan privilege amounting to almost \$600. Paying the premiums was my part of the "contract." Granting the loan was the part which the insurance company had promised to play—whenever I made the demand. My part remained a "contract" for 20 years. But it now develops that the insurance company's part was merely a "technicality." They don't have to give me the \$600, although they may surrender a measly \$100 if I can show that I am in dire need.

BEING A MEMBER of that class which is getting the short end of every deal, I didn't put up much of a squawk when the bank refused to pay out the money which I had been saving for mortgage interest. Nor was I greatly surprised when I discovered that insurance companies were endowed with the privilege of breaking their agreement with me. "What," I asked myself, "do I matter? I'm only a little fish in this financial ocean, a small potato in a bin full of Idaho roasters. I'm of the breed of Henry Dubb, and it's my business to be skinned."

But the worst was yet to come. Imagine my surprise when, during the last week in March—less than a month after Franklin D. began his new deal—I discovered that even the government was helpless when big business interests decided to change a "contract"—or a law—into a "technicality."

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED: In 1920 a "transportation act" was written into the laws of the land by our national lawmakers. This act provides that—any railroad earning in any year in excess of 5.75 per cent of the value of its railway property must pay one-half of such excess to the government.

Statisticians of the Fitch Publishing Co. now tell us that such excess

## UNEMPLOYED SPOKESMEN SCORE STATE LAWMAKERS WHO DENY REAL RELIEF

Rain Fails to Halt March As Workers From Many Sections Carry Protest Against Neglect to State Capital—C. F. Sands, Reading Representative, Shows Why Depressions Are Inevitable—Tomlinson Issues Warning—Hoopes and Wilson Cheered As Jobless Demand Passage of Bills Sponsored by Socialists

Demands for relief which will be adequate to meet the human needs of Pennsylvania's 2,000,000 jobless were voiced by spokesmen of 10 organizations of the unemployed in the General Assembly chamber of the State Legislature, Tuesday afternoon, when 5,000 men and women trekked to Harrisburg from all sections of Eastern Pennsylvania to impress their elected representatives with the need for prompt and effective state appropriations for the maintenance of capitalism's cast-offs in the Keystone State. The demonstration was the most impressive of any held in the state capital since the collapse of capitalism almost four years ago.

Knowing that their garrulous appropriation of \$2,000,000 for two months had aroused widespread resentment and would be severely criticized, only a few of the lawmakers remained for the session. The empty seats and desks of the majority who ran away from the hall were quickly occupied, however, by the 5,000

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### L. WILSON GAINS PUBLIC HEARING ON CHILD LABOR

Bare 30-Minute Period Devoted to Resolution After Three Months of Socialist-Labor Agitation

### GRUNDY INFLUENCE SEEN

E. F. McGrady, A. F. of L. Representative, Scathingly Tells Committee Brief Discussion Is "Disgrace and Shame"

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—A public hearing on the resolution for ratification by Pennsylvania of the Federal Child Labor Amendment was won on Wednesday after three months of agitation by its sponsor, Rep. Lilith Wilson, Berks Socialist. Time was limited to thirty minutes and nationally-known labor spokesmen, including Edward F. McGrady, of Washington, were denied a hearing. The hearing which was before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Constitutional Amendments, was originally set for a minimum of an hour. When, however, debate in the House kept the Representatives in session a half an hour past the time set for the hearing, Grundy members of the committee took advantage of the excuse thus given to halve the hearing time.

The opposition produced an opponent to take up a third of the time, in the person of Ira Jewell Williams, of Philadelphia, who announced himself as spokesman for the Sentinels of the Republic, a professional patri-

### ACT OR ABDICATE!

A Communication and a Demand Issued by the Organized Unemployed Groups of Pennsylvania

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA:

There are in the State of Pennsylvania on this date more than 1,300,000 entirely unemployed workers who together with nearly 900,000 part-time unemployed whose income is below a subsistence level are or will be in a short time dependent upon relief aid from public agencies for life itself. Wages and living standards built up at a great cost by organized labor are being undermined with fatal results to any hope for economic recovery, as no prosperity can be based on present starvation levels. Farmers are going bankrupt, workers are losing their homes.

Your Assembly, sirs, after fourteen weeks of session, has failed to bring to the floor any proposal to seriously meet the needs of the working class, needs arising out of the above circumstances which have been thrust on willing and able workers through no fault of their own. Your action in appropriating a mere million dollars a month of state funds for unemployment relief for April and May has already been pilloried in the public press as a gross betrayal of your responsibility to the workers of Pennsylvania. Ghastly cuts have already been made in the already inadequate relief terms by local relief administration authorities, who have no other choice due to your failure to provide. This and the other measures still pending in one of your Houses, under which this wealthy state of Pennsylvania, made wealthy by the labor of us, the workers, seeks to evade the plain and solemn responsibility through appropriation of \$2,000,000 for a period of two years to care for unemployed whose number will before long reach 2,000,000. This proposal is either an insult or a cruel jest and we bid you, our representatives, to be careful.

### IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

There are measures which have been introduced into the Pennsylvania General Assembly which will adequately care for the unemployed relief need, and the organized unemployed of Pennsylvania are before you this 4th day of April to petition solemnly that you at once consider and adopt the following measures:

1. Constitutional Amendments for Old Age Pensions, House bills 65 and 67, now before the House of Representatives for action. This elementary justice to the aged worker must secure the approval of both Senate and House, and without delay.
2. A relief appropriation to the State Emergency Relief Board of \$200,000,000 for the biennium contained in House Bill 1530 now in the House Appropriations Committee which provides for cash minimum wage payment on all work relief.
3. The Anti-Eviction Bill House No. 408, barring any eviction of the citizens, victims of this depression, from under the roof that protects them from the elements. This measure is in the House Committee on Judiciary Special.
4. Cash Payment of Relief under House Resolution No. 12, so instructing the State Emergency Relief Board. Now in Select House Committee on Unemployment Relief.
5. Immediate enfranchisement of the unemployed, excluded from the polls under the State Constitution requiring a state or county tax payment, by passage of the House Bill No. 900 for a uniform 1c state poll tax, now in House Committee on Elections.

Members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. Your responsibility and your opportunity is clear. Act or abdicate!

### FACTORY PAY 36.4% OF 1926

While Millions Slowly Starve, Privately-Owned Factories Are Held Closed by the Owning Class

WASHINGTON (FP).—Employment in manufacturing industries in the United States in February this year was only 57.5 per cent of the average employment for the 12 months of 1926, while the manufacturing payroll had fallen to 36.4 per cent of the 1926 average, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported March 29. These index figures are based on reports from employers of over 50 per cent of all workers in manufacturing industries. They represent a seasonal gain in employment of 1.7 per cent as compared with January this year; over a 10-year period the employment rise from

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### GEORGE NAILS SMITH'S ATTACKS ON SOCIALIST CITY MANAGEMENT

Socialist Councilman Calls Fusionist's A B C Talk "Wilful Misrepresentation"—Says Smith Wasted Thousands Of Dollars Yearly In Inefficient Use of Fuel—Fire Houses Fell Into Despair During Eight Years of Non-Socialist Authority

Declaring that Councilman Smith (Fusion-Republican) misrepresented the Socialists in what appears to have been a wilful manner, Councilman Jesse George answered charges made by Smith this week in talk which the latter is quoted as giving at a noon luncheon of the American Business Club.

According to newspaper reports which Smith has not denied, the Fusion councilman charged that the Socialists had purchased a separator for the garbage disposal plant for \$9,000 and soon after the purchase sold the equipment back to the vendor for "something like \$1,700." Smith, according to the published reports, also criticized the Socialists for providing a new building for the Friendship Fire Co., when, he is quoted as saying, "The old building was well built and would have lasted fifty years longer."

### George Answers Charges

"Councilman Smith is grossly exaggerating the facts in this case and it seems to me that he must know that he is doing so," George stated yesterday.

"The facts are that the Socialist administration purchased a DeLaval separator and later returned it to the company because a drop in the market price of grease made it unprofitable to use the apparatus. The city

### HON. BILL SMITH'S FACE TO BE WORK OF ART AT G. O. P. HEADQUARTERS

Have you a quarter and an appreciation for art? If so, you can help to finance an oil painting of Councilman Smith which will soon be hanging in the headquarters of the Northeastern Republican League.

Collections for the painting are now being solicited throughout City Hall by Bill's admirers. Whether the Fusion councilman's visage will gaze upon the faithful from besides the portrait of the immortal George Washington, or whether it will be placed behind the bar in the League's "social" room has not yet been announced.

However, the coming event has aroused widespread interest and a host of public-spirited citizens are eagerly awaiting the hanging of Mr. Smith.

paid the DeLaval company \$1,500 on the deal, for which they shipped and assembled the machine.

"The separator was purchased upon the advice of engineers and Salem Bocky, superintendent of the

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### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### DODGING THE POOR BURDEN

According to newspaper reports the County Commissioners have a not-so-clever scheme to 'hornswoggle' the city tax-gathering boards into paying part of the Poor Board's expenses.

The plan is to exempt landlords from the payment of taxes on such properties as are occupied by tenants who can not pay rent. In addition, it has been suggested that the Tax-payers' Protective League furnish the mechanics to keep the properties in repair.

The idea should appeal to the landlords and to the county commissioners—if the latter can persuade the city and school officials to forget that the care of the poor is the duty of the Poor Board. But the fact can not be denied that housing is one of the essentials of life which should concern the latter board.

The scarcity of funds which now hampers the county officials is the natural and inevitable consequence of an insane county budget. The commissioners knew when they made their budget that they would not be able to meet the demands which were certain to be made by the growing number of jobless. But the commissioners were dominated by the big property interests instead of by proper concern for the victims of the economic system which they and their parties uphold. Therefore they kept the tax rate at 5 mills. Now the county is short of money—as everybody, including county officials themselves, knew they would be. And now they have the impudence to suggest a plan which will make others meet a situation of their own creation.

As for the unemployed, they are playing with fire when they enter into any policy of tax exemption and free labor. What the needy must seek is MORE, not LESS, taxes. They should demand that the proper authorities levy to the limit to provide food, clothing and shelter. And they should not permit themselves to be shunted between county and city officials. The burden belongs to the Poor Board and it is to that body that the unemployed should insistently make their demands.

Whatever arrangements the Poor Board makes with the property holders of city and county should be a matter of unconcern to the unemployed as long as the latter are provided with homes. If the county wishes to exempt taxes under certain conditions that should not concern the jobless. But the demands for adequate relief should insistently be directed against the Poor Board and nowhere else.

The 5-mill tax levied by the county was an insult to the intelligence of all thinking people and an abject surrender to loan sharks, real estate speculators, building and loan associations and other owners of large blocks of property. The county failed to provide for the poor in their budget. Let them make belated provision now without attempting to sneak a large portion of their burden onto the shoulders of others.

#### WHAT WILL A NEW BANK MEAN?

People are asking themselves the above question. But like all other matters pertaining to the banking situation in Reading, the answer is not forthcoming.

For more than a month about three-quarters of the bank accounts of Reading have been withheld from depositors. Those who seek cash or information are denied both. The most they have been able to get is the single word "frozen," which may mean anything at all and actually means nothing to the people whose life savings are in jeopardy.

Now comes the suggestion that a new bank is to be formed. The new bank is to have the same group of directors as the old banks which are not paying the claims of depositors. The new bank will take the "more liquid"—or more valuable—assets of

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#### Homeless Youth Organize, Seize Vacant Building

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Development of a new air-cooled gas refrigerator was announced today H. H. Springfield, president of Electrolux Refrigerator Sales, Inc., subsidiary of Servel, Inc. It will be manufactured in five domestic sizes, and ultimately in all sizes. Distribution will be through utility companies, and list prices are substantially below last year, the announcement stated.

"Elimination of water in the cooling process of the gas refrigerator will mean a substantial saving in operating, installation and servicing costs," Mr. Springfield said. "It should place the gas industry in a very much stronger competitive position with respect to electric refrigeration."

In addition to air cooling, the gas refrigerator will have two-temperature control with a five-variant temperature regulator. This will provide, according to the announcement, for much quicker ice cube freezing, quicker response to heavier refrigeration demands due to outdoor temperature changes, non-stop defrosting, a feature said to be unique with the gas refrigerator. Another development is a trigger device on each ice tray to facilitate easy removal.

"The entire refrigerating unit in the new gas refrigerator will be without moving parts and will be hermetically sealed," Mr. Springfield's announcement stated. "As in the water-cooled unit, the whole refrigerating process is accomplished according to physico-chemical laws and gravity, by interaction and reaction of hermetically sealed air, ammonia, water, hydrogen, and methyl chloride, supplemented by a little gas flame which acts as the sole motivating agent."

It's a nice plan. Ten cotton planters reduce their crops to raise the price for the planter who doubles his crop.

#### BROOKWOOD'S POLICY

The Editor  
Reading Labor Advocate  
Because the capitalist papers in Reading and the neighboring towns featured incorrect stories of recent changes at Brookwood Labor College, I should be glad if you will help us to keep the record straight. The more so that these papers alleged that the row involved the chairman of the Board of the Brookwood Directors, James H. Maurer.

Brookwood Labor College has for the last 12 years worked with all progressive and radical sections of the Labor Movement. Mr. A. J. Muste, until his recent resignation dean of Brookwood, became also the chief of the Conference of Progressive Labor Action, a new party trying to establish itself midway between the Socialist Party and the Communist Party. This led to confusion and inefficiency. The trade union members of the Board of Directors unanimously, five out of seven of the faculty, one-half the graduates and one-third of the student body were of the opinion that no one person could be at the same time chairman of the C. P. L. A. and director of Brookwood; that Brookwood could not do its job if it were the appendage of one sect or group within the Labor Movement; and that Brookwood must continue its policy of providing educational service to all sections of the Labor Movement. Alleging that the trade union directors were conservative and linking them with racketeers, Mr. Muste handed in his resignation and for publicity purposes persuaded a majority of the young and impressionable students and the administrative staff, who saw the Labor Movement only through his eyes, to sever their connection with the College. Those who know the facts of Jim Maurer's activity in the Labor Movement and those who have heard some of the Brookwood faculty in our extension work in Reading and in radio speeches that Brookwood has gone "right." We hope to extend our field work in this and other localities on a nonfactional basis as far as internal Labor groups are concerned but consciously basing it on a recognition of the class struggle and directing it toward changing the present social order.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) MARK STARR  
(Extension Dept.)

X-ray pictures revealed a knife inside a boy, but as it turned out the blade wasn't long enough to violate the law about concealed weapons.

## F. D. STILL AIDS THE INVESTORS

President Asks Congress For  
Action Which Will Aid Speculators  
While Workers  
Await Action

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Roosevelt asked Congress, in another of his special messages March 29, to enact a bill drafted by his advisers to make speculative investment in stocks and bonds safer for the investors. He explained that a great many investors have been robbed through misrepresentation of the character of the securities they purchased, and he called for regulation of the security-selling industry henceforth, to the end that the brokers who float stock or bond issues shall be held responsible for telling the truth, in advance, concerning the paper for which the investor puts down real money. This demand, which a few years ago would have been laughed out of consideration as a socialistic scheme for "hurting business," is now looked upon as a primary measure for restoring confidence in the capitalist order. Roosevelt will follow it up with several other bills, developing the federal regulatory system to cover the responsibility of directors and officers of corporations and their subsidiaries, and the separation of commercial banking from investment and trust banking. Private banks, such as Morgan & Co., will likewise be brought under some degree of federal control.

"What we seek," he told Congress, "is a return to a clearer understanding of the ancient truth that those who manage banks, corporations and other agencies handling or using other people's money are trustees acting for others."

**To Prohibit Parasites**  
The draft of the bill, known as the Federal Securities Act, as analyzed by Huston Thompson for Secretary of Commerce Roper, requires that the promoters, principal officers and directors of corporations shall sign statements, in every instance of the issuance of stock or bonds of their corporations, giving detailed information as to the financial affairs of the enterprise involved. This statement must include the plan of the proposed issuer, the price offered to the public, all bonuses, commissions and the amount returned to capital investment, together with the names of all of those composing the syndicate. In the case of foreign securities sold in this country, the statement must be signed by the American representative.

No securities can be legally sold or offered for sale except in accordance with this requirement, and the Attorney General is authorized to prosecute for fraud, at the request of the Federal Trade Commission—which will have jurisdiction for enforcement—any violators of the regulation. Moreover it is made a federal offense to transmit in interstate commerce any securities that do not meet the requirements of the laws of the State in which they are to be sold. Thus, if any State adopts more stringent regulations of stock and bond investments than are included in this measure, federal power will be used to assist that State in policing its own borders against worthless security issues.

By enactment of this bill the Administration hopes to induce people who are now afraid to invest in any business enterprise, since their investments in the late Coolidge-Hoover period proved to be gifts to swindlers, to put their remaining funds to work. It hopes to weed out the fraudulent securities from the relatively good, and to improve the credit of solid concerns. In this process the stock and bond brokers are to take a temporary loss in revenue and a permanent loss in opportunity to rake off high percentages of the investors' money for the promotion of "insiders."

The fact that the Federal Trade Commission is named as the administrative body which will henceforth police the investment industry is accepted as a final decision by Roosevelt that that commission, defended by the progressives in Congress, cannot be abolished as suggested by his reactionary budget director, Lewis Douglas.

## SOLOMON WILL DEBATE IN ALLENTOWN THURSDAY

Allentown Socialists have arranged a debate between Lawrence E. Rupp and Charles Solomon, prominent New York Socialist, to take place Thursday, April 13th, at the Jewish Community Center, Allentown.

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State and was the Democratic United States senatorial candidate in the recent national campaign. The debate will be of especial interest to Reading people who heard Solomon when he addressed a gathering at the Socialist Park.

Americanism: Hysterically withdrawing bank funds every time some one yells "Boo"; supporting the private bank system.

#### Buries Self, Awaits Death

OAKLAND, Cal.—Joseph Burrows, 74, jobless, penniless and friendless, dug himself a shallow grave in a canyon near Oakland and lay down to die. Three days later he was discovered, unconscious and near death, and taken to a hospital, where he is expected to die from hunger and exposure.

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### DEMANDS

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present situation is to make all banking and issuance of credit an exclusive federal government monopoly, operated to serve and not to skin the

people. The president and every non-moron member of Congress knows this.

"The Federal Reserve Act permitting private bankers to issue ten dollars of credit for private profit, on every dollar of deposits, was immoral and doubtless incited bankers to their orgy of graft and gambling, which has been known for years."

### UNEMPLOYED SPOKESMEN

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demonstrators who had come to emphasize the demands voiced by their spokesmen and who jammed every foot of space in the hall.

#### 2,000 FROM BERKS

Two-thirds of the crowd were from Berks county. Early in the morning the marchers gathered at the Labor Lyceum, where they were assigned to trucks and pleasure cars which had been secured by the Taxpayers' Protective League. The cavalcade left the headquarters at 8:30, stopping en route to stage a brief demonstration at the West Lawn residence of Rep. Chester Mohn, Berks county's lone advocate of Blue Laws who cast his vote against withdrawing the Old Age Pension bill from committee.

In other sections of the state the unemployed were moving. Hours before dawn of April 4, trucks bearing unemployed from the anthracite counties of Northumberland and Schuylkill rumbled limping into the capital city through a cold soaking spring rain.

#### Galleries Crowded

A dark sullen mass of unemployed jammed the House gallery all morning, but partially cleared as the afternoon hour set for the hearing of their case neared. Barely a quarter hour before the hearing the tap of a solitary drum was heard and the head of the unemployed column swung down the street leading to the Capitol's front steps. They had established headquarters in the Federation of Labor Building facing the north end of the capitol and formed their lines in front of the Federation Building. In the very forefront came the "Spirit of 1933," a drummer and a color guard bearing an ancient and shredded relic of an American flag and wearing the traditional blood stained bandages of the '78 era, but the uniform of the ragged unemployed American citizen of 1933.

Eight and sometimes 10 abreast the demonstrators flowed up the Capitol steps and into the marble rotunda until every seat in the House gallery was taken and every bit of space packed to suffocation, and with their numbers blackening and finally blotting out the white marble steps, they still continued to come marching up from the street in those wide columns with their wide floating flags until the timid Capitol office stenographers turned out to gaze in amazement. When the sergeant-at-arms finally opened the doors on the House floor, the human flood broke with a cheer and inundated the entire hall, until desks and aisles alike disappeared into a solid sea of human faces. High window ledges and all were occupied and still groups clamored at the door for admittance.

#### Hoopes Presides

The hearing was launched by Lt. Governor Shannon who without delay handed the meeting chairmanship over to Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes and left through a back door, all other outlets being jammed with a wall of human flesh.

A unique feature of the hearing came when Hoopes introduced Chas. Sands, of Reading. Sands had set up across the front of the House an immense chart, showing in alternate red and black the successive periods of prosperity and the tragic depression, with the black line of the present depression reaching down far below any previous panic. Like a very patient, but far from benevolent school master, Sands set out to instruct the members of the House and Senate in the causes and nature of depressions. Those few legislative scholars who were present had no choice but to remain, wedged in on every side.

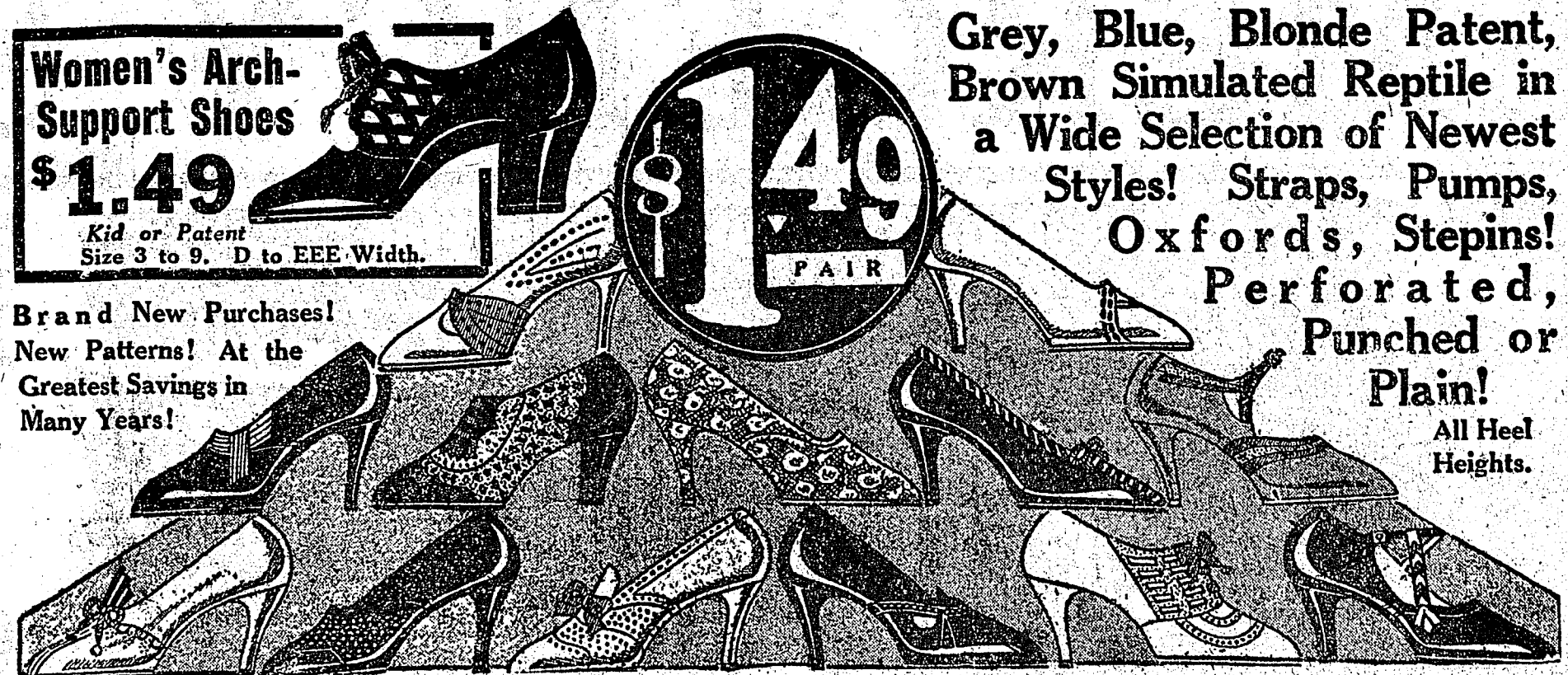
Stick in hand, Sands pointed out the great industrial developments that enabled capitalism to take on a new lease of life between depressions and ironically pointed out the irrelevant babbling of the fake political issues of "free silver," "the full dinner pail," "busting the trusts," "he kept us out of war," "back to normalcy," "a chicken in every pot" and finally the top of all "the new deal" from the old pack of cards.

Admitting the connection of boom periods with the wars of 1898 and 1914, Sands declared that war was no solution of depression for the working class and defiantly declared while the unemployed cheered until the chamber rang, "before we will

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take up arms again to defend a ruling class in this country we will overthrow it." In conclusion he solemnly warned the legislature that their heedless action last week in rushing through miserly and inadequate relief bills, if not remedied would place upon their shoulders the responsibility of "anything breaks in Pennsylvania."

"You think you have an iron wall of selfish personal security but if you do not act in relief of the unemployed and quickly, the workers will tear down this wall of stocks and bonds and securities, only a paper wall after all, and write a 'New Declaration of Independence for the workers of America.'"

Harry Kovalski, of Mount Carmel, Jesse Dickson and J. Flannery, of Pottsville, and John Dougherty, of Shamokin, hard coal miners painted in passionate words the story of capitalism in the hard coal area: Collieries being abandoned and deliberately flooded by the powerful Reading Coal Company, 239 pairs of shoes sent into a community like Pottsville where 1500 are dependent upon relief, miners driven to bootlegging coal by opening crude drift shafts, or "coal holes" which in more than one case has already proven the grave of the desperate unemployed miner. Let the operators run their mines, demanded the miner delegates, or relinquish them to some one who will.

William Skillet, of the Unemployed Citizens' Leagues, of Philadelphia, and Eugene Bowen, of the Harrisburg Workers Committee on Unemployment, told the tragic grotesque tale of workers evicted from their homes.

#### Urges One Cent Poll Tax

"Robert Cullum, talented young organizer of the Pottsville Unemployed Union, and a lineal descendant of the first soldier officially recorded to have fallen in the American Revolutionary War, pleaded for the passage of the one cent poll tax which would return the vote to the jobless by evading the requirement of the out-of-date constitution of Pennsylvania which bases the right to vote on payment of a county or state tax. "Don't force American workers to take the only alternative left when they are denied the vote," he pleaded, referring to the musketry answer to the "Taxation Without Representation" of 1776.

While Stewart Tomlinson, of the

Reading Labor College, in well chosen phrases drew the biting contrast between the consideration shown by the legislature to the entrenched owners of wealth and the worker creators of wealth, and asked the Governor and Legislature to answer to the charge of rank betrayal of the worker, by effective and immediate action for unemployment relief, Governor Pinchot entered the House Chamber. Tomlinson solemnly warned the lawmakers that unless they did something to meet the needs of the unemployed they better not come back home. Informed that Gov. Pinchot was waiting to speak, the Reading man called Pinchot by name and significantly warned him that the workers will not starve.

Previous unemployed demonstrations at the State Capital had sought out the Governor, both in the case of those led by the Unemployed Councils and the Federation of Labor, but the April 4 demonstration with its own spokesmen, the two Socialist members of the House of Representatives, already at its command, permitted the Governor to come to it. Undeterred by the presence of the obviously impatient Chief Executive of the State, Tomlinson again repeated his charges and demand by name for accounting from the Governor.

The Governor delivered a nervous ten minutes speech, treading warily

in an attempt to conciliate the aggressive crowd before him. The two hour hearing concluded with the announcement of the coming Workers' Congresses, state and national, by Hoopes and his presentation to the House a few minutes after it reconvened, of the manifesto of the jobless which crisply called for \$200,000,000 in state funds for direct relief as called for in Hoopes Bill No. 1530, its payment in cash under a Socialist resolution tabled, some months ago, a complete ban on evictions under a Socialist Anti-Eviction Bill, the One Cent Poll Tax, also sponsored by the Socialist members and finally the completion of the approval of the constitutional amendments which will make old age pensions possible.

#### Hoopes Announces Further Action

The demonstration came, very significantly, on the boldest program for direct unemployment relief yet asked from the Pennsylvania Legislature by any mass group, that introduced by the two Socialist members of the Pennsylvania House. With Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes

presiding the spirit of the occasion was emphasized. Hoopes concluded the session with the announcement of the Pennsylvania All Labor Congress at Reading on April 22 and 23 and the New Continental Congress on Economic Reconstruction at Washington, D. C., May 6 and 7. These Congresses, the Socialist legislator intimated, would set up practically what amount to working class legislatures based on elected delegates from unemployed, trade union, farmer, cooperative and working class political organizations.

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**DOLES FOREVER, FATE OF MANY**

Detroit Welfare Head Declares Portion of Present Unemployed Have No Chance of Independence

DETROIT (FP).—Capitalism, like Dante's hell, ought to have a sign over the door: Abandon hope all ye who enter here. For many of the workers thrown out of jobs by the depression will never again find work, according to John Ballenger, head of the Detroit Welfare Commission. "It is inevitable in the present breakdown that many people who have been prevented from earning their own livelihoods will never again be placed in an independent position," according to Ballenger. "Industrialists estimate that men over 40 to 45 years will not be needed again in industry. It is estimated that 25 per cent of the labor that is now available in Detroit will never be re-employed," he said. "It is also fair to expect that about 5,000 families will be rendered unemployable or unwanted at the end of this period."

"In November, 1932, as we approached the fourth winter of unemployment, it was found that about 55 per cent of the potential wage earners in Detroit were without jobs."

**GEORGE**

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disposal plant. Bock was one of Smith's appointees and has since died. "The reason the machine was bought was to extract more grease. The Socialist administration felt that it would pay to get the machine, as grease at that time was selling for around 5 cents per pound. The administration's action was probably hastened by complaints from State officials about the large amount of grease which the plant was pouring into the river."

**Machine Was Efficient**  
"We were not deceived in the machine. It did deliver more saleable grease. Unfortunately, however, the price of grease dropped approximately 50 per cent soon after the separator was installed. As it required two men instead of one to operate the separator, the drop in the grease market made it unprofitable to carry the extra overhead. The administration therefore decided to return the machine and assume the expense of the transaction."

**Wilful Misrepresentation**  
George declared that he could not imagine what caused Councilman Smith to misstate the facts in what must be a wilful spirit. "If Councilman Smith wanted to talk about unnecessary expenses he could have found them under his own administration of that department, the Socialist councilman declared."

Pointing to improvements which were effected under the Socialists by the installation of stokers at the garbage disposal plant, George declared that the installation of stokers had enabled the Socialists to save thousands of dollars annually in the coal bill.

"We use less coal and cheaper coal than was used before the stokers were installed," George stated. "Prior to that time the garbage plant had been under Smith's charge for eight years. During all that time he sent thousands of dollars up the chimney, in smoke which the Socialists saved. Each year Smith was responsible for losses far greater than were suffered by the city in the experience with the separator about which he spoke rather inaccurately."

**Looking For Flaws**  
George voiced the belief that Smith was merely trying to find flaws and could have found plenty of improvements with which the Socialists could have been credited if that had been his desire.

"There was no reason why Mr. Smith should have waited for the Socialists to install stokers," George declared. "He had ample opportunity to learn about their economical operation at the Maiden Creek pumping station and could have installed them in the garbage department had he been as eager to make economies for the city as he now appears to be to criticize the administration of several years ago."

Among other improvements which the Socialist councilman mentioned as creditable to the Socialist administration were dryers which produced a better grade of tankage and a wash-house for the convenience of employees. "The latter was almost completed when the Fusionists took charge but was never finished by them," George pointed out.

**Fire House Condemned**  
George described Smith's remarks

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about the Friendship Fire Co. building as "ridiculous." "Can it be that Mr. Smith does not know that the building had been condemned by the city's building inspector?" the Socialist councilman asked.

To Smith's statement that the building would have been good for fifty years, George declared that the east wall was bulging so badly that it would have had to be torn down, and that the entire building vibrated and was in danger of collapse.

**Smith Neglected Buildings**

"It comes with poor grace for Mr. Smith to criticize the Socialists on that point," George declared. "Every fireman in the city knows that the buildings were neglected while Smith was in charge. We found the floors of the Neversink and Junior company houses propped up in the basements and put in new concrete floors to make them safe. When the Socialists took the department away from Smith they found every building in the city in poor repair except those of the Oakbrook and Liberty companies, who own their buildings and did the repair work themselves. We made repairs and replacements in paper, painting and heating. At the Schuykill Fire Co. headquarters the inside of the building had been painted but the roof was in such bad repair that buckets had to be placed under the bad spots to catch water during a rain storm. Under such circumstances, one would imagine that Mr. Smith would be glad to remain silent about the conduct of the fire department and the care of the department's buildings."

**Farm Relief Conference Held In Washington**

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace held a closed conference March 10 with forty representatives of farm organizations, on proposed farm relief legislation to be taken up in the present special session of Congress. He offered, as a basis for debate, a farm allotment measure which included wheat, cotton, hogs, corn, rice and tobacco.

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**N. E. Q. Y. P. S. L. SESSIONS AND PROGRAM**

The N. E. C. of the Young People's Socialist League will meet in Reading on April 14; 15 and 16. April 14 an indoor meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall with the following speakers: Aaron Levenstein of New York City; Julius Umansky, National Chairman of Y. P. S. L., also of New York City; and Arthur McDowell, National Industrial Director of the Y. P. S. L.

April 15, business session in the Labor Lyceum A. M. and P. M.

April 16, Supper at the Lyceum from 6 to 9 P. M., music will be furnished by the YIPSELS and talks are on the program announced by the committee in charge. Further details will appear in next week's Advocate. All comrades are urged to help our young active comrades.

**RETURN FLAGS TO THE LABOR LYCEUM**

Two 5x8 and six 4x6 flags that were loaned to the marchers last Tuesday to go to Harrisburg are missing. Any comrade who has failed to return them do so at once, as the committee will be charged for their loss.

**BIRDSBORO CHANGES MEETING PLACE AND DATE**

Further meetings of the Birdsboro branch will be held at the Orioles' Hall, First and Water streets, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All members and friends take notice of the change. The next meeting will be held on April 25, when Stewart Tomlinson will be the speaker.

**GIRLS' GYM AT SOUTHERN BRANCH HEADQUARTERS**

The girls' division of the Workers' Gymnastic Alliance will meet in the Southern Branch next Wednesday night at the regular time for practice.

All Southern Branch men will refrain from using the headquarters that night, owing to lack of dressing-room facilities, etc.

## ATTENTION! EVERYBODY WELCOME

To come to the Minstrel Show: Place—Peach and Franklin. Time—Eight o'clock. Date—Thursday, April 13. By—Junior Circle No. 9, Y.P.S.L. Come one, come all; large and small; thin or fat; young or old. Everyone wanted to come and enjoy the evening.

**Y. P. S. L. NOTES**

Monday, Circle 3, speaker, Hartman.

Wednesday, Circles 6 and 7, speaker, Tomlinson.

Thursday, Circles 1 and 9, Minstrel Show.

Thursday, Circle 4, current events.

Forward committee announces the publication of the April number of the paper. This issue is crammed full of interesting news and features. Circle organizers may get their group's quota by applying as soon as possible to Lorraine Schonover, Labor Lyceum.

"Girls, girls, girls," and so the cry rings as the girls' baseball team swings into Spring practice.

The female aggregation is now angling for a game with the boys' softball team. Great going, great going!

Ask about the full day trip to "The Pinnacle," Berks county's highest peak. You will be anxious to go along when you hear the details of the hike.

All boys that are interested in soft ball baseball report in the Labor Lyceum at 3 p. m. April 8th. The girls' baseball team will meet on Saturday, April 8th, at the Labor Lyceum. Bring your gym outfit along.

**DEATH OF PAUL I. BRAHM**

The membership of Local Berks was saddened by the death of Paul I. Brahm last Thursday at his home in Shillington. Comrade Brahm was only 39 years, 8 months and 21 days old, but had a record of active service in the Socialist and labor movements far greater than many Socialists of more mature years. Starting as a member of the Young People's Socialist League, he later employed his party training within the Hosiery Workers' Union, an organization which frequently honored him with important assignments. To his family and friends the Socialists of Berks extend their deepest sympathy.

## BRANCH MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10TH

**Tonight:** Northwest: Wm. C. Hovetter. Berkshire Heights: Miles Williams. West Lawn: George W. Snyder. Exeter: Current events. Shillington: Birch Wilson.

**Monday, April 10th:** Northeast: Debate, Clev Long and

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Thomas to speak for Socialism, but as yet we have received no definite answer from him.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Max C. Putney on Sunday, April 23d, at the Universalist Church. Preceding the sermon there will be an open forum discussion, and all students are requested to be at the church no later than 10:40 a. m.

Tickets for the banquet, to be given at the Green Valley Country Club on Saturday, May 6th, can be secured from any of the students; the price is 75 cents.

The principle speaker at this affair will be James H. Maurer.

The Chorus will again rehearse on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Labor Lyceum. The rehearsal will be preceded by a short business meeting, and it is urgently requested that all singers be in attendance.

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## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

The "Pep Night" social, which was given by students of the Reading Labor College in St. Casimir's Hall last Sunday night, was attended by a crowd which completely filled the building. The audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the sketch entitled, "An Old Fashioned School," which was performed by students of the College.

Albert Hartman, vice-president of the school, acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced to the audience our instructor, Raymond Mood, who spoke briefly on the work being accomplished by the Labor College. Vocal solos by Mrs. Gertrude Moyer and Elery Oxider were well received, as were selections by the school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Ream. The social ended with songs by the Glee Club.

We wish to thank our friends who baked and donated the very excellent cakes, and also Dautrich and Leinbach, florists, who so graciously loaned the beautiful potted plants with which the stage was decorated. In fact, we thank all those who in any way aided to make this affair the success it proved to be.

In the debate on Wednesday night, April 29, on the subject, "Resolved, That the United States Government should adopt compulsory unemployment insurance." The negative team, comprising Charles Sell, Fred Weller, Paul Clauser and Gene Haag, defeated the affirmative side, comprising George Bechtel, Jacob Gordon, Fred Merkel and Joseph McConnell.

The judges were Rev. Max C. Putney, Thomas H. Ford and George W. Snyder.

Students who have not handed in their essays are requested to do so not later than Monday, April 10th.

The speakers for the symposium, to be held April 27th, will probably be announced next week in this column.

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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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the three old banks. What will happen with those assets which are not up to par is not being explained.

The majority of the depositors are suspicious that the new bank under old management will not be to their benefit. What they want is the assurance that they will get their deposits in full. And that assurance has not been hinted at since the banks were "frozen."

Lacking the facts—which certainly should have been presented in detail before now—people can only guess. What they are guessing right now is that the new bank plan is a scheme to avoid an assessment of the old banks' stockholders, a scheme to safeguard the bankers and leave the depositors holding the bag.

That may be the wrong guess. But it may also be fairly near to the truth. Who knows? It's time some representative organization demands what should have been volunteered by the bankers long ago—a public meeting in which the facts are fully revealed and in which the depositors' side of the story may be heard and considered.

## UNEMPLOYED GARDENS

Latest reports are to the effect that more than 2,000 Berks families are planning to till gardens during the summer months. This is one method whereby the unemployed hope to avert actual starvation.

As an emergency measure the raising of one's own food may be in order. But, like everything else yet attempted, the ultimate result of family gardens will be merely to aggravate the situation which has developed with Capitalism's breakdown.

It does seem that the human race is determined to try every wrong way of keeping alive before turning to the one right way. During the past four years millions of men have been forced to wear old clothing while the clothing workers walked the streets. Wood became a standard fuel while coal miners starved. Families were crowded together into hovels while dwellings remained vacant. And now the millions of jobless are going to raise food while the farmers of the nation are sinking to ruin because they cannot sell the food that has been produced abundantly.

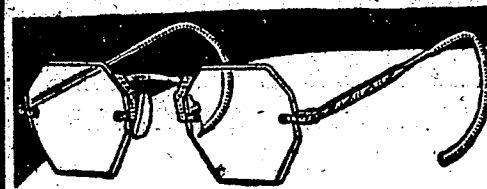
The human race is doing crazy things during these days of collapse. Mankind has held fast to the crazy Capitalist system so long that, perhaps, it is impossible for most persons to see any good in the sensible course.

Why not use the coal mines to warm the world, the clothing factories to cloth the world and the fertile farm lands to give abundance to the world? The answer is that the few who own the world's resources can no longer reap a profit by permitting the rest of us to work and live.

As long as the majority recognize the claims of the puny few, so long will makeshifts continue while mankind sinks to deeper depths of poverty. The remedy is proposed by the Socialists. Let society take over the resources of wealth and operate them planfully for the welfare of all workers. Under such an arrangement all would do their share of work and all would reap the harvest of plenty, leisure and security.

## Employe Ownership Flops

BOONTON, N. J.—The failure of employe stock-owning schemes was shown when Vice-Chancellor Lewis of Paterson denied an application of stockholding employes of the Full Fashioned Hosiery Mills of Boonton for the appointment of a receiver. The employes are on strike for better conditions.



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employment and from 36.6 to 36.8 in payroll.

Secretary of Labor Perkins has abolished the monthly printed Bulletin of the U. S. Employment service, which reported merely the personal opinions of employment agents as to the condition of demand for labor in the various States.

## OLD AGE PENSION

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fight, Federation of Labor supporters have frankly announced that they will take the original roll call which was on the bitterly-disputed motion to discharge the committee, and campaign against members of the House on that basis.

Further results of last week's record unemployed demonstration were rumored in reports that House committees holding the anti-eviction legislation had resumed consideration of the measures before them.

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## FACTORY PAY

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January to February has averaged 1.4 per cent. The February payroll total was 1.7 per cent above that for January, as compared with an average increase between January and February of 4.9 per cent.

Since February, 1932, employment has dropped 12.3 per cent, but payrolls have dropped 26.6 per cent. How much of the huge loss in wages

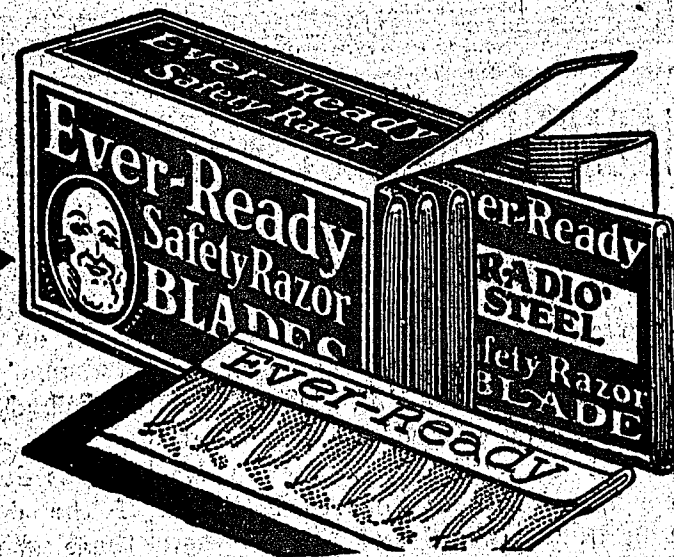
to the workers who still claim jobs is due to part-time employment and how much is due to wage cuts, the Bureau is unable to determine. A great many manufacturers failed to answer the Bureau's questions on this point.

While the Labor Department collected no statistics of non-manufacturing employment and payrolls, on a basis that can be considered reliable, until the year 1929, it now issues a report on 16 non-manufacturing industries, using 1929 as the base. This shows that in anthracite

mining—due to a big layoff in January followed by activity in February, employment rose from 52.5 per cent in January to 58.7 in February, while the payroll rose from 43.2 per cent to 56.8 per cent of the 1929 figures. Bituminous coal mining fell from 69.8 to 69.3 per cent in employment, but rose from 36.1 to 37.2 per cent in payroll. Retail trade employment fell from 76.9 to 73.4 per cent, and payroll from 62.7 to 54.8 per cent of the 1929 average. Building construction, for which the 1929 figures were unavailable, dropped 9.1 per cent in employment and 16.5 per cent in payroll between January and February, 1933. Canning and preserving showed a seasonal gain of 2.4 per cent in employment and 4.6 per cent in payroll for the month.

In the manufacturing industries, food and kindred products showed a drop from 78.7 to 77.4 per cent of the 1926 average, in employment, and dropped 62.1 to 60.1 per cent in payroll, for the month. Textiles were up—from 69.6 to 72.1 in employment and from 42.2 to 45.8 in payroll. Men's clothing had a seasonal rise from 62.1 to 68.2 in employment and from 31.3 to 39.1 in payroll. Iron and steel and their products not including machinery were up from 49.0 to 51.3 in employment and 22.6 to 24.5 in payroll. Railroad repair shops dropped from 48.1 to 47.3 in employment and rose from 35.8 to 35.9 in payroll. Paper and printing fell 0.1 per cent in employment and rose 0.1 per cent in payroll. Chemicals and allied products rose from 75.2 to 76.5 in employment and from 59.5 to 59.7 in payroll. Rubber products rose from 62.2 to 62.6 in em-

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## CHARLES YOUNG, S. E. C. MEMBER, HIT BY AUTO

Charles Young, of Allentown, a member of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, was struck by an automobile on Saturday, April 1, and suffered a broken shoulder bone and bad bruises covering his left side. His condition is reported as "not dangerous."

A woman is a person who enjoys telephoning a mile but gets excited and balled up if it's 300 miles.

## WILLIAMS WILL ADDRESS RANK AND FILE VETERANS

Miles N. Williams, Socialist candidate for State Senate at the last election, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of Liberty Post, Rank and File, Ex-Servicemen's Association, next Tuesday at 8 p. m., in Labor Lyceum.

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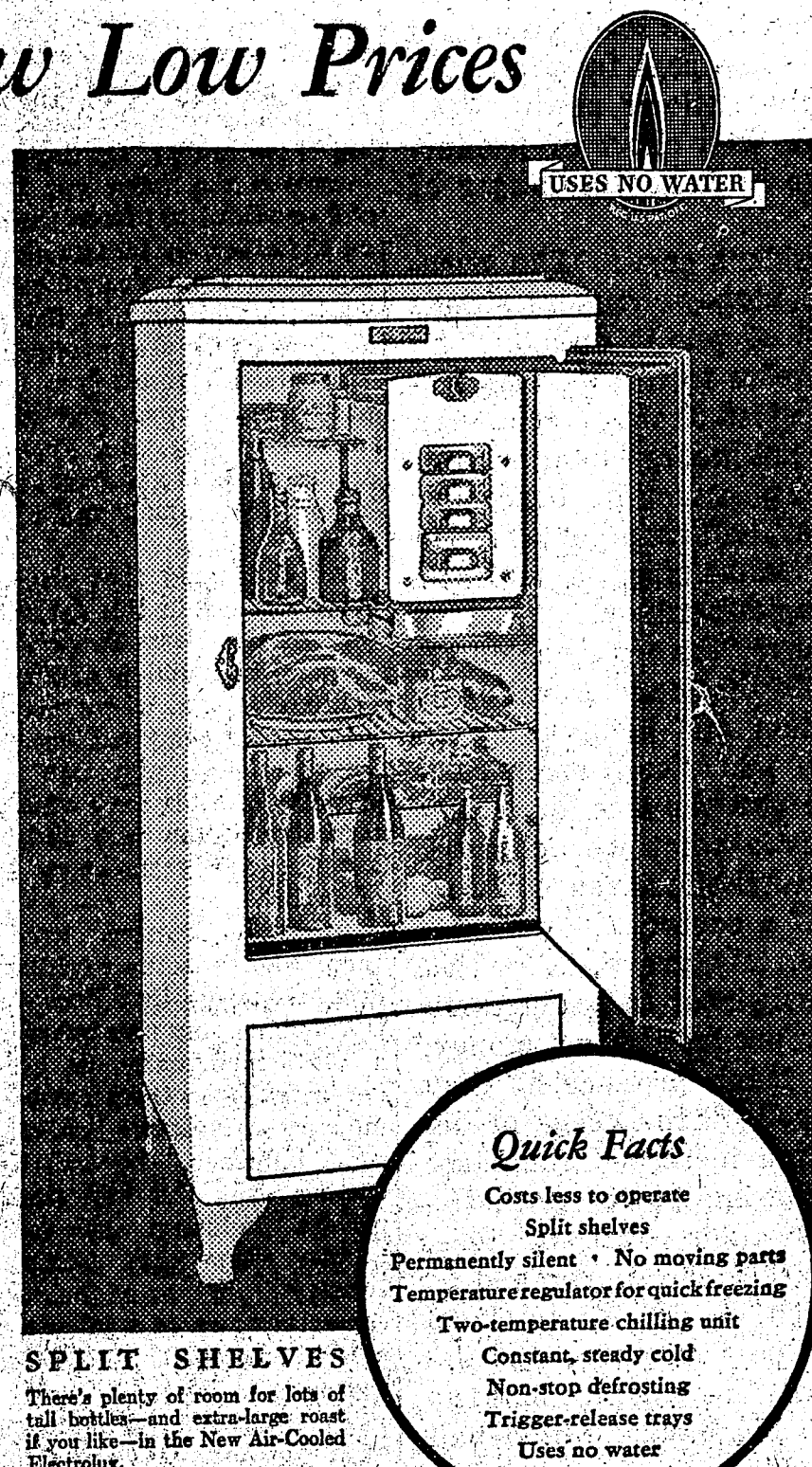
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## MOONEY DEFIES OLD-TIME FOES

California's Frameup Victim  
Challenges Fickert Crowd to  
Prove Ancient Charge  
Against Him

SAN FRANCISCO (FP).—Thanking the "millions of workers and friends of labor for their insistent demands for my freedom," Tom Mooney has issued a statement challenging former District Attorney Charles M. Fickert, former Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Cunha and Governor Rolph's adviser, Judge Matt I. Sullivan, to come forward as special prosecutors and prove in open court their claims that he is guilty. These three were the principals in his framing and in keeping him in jail.

"In thanking my friends," Mooney said, "I want to remind them that the battle for my freedom will have to be intensified. Even if I'm tried and acquitted, I will still remain in prison on the old conviction."

**Present Conviction "Unjustified"**  
"The district attorney's signed statement presented in court declares that '... in the light of our present knowledge, his former conviction is unjustified... there is not, at this time, evidence that will support a verdict of guilty.' Inasmuch as a new trial would be the only opportunity available to read into the court records the 'present knowledge,' the proofs of the perjuries that convicted me, why not produce in open court this 'present knowledge'?"

It was the district attorney's office that engineered my conviction on perjured testimony. If the present district attorney believes me innocent, why not make all the facts public property? Is it not the duty of the prosecution to protect the innocent as well as to convict the guilty?"

In contrast to the district attorney's admission of his innocence, says Mooney, is the claim made by Fickert, Cunha and Sullivan that he is guilty, and he challenges them to come forward and prove their charges, filling the breach left by the withdrawal of the district attorney's office from the case.

The Free Tom Mooney Congress will be held in Chicago April 30-May 2, during the new trial. It is expected that the fact the trial will be in progress at the time will add significantly to the importance of the Congress.

## REFLECTIONS

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earnings from 1920 to 1930 aggregated \$361,466,000. The same authority gives the information that up to Dec. 16, 1931 only \$10,079,000 of that amount had been paid, and that most of the large railroads have not paid anything.

Now anybody knows what would happen if I owed taxes to the city treasurer for the past 10 years. Sooner or later the sheriff would get a job and my house would pass from my possession. That is the way it would happen to me because I am only one of the people, and because my debt would still remain a "contract."

But it's different in this case. The news item which tells the story informs us that the railroads owe the money only "technically." And so, in order to relieve the stock and bond holders from an embarrassing technicality, the prospects are—to quote freely an A.P. news release—that congress will soon enact a repealer which will relieve the roads from paying.

I HAVE HEARD persons condemn our government as mean, grasping, heartless. Some who spoke thus were actually vicious. But others were merely ignorant Americans. We Americans are living under the most benign political arrangement which mortal man has yet devised. If you ever thought otherwise it's probably because you are only a worker. For the sake of a better understanding, an understanding which will enable you to comprehend the intricacies of finance as well as the difference between a "contract" and a "technicality," you should decide to be a big banker, an insurance company director or a railroad president. Having done that, you may also learn what most workers never have learned; namely, that politics pays the class which controls the politicians.

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## L. WILSON GAINS

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ots' society. Williams was the professional opponent of the old age pensions in past sessions of the Pennsylvania Legislature and was responsible for securing the injunction which stopped the Pennsylvania Senate Committee's funds in its attempt to investigate relations of public utilities and the state Public Service Commission sometime ago.

### Wilson Promised Extension

Before the opening of the hearing Representative Wilson secured a promise from Chairman King of the committee to extend the time to make up for that lost, the Speaker of the House having suggested that the committee would be granted permission to hold a meeting after the House was again in session if it so desired.

Mrs. Samuel Fels, of the Pennsylvania Child Labor Committee, Estelle Lauder of the Eastern Pennsylvania Consumers' League, Mrs. Jesse Griffith, of the Women's Interdenominational Union, James H. Maurer, a former president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and even Julius R. Bux, a Philadelphia textile manufacturer, urged the approval of the resolution as a measure for maintaining industrial standards against sweat shops and home work and the low standards of southern states, whose competition has for many years furnished the excuse of Pennsylvania employers in opposing state restriction of child labor.

Patriot Williams, in opposition, read the report of the sub-committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association opposing the Federal Amendment in 1925, many of whom had died since of old age, and triumphantly pointed out that five of the Legislative committee sitting before him had voted against the resolution in that year.

Representative Sowers of Philadelphia, questioned Williams sharply and when it was pointed out to him that he was one of those opposing the present resolution in 1925, expressed fervent thanks that he had been able to change his mind. Two Grundy members of the committee, Flynn, Democrat of Elk and Thomas Wilson, Republican of McKean, hastily moved that the committee adjourn to which the chairman of the committee assented in spite of his promise.

### Union Leader Flays Committee

His face flushed with anger, Edward F. McGrady, National Legislative Representative of the American Federation of Labor who had come from Washington to speak for the bill sprang to his feet, and assailed the members of the committee in a voice shaking with rage as they rose to leave, declaring that "it is a disgrace and a shame that representatives of working fathers and mothers who came here to protest against child slavery should be limited to twenty minutes to present their arguments." McGrady refused to be placated by explanations of committee members and asked the people in the well filled House caucus room to organize a protest meeting against "this injustice."

As the committee has a heavy ma-

jority of Grundy supporters which caused it to be the first committee to be discharged in many years on the old age pensions issue a week ago, Representative Wilson has announced that if the committee, of which she is a member, has not taken action by the beginning of next week, she will move to discharge it from consideration of the ratification resolution also.

### Score Lowering Minimum Wage

SAN FRANCISCO. — Vigorous protest against lowering the California minimum wage for women of \$16 a week was registered by representatives of union labor and women's organizations at a hearing on the proposed reduction.  
The San Francisco Y. W. C. A. presented a budget showing that \$16 was the lowest wage that would permit a woman to live "in decency and health." Even a prominent manufacturer, S. A. Grundy, and Manager C. A. Fleming of the San Francisco Manufacturers' and Wholesalers' Association, attacked any proposals for reducing the minimum wage. Grundy added that the minimum wage law should be nationwide and should apply to both sexes.

### Open Legislative Information Service

NORWALK, Conn.—The Socialist Party of Connecticut has opened a service to report on labor bills proposed in the state legislature this session. Party locals, labor unions, leagues of women voters, industrial relations groups, and all other interested organizations and individuals in the state, are offered this service free. Arnold E. Freese, state secretary, 606 West avenue, Norwalk, is in charge of the work.

### Mass. Building Slumps

BOSTON.—A 54.6 per cent drop in one year in the value of building permits issued in 55 cities of Massachusetts was revealed when their value skidded another 8 per cent between December and January. From \$2,639,308 in January, 1932, construction slid to a total of \$1,198,061.

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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## THE HITLER MADNESS

The triumph of Hitlerism in Germany makes the struggle against Fascism the most important thing in the world. Fascism in both its German and Italian form is not merely dictatorship; it is a degenerate type of dictatorship which means that almost everything that has been won by centuries of struggle for toleration and reason has been lost. A Hitler as dictator is an immense come-down from a Bismarck in terms of genuine strength of mind and character. His economic program is hash. He has no genuine philosophy. He cannot possibly satisfy by any positive program the queer mixture of elements which supported him. That is one reason he finds it easy to unite his following by base appeal to hate and to anti-Semitism. He cannot complain that the world has exaggerated the atrocities against Jews. His whole campaign led us to expect them. What is happening is some curb on physical atrocities at the price of a most stringent economic boycott.

We shall make a mistake, however, if we think that the prime evil is this hateful anti-Semitism. The prime evil is Fascism, of which anti-Semitism is an expression in Germany. The mass weight of the world's opinion is more likely to curb anti-Semitism than Fascism. Indeed, the nations of Europe seem to be willing to do for Hitler what they would not do for the peace lovers in Germany; that is, consider revising some of the inequitable clauses of the Versailles Treaty which discriminate against Germany in the matter of armament.

## DID THE SOCIALISTS ERR?

On the other hand, we Socialists cannot be content with the record made by a party as strong and well-disciplined as the German Social Democrats. Was there not too much caution, too much constitutionalism, perhaps too much leniency towards office holders of the old regime who sabotaged all new ideas? Was there not in Germany, as in England, too much of an inclination to regard holding office as equivalent to holding power, and offices as worth hanging on to even when nothing particular was done to justify their possession? Is it not true, as I have been told from various sources, that a great opportunity was lost to call a general strike when von Papen arbitrarily removed the Socialist government in Prussia? My information is that the rank and file were keen for this action and that the office-holders blocked it.

These questions are important for the light they shed on future Socialist tactics. We shall not learn the lesson, I think, by laying all the blame on the Communists, if we are Socialists and all the blame on the Socialists if we are Communists. Both parties failed in the face of the Fascist menace. That Fascist menace requires, at least temporarily, a united front to meet it. The basis of a united front is a degree of good faith which so far our Communist friends seem constitutionally unable to display. On the basis of good faith, in spite of some important differences of opinion, it ought to be possible for us to unite to fight Fascism.

Fascism is a disaster in itself and at best it can only postpone the catastrophe of a new world war. It does not solve any problem of distribution, which is the essential economic problem of our time, and it accentuates bitter nationalism. Fascism is the enemy of mankind. Everywhere leaders of working-class movements should be exploring possibilities of effective action. Socialists, however, should act together and ideally the lead for effective action should come from the Labor and Socialist International, not from scattered individuals.

## THE LESSON OF HITLERISM

Intelligent men will want to learn lessons from the triumph of Hitler even when, or perhaps especially when, those lessons apply to the tactics of their own party. Some things are clear enough. The Nazi victory in Germany removes the last vestige of support to the Wilsonian theory that we went to war to make the world safe for democracy and won the war. Heretofore some Liberals have said: "Yes, things haven't been going well but at least we did bring about a democratic regime in Germany." War did not prove the way to democracy or peace.

A second lesson, almost equally clear, concerns the peace of Versailles and post-war developments. Evidently that peace was a peace to end peace. Its terms and the conduct of the Allies, with the acquiescence of the United States, prepared the

## SAVING AMERICA

By YAFFLE in the New Leader (London)

So Mr. Roosevelt is going to save America. Say, that's bully. Having groaned too long under a Republican President, the Americans decided to have a Democratic one.

It was a bold, original expedient, surprising to those who do not know America's freedom from tradition, her readiness to respond to new ideas. Only an alert, resourceful captain would think of saving a sinking ship by sticking on another figure-head.

As President Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time unless you keep on having elections."

It is wonderful how in a democratic country every crisis produces its own saviour. As Burke said, "Great men are the guideposts and landmarks in the State." And having got your guide-post, all you need is somebody to fix it so it will point in the right direction. Well, that'll be O. K. Leave it to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Mr. Roosevelt's great speech was rightly greeted as the herald of the millennium. "Happiness," he said, "lies not in the possession of money." When he said that, I knew the financial system was safe. For the only thing the American people lack is money; and the only power that keeps it from them is the big banks. So we can breathe again. The nation's guide-post is in safe hands.

"This is pre-eminently the time," said the President, "to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly," so he spent the next few days shut up with Barney Baruch, Pierpont Morgan, Owen Young, and other big bankers. No doubt they told him what part of the whole truth to leave out, frankly and boldly.

"Plenty is at our doorstep," he said, "but the general use of it has languished... because the rulers of the exchange of mankind's goods have failed, through their stubbornness and incompetence they have admitted their failure and have abdicated."

Does that mean that America's new strong man is going to clear the big bankers out? Calm these fears: America's new strong man knows his place as well as the old ones. For he goes on to say, "There must be an end to speculation with other people's money." So that's all right. It is only the small banks that do that. The big ones don't have to; they create money for their own purposes.

The "Telegraph" sums up Mr. Roosevelt's programme as: The revision of the banking system, the removal of obvious abuses, and the restoration of confidence.

We may rest assured that the obvious abuses will be removed, as it is the best way of keeping intact those that aren't obvious. And that will restore confidence in the right people. The phrase, "Revision of the banking system," means, I think, that they are going to make it like ours.

For you should know that by all real tests of civilization, notably banking, we are ahead of other nations. For the last generation or so we have been gradually "revising our banking system," which means that we have been removing all the small banks until now we have only the big five left.

Farrow's was the last to go, along with the life-savings of some of you. But you didn't mind that; you made the sacrifice gladly in the cause of progress. Farrow's could have been saved by an extension of credit from the Bank of England; but the savings of small people's money is a trivial detail compared with that greater cause, namely, the concentration of power in the hands of as few as

possible, which is the aim of all democratic government, on the principle of "The higher the fewer."

America, however, is not so civilized as we are. They had a lot of little banks all over the place—small, unimportant concerns, existing for no purpose but to guard depositors' money. And that is the least important function of a bank. The real function of a bank is to control the nation's credit, keep its purchasing power well short of production, and so preserve it from the danger of over-eating.

So when the President says: "The practice of unscrupulous money-changers stands indicted in the court of public opinion," he does not, of course, refer to the Federal Reserve and its small, select circle of necessary satellites. They are not money-changers, but money-creators. They cannot be unscrupulous because they are The Scruple itself. He means that the small banks must be punished for the crime of being superfluous.

In fact, when he says "the time has come, etc.," he means the time has come to rationalize the banking system and bring it up to date, like ours. He will "ask emergency powers," so that he can achieve in a few weeks of Yankee hustle what we achieved, calmly and with characteristic absence of fuss or rudeness, over half a century.

The crisis was certainly grave. America was getting dangerously near to understanding that real wealth is production, not money. And as they had as much produce as they wanted, they thus stood on the verge of depravity. As production increased the State Bank restricted purchasing power until the people couldn't buy their own produce. Farms and businesses became mortgaged to the small banks, which, in order to keep trade going, used up their reserves—the depositors' money—until the people had no money at all. So the big banks, which had got things into this state by restricting money, have decided to get rid of the small banks for not having any money. Justice must be done.

The procedure is based on well-proved principles. Any enterprising gangster will tell you that the best way to cover up a big job is to get a subordinate pinched for a small one. Particularly if, as in the case of high finance, he has the Judge and jury in his pay.

Hence Judge Roosevelt's noble words: "In every dark hour of our national life, leadership of frankness and vigour has met with the understanding and support of the people." And hence also, with equal fitness, the words, "Get your hair cut."

So now the stage is set for the purification of the American banking system. Mr. Roosevelt will get on with it as soon as Barney Baruch, Pierpont Morgan and Co. have finished telling him what to do. In order to safeguard the illusion that money is difficult to make, scrip will be issued in the meantime, and the job of issuing and controlling it will, of course, be given to the big bankers, who were responsible for the shortage of money in the first case. The reward of a thing well done is to do it again.

To conclude, let me sum up with another fine passage from the Oration: "The money-changers have fled from their high seats in the temple of our civilization. We may now restore that temple to its ancient truths."

That's the first time I've heard the Federal Reserve Bank called an ancient truth. But I never could keep up with this American slang.

soil for Hitlerism. The preposterous demands for reparations and the attempt to disarm Germany while keeping everybody else armed inevitably prepared the minds of the younger generation for the rise of some demagogic swashbuckler like Hitler. If certain of those who now are so vociferous in protesting against Hitlerism had seen this truth in time and had extended a genuinely helping hand to the German Social Democrats, the history of the world might have been different.

Besides these general conclusions concerning Hitlerism, on which all Socialists are pretty well agreed, it is necessary to get all the light we can on the question of Socialist tactics. Criticism of the German Social Democrats comes with bad grace from our Communist friends. It seems reasonably clear that their tactics and their usual lack of good faith in dealing with non-Communists played into the hands of the Fascists. It is tremendously significant that apparently they lost about 20 per cent of their highest vote to the Nazis.

## EDUCATION IN THE DITCH

By SCOTT NEARING.

NEW YORK (FP).—Alarming reports have been published in the newspapers recently concerning the rapid decline in school facilities. The term is being shortened; many

schools are being closed altogether; classes are doubling up; teachers are being dismissed wholesale, and those who remain are having their pay slashed. Thousands of graduates of teachers' colleges and normal schools have been on the waiting list since they graduated.

It is interesting to contrast this disastrous decline in school facilities and educational opportunities with

the expansion in teacher-training during the preceding years. In 1890 there were 34,000 students in U. S. teachers' colleges and normal schools. By 1900, the number had doubled to 69,000. It was 88,000 in 1910, and 135,000 in 1920. Again it doubled between 1920 and 1930 to 264,000 in the latter year. This was eight times the number of students in 1890 and four times the number in 1900.

How came this immense disproportion between the supply of teachers and the demand for teachers in 1930 and the following years? Did the men who directed American education know what they were about? No, they had not the faintest idea. They simply followed the money-mad bankers, and since neither knew what they were about, they, and the educational system which relied on them, are alike in the ditch.

## Machinists' Journal

44 Years Old

NEW YORK.—Not once in the 44 years of its history has the Machinists' Monthly Journal, official organ of the International Association of Machinists, failed to make its appearance each month.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

## ECONOMY AND LABOR

Except for the savings on veterans through the elimination of payments on non-service connected disabilities, all the savings to be effected through Roosevelt's economy plan will be at the expense of labor. His change of the former thirty-day furlough plan for all government employees to a fifteen per cent wage reduction without furlough will hurt federal workers in two ways: On the one hand it increases the wage cut from eight and one-third to fifteen per cent, and on the other, by increasing the working year from forty-eight to fifty weeks, it will diminish the volume of employment in the government service. Thus the net result is to lower mass purchasing power and reduce the number of jobs, at a time when our crying needs are to increase purchasing power and make more jobs available.

At the same time that labor is being slashed in this fashion, Secretary of the Navy Swanson makes a proposal to build a number of new fighting vessels, whose cost will run into a great many millions of dollars. The president, who was a staunch advocate of a big navy when assistant secretary of the navy under Wilson, has thus far given every indication of support.

In the forestry concentration camps shortly to be established, however, the wage that Roosevelt offers is a dollar a day plus board. He had a real opportunity to establish a decent wage in these camps, and set industry an example that might have some influence. Instead, by undercutting even the low standards of private industry, he is inviting further wage cuts throughout the country. So long as the government can secure men at a dollar a day, few private employers will be disposed to pay more.

The railroads, with the assistance of the government, are also planning to economize by coordinating their services and facilities. This means that fewer trains will be run, and more employees laid off.

Labor is being served a pretty poor hand in the "new deal" that Roosevelt is inaugurating.

## NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM

The attacks upon the Jews in Germany, and the one-day boycott organized by the Nazi, are the best evidence that could be offered of the total lack of any constructive program. The truth is, of course, that Hitler was given his opportunity by the wretched economic conditions that prevailed, plus the accumulated resentment against the Allies because of the Versailles treaty and their failure to disarm; and that he marched triumphantly to power by promising everything to everybody.

Once in power, he was under the necessity of doing something quickly, or his mushroom party would soon collapse. He had no economic program to present, nor could he possibly please both the unemployed who voted for him and the industrialists, who financed him. He dared not risk a foreign war, because his enemies were much too strong. Thus it was that the defenseless Jews in Germany were made the victims.

It is difficult to believe that the saner elements in Germany will long tolerate this stupid and vicious persecution of the Jews. Already the exporters, and those who manufacture for the export trade, are feeling the effects of the civilized world's determination to buy no German goods so long as the Jewish persecution continues, and are bringing pressure on Hitler to change his policy. Soon it will become evident to Hitler's misguided followers that he can only attack and destroy, not build; that the number of unemployed will not decrease nor wages rise; and that the sole effect is to destroy Germany's reputation as a civilized state.

## THE LAFOLLETTE BILL

The Senate is to be applauded for passing the Wagner-LaFollette-Costigan bill, making available \$500,000,000 for direct grants to the states for unemployment relief. It is high time that the federal government realized its responsibility to the millions of unemployed, and at least saw to it that no one went hungry.

This does not mean that the federal government discharges its responsibility by enacting this measure. A minimum program would require the thirty-hour week, public works, unemployment insurance, and minimum wage laws. But at least the LaFollette measure is a good start, and it is to be hoped that the House of Representatives will speedily approve the bill also.

## 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.

Finance Committee: Second Monday night of each month at Labor Lyceum at 8 o'clock.

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: Fourth Tuesday of each month in Orioles' Hall.

Exeter: 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.

Gibraltar: Second and fourth Friday at 8 p. m., at Gibraltar Fire House.

Muhlenberg: Every Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Good Will Fire Co. Hall.

Jacksonwald: Meets every Second and fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Kenhorst: Every Tuesday or each month until further notice, at 8 p. m., 1014 Broadway Blvd.

Laureldale: Every Tuesday night at Yeager's Hall, Elizabeth and Marion streets, Rosedale.

Newmanstown: Meets first and third Wednesday of the month in Board Hall at 8 p. m.

Shillington: First and Third Fridays at 8 p. m. in Shillington borough hall.

Sinking Spring: Meets first and third Monday, 8 p. m., at 934 Penn Avenue.

Vinmont: First and Third Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Vinmont Hotel.

West Lawn: Meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at 2022 Spring street.

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.

Band Rehearsal: Every Wednesday at Labor Lyceum.

Orchestra Rehearsal: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

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

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 131 N. 9th St.

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

Circle 4, Sr., 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 Newmanstown 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.

Eric—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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY Local Montgomery, second Sunday at 2 p. m. For location ask any branch secretary.

Ambler, second and fourth Monday at 8 p. m. at 325 Butler avenue, Lansdale, every Thursday at 8 p. m., at Moyer's Studio Music, 110 East Main street.

North Wales, first and third Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Century Club, Main street.

Norristown, second and fourth Thursday at 8 p. m. at 531 Cherry street.

Pottstown, every Wednesday at 8 p. m., at 24 South Charlotte street.