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## Delegates From Many Groups Here Saturday

### REFLECTIONS By the Editor

THE PLIGHT OF Capitalism re-  
minds me of the illness of a certain  
man who once was, but is no more.  
He was suffering from a pernicious  
constitutional ailment and the doctors  
all agreed that only an amputation  
would save his life.  
They started with the toe. As the  
wound began to heal the doctors an-  
nounced that a cure had been ef-  
fected. But the next day they dis-  
covered that a second amputation  
would be necessary on the other foot.  
And that was the way it went. To  
make a long story as short as the pa-  
tient became as part after part was  
removed, first one leg, then one arm,  
then another leg disappeared. Then  
the other arm was sacrificed to save  
the man. And finally so much was  
cut away that, in the midst of an  
operation on the abdomen the man  
mysteriously disappeared. The doc-  
tors explained after that they had  
butchered their patient to keep him  
from dying, and ever afterward in-  
sisted that the results were a triumph  
of surgery.

AND THAT IS what is happening to  
this Capitalist system right now.  
The greater part of the leg of "com-  
petition" has been removed. Real  
estate values have been sacrificed.  
The sacredness has been removed  
from banks and insurance companies.  
Rugged individualism has been chloro-  
formed and shows no indication of  
reviving. Democracy is about to be  
replaced by industrial dictatorship.  
And all these things are part of the  
old Capitalism the doctors are trying  
so hard to save.

All that the political doctors have  
to do is to cut a little deeper into  
private business; lend a few more  
dollars to banks and insurance com-  
panies, extend the principle of labor  
camps to productive industry and  
regulate profits, wages, working  
hours and production. When that is  
finally done—and it will be done—the  
old Capitalism will disappear as  
completely as the man in the above  
paraphrase.

To save their system the masters  
of industry are cutting it to pieces.

THE ABILITY to exploit is the  
lifeblood of the present economic sys-  
tem. There is nothing that the  
masters of the system will not sacri-  
fice to save it.

Right now they are planning to  
sacrifice the public educational sys-  
tem in order to preserve the private  
ownership of the means of wealth.

Rather than follow the Socialist  
policy of socially-owned industry and  
production for use instead of for  
profit, the masters of industry and  
finance are following the crazy policy  
of cheapening everything in sight.

In the case of the schools the  
United States Chamber of Commerce  
has recommended economies in the  
purchase of supplies—at a time when  
their members are turning the world  
upside down in search of orders.  
Other recommendations are: Post-  
ponement of new capital outlay for  
buildings—while their greatest need  
is orders for building materials; sim-  
plify curricula—when many thou-  
sands of teachers are joining the un-  
employed; reduce high school curricu-  
lums from 4 to 3 years—while mil-  
lions of young men and women are  
denied jobs in industry; impose fee  
on high school students—while many

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### TWO-DAY CONFERENCE OF ALL-STATE WORKERS WILL OPEN IN LYCEUM TOMORROW

Local Committee Issues Call For Quarters to House Work-  
ers—Socialist Park Will be Used as Base of Activi-  
ties After Opening Session at 2 P. M.—Committee  
Seeks to Perfect Plan For Unified Action Against  
Unemployment—Relief Problems Will be Over  
When Wages and Hours Are Properly Adjusted,  
White Says

Unemployed miners, mortgage-ridden farmers, trades  
unionists, workers of all crafts and trades and students and  
educators will rub shoulders and exchange ideas in Reading on  
Saturday and Sunday when the All-Pennsylvania Labor Con-  
ference meets in Reading for a two-day conference in answer  
to a call issued by the United Workers' Council of Berks County.  
Already, Secretary Earl White of the Action Committee an-  
nounces, credentials for 100 delegates, representing about fifty  
organizations and groups from all sections of the state, have  
been received. It is believed that the number of delegates will  
be double that number when the session is called to order  
tomorrow afternoon.

Lodging Chief Need  
The local committee in charge of  
arrangements is making plans to feed  
those delegates who cannot afford to  
pay that part of their expenses. The  
Socialist Park will be used for that  
purpose.

The action committee an-  
nounces two big needs and in-  
sists on a call for help in filling  
them on Saturday. Of first im-  
portance is the matter of lodg-  
ing. Arrangements have been  
made whereby a good bed in a  
hotel can be secured for 50  
cents. However, it is probable  
that many unemployed dele-  
gates will not be able to bear  
even that expense. Sympathiz-  
ers who can offer one or two  
nights' lodging to one or more  
delegates are therefore being  
asked to communicate immedi-  
ately with Labor Lyceum  
(2-2441) or the office of the  
Advocate (2-4471).

The second requirement, which  
only friends of the movement can  
supply is transportation between La-  
bor Lyceum and the Socialist Park in  
Sinking Spring. Whoever has a car  
can give valuable assistance by com-  
ing to Labor Lyceum tomorrow after-  
noon and carrying delegates to the  
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### FRANK D. WOULD BE DICTATOR OF WORKING HOURS

Roosevelt Wants Power to De-  
cide When Proposed 30-  
Hour Law Shall be Enforced

NATIONAL LAW UNLIKELY  
Neither Old Party Group Is  
Ready to Advocate Higher  
Wage Rate With Shorter  
Hours

WASHINGTON (FP).—  
President Roosevelt, it was dis-  
closed at the White House  
April 12, does not favor any  
30-hour or other shorter work-  
week legislation that does not  
leave in the hands of the Ex-

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### STUDENT OF FINANCE WILL DISCUSS THE BANK CRISIS

Louis Waldman, Socialist candi-  
date for Governor of New York last  
fall, and James H. Maurer will be the  
speakers at a mass meeting that will  
be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on  
Sunday, April 30th, at 8 p. m.

The meeting will be held under the  
auspices of the United Workers' Council  
for the purpose of discussing  
the banking crisis. Mr. Wald-  
man, a New York City attorney, is  
an authority on the subject which is  
uppermost in the minds of the people  
at the present time.

An admission of 25 cents will be  
charged to cover the expense of the  
meeting. Any finances that remain  
after the expenses are paid will be  
used to help defray expenses for  
Reading delegates attending the  
Continental Congress on May 6-7.

### BACHMANN PRETZEL WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST CUTS

Walkout of 50 Men Results  
From Low Wage Policy.  
Strikers Charge Law Viola-  
tions

FIRM IMPORTS "SCABS"  
Strikers Meet Daily to Plan  
Aggressive Campaign.  
Three-Pickets Arrested This  
Week

Industrial conflict broke out  
in Reading last Friday night,  
when 50 employees of the Bach-  
man division of the American  
Cone and Pretzel Company  
went on strike at the Bachman  
Pretzel plant in Hyde Park.  
The cause of the strike was a  
cut in wages, the most recent  
of a series of cuts extending  
over the past year.

The bakery employees make the  
specific charge of "bad faith" against  
the Bachman management. In ex-  
planation of this charge, they state  
that the firm is attempting to force  
them to work on night shift for day  
work rates. Some time ago the  
Bachman employees were transferred  
from night to day shifts and their  
wages were reduced. They accepted  
this reduction with the understanding  
that the old rate would prevail when  
they were again asked to do night  
work. The Bachman management is  
now attempting to reduce the night  
rate.

Charge Evasion of Law  
In addition to the wage con-  
troversy, the strikers declare that  
the firm has been violating both the  
child labor and women's work laws,  
working minors and women seven days  
per week for a total number of hours  
far in excess of the state factory  
laws. This charge has been made di-  
rectly to State Factory Inspector  
Frank who made an investigation  
and admitted that he had discovered  
violations of the women's work law.

Under the present rate, workers at  
the Bachman plant average less than  
\$3.00 per day, the strikers declare.  
Vouchers For Workers  
In justification of their refusal to  
accept further wage reductions, the  
strikers say that for some time work-  
ers at the Bachman plant have been  
receiving vouchers from the local re-  
lief board to supplement wages which  
were insufficient to maintain fami-  
lies. They state that the \$3.00 day  
is possible only for piece workers who  
are skilled in their particular op-  
erations. Compared to this, they point  
to a number of day workers, among  
whom are grown men with families,  
who are earning approximately \$1.50  
per day.

Since the strike started, a number

### LABOR CHAUTAUQUA

Brookwood Labor College Presents

A Program of Labor Culture With a Kick In It  
Gundry's Hall—Orpheum Theatre Bldg.  
Sunday, April 23-- 8:00 P. M.

Thrilling - Educational - Entertaining  
"The Starvation Army" portrays down-and-out unemployed  
workers regaining their self-respect when they organize to  
exercise collective power. "Gimble Sprockets" shows how the  
worker gets it in the neck in this machine age. The Battle  
Songs of Labor include songs that have come out of labor  
struggles such as "Bread and Roses" from the Lawrence, Mass.,  
textile strike, "The West Virginia Hills" and "The Marion  
Massacre" from the South. Mimeographed song sheets will  
be distributed so the audience can sing labor songs, too.

### DON'T MISS IT!

Socialist Orchestra Will Render Music  
for Dancing After the Play

(ABOUT 9:30 P. M.)

Admission 25c

If you have received tickets you can make  
settlement at the ticket office on Sunday.

### HEARING ON OLD AGE PENSIONS

Reading Woman Lawmaker  
Sees Little Hope For Law  
After Hearing by Senate  
Committee

Whether or not the state's aged  
workers shall be given the benefits  
of an old age pension law was dis-  
cussed on Tuesday afternoon in the  
caucus room of the Pennsylvania  
Senate.

The hearing on Old Age Pension  
was held by a sub-committee of the  
Committee on Pensions and Gratu-  
ities, after having been deadlocked  
in that committee for more than three  
months.

Lilith Wilson, Reading's representa-  
tive in the lower house, was actively  
interested in the public hearing which  
was at last granted by the Senate  
Committee on Tuesday. Several  
hundred men and women from all  
parts of the state attended in support  
of the efforts of Socialists and others  
to safeguard aged workers against  
charity by a legal pension system.  
As was to be expected, the Pennsylv-  
ania Manufacturers Association had a  
spokesman on hand to oppose the  
passage of any pension law.

Bills in Danger  
"There seems to be but little pros-  
pect of the bill receiving favorable  
action by the committee," was the  
opinion voiced by Mrs. Wilson after  
the hearing. Mrs. Wilson is herself  
the sponsor of a bill for pensions,  
her first act upon taking office two  
years ago.

The Reading Socialist lawmaker  
stated that the old age pension bill  
passed the House during last session  
of the legislature. "However," she  
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### WAR DRUMS THUMPING, SAYS ARMY OFFICER

BUFFALO, N. Y. (FP).—"Every  
indication on earth today points to-  
wards another world war," said Col.  
Charles H. Morrow, commandant of  
the 28th Infantry post at Fort Ni-  
agara, in addressing an Army Day  
luncheon. "You can almost hear the  
throb of the war drums of Central Europe."

"The peace agencies of the world  
stand at the bar today. They say  
there shall be no more war. Where  
do they get their philosophy from?  
From past history? From the Bible?  
From their knowledge of today?  
Three great wars are raging in dif-  
ferent parts of the earth today and  
still comes the cooing dove-note of  
universal everlasting peace," he de-  
clared.

### \$5-MONTH LABOR CAMPS APPROVED IN LOWER HOUSE

Hoopes and Wilson Stand  
Alone Against Measure  
Which Establishes Slave  
Labor Standards

MAGAZINE CENSOR LOOMS  
Minorities Gagged by Rule  
Which Prevents Motions For  
Discharge of Committees

Two lone votes, recorded by  
Darlington Hoopes and Lilith  
Wilson, Reading's Socialist rep-  
resentatives, constituted the  
only opposition to a bill, passed  
in Tuesday's session of the lower  
house, for the establishment  
of labor camps in state forests  
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### YIPSELS SCORE \$1-A-DAY CAMPS

Young Socialists' National Ex-  
ecutives Brand Roosevelt  
Measure as "Hitlerite"—Na-  
tional Convention Planned

Going on record against the Roose-  
velt forestry program, the national  
executive committee of the Young  
Peoples Socialist League, in session  
here last Sunday, characterized the  
plan as "Hitlerite."

"Placing the military in charge  
looks clearly like an attempt to ex-  
tend a military establishment," a  
resolution declared. "The subsis-  
tence wage is a menace to organized  
labor and gives indication of bad  
faith in relation to organized labor."

National Convention, Coming  
Preparations were made for a  
national convention of the Y. P. S. L.  
at Reading August 26-27.

Hy Fish of Cleveland and National  
Industrial Director Arthur G. Mc-  
Dowell were added to the executive  
committee.

Nationwide collections to aid the  
Progressive Miners of America in  
southern Illinois by a committee  
to be headed by Norman Thomas and  
representation at the Continental  
Congress for Economic Reconstruc-  
tion in Washington May 6 were  
planned.

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### STREETS AND POLITICS

Along with the Fusion economy  
policy, which has been manifested by  
layoffs for workers and lower taxes  
for owners, Reading has developed a  
street problem which could furnish  
cause for nasty content.

Not that it matters, however. This  
writer contended during the Social-  
ist administration, and still main-  
tains, that it doesn't matter much  
how bad our streets, how unkempt  
our parks, how tawdry our public  
buildings—to underpaid and jobless  
workers streets are just another  
place upon which to stand and suffer.

On the other hand, one cannot help  
feeling that this business of permit-  
ting things to run to ruin would not  
be tolerated so meekly if Socialists  
were giving the orders instead of  
Fusionists.

It requires little imagination to  
hear the Reading Times, for example,  
ranting against those inefficient So-  
cialists. Why, during the party's  
term in office even so small a matter  
as the number of seconds for the yel-  
low flash of a traffic signal was good  
for several slimy editorials in that  
organ of full and open publicity.  
Now, however, the Fusionists are  
turning the lights out as early as 10  
p. m. without arousing the editorial  
ire of Abe Hurwitz.

Abe also acted as one of the big  
shots in battling against "family  
trees." But old party family trees  
are not even mentioned now. And is  
it difficult to imagine how he would  
have screamed if a Socialist mayor  
and police chief, instead of Fusion-  
ists were using a goodly part of their  
time in the management of a loan  
company?

But why continue? Other and  
more important matters need discus-  
sion. We merely call attention to  
these trivial matters in the hope that  
the general public may not forget  
how they were blinded by editorial  
blat a few years ago. The blab  
artist is still on the job. And he  
stands convicted of insincerity at  
least as much by his silences as by  
his thunderings of yester-year.

#### EDITORIAL OR BUSINESS POLICY?

Understanding readers, having  
carefully perused the editorial which  
appeared on the first page of Tues-  
day's "Eagle," are likely to have a  
new idea as to the reason why that  
paper doesn't publish editorials regu-  
larly. One gets the impression that  
the effort was a strain upon the  
conscience, if not on the intellect, of  
the writer.

The "Eagle," with decided doubt,  
hopes that the School Board has  
"good, sound, convincing reasons for  
refusing a reduction to the taxpay-  
ers." And then it blunderingly gives  
the best reason in the world by what  
may have been intended as a threat-  
ening statement: "It is easier to fix  
the rate offhand; much harder to col-  
lect the money."

Equity is being swept away by ne-  
cessity. The very difficulty in col-  
lecting taxes from thousands of job-  
less workers is what makes it so very  
important that the bill be kept high  
for those who can pay. When more  
than a sixth of the bill is unpaid, it  
would be folly—and a crime against  
youth—to ask for less.

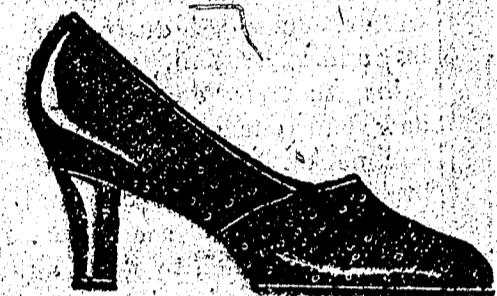
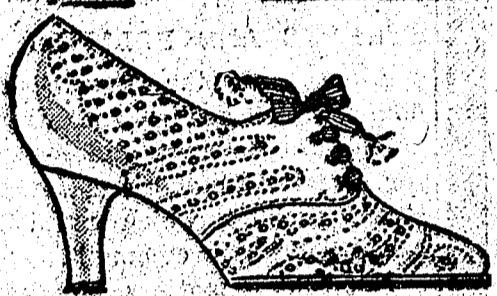
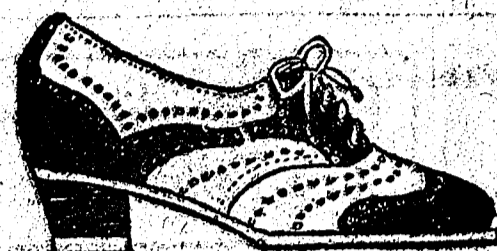
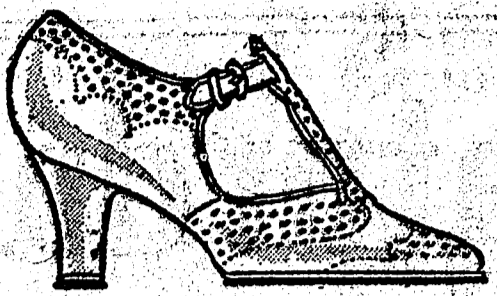
If the "Eagle" was hinting at a  
taxpayers' strike, let it be understood  
that School Boards have the right to  
sell properties for taxes. Also, it is  
within the power of boards to de-  
termine exactly which properties  
shall be executed against—so that  
discrimination can be exercised be-  
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#### A REMINDER

Just another reminder that the  
merchants who advertise in your  
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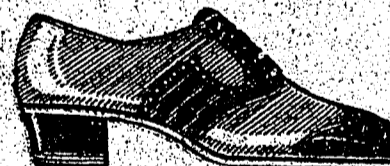
Children's  
OXFORDS  
AND  
STRAPS

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Patent and Two-Toned Combinations.

## BIG GIRLS' OXFORDS

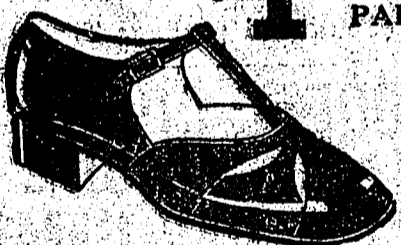
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MILK

## HEARING

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pointed out, "should the Senate fail to take favorable action it can not come up for a vote of the people before 1938. Meanwhile, the almshouses of the state will continue to be crowded by the growing number of persons who are worn out and discarded by private industry."

Shown Economies in Pensions  
Proponents of the old age pensions told the Committee that a law which would relieve aged workers of the horrors of the almshouse would be an actual economy to the taxpayers of the state. In support of this contention they quoted figures to show that savings had been made in 22 states of the union where pensions are now in operation.

Mr. Jewel Williams, who described himself as the "legal representative of the Manufacturers Association," voiced the organized employers' objection to a pension law. Williams cited the British "dole" system as a "horrible example" of what happens when workers are given a measure of economic safety in old age, and insisted that a pension system would not eliminate the need of almshouses. Among those speaking in favor of a pension law were Mr. O'Toole, a state officer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Francis Fisher Kane, Philadelphia, and Abraham Epstein, of the Old Age Security League of New York.

## British Labor Turns Down Communist "Unity" Plea

LONDON. — The National Joint Council, representing the Trades Union Congress and the British Labor Party, has declined to accept the invitation of the Communist Party for united action.

## GEORGE

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of the conditions of the old engine house, and am more convinced now than ever that the former director of the department acted wisely in having consent of the Mayor and other members of Council to demolish the old building and erect a new one. My investigation has shown that this building was in a deplorable condition and that the east wall had bulged to the point where there was great danger of it collapsing. The investigation had shown that this wall was condemned at least 25 years ago by a former councilman under the old Select and Common system, just prior to this time there was an explosion of a heating boiler used to furnish water for the old steam pump. This explosion did considerable damage on the inside of the building, ripping up the floors knocking out windows and doing general damage. After this explosion I am informed temporary repairs were made to this wall and then painted and the wooden flooring and window replaced.

When the question of repairing or replacing this building was considered it was found that the repairs would have cost a large sum, and they would have had an old building that would not correspond with the high standard to which we are trying to raise the Volunteer Fire Department. The old wooden floor was propped up for fear that it might collapse, dropping the fire apparatus into the horrible cellar that was part of this building, that was to last for fifty more years. I also found that it was impossible to wash the windows for fear that the sash would fall from the frames because of their rotten condition. I was also informed that the wooden girder strung across the ceiling was necessary to protect the upper flooring from resting so heavily upon this badly deteriorated wall. Under this wooden girder they had placed a prop which ran to the cellar and was standing on wooden blocks which was placed upon an ash.

This is briefly the history of the fire engine house that was to last for fifty years, but in reality was a disgrace to the firemen themselves and the citizens.

This new engine house has been built to take care of two companies if necessary when the change from a volunteer to a paid department takes place. The report of the Board of Underwriters recommended that this company be abandoned when this change takes place. This is not looked very favorably upon by the firemen who feel as long as the railroad grade crossings exist on Seventh street that the Friendship Fire Co. will hold a very strategic point. The Mayor and members of Council who are in office at the time the change takes place with the firemen will decide this question and not the Board of Underwriters. Does Mr. Smith believe that under such conditions this old building should have remained, or does he not know of its condition after being director of the department for eight years?

## Hampden Fire Company

This building was sadly in need of repairs so this might compare with the very modern fire equipment that it houses. It was necessary to point out the east wall to prevent the seeping of water which was soaking the plaster, and had the building damaged after each rain. It was also painted

inside and outside, replastered at places where it had fallen down and remained that way for several years; also rewired and other general repairs.

## Neversink Fire Company

This building was in most deplorable condition, not only was the floors badly weakened and propped up so they would carry the weight of the heavy fire-fighting apparatus, but the plumbing and heating system was in generally bad condition. It was necessary to put in a new reinforced concrete flooring, the cellar was excavated and cemented, the heating boiler stood down in a pit in what was supposed to be a cellar. This boiler was taken out and a new one placed; the entire heating system was remodeled. The building was painted and general repairs made so that this building might be a credit to the Fire Department and citizens.

## Junior Fire Company

This building like the others mentioned had been badly neglected, and it was necessary to make extensive repairs so that it would be suitable for the purpose for which it was intended. This old wooden floor was also propped up and there was fear that this might collapse from the weight it was called upon to carry. Whenever the machines would move in or out of this building the floors would vibrate to a point where the firemen were afraid of it breaking down and causing injury or maybe death to those who volunteer their service in the saving of life and property. It was necessary to place reinforced steel concrete flooring shored with steel trusses because of the exceptionally wide span. It was also necessary to put in a decent heating system, paint it and make general repairs so this building was safe.

## Camp Joy

Camp Joy, situated along the Pricetown Road about one mile out of the city, consists of one large dwelling house, one small dwelling house and a large barn, which had been used for a period of years for recreational purposes. The Kiwanis Club has been yearly taking a number of poor undernourished children to this camp where they are under the supervision of the Visiting Nurses' Association.

This is a very beautiful site but the mostly neglected of all the property. Under the Department of Public Safety during Mr. Smith's administration, the buildings were in a state of collapse, and it was almost unbelievable that one who was elected to office would so wilfully neglect such beautiful and useful property. After an inspection by the Mayor and members of Council we were all in accord with Mr. Maurer to have this property placed in a presentable condition so that the people might receive the benefits for which it was acquired.

The following repairs were made: Much plastering in both houses, repairing of roofs, copper roof conductors, repairing of all plumbing and remodeling of the heating system and a new boiler installed.

When Mr. Smith was defeated for re-election in the fall of 1929 it seems his interest lacked considerably in trying to save what little still remained of these once beautiful buildings. He failed to turn off the water in the plumbing and heating system and when the spring of the year came we found the pipes, boiler and other plumbing and heating fixtures burst. The barn which is used for recreational purposes was indeed a sight to look at. Roof leaking, no windows in sash, no paint and just a general overhauling was necessary to put this building in condition. The grounds surrounding these buildings were also in terrible condition, weeds several feet high showing that they had not been cut for a long time. Mr. Maurer cleaned out the reservoir, installed new toilet facilities, put in a deep well pump, put stoves for the enjoyment of picnickers and made general repairs all around.

I, therefore, again assume all responsibility for the article that appeared in the Labor Advocate on April 7th, 1933, in which I charged Mr. Smith, Director of the Department of Public Safety, who had charge of all fire houses and Camp Joy, with being grossly negligent in permitting these buildings to deteriorate to the point that they were ready to collapse.

## Militarists Hopeful

At Washington

CHICAGO.—A chemical engineer returning from the national capital says that big navy and army men are more hopeful of having things move their own way than at any time since the World War. They expect President Roosevelt, as a former navy department highup, to favor their demands for large appropriations, he says.

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### 55-MONTH LABOR

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in which single men will be paid wages not to exceed \$5 per month.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Rice Dauphin County, is the most recent as well as the most insulting, gesturing toward unemployment relief that the corporation Assembly has thus far made.

Neither Hoopes nor Wilson spoke on the bill, although both voiced decided "no's" when the roll was called. Other so-called "labor" members gave approval, many of them doubtless unaware of the menace of Fascism and forced labor which the measure contained. While the Reading Socialists refrained from expressing their opposition at length in Tuesday's session, Hoopes had already taken the floor against the Rice bill last Thursday, at which time action was postponed.

**Hoopes Opposes Gag Law**  
Taking the floor in opposition to a bill which will empower the Sup't. of Public Instruction to act as a censor of magazines and periodicals, Hoopes voiced sharp criticism of what he charged was a "dangerous censorship such as now prevents the circulation of birth control information. The bill, which was worded to em-

power the refusal of registration to "lewd, immoral and lascivious publications, may also be directed against trade journals and labor publications. However, the House approved the measure by a vote of 115 to 51.

Opposed to the passage of the bill was the American Civil Liberties Union. By his opposition to the potential "gag" measure, Hoopes played the part of lone spokesman for that organization.

**Minorities Silenced**  
One of the first acts of the Monday night session of the House was the adoption of a rule allowing only 15 minutes for motions to discharge committees. The obvious purpose of the rule was to prevent minorities from placing reactionary members on record with respect to bills which the political gangs are determined to permanently "pickle" in committee.

Hoopes delayed the proceedings for a brief period by demanding a verification of the roll call to discharge the committee on railroads and rail-ways from consideration of the full crew bill sought by railroad workers. The vote to discharge was 99 to 83. As a constitutional majority of 104 votes is needed to discharge a committee, the motion was lost by but 5 votes, which established a high record of such action upon a purely labor bill.

Apparently fearing that the next effort to discharge committees would be successful, the House allowed no time in Tuesday's sessions for such action. Again Hoopes protested against "gag rule," and moved for a roll call on the rule, which was seconded by Rep. Beech, Allegheny Democrat. However, the House clamped on the gag by a vote of 102 to 30.

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### GREEN TALKING LIKE SOCIALISTS

A. F. of L. President Is Now Ready to Have Government Operate Railroads, Banks, Insurance

CLEVELAND (FP)—Calling upon the government to take over the railroads and to open the 4,000 banks which remain closed after the banking holiday, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, in an address before the Cleveland City Club, declared that the failure of capitalism is forcing the government into business.

The result of the bank holiday, he said, is that "public confidence in banks and bankers, shattered or to a very large extent destroyed, cannot and will not be restored until the government satisfies the people that the distressing financial experience through which they have just passed cannot and will not return again."

**Gov't Ownership Necessary**  
The government will be compelled to own and operate the nation's transportation system, he declared, to protect rail investors, which include the life insurance companies tottering under the tremendous flop in real estate values.

Stating that industry is cutting its own throat by wage cuts, since its employees are the ones who buy its products, he declared that "bad as conditions are, they would be immeasurably worse if it were not for the fight which trade unions have made against wage reductions."

He presented labor's program of federal unemployment relief, a high public works program involving a minimum of five billion dollars, increased wages and the application of the 5-day week and the 6-hour day.

### FUSION FAVORS

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average cost after the city made the job a municipal enterprise was \$7,862.

The average cost for five years of street cleaning under the contractor system was \$64,424. After the Socialists did the job with city labor the cost averaged \$35,867 over a four year period.

**TRUCK HIRE**  
In 1927 (non-Socialist) it cost the city \$22,980 for truck hire to pave 22 city blocks.

In 1930 truck hire cost the Socialists only \$12,939 to pave 65 city blocks and in 1931, \$5,289 for 25 blocks.

(Editor's Note: Truck hire was made a point of attack against the Socialists in 1931 by Fusionists and the Reading Times.)

**HIGHER WAGES, LOWER BILLS**  
The Socialist councilman answered Smith's attacks against the Socialists by quoting costs of constructing two buildings with municipal labor.

"Instead of political plums for the contractors, we Socialists seek for ways to improve wages and reduce costs. In line with this policy we constructed two buildings and paid the highest labor rate to the workers. Yet," George pointed out, "we beat the contractor in both cases."

"In constructing a sewer laboratory we spent \$5,458.84 as against the lowest bid by contractors for \$8,929. The contractor's bid did not include plumbing and electrical work. Our lower cost included both those items."

"We also saved money in the construction of a Sewage Mechanical house. The architects' estimates were \$15,000 for the job. We did it for \$13,942.15. We paid high wages while the contractor would have paid low wages. The Socialists helped the workers and the merchants with whom the workers spent their money. The group to which Mr. Smith belongs had been helping the contractors collect big profits at the expense of underpaid workers and the general public," George pointed out.

**Socialist Economy**  
George declared that the Socialist idea of practicing economy is by taking plums away from contractors and giving increased wages to workers. "The real meaning of Fusion economy can be seen in the fact that the present administration paid \$118,385.17 less wages to city workers in 8 months of 1932 than the Socialists paid in a similar period a year earlier. Compare that kind of savings with the savings on contractors' bills and ask yourself which kind of economy places workers at the mercy of the charity agencies."

### FRANK D. WOULD

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### Bank Clearings Slump

NEW YORK.—The slump in bank clearings, the exchange of checks which indicates the volume of dollars paid, has reached practically to the pre-moratorium depth again, reports to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., show. Clearings are down 27.2% from a year ago for the country as a whole. Detroit clearings are down 84.4%, Cleveland, 50.4%, Baltimore, 43.3%.

A family doctor is one who recognizes your obscure symptoms because he heard about the wild party yesterday.

Under these circumstances, the 30-hour workweek bill has slight chance of enactment in the present Congress, unless the Democratic ma-

region at any particular time. This dictatorial power to apply the limitation of working hours, or to permit long hours of work, is what Mr. Roosevelt considers a necessary flexibility in such legislation. If Congress were to grant him such power, he would in fact become dictator of the industrial life if the nation, since he could compel employers in one industry to maintain employment standards while allowing employers in a competing industry to speed and sweat their labor to the limit of human endurance. His own conception of the use of such authority is, of course, that he should employ it to correct known evils in conditions in certain industries without disturbing others that are already in financial trouble.

Roosevelt in Doubt  
Roosevelt's attitude on the shorter workweek is found to be very indefinite. While he authorized Miss Per-

kins to have a study made as to the probable effect of the 30-hour week on employment, and directed Secretary of Commerce Roper to have a study made as to the probable effect of this measure on the profits of industry, he has committed himself to no maximum workweek—neither 30 nor 36 nor 40 hours. He has suggested that wage-cutting is just as dangerous as long hours, in demoralizing competitive industrial life. He would like to have minimum wage boards in all industries—a proposal made to Miss Perkins' recent labor conference by Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. But the President is not ready to tell Congress that he favors setting up minimum wage boards in connection with a limitation of hours of work.

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Prof. Dewey Tells Roosevelt  
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WASHINGTON (FP).—"If the wealthy have funds to buy large amounts of government bonds, they have the cash to pay heavy surtaxes," Prof. John Dewey, president of the People's Lobby, has written President Roosevelt.

"In 1931 less than 2 per cent of the families in America received considerably over one-sixth of the national income, and more than half of all dividends paid on stock of domestic corporations.

"The real hoarders are not alone the hoarders of gold and gold certificates, against whom you are guarding. They also include the few hundred corporations with \$20,000,000,000 of surplus and undivided profits, less deficits, which are protected in their hoarding unless there is early revenue revision.

"It is inhuman and cowardly for the government to borrow money from the 4 per cent of the people who own nearly 80 per cent of the national wealth... while millions of people lack adequate food, shelter and clothing, as well as the amenities of civilized existence.

"The American people will deeply resent either adjournment or recess of Congress until Congress enacts, and you sign, a just revenue law which will constrain state and local governments to revise their poverty-producing tax systems."

## TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

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park where all but the opening session of the Conference will be held.

Meet At 2 P. M.  
The Conference will convene at Labor Lyceum at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and after an address of welcome from James H. Maurer, will settle down to the business of examining credentials and naming committees. The delegates will next be taken to the park for an evening session.

Lodging At Park  
For those who cannot secure lodging in either a hotel or a private home buildings in the Socialist Park will be made available. Delegates have been advised to bring blankets for emergency use, as the local committee will not be able to supply bedding.

In order to expedite the work of the Conference, a local committee will meet this afternoon and formulate an outline on Constitution, Organization and Committees. The plans thus arrived at will be presented to the Conference for ratification or amendment.

Seek Unified Action  
In discussing the probable outcome of the Conference, Earl White yesterday stated that the primary motive of the convention will be to secure a program of unified action in which all groups throughout the entire state will be able to take part.

"Up to this time the workers of Pennsylvania have not been working together," White explained. "A group in Pittsburgh may have agitated for a certain type of reform, while another group in the eastern part of the state was acting upon a quite different matter."

"The problems which confront the people today are statewide and nationwide. They should be solved from that viewpoint rather than from a narrow local point of view. When the workers of Pennsylvania are organized to work together for the same definite things at the same time, and when officers have been named who can speak for a statewide organization, then we can work effectively."

Relief Needs Are Important  
In reply to a question as to the problems to be discussed, White declared that the matter of adequate relief is the most pressing at the present time.

"However," he added, "that will not be the only subject to be considered. There will be many men and many minds, and out of the mass problem we hope to develop a program which will effect actual cures for the industrial depression."

White mentioned statewide wages and hour laws as one of the fundamental subjects which will be discussed.

"While we will press for adequate relief for the jobless, we will not lose sight of the fact that relief at its best is distasteful. What workers really want is work and wages. Only when those are guaranteed will independence and security be restored. The time has come when work, wages and security can be provided only by

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It is expected that three sessions will be required on Sunday before the business of the Conference is concluded.

## REFLECTIONS

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who are now going to school can not afford to pay for lunches.

THIS POLICY OF "amputations" in going to have but one result. The more rugged individualism is cut away the less remains of private Capitalism. And the more social services are ripped out of the Capitalist system the sicker the system becomes.

Back in the days when I went to Sunday School I heard something to the effect that "he who would save his life, yet shall he lose it." I remember that I considered that a silly "crack." But I know better now. The Capitalists are desperately striving to save their economic lives. And everything they do makes the death of their system that much more certain. Back in 1914 they thought they could save Capitalism by wasting millions of lives and billions of wealth. The reaction has been terrible. Now they are amputating section after section of their economic body in order that they may preserve life in the old system. But the more they cut and compromise the less of Capitalism remains.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN when the old order passes? The answer depends upon how alert the masses become to their own welfare. Planned production of wealth is certain to replace the economic anarchy which the master class is vainly trying to save. Whether that plan will function democratically or as a new form of slavery is still to be determined.

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## Activities of the Reading Socialists

### CARD PARTIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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Tuesday at Green and Gordon: Under the auspices of the Northwest women's branch. Prizes and lunch.

Thursday at 431 Summit: Under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the 18th Ward Branch. Prizes and lunch. Fee, 25 cents.

### HOE-DOWN AT SOUTHERN BRANCH

Tonight, Friday, April 21, the Southern Women's Branch will hold an old-fashioned hoe-down in their headquarters at Peach and Franklin streets. Come and dance or join in the fun if you cannot dance.

### SOCIAL NIGHT FOR N. E. WOMEN NEXT TUESDAY

All members of the Northeast women's group are reminded that next Tuesday night is the date for the regular "social night." Be sure to be among those present. Games and "eats" and a general good time await you.

### NORTHWEST WOMEN, ATTENTION!

All members of the Northwest women's group are urged to be at headquarters next Tuesday night at 7:30 promptly, for a short business session before the card party.

### YIPSELS TO HOLD MASS DEMONSTRATION FRIDAY

The Young People's Socialist League will hold a mass meeting in front of Bachman's Pretzel bakery today at 6 p. m. Every young class-conscious worker or student is invited to take part in this demonstration, which will be staged in support of the striking pretzel workers. Addresses will be delivered by Austin Adams and William Stauffer.

### CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MEETING

All delegates to the Continental Congress will meet at the Labor Lyceum on Thursday, April 27, at 8 p. m. The committee of Local Berks urges all organizations to send their

delegates for instructions and to help make arrangements for the trip to Washington May 6 and 7.

### GIRL GYMNASTS WILL PRACTICE WEDNESDAY

The girls' division of the Workers' Gymnastic Alliance will meet in the Southern Branch headquarters, Peach and Franklin streets, Wednesday, April 26, for practice.

### ORGANIZATION MEETING

The organization committee will meet at Labor Lyceum on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p. m. Committee members will note the time and place and be on time.

### SINKING SPRING CARD PARTY

A card party will be held by the Sinking Spring Branch on Thursday, April 27, at 8 p. m. at 934 Penn avenue, Sinking Spring, 15c a corner with eats free. The committee in charge of the card party (this is the first one) assures everybody of a good time. Comrades pay this branch a visit!

### SHILLINGTON CARD PARTY

A card party will be held by the Shillington Branch on April 28 at 8 p. m. in the American Legion Hall. Tickets, 25c. Good prizes and music by the Socialist orchestra.

### Y. P. S. L. ACTIVITIES

Friday, Circle 2, discussion on Communist Manifesto; Monday, Circle 3, discussion on Communist Manifesto; Wednesday, Circles 6-7, current events; Thursday, Circles 1-9, "doggie" roast.

The girls' baseball team will practice on Saturday, April 22. Be in the Labor Lyceum at 2:30 p. m. All those interested in baseball, report. On April 23, the monthly hike will be to Pinnacle Peak. Bring your lunch and meet at the Labor Lyceum at 8 a. m. Twenty cents will be the expense for your transportation to the Pinnacle Peak.

Comrade, isn't this a bargain? Circle 3 in West Reading is going to hold a card party and dance on Saturday, April 22, at the West-Reading Fire Hall, Fourth and Franklin streets. Price "15 cents" to play cards and dance. Good prizes will be awarded and good eats will be sold. Come and give your best support to the Yipseles across the river. Games start at 7:30.

The Workers' Theatre is planning to put across a minstrel show very soon. All those that are interested in minstrel shows come and join the group. They meet Tuesday evening at 8:30.

### BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24

Tonight—Northwest: Walter Scheeran. West Lawn: Albert Hartman. Shillington: John Reifsnnyder. Exeter: Stewart Tomlinson. Berkshire Heights: Current events.

Monday, April 24—Northeast: Charles Alsbach. Central: John Reifsnnyder. Tuesday, April 25—Lebanon: Cleve Eong. Laureldale: Adam Eberly. Muhlenberg: Amos Leshner. Kenhorst: Wm. C. Hovetter. West Reading: Lincoln Steigerwalt.

18th Ward: Clyde Kiebach. Southern: John Reifsnnyder. Birdsboro: Stewart Tomlinson. Jacksonwald: James Maurer.

Thursday, April 27—Exeter Women: William Schweren. 15th Ward Women: Miles Williams.

Friday, April 28—Southern Women: Birch Wilson. Circles 2: Stewart Tomlinson. Northwest: Lilith Wilson. West Lawn: Darlington Hoopes. Berkshire Heights: Current events. Gibraltar: James Roslin.

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## SEE CHANGES IN 30-HR. WORK ACT

Complete Revision In House Forecast as Battle Over Imports Looms Industrialists Hostile

WASHINGTON (FP)—While the Senate was voting down, by 52 to 32, on April 17, Senator Hatfield's motion to reconsider its passage of the Black 30-hour work week bill, the report went around the Capitol that the administration was getting ready to completely revise that measure in the House Committee on labor. The defeat of the Hatfield motion meant that the Senate would not kill the bill by including in it the Woll-Hatfield amendment requiring an embargo on all foreign goods not produced under the 30-hour rule. This, as Senator Black stated just before the roll was called, would mean that the bill could not become law. Vandenberg of Michigan read an appeal from Matthew Woll that the bill be not passed unless it contained the embargo clause. None but high-tariff senators supported Hatfield. The pro-labor senators knew that the question of foreign dumping would be taken care of by other means.

### Must Regulate Wages

According to administration supporters, the new plan will include not only the shorter work week but a definitely enforceable minimum-wage regulation, and a plan for regularizing production in American industry. If they are correctly informed, President Roosevelt is considering a scheme of stabilizing production and distribution of commodities within the United States, which could be attached to the shorter-week and minimum-wage measure. Such stabilization would imply a further measure, establishing quota-regulation of the amount of foreign commodities of each class which would be permitted to enter the American market. This economic planning feature is so broad in its scope as to promise a terrific resistance from the larger competitive groups in all industries, and to promise very slow progress in Congress.

## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

Our Monday and Wednesday classes held a joint session at the Labor Lyceum on Monday night of this week, with a continuation of the "Work and Travel" program, which proved so interesting and instructive last week.

This session practically ended our work on assignments for this season, as our joint session next Monday night, which will be held in the Southern Junior High School, will be devoted principally to planning for next season's work.

We again invite our friends to attend the services we are going to hold in the Universalist Church, Franklin Street above Fourth, on Sunday morning, April 23, at 11 o'clock. At this time the Rev. Max C. Putney will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the students. Preceding the sermon there will be an open forum discussion in which everybody will be invited to participate; this part of our program will commence at 10 o'clock.

On Monday night we elected four delegates to attend the Continental Congress to be held at Washington in May.

Our big event of the season, and one that will prove of the greatest interest, not only to the students, but also to the general public, is the symposium we are giving next Wednesday night, April 26, at 7:30 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Southern Junior High School, at which time we will hear discussions on Communism, Fascism, Socialism and Capitalism.

Since we have changed the date of this affair from the 27th of April to the 26th, we are not positive that the speaker we had engaged to explain Socialism will be able to accommodate us. However, in the event that such should prove to be the case, we have the assurance from our president, Mr. Stewart Tomlinson, that he will accept our invitation to act as the substitute speaker.

There will be no chorus rehearsal this week.

Once upon a time there was a man who could mention household expenses without starting a row. All fairy stories begin that way.

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## WAGES DOWN 66.8%, PURCHASING POWER 53.7%

NEW YORK (FP).—America's workers have lost 66.8% of the purchasing power they possessed in 1929, according to studies recently completed by the National Industrial Conference Board. In dollars, wage payments are down 66.8%.

Since 1929 industrial wage rates have been slashed 19.3% throughout the nation, the N. I. C. B. reported. Working hours of employed workers have been shortened 26.9%. The volume of employment has dropped 43.4%.

When these factors are combined, industrial population as a whole, including both employed and unemployed, is receiving only 33.4% as many dollars in wage income as in 1929. The N. I. C. B. boosted this figure to 49.3% in real income on the ground that prices had fallen and therefore real wages are greater. Inflation would smash this purchasing power.

"When one of the largest and most dependable markets of American industry has contracted by more than half," the conference board declared, referring to workers' purchasing power, "it is small wonder that efforts to increase industrial activity meet with little encouragement." The importance of restoring purchasing power to the workers—which means raising wages, increasing employment and increasing working hours—"is basic in any program for business recovery," the board concluded.

Ancient rulers washed their hands. The modern way to relieve yourself of all responsibility is to honk.

The county is getting saner. Its scare didn't last nearly as long as its belief that stocks would always go up.

## Must Walk 22 Miles To Work For \$1.25

MONTEAGUE, Tenn. — Cotton Wright, employed on roadwork financed by Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, walks 22 miles to and from work. He has been doing this through the entire winter, regardless of rain and snow. He has a wife and four month old child to support, but recently his wages were cut from \$2 to \$1.25 a day while his hours were lengthened from nine to ten. He gets only five days' work a month.

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## Sunday Night Forums For April

April 23—"The Basis of Authority in Morals" by Dr. J. A. Heck School of Theology, Albright College  
April 30—"The Bible Solution for Depression" by Paul Lincoln Dundore Well-known Bible Student of Reading

## Universalist Church

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### A. F. L. International Union Sends Delegate To Mooney Conference

ROCKPORT, Mass.—By majority referendum of the membership of the Paving Cutters Union of U. S. and Canada, an A. F. of L. international, is instructed to send a delegate to the Free Tom Mooney Conference in Chicago April 30 to May 2, according to President Albert M. Anderson.

### U. S. Socialists Wait On International For "United Front"

CHICAGO.—The national executive committee of the Socialist Party has voted not to act on the invitation of the Communists for a "united front" until negotiations have been completed between the Comintern and the Labor and Socialist International, according to an announcement by Clarence Senior, Socialist national secretary.

### Depression Weakens Young America's Health

TRENTON, N. J.—The depression is undermining the health of America's youth, Dr. Allen G. Ireland, director of physical and health education of the New Jersey State Department of Public Instruction, declared, urging parents to improve nutritional standards. He didn't tell the parents where to get the money for improvement.

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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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between those who CANNOT pay and those who WILL NOT pay.

The reason the Board maintained the old mill rate is the same as the reason for all taxes: The Board needs the money. We suspect that the editors of the Eagle know that. And we would suggest in all sincerity that future editorials be written in the editorial rooms and not in the business office.

### WHO IS THIS SYMONTOWNE?

The demand of the Taxpayers' Protective League for the removal of

Russ Symontowne as director of work relief was considered of sufficient importance to warrant a leading editorial in the "Reading Times" and the use of unusually black type.

Let us hasten to disavow any intention of lynching "Sy." It is our firm belief—and we have so stated to leaders of the T. P. L.—that Symontowne's retention or rejection on the public payrolls is of minor importance.

However, it is also true that something more than self-interest is moving the League to protest. There is an element of public pride behind the demand that Symontowne shall go.

Despite the silence of the "Times" (which in some matters believes in full publicity), there are many people who have not recovered from the shock which "Sy's" appointment pro-

duced. They still remember that the "ex-Times" (?) man was under a cloud at the very time he was handed a \$350-per-month plum. Sy had been in the toils of local police on a number of occasions. His adventure as an early morning assassin of blackbirds, his disorderly "investigation" of bawdy houses in person, which ended in a riot call, and his enrollment as "John Doe" on the police blotter, and last but not least, his connection with the Lillian Hain case, in which hundreds of public dollars were taken from the public treasury without explanation—all these things make Reading folks unwilling to believe that Symontowne is the right person to receive \$350 per month while thousands of less-spectacular citizens are slowly starving on food vouchers.

The editor of the "Times" appears to believe those things had better be forgotten, and publishes a screed which compares Symontowne's opponents to lynchers. Symontowne's removal should be decided on merit, he argues. But what many people wish to know is why "Sy" ever was put on the job. Surely if merit had decided the appointment, a more representative and an equally competent citizen could have been selected.

### Canadian Socialists Have New Monthly

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Socialist Party of Canada, which is affiliated with the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, has a new monthly magazine, "The Clarion," published at 140 East Eighth avenue, Vancouver. The articles are chiefly of the magazine type, but short summaries of news events of interest to Socialists are also included.

### Rockpile For Burlington's Jobless

BURLINGTON, La. — Over a hundred Burlington unemployed are working in a rock quarry leased by the city, making little ones out of big ones before they are allowed to eat. The Reconstruction Finance Corp. loaned the money for wages.

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## FOR THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS!

Washington, D. C., May 6th and 7th

By EMIL RIEVE

President, American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers; Chairman, Continental Congress on Economic Reconstruction.

A new crisis grips America! A crisis great as that one which our revolutionary forefathers so successfully battled. Yet our problems are different. They were forced to fight oppressive taxes, and laws which restricted their commerce, and deprived them of their liberty, property and happiness. These hindrances were placed upon them by a king, completely dominated by the merchant and moneyed classes of England.

Today we in America are forced to fight poverty, hunger and economic insecurity which destroy our homes and threaten our very lives. Again a government has become dominated by a privileged class. This time it is the industrialists and bankers, who have become rich through the people's misery. The change of political parties in Washington has not shaken the grip of economic rulers.

Our ancestors set up Committees of Correspondence, organized a Continental Congress, and demanded a righting of their grievances. When their demands proved of no avail they translated them into action! We, too, have waited patiently. For almost four years our farm and city populations have valiantly and calmly withstood unemployment, cold and hunger. Yet, despite our patience, and despite our hope, little has been accomplished on our behalf. Today there are more men out of work in our country than at any other time in its history. Surely we have suffered long enough. It is time for us to draw up a program to right our grievous wrongs!

### American Style Fascists

Washington, Franklin, Jefferson: what famous men founded our great country! They gave us our democratic institutions, with the right to vote and to petition Congress. They fought and suffered that we might have our cherished Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. They valiantly pushed on through the cold and hunger of Valley Forge. Today there is a new cold and hunger, and a new fear of oppression. There is the cold and hunger of babes and mothers, and of unemployed millions—starving in this great land of ours, with its bountiful resources.

There is in the United States today a clique who claims democracy has failed, and who seeks dictatorship. This clique comprises those financiers and capitalists who have all but wrecked our country. A few of them want an open dictatorship, and open dominance of capital over labor; but the majority of them are too canny for this. They willingly leave us the cloak of democracy, behind which they may hide and pull the strings that make our elected officials jump. The fault lies not in democracy, but in those who have vilified democracy; those who have used her name to attain privilege and power, and control over supposed public servants.

The time may not be far off when our opponents will face us openly



EMIL RIEVE

with their show of force, as they did in the Bonus Rout of last July. When that time comes we must be prepared, but meanwhile, and while it is still possible, we must hold fast to the American democratic tradition.

### The Problem of Today

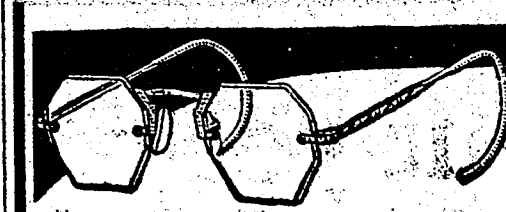
The most notable example of that tradition was the First Continental Congress. From that Congress flowed the spirit that has given America a political democracy—the first and foremost on this earth. As a result of that Congress a second one was called. This Second Continental Congress, called in 1776, completed its work in 1776. Its task culminated in that monumental document, the American Declaration of Independence. Today a new Continental Congress has been called to meet in Washington on May 6th and 7th. It will be composed of farmers and workers, and will draw up plans for the economic reconstruction of our broken-down industrial machine. Again America has come to a parting of the ways. We must step forward boldly. We must recognize the failure of the old, and prepare to build the new. The times call for action and a new Declaration of Independence!

Those leaders of 1776 did their work and did it well. They were fearless and dauntless. They founded a political democracy, whose strength has increased with time. They solved the problem of their day—a political one.

Today the world is faced with another problem—an industrial one. The seeds of this problem were sown during the decades of the birth of this nation, in that peaceful and gradual evolution, known to history as the Industrial Revolution. As an outgrowth of the Industrial Revolution man has developed gigantic machinery, and achieved methods of manufacturing and transportation scarcely less than miraculous. As an outgrowth of that Revolution, too, man has invented new comforts, and discovered new sciences and methods for combating disease and death. However, he has often been blinded and forgetful—even to allowing slums to remain in our large cities, permitting vast accumulations of wealth in the hands of a few, and foolishly using his new found machines for his own destruction, as in the late World War.

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### Roosevelt's Home State Sends Payrolls to Record Low

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### To Fight Sweatshops

NEW YORK—A nationwide drive to smash the sweatshop will be conducted by the Joint Committee for the Abolition of Sweatshops, composed of representatives of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, employers and national women's organizations, including the Women's Trade Union League and consumers' groups.

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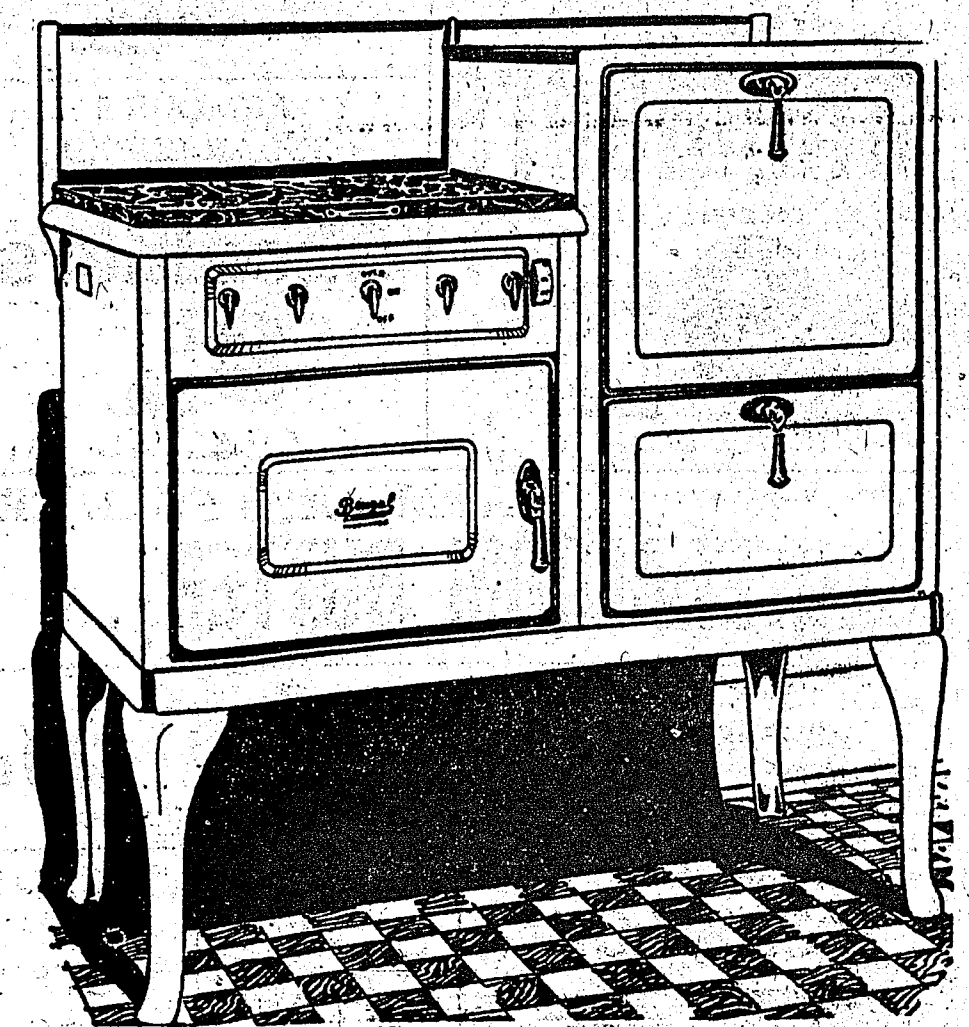
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## BACHMAN PRETZEL

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of strikers have already found it necessary to appeal for relief.

### Held Daily Meetings

The strikers are determined to wage a relentless campaign against the recent effort of the Bachman concern to still further reduce their earnings. They are holding daily meetings in Labor Lyceum and are preparing to circulate other localities in which Bachman pretzels are sold for the purpose of massing the cooperation of workers elsewhere behind the struggle in Reading. Among the brand names under which the American Cone and Pretzel Co. sells its pretzels are "Rolled Gold," "V. G.," "Bachman's," "Black Diamond Brand." If the strike continues, the names of these brands will be advertised in such a manner that the buying public will be able to discriminate in favor of products made under fair conditions, the strikers assert.

### Strike Breakers Hired

The Bachman management has adopted an arbitrary attitude toward its striking employees, and has indicated the intention of hiring strike breakers if possible. A number of

"scabs," many of whom were brought to Reading from other localities, are now working in the plant. These imports are being conveyed to and from work by trucks. The city police are giving protection to the "scab" trucks within the city limits, although the plant lies outside of Reading.

Strikers are picketing the plant daily. In retaliation against the aggressive tactics of their former employer, the firm is adopting a policy of intimidation which has already resulted in the arrest of three strikers under charges of "surety of the peace" and "assault and battery." At a hearing before Alderman Calnan yesterday these charges were settled upon the strikers agreeing to pay the costs arising from their arrests.

Unless a settlement is made before tomorrow, it is likely that the strike will be a subject of discussion at the all-state labor conference in this city on Saturday and Sunday.

### Organize New York Relief Workers

NEW YORK.—As a result of the discharge of 17,000 relief workers the City Committee of Emergency Work Bureau Workers has been organized to fight for immediate needs. The Gibson Relief Committee collected more than 15 million dollars and set its monthly relief budget at \$1,250,000. After four months it discharged 17,000 relief workers, the committee charges, and wants to know where all the money went.

### Money Not "Frozen"

NEW YORK.—Total money in circulation is still above six billions after a drop of \$1,391,000,000 from the high point of \$7,538,000,000 on March 8.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

### UNEMPLOYMENT ON THE INCREASE

The unemployment estimates of the American Federation of Labor continue to rise. The figure for February was 180,000 higher than that for January, and in March, the first month of the new administration, a further increase of 230,000 was recorded, bringing the total well over 1,800,000.

Here, expressed in figures, we have a criticism of Roosevelt's policies far more striking and far more convincing than any arguments of logic that can be marshalled against them. Whether any minor measure is helpful or hurtful is really immaterial, when viewed against the huge background of suffering and starvation that American presents today. No minor measures, in point of fact, can be of much benefit. Our industrial system is so sick that a pill or two cannot help; a major surgical operation, or a series of such operations, is required, and required immediately.

Such measures include the establishment of the six-hour, five-day week, with minimum wage provisions, fixed high enough to restore mass purchasing power; the socialization of the banks, insurance companies, railroads and power industry, taken over at their present value, and the management of these industries in a democratic fashion; the institution of an adequate system of social insurance, together with a vast public works program at high wages and the provision of funds for direct relief; and the reform of the taxing system, to free persons with small incomes and raise necessary funds from those with large incomes or large possessions of property.

Roosevelt's program, viewed in this light, is pitifully inadequate. He closed the banks and then reopened most of them under almost identical conditions, so that similar panics can just as readily occur in the future; he established a reforestation plan under military control, with a wage low enough to incite private business to further cuts; he economized at the expense of veterans and government employees, whose salaries had previously been cut; and has announced further curtailment that may result in the wholesale dismissal of employees; he is offering farm relief in a form amounting to a sales tax on food; he is favorable to railroad legislation that will save money for bondholders by reducing the number of employees; and he proposes to spend huge sums for the erection of battleships.

### MUSCLE SHOALS

By far the best proposed that has as yet come from Roosevelt is that relating to Muscle Shoals and the Tennessee Valley. If the Tennessee Valley authority is established, as seems likely, along the lines of the New York Port authority, it will have an immense power of good, and can be of inestimable value if its heads properly use the power placed in their hands.

The plan primarily covers the production of power in a government-owned plant, but also involves flood control, soil erosion, and other matters. It is proposed, moreover, to incorporate in the same measure a plan for Federal regulation of all power sold in interstate commerce. It is to be hoped that the bill will also provide for transmission by the government of all power produced by it.

We will have reached no millennium if the bill passes. But we will have a government plant producing and, let us hope, distributing power, so that overcharging by private plants will be made more difficult. Moreover, regulation of interstate sales will be a means of preventing abuses in the industry that the Insull scandal, among others, has exhibited. Though regulation is, of course, far inferior to government ownership, an important step in the right direction will have been taken.

### THE SCOTTSBORO CASE

It is to be regretted that the case of the seven Negro youths charged with assault should have been confused by the Communist issue. The boys had to face from the start the prejudice against their race; because the International Labor Defense has taken over the case, they must also face the prejudice against Communism; and because two Jewish lawyers were sent down by the I. L. D., they must also face the prejudice against the Jews. If they survive now, it will be a miracle.

If such unfortunate complications are to be avoided in the future, it will be necessary for the Negro race to develop its own agencies to provide legal assistance to its members. If the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People is unable or unwilling to function in this manner, some other organization should be formed to do the job.

## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE  
Federated Press

Bondholders of the Northwestern Railroad are asked to wait until Nov. 1, 1937, for 50% of their money, which is payable May 1, 1933.

And then what?

We suppose the scrap metal being shipped to Japan is going to "fertilize" the fields, just as all those nitrates are.

The fields of China?

### NEW DEAL LINGO

Conservator—Receiver.  
Railroad Co-ordinator—Railroad Dictator.

The state of Pennsylvania will collect \$14,394,698 inheritance tax from the estate of the late Campbell Soup King.

That would give every unemployed worker in the state about 137 cans of soup, if collected in that commodity.

### BUT CAN YOU GET IT?

"Japan is fighting for the whole world, the United States, Europe, all."—Yosuke Matsuo.

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that the 137 independent companies now operating as Appalachian Coals, Inc., are a "good combination."

Emphasis is placed on the "social purposes" of the trust.

"Commercial credit is based primarily on character."—John Pierpont Morgan, Sr.

On such characters as Charles E. Mitchell and J. W. Harriman?

### CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN RACKET

R. W. Stevens, ex-president of the defunct Illinois Life Insurance Co., had to shoot himself so his family could get \$300,000 without having to pay the next premium; receivers are seeking funds to pay the premiums on his father's \$72,000 policy so they can collect it for the company when he kicks off.

"How can you expect your boy to handle money unless you show him an example," asks the Investors Syndicate.

Don't count your money before it's printed, sonny.

The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., in a new booklet, tells you "how a man of 40 can retire in 15 years."

"Go on," says Breadline Benny, "on most jobs you don't have to learn that from a book."

### ON FREEDOM

Says 78-year-old Andrew W. Mellon, greatest Sec. of the Treasury, etc., "I think I have reached the age when I am entitled to be free."

What! Free, white and 78?

Looks like Merchant Fleet Corp. (subsidiary of the U. S. Shipping Board) is going to have to buy back the Leviathan.

It has already taken back the Republic, the America and the George Washington.

Who says Uggie Sam hasn't gone into the transportation business?

And what about the Missouri Pacific R. R., which owes the R. F. C. \$23,000,000?

### IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

Use Oil Lamps In Electric Rate Fight

WARREN, O.—Oil lamps are being used by 184 farmers near Warren as a protest against high electric rates of the Wintham Electric Co. Rural consumers are soaked a \$2 service charge and a base rate of 6 cents a kilowatt hour, while village consumers are only asked a \$1 service charge.

The farmers are demanding a \$1 service charge for all consumers and reduction in current charges.

Correct this sentence: "Her husband is a genius," said the gossip, "and she doesn't have to feed him praise to keep him happy."

The boss of the house is the one who never takes medicine, but de-lights in dosing the others.

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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## DEMOCRACY AND DICTATORSHIP

There is a dangerous tendency here in America to think that the Fascist victory in Germany means not only the doom of democracy but the deserved doom of democracy. It is true enough that the system that seeks to combine a certain mechanical nose-counting democracy in politics with autocracy in economics is doomed. By no means does it follow that Socialism cannot use democracy, or that its temporary failure in Germany was due to its devotion to democracy. A Socialist democracy is not synonymous with constitutionalism and it is consistent with a greater boldness and vigor of action that we social democrats have sometimes displayed.

It will hardly be held that the Nazi triumph over Communism as well as over Socialism was due to the democracy of Communism. Communists also believe in dictatorship. Yet they lost more of their adherents to the Nazis than did the Social Democrats. Moreover, in Russia where the circumstances affecting the issue between democracy and dictatorship are very different than in Germany, Britain or the United States, it would appear that Communist dictatorship has by no means easily conquered all the problems that stand in the way of the achievement of plenty, peace and freedom for the workers.

Those who lightly despair of democracy are despairing of the immediate future of mankind, for the triumph of dictatorship inevitably means the triumph of unreason, of intolerance, and of brute force in the affairs of men. If we must ever come to the time when there is no choice but a working-class dictatorship and a Fascist dictatorship, of course we must take a working-class dictatorship. But that choice will itself have in it elements of tragedy. Certainly if under American conditions the workers cannot awake in time to use democracy more effectively, to simplify its machinery and purify its ideals, it is gravely doubtful that they will wake up in time to avoid a ruthless Fascist dictatorship of one form or another here in this country where with all their mistakes our fathers have handed us a tradition of civil liberty and tolerance worth keeping alive.

## THE BLACK BILL

The passage of the Black 30-hour week bill by the United States Senate is a real step forward in the struggle against unemployment, particularly technological unemployment. A 30-hour bill is a weapon any Socialist or labor government would have to use. It must be pointed out, however, that this bill in no way increases the total amount of work or the total amount of wages. It merely divides them differently. It is, under the present circumstances, a form of enforcement of shared work. Some capitalists favor this legislation because it shifts the cost of unemployment relief from the government to the workers who still have jobs. What has to be done is to increase the spending power of the workers as a whole. Some particular laws even under capitalism might help, but in general to do the job satisfactory will require Socialism. Along with the Black bill the Norris bill for Muscle Shoals which will doubtless be introduced following the President's message is of more significance to labor generally than most of the emergency legislation so far passed. I understand that Senator

Norris has been urged to see to it that his bill will permit either the condemnation of transmission lines or their treatment as public carriers. It will be very expensive for the government to build transmission lines to the great distances necessary for the best use of Muscle Shoals power. On the other hand, if private companies continue the control of transmission lines they may be able to rob government operation of many of its benefits. The truth of the matter is we have to go rapidly beyond public ownership of power at Muscle Shoals to public ownership of the power trust.

## UNITED FRONT

Each day emphasizes the value of a true united front on particular issues where it ought theoretically to be possible. The last way to get a true united front is for individual Socialists on their own hook to rush off to speak in Communist meetings where Socialists are indiscriminately denounced. Ideally the general basis of united front action should be laid by our respective Internationals. In the meantime experiments on the united front for particular objects should be carefully considered by Socialist local and state organizations, and the results of such experiments reported to the Party. I for one favor the immediate creation of a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee to meet a similar committee of the Communists to explore present possibilities of common action. I repeat that the basis of common action is good faith and although our Communist friends have made some improvement in their attitude lately neither the form of their invitation nor their accompanying action give one all the assurance that ought to be desired of a good faith.

Our Communist friends will have to make up their minds whether they are offering us an olive branch or a stiletto. Meanwhile from a purely practical point of view we must not forget that the problems of a united front against Fascism tactically involve at least as much our relations to workers to the right of us as to the Communists to the left of us. The times call for all the wisdom we have. We can afford to overlook much that has happened in the past if we can get assurance of good faith for the future. This good faith, of course, does not require us to agree on all matters of theory and practice. It does require us to work together for a common object on a friendly and democratic basis.

## SCOTTSBORO

Two things alone are enough to invalidate that new crime of race and class injustice in America which the Scottsboro verdict is:

1. In spite of the fine struggle made by the defense counsel, Samuel Leibowitz, Negroes were excluded from the jury panel, not for unfitness but simply because they are Negroes. That this has been the rule in Alabama and other states only makes matters worse.

2. The prosecuting attorney's appeal to local ignorance and passion by his attack on New York friends of the accused and especially upon the Jews of New York is more than worthy of a Hitler. This case involves not the right merely of the defendants but of their whole race and of their brethren among the exploited workers of all races. The fight for justice must go on.

## SOME WEAPONS FOR THE "NEXT WAR"

The American Chemical Society visiting Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, recently got some new light on what may happen in the "next war." They saw the new tools evolved for human destruction, saw an airplane lay down a smokescreen across a wide field in a few seconds behind which troops could move unseen, and visited the laboratories where invisible death is stored.

And almost at the same time, General A. E. Ross, doctor, chemist and soldier of the World War, was telling the Canadian House of Commons what chemical warfare means.

"Three drops will kill," said General Ross, mentioning a new gas, which causes the lungs to fill with water, and rots the walls of the blood vessels. "It is a gas against which our masks would be no protection whatever. One part of this gas in 10,000,000 parts of air will put a man out of action in one minute. It was tried on a herd of goats, and it killed all but four. Two planes could carry enough to destroy the population of London."

He went on, telling of cacodyl isocyanide—a chemist could almost write the formula from the name—one breath of which will kill; of another gas which penetrates the skin without harm and then acts like strychnine, only far worse. He told of thermite, which develops a heat that melts iron like wax.

While such things are in store for the "next war," the rulers of the great nations are doing practically nothing to preserve peace.—Labor.

## "INDUSTRIAL CANNON FODDER"

The publication of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's book, Looking Forward, was announced quickly after the inauguration. This could not have happened without his consent, and it does not look well. A more sensitive person would not have permitted it.

The extracts from the book which are included in the pub-

lisher's announcement, sent to the newspapers of the country, and accurately timed to reach them right after the inauguration, at the moment of greatest advertising value, are well balanced between conservatism and mild progressivism. They go one way and then the other.

However, one of them would compel the president to establish Socialism if he were to carry it out.

The extract in question is as follows, "I believe that the individual should have full liberty of action to make the most of himself; but I do not believe that in the name of the sacred word, individualism, a few powerful interests should be permitted to make industrial cannon fodder of the lives of half the population of the United States."

While we are not mind readers, it is rather clear from the other extracts and from Roosevelt's speeches that he does not know that this statement, if lived up to, would compel him to inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth in the United States. It is rather clear that if he wants to carry it out at all, he wants to perform the impossible feat of maintaining the present system and still causing the privileged few to cease to make industrial cannon fodder of the many.

It is in the nature of the present system that the industrial cannon fodder act should be performed. It is therefore impossible to carry out his sentiment under this system.

In short, he only used pretty words, as Woodrow Wilson did in his book, The New Freedom. Wilson's second administration was the most reactionary administration there has ever been in this country. Talk is cheap. To amount to anything, there has to be basic principle back of it.—Milwaukee Leader.

## SAFETY FOR SAVINGS

Safety for the savings of our people, and especially of the workers, is the paramount question which the collapse of our banking system has brought to the forefront.

Depositors have lost hundreds of millions of dollars by bank failures.

Fear for the safety of their money has led thousands and thousands of people to withdraw their deposits and resulted in the decree issued by President Roosevelt closing all banks for six days.

There is one deposit bank in the United States that is absolutely safe.

That bank is officially called "The United States Postal Savings System." It is owned by the United States government and operated by the post office department, with branch offices in thousands of post offices.

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In the last year citizens desiring absolute safety for their savings swelled the deposits in the postal savings system to nearly \$1,000,000,000.

There are two drawbacks to the system as now administered.

The first drawback is the secrecy which is imposed by the post office department.

Under instructions issued by Walter F. Brown, postmaster general under President Hoover, postmasters were told that information regarding the advantages of the postal savings system should generally be given out only "in response to specific inquiries."

This ban on information should be removed. Postmaster General Farley should instruct postmasters to acquaint all persons in their communities with the advantages and especially with the safety of the postal savings system.

The second drawback is the limit of \$2,500 for each account.

This limit is imposed by statute law enacted by congress at the demand of the bankers who wanted to get hold of depositors' money without the guarantee for its safety which the government gives depositors in the postal savings system.—The Chronicle.

THOMAS DENOUNCES  
SCOTTSBORO VERDICT

NEW YORK.—The conviction of Haywood Patterson, Scottsboro case defendant, is denounced by Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, as a gross miscarriage of justice. He said that higher courts could not, in justice, uphold the decision. Mr. Thomas' statement follows:

"The Scottsboro verdict, following the kind of trial which was given to the Negro victims, is another terrible miscarriage of justice. A country which has rightfully protested the outrageous anti-Semitism now triumphant in Germany is proving once more that it does not come into court with clean hands. We ourselves practice worse discrimination against our own colored fellow citizens than those which now disgrace Germany. Two things are enough to invalidate the Scottsboro verdict:

"1. In spite of the fine struggle made by the defense counsel, Samuel Leibowitz, Negroes were excluded from the jury panel, not for unfitness but simply because they were Negroes. That this has been the rule in Alabama only makes matters worse.

"2. The prosecuting attorney's appeal to local ignorance and passion by his attack upon New York friends of the accused, and especially by his attack upon the Jews of New York, is more than worthy of Hitler himself. In justice it ought to be sufficient to reverse the verdict.

"This is a case that involves not the right merely of the defendants but of their whole race and of their brethren among the exploited workers of all races. The fight for justice must go on."

## Protest Hitler Atrocities

CHICAGO.—Four student organizations at the University of Chicago, meeting in joint protest against the Hitler dictatorship's atrocities upon German Jews and German radicals, pacifists and liberals, unanimously adopted a resolution expressing their indignation. The resolution was ordered sent to the German embassy at Washington, the German consulate in Chicago and the German foreign secretary in Berlin.

Socialist Party  
Directory

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

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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.

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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 Newmansville 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.

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.

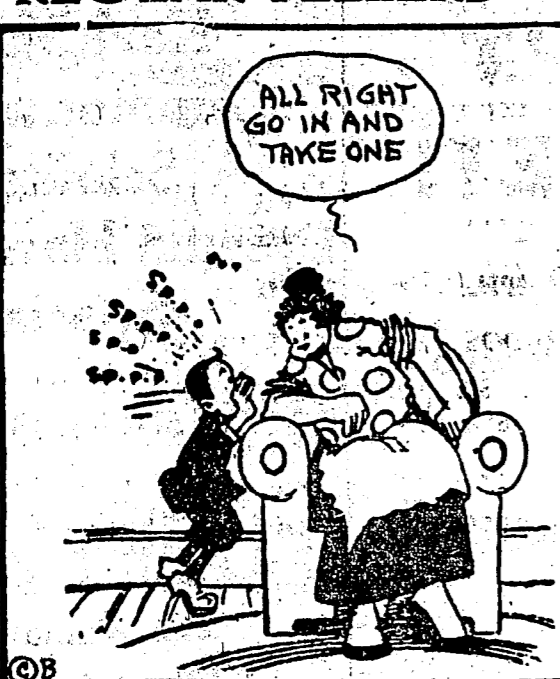
Lansdale, every Thursday at 8 p. m., at Moyer's Studio Music, 110 East Main street.

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.

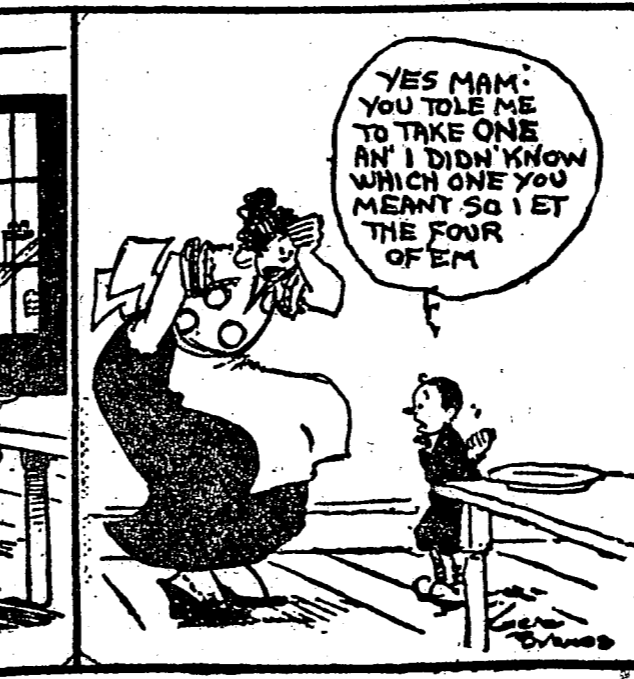
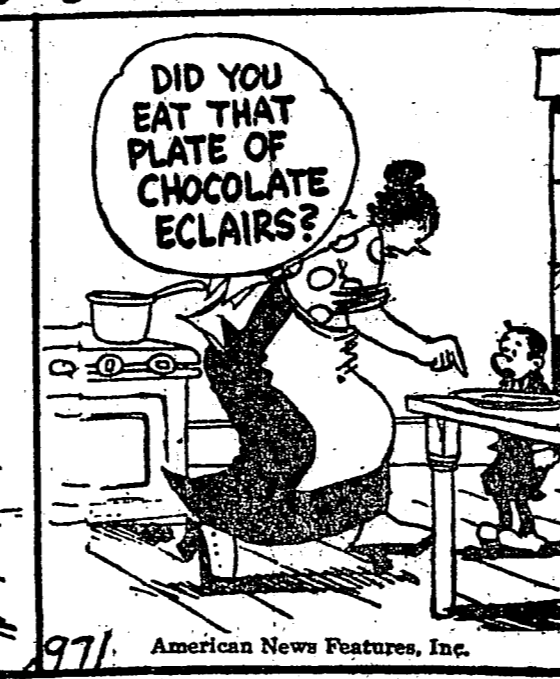
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