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NORTON RUNS FROM VOTE ON PENSION

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

HAYWOOD BROWN'S announcement that he has withdrawn from the Socialist Party made a good column in the newspapers, but it has not created much of a flurry in party circles. What little reaction there is in the party to Brown's declaration of independence appears to be heavily weighted with approval and, somewhat heavily, with relief. Now that the episode is over, I, for one, am convinced that Brown's leaving was more fitting than his joining. I congratulate him upon his ability to make an exit which leaves no more than a faint aftermath of bitterness.

THERE ARE SOME people who are constitutionally unfitted to be members of any serious group or party. Brown is one such. By nature and in his manner of earning a living he is an individualist. He finds it impossible to "go along" for even a little while with what he considers "wrong" or "foolish" or "unsound." He insists upon being right according to his own conception of right, and, I strongly suspect, expedient only when compromises with expediency serve his own personal ends. He is incapable of merging himself with the ignorant and unscientific mass. He may go out upon the picket line and walk with common men, but he can not long continue to think and reason and work with them. For that reason I consider Brown's withdrawal from party affiliation as a most appropriate act.

THERE IS SOMETHING about political parties which calls for mental sacrifice. Being a member of the Socialist Party alters one's status as an individual. If he is lazy-minded, a man may find rest for mind and soul within the party. If he so desires he can cease concerning himself about the problems which confront this complex world and take his answers for the many questions that arise from the proper article and section of the party's declaration of principles. He is thus saved the trouble of thinking and reasoning.

But he is a searcher after truth, he will not be content with all that the party concludes cause to be pronounced and printed. Time and again he will find statements which leave him in doubt and trouble his soul. And then will come the test of a man's greatness—as well as the test of his fitness to work with fellows of his own selection for the achievement of a noble purpose.

BROWN COULD NOT stand the test. He lacks the patience, the sympathy and the "guts" to labor with his less-clear-thinking comrades, to accept their criticism, to go along with them on the wrong path in order that he may lead them to the right road. He becomes annoyed by viewpoints which he considers faulty, by actions which he holds to be wrong, by the absence of action which he believes should be taken.

Mental and temperamental characteristics make Brown unfit for party membership. There are others like him, men and women who call themselves "Socialists" but who can't stand the "gaff" of party discipline and unified action.

BUT THERE IS another item to be taken into account if we are to better understand Brown's inability to fit in with a workingclass party. (Continued on Page Six)

BERKS REPUBLICAN ABSENT WHEN HUMAN WEAL CLASHES WITH PRECEDENT IN SENATE

Norton Runs From Issue After Defying Workers' Demand For Support On Pension Bill—Aged Toilers Must Wait Until 1938 Unless Senate Acts In This Session. Local Man, Himself a Union Official, Calls Building Trades "a Bluff"—Refuses to Discharge Three Men Who Thwart Voters of Entire State

Senator James E. Norton, Berks County's representative in the upper house of the state legislative body, ran away from the issue on Monday night when a vote was taken on a motion by Senator Shapiro, Philadelphia, to discharge the Committee on Gratuities and Pensions from further consideration of the Old Age Pension bill. However, Norton's viewpoint that moss-covered precedent is more important than the welfare of old and wornout workers, was affirmed by a majority of those senators who voted. Shapiro's motion was defeated by a vote of 27 to 20.

On a number of occasions, Norton had voiced his hostility to the statewide movement to wrench the Old Age Pension bill from the hands of Senators Buckman, Fay and Woodward, who, as a sub-committee of the committee on Gratuities and Pensions, are now given the power to permit the bill to die after it has been approved by one session of the Senate and two sessions of the House.

Snubbed Mass Demonstration At a meeting in Labor Lyceum last week the Berks Republican flatly told the Taxpayers' Protective League that he would not help to take the bill from the Senate. Senators constituting the sub-committee, all of whom are known to be hostile to Old Age Pensions. At that time Norton pleaded that precedent was against such a move. This same argument was used by Senator Buckman, wealthy Philadelphia, on the floor of the Senate when the motion to discharge was being debated.

Last Friday afternoon Norton was visited by a delegation of several hundred citizens, mostly members of the Taxpayers' Protective League, acting in co-operation with a committee of the Reading Building Trades Council, who called at Norton's office for the purpose of again urging (Continued on Page Six)

RAILROAD JOBS STILL DROPPING

New Low In Employment As Number of Rail Workers Decreases 35,310 During February

NEW YORK (FP).—Employment figures show a drop of 35,310 in the number of railroad workers in February. The number of workers employed in this industry in December, 1932, totaled 941,514. At the same time freight car loadings—always a good business indicator—have hit a new low in past weeks.

Employment of workers engaged in the manufacture of cars for the electric and steam railways fell to an index of 17.2 in March 1933, as against 22.8 a year ago (1926 equals 100). The payroll index for these workers was down to 9.2 compared with 33.4 for manufacturing industries as a whole in the same period. Employment for workers engaged in manufacturing locomotives was the lowest for any industry reporting, having dropped 50% since March, while payrolls dropped almost two-thirds in the same period, from an index of 18.2 to 6.5 in March, 1933.

Few Equipment Orders The American Railway Assn. reports a further decline in railway equipment orders, with only 476 new freight cars placed in service during the first two months of 1933, as against 870 in the same period last year. No new locomotives were placed in service during January and February of this year while last year there were three. On March 1, (Continued on Page Seven)

SOCIALISTS WAGE STEADY BATTLE IN HARRISBURG

Hoopes Scores Efforts of Old Guard to Foster Sweatshop Conditions in Pennsylvania

NO COMPENSATION CUTS

Bill to Kill Small Parties by Big Filing Fees Defeated by Vote of 35 to 125

"With the General Assembly of Pennsylvania apparently ready to adjourn, the failure of the two houses to do anything of a constructive nature for the advancement of Labor's interests stands out like a sore thumb," is Rep. Darlington Hoopes' description of the state lawmaking bodies.

Hoopes and Lillith Wilson have not let up in their attacks upon the gag rules adopted in the house for the purpose of quelling the ever-increasing Socialist motions to discharge committees which are picking bills which would give some advantage, however slight, to the workers of the state.

Tuesday morning Hoopes offered a special amendment to the rules to fix a special order to consider House Bill No. 237, which is Hoopes' own occupational disease compensation bill. However, the old gang, true to "precedent" and obedient to the commands of political leaders who serve big business interests, defeated the motion by a vote of 53 to 72, with many representatives not voting.

Socialist Fight Back Hoopes and Wilson united to retaliate against the muzzling of discussion on the women's and children's 44-hour week on Wednesday when special motions on the rules were blocked by a motion for the "previous question" by Rep. Hutton, chairman of the rules committee. Hoopes in retaliation, demanded a roll call (Continued on Page Four)

POWER TRUST PLAYS POLITICS

Local Electric Company Workers Ordered to Write Senators to Save Utility Trust From Tax

Whether they like it or not, the employees of the Associated Gas and Electric System (Power Trust) are going to ask their senators and representatives in Washington to refrain from making the company pay the 3 per cent utility tax which is now being passed along to the public.

Instructions have been issued to the employees of the Gas and Electric concern to use the weight of their influence on the System's behalf. Under threat of possible loss of jobs and almost certain reductions in wages, many of the employees will no doubt express sentiments to the nation's lawmakers which, lacking the pressure of their masters, they would not endorse.

Local electric company workers, have received the following letter: "TO EMPLOYEES:

"As you know, the House of Representatives has already acted on a bill to transfer the 3% utility tax that is now being absorbed by the customers to the companies. There is quite a possibility that it will also be passed in the Senate and, if that is done, we can probably be assured that the President will sign it.

"We are enclosing for your information some arguments showing the effect of the passing on of this tax to the companies will have on (Continued on Page Two)

SENIOR SPIKES FALSE REPORT OF STATEMENT CONDEMNING MOONEY

In a statement to the editors of the nation Clarence Senior, national secretary of the Socialist Party, makes absolute denial of reports that he attacked Tom Mooney during a session of the Ohio state party convention. The alleged statement was given publicly in many daily newspapers and prominently featured in the Communist Party press.

"If papers in your locality have carried a statement that I am alleged to have made in Cleveland," Senior writes, "that Mooney was expelled from the Socialist party for using dynamite or that he should be in jail anyway because he is guilty of some crime if not the one with which he is charged, you are authorized to issue an emphatic and categorical denial that I made any such statements."

NO REAL SAFETY FOR PUBLIC IN PRIVATE BANKS

Louis Waldman, New York Attorney, Tells How a Few Big Bankers Dominate the Nation

1% OF BANKS IN CONTROL

Declares Socialization of Finance Must Be First Step In Development of New Economic System

Declaring that there could be no real safety to depositors so long as banking remained in private hands, Louis Waldman, Socialist attorney of New York City, last Sunday night gave as the only remedy for bank failures the socialization of the banking system. Waldman spoke in Odd Fellows Hall to an audience of 500 people and was preceded by James H. Maurer, who discussed local banking problems. The meeting was held under the auspices of the United Workers' Council of this city.

"No labor or Socialist government, wherever and whenever it comes into power can survive unless it makes the socialization of the banks one of the first points of its program," Waldman said.

The speaker traced the growth of investment banking from the time in American industrial history when the first corporation was formed up to the present day, and showed the tremendous power of the banking firm J. P. Morgan and company over the industrial activities of the nation.

"When corporations began to be (Continued on Page Three)

JERSEY WORKERS PROTEST ELECTION RESTRICTIONS

TRENTON, N. J.—Nearly 2,000 workers, representing the Socialist party, the Unemployed Union of New Jersey and various labor organizations met at the Labor Lyceum here Monday and paraded to the state house, demonstrating in favor of unemployment insurance and against the "Altman" bill making it necessary for minor parties to obtain signatures of 15% of the registered voters in order to be on the ballot in this state.

While speakers addressed the parade outside the capital, a committee went in to interview Governor A. H. Moore. Moore declared his opposition to the Altman bill, and advocated unemployment insurance "in principle" although he thought the Socialist bill was too radical.

LOCAL WORKERS SET FOR MEET IN WASHINGTON

More Than a Hundred From City and County Will Participate In Continental Congress at Washington

NATIONAL BROADCAST, SAT.

Unemployed Groups From Many Sections of Nation to Assist In Writing New Declaration

More than a hundred persons, representing various political and economic organizations, will be the quota of Reading and Berks at the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction, which convenes Saturday morning at 9:30 in the Washington Auditorium, 19th and E street, N.W. Some of the local delegates have already left for the Capital, but the majority of the local people will leave early tomorrow morning.

Several hundred of unemployed, trade union and farmer groups arrived in Washington as early as Wednesday as the advance guard of some 5,000 delegates to the Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers for Economic Reconstruction. The congress will meet Saturday and Sunday at the Washington Auditorium to draw up a "new Declaration of Independence," a particularized bill of grievances and a series of demands for labor and farmer legislation.

On National Hook-up Saturday The support of U. S. Senator Lynn Frazier of North Dakota was announced in connection with plans for a national broadcast of one hour of the opening session on Saturday morning. The National Broadcasting Company will broadcast keynote addresses over its "blue network" by Senator Frazier, Emil Rieve, president (Continued on Page Seven)

T.P.L. ORGANIZES FOR YEAR'S WORK

Re-elects Alexander, Names Board—Member Charges Discrimination—Radio and Mass Meeting Today

Organization activities of the Taxpayers' Protective League continued to extend the influence of the unemployed organization this week, when subordinate bodies were formed in Hyde Park and Shoemakersville.

At a meeting on Monday the League prepared for another year of work by re-electing Harry Alexander county organizer and an executive board of the following members: Harry Gross, Harry Kuhl, John Krick, Samuel DeGeorge, Charles Miller, Raymond Grego, Elery Ockersider, George Moore and William Mock.

Charges Discrimination In a statement to the Advocate yesterday, Samuel DeGeorge charged that discrimination is being shown against him by officials of the Reading Trust Company, because, DeGeorge believes, of his activities in the League.

DeGeorge was scheduled by the bank to be evicted from his home, 219 West Olney street, last week, but the eviction was postponed when the League threatened to take action to prevent "a constable's sale. DeGeorge says that in an interview between an official of the bank and a committee headed by DeGeorge the official declared that he did not want a "dictator" living in the bank's properties. DeGeorge admits to "own (Continued on Page Three)

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

RECRUITING SLAVE LABOR

If you are offered "a job" at the local state employment office, don't indulge in dreams of escape from the food voucher class. All the agent may have in mind is a wonderful opportunity to handle a pick and shovel on the city's mountain job for 5 cents per hour—and s-o-u-p at noon.

Whether or not it's strictly according to law for the state to recruit 5-cent workers is a question. But what does the law matter when only workers are concerned?

It is also a question just how long the s-o-u-p will be ladeled out. A newspaper story tells us that the funds for that item are exhausted. The same story declares that many of the 5-cent workers depend upon that hand-out as a combination breakfast and dinner and "their only substantial meal of the day."

Such conditions in a world which offers every opportunity for abundance reveal the terrible price the workers are paying for permitting Capitalism to continue. They also show that the owners are willing to make the workers do any amount of suffering rather than permit industry to be operated for the common good instead of for private profit.

ERMENTROUT'S LITTLE JOKE

"I am more concerned in the proper conduct of municipal affairs than I am in making political appointments."

The above question from a statement by Mayor Ermentrout may be Heber's idea of a good joke. However, those who remember how the Fusion gang fired faithful and efficient city employees by the wholesale, did more cussing than laughing when they read it.

What about Stanley Giles, the mayor's colleague in the loan shark business, who was appointed to office without even the formality of a civil service test? What about John Seasholtz, who was made purchasing agent as a reward for making Fusion possible? What about the host of smaller jobs that were created for political favorites by the simple expedient of firing Socialist appointees?

What is Ermentrout's idea of "the proper conduct of municipal affairs"? By the actions of himself and his associates, one is lead to believe that the "proper" thing is to take care of (Continued on Page Two)

PRETZEL STRIKE SETTLED; OLD WAGE TO BE RESTORED

Settlement of the strike of the Bachman pretzel bakers was effected on Monday night in a conference between Frank Bachman, manager of the plant and a committee composed of strikers and Charles Kutz, representative of the State Department of Labor, and George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council.

The strike was called on April 14 to resist wage cuts. Under the terms of settlement the former wage rate will be restored to the workers on June 1 and the organization of a union by the employees will not be resisted by the Bachman management. All men on strike were accepted as employees and a pledge against future discrimination against strike leaders was given by Bachman. Priority preferences will be given to old workers should trade conditions make future force reductions necessary.

Although involving only about 50 workers, the Bachman strike had already gained statewide prominence. The local concern is a link in the American Cone and Pretzel Company chain of plants and plans were being laid to extend activities to all sections in which the company manufactured or marketed its products.

The strikers regard the settlement of their strike a victory which will deter the firm from further wage cutting activities.

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System would mean. I trust you will digest this information.

"There is no doubt but what additional burdens of this kind which the utilities might be forced to absorb, will decrease the earnings to the extent that it may jeopardize still more jobs. We would hate to think of further decreases in wages or laying off more people, but the industry

must be preserved and, if additional taxes are to be placed upon the properties, it may result in reduction in wages or loss of employment.

"Undoubtedly a great many of our employees might be inclined to write to their Senators in Washington if they understood the hazards the industry is facing, and it is with this in mind that we bring it to your attention.

"You are urged to write your U. S. Senator and the President, advocating the defeat of this bill."

(Signed) C. S. BANGHART.

No doubt the corporation-serving lawmakers in the national capital will flaunt the communications which Associated Gas and Electric employees send in as proof of their claims that they are serving the common man instead of the entrenched interests when they vote to make the public continue paying the 3 per cent utility tax. Few of them will ever give a thought to the Socialist suggestion of taking the power business as a social asset and operating it for use instead of for private profit.

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At the present time no less than 38 state constitutions declare, in some form or other, that it is the right of the people to abolish or alter their government when they deem it necessary.

At one time this number totaled 41 of our 48 states, but lately when new constitutions have been adopted, dominant capitalist interests have seen that these objectionable and revolutionary phrases were omitted.

Not only does the Declaration of Independence of the United States proclaim the people's right to abolish their form of government, but three states specifically declare, "The doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind."

The American revolutionary tradition inherited from the Revolutionary War has penetrated throughout the country, for no state constitution has ever declared that the people may not abolish their government.

It is significant that all 48 states declare government to be instituted for the security and benefit of the people. Today, with over 15,000,000 unemployed, and a third of our population dependent upon charity, our form of government is no longer able to give us this security.

It is time for a new Declaration of Independence, one which will guarantee economic as well as political security to all citizens. Such a Declaration, it is to be hoped, will be one of the many constructive acts of the New Continental Congress in Washington tomorrow and Sunday.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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the fellows who vote right—even if they are city payroll paddlers.

BANK DEPOSITORS ORGANIZE

After waiting more than two months for the directors of Reading's closed banks to accomplish something for them, the depositors have at last organized to demand action.

Just what the results will be is too early to predict. However, it now seems probable that, regardless of anything which the new organization may do, no amount of effort will enable the depositors to gain a 100 per cent cash settlement.

Whatever "security" may be issued instead of cash may or may not prove to be secure. In the long run, the plain people who deposit in banks are almost certain to pay a heavy price for their failure to make the banks social property.

THE HASSEL MONEY

Federal agents who opened the bank deposit boxes of the late Mendel Cassel, alias Max Hassel, the slain beer baron, are reporting that they found nothing. To this many people raise doubtful eyebrows and wonder out loud whether somebody is not getting away with something.

It's strange how people will concern themselves with things that really don't concern them. The dollars that a dead man leaves lying in a safety deposit box are his own affair, or the affair of his heirs. How much better off we all would be if we'd put a stop to the system which enables private individuals to invest dollars for the exploitation and robbery of the public!

ARE TAXES TOO HIGH?

With Andrew J. Fink using his place on the School Board as a rostrum from which to shout pleasing phrases to the harassed taxpayers, the public learns that the cost of running the city is \$15.60 per person.

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After all, is it not true that the trouble today is not that taxes are too high; but that they are higher than the average man cares to pay? And isn't it also true that every citizen could and gladly would pay his share of maintaining a beautiful city and good schools if the Capitalist graft of rent, interest, profits and dividends were eliminated?

THE LATE EDWARD YEAGER

The life of Edward Yeager, former mayor, who died this week might be taken as a basis of a lecture on "Our Changing Times."

Yeager was a poor boy. He became a wage slave at an early age and, by dint of hard work plus an engaging personality, rose to prominence and some honor in his home town. There are many like him, the products of an industrial and social order which is no more.

Today the honest and industrious boy doesn't even have an opportunity to work hard. Millions of boys are roaming the nation as youthful hoboes. Thousands who had better educational advantages than Mr. Yeager, some with college degrees, are crowding the breadlines; and, unless a new economic system soon replaces the present one, will sink below the decency level, mentally as well as economically.

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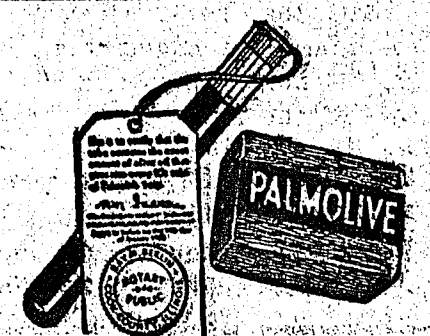
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T. P. L.

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ing three months' rent. However, he states that the bank official showed more interest in having him ejected from his home than in collecting a part of the rent.

Two Events Today
This morning at 10 o'clock Albert Hartman will broadcast an address for the League over Station WEEU. At the regular weekly meeting in the

City Hall auditorium this afternoon at 1 o'clock, Charles Alspach, secretary of the Berks County Welfare Federation, will be the guest speaker.

N. Y. Relief Drops

NEW YORK—Although New York City relief is "on a mere subsistence level," according to Executive Director William Hudson of the Welfare Council Research Bureau, it hit a new record with a total of \$19,779,000 for March.

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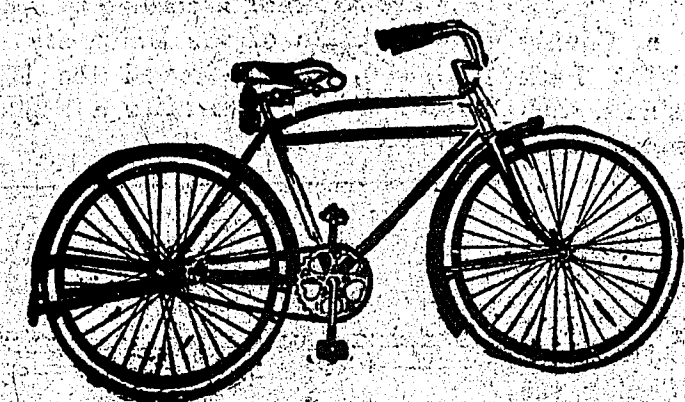


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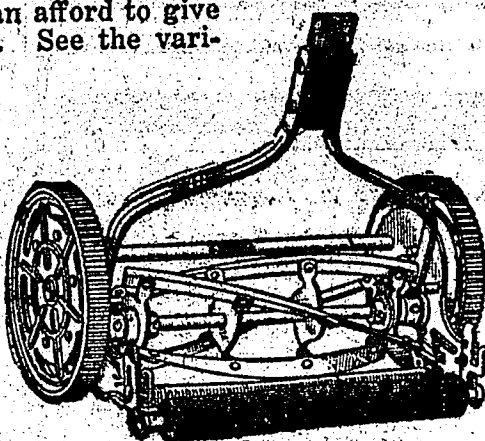
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Chicago Group Planning to Act
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MANY GROUPS AFFILIATED

Common Program of Minimum Demands Will Be Sought, Chairman Karl Borders Announces

CHICAGO—Jobless leagues from the east, south, north, and west are sending delegates to Chicago May 13-15 for the national jobless convention sponsored by the Federation of Unemployed Workers' Leagues of America. The Workers' Committee on Unemployment and the Workers' League, Chicago branches of the Federation, are acting as hosts. They will feed and lodge the delegates. Arrangements for a visit to the World's Fair are being made.

"This National Convention," said Robert E. Asher, secretary of the Temporary Executive Committee, "comes as the unanimous demand of the delegates from the 34 midwestern leagues which met here last November. The initial steps in the formation of the Federation were then taken and a platform of minimum demands adopted."

"Since that time inquiries and affiliations have come into headquarters from every part of the country. The Federation now has branches as far west as California and as far east as New York."

Unemployment Sole Problem
"The May Convention," added Chairman Karl Borders, "will unite the numerous unemployed organizations on a common program of minimum demands, adopt a constitution that will give the work national direction while at the same time preserving local autonomy, and will provide the opportunity for a thorough exchange of ideas, aims and tactics."

"No one has a partisan axe to grind. Unemployment is our sole problem."

The following groups are already affiliated with the Federation:

Chicago Workers' Committee, Workers' League of America (branches in Chicago, Buffalo, and Los Angeles), Racine County Workers' Committee on Unemployment, Downers Grove Unemployed Council, Unemployed Citizens' League of Michigan (branches at Detroit, Lansing, Owosso, Battle Creek, Bay City, Grand Rapids), Unemployed Citizens' League of St. Louis, Arbeiter, Kultur, Sport Verein, Waukegan Cooperative Unemployment League, Dayton Cooperative Production Units, Eastern Ohio Unemployed Leagues (18 branches), Unemployment League of Des Moines County, Houston Unemployed Leagues, Community Cooperative Farms (Visalia, Calif.), Memphis Unemployed City-

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NO REAL SAFETY

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formed their founders needed the security of perpetual franchises. They secured franchises which gave them the right to operate for 999 years and then looked around for some way in which to raise huge sums of money which they knew would be necessary to build railroads and establish other big businesses.

"Out of the need for capital the investment banking business was developed. The investment bankers and their agents gathered the dollars from all parts of the world and placed them at the disposal of the promoters of those early days. For their trouble they took big interests in the businesses they financed."

Few Banks Control Business
Waldman declared that today, as a result of years of profit taking, a few banking houses, with the house of Morgan at the top, control every large business in the nation and dictate to the smaller banks.

Tracing the liquidation of small banks throughout the nation during the present collapse, Waldman quoted figures to show that fewer and fewer people are giving orders to the nation.

"There were 30,000 banks in the United States 12 years ago. From 1921 to 1930 the number of banks

fell to 25,000 as a result of mergers and bankruptcies, but during the same period the amount of bank deposits grew from 49 billion dollars to 72 billion. Since 1930 up to the banking holiday we have lost 7,000 additional banks. When the banking holiday ended one-fifth of the closed banks failed to open and are now in the hands of 'conservators,' which is misleading name for 'receivers.'

"Today of the banks that remain, 250 control one-half of the resources of the entire nation and 25 banks control \$10,000,000,000 of resources. Thus we find that more than 24,750 banks are under the influence of 1 per cent of the banks. The big banks are the investment banks and J. P. Morgan and company is at the top of the list."

Morgan's Mighty Power
The speaker quoted figures showing that J. P. Morgan is on the board of directors of over 400 big corporations, and the Chase National Bank of New York is represented on the directorates of 750 commercial corporations.

"Paralleling the growth of investment banking there came into being a new type of investors—the insurance companies. These big corporations have no investments in equipment and stock. Their business is to gather in the dollars and invest their surpluses. These insurance companies are also dominated by the investment bankers." Waldman showed.

"Think of what has happened and you will understand why it is that the people of the nation have no voice in the conduct of the nation's business. The commercial industries are the makers and issuers of stocks and bonds. The investment bankers control them. The insurance companies are the buyers of stocks and bonds. The investment bankers also control the insurance companies. Controlling as they do the sources of supply and demand, the big bankers can give orders and determine policies all along the line."

Waldman showed how, by the use of their power, the few who control the financial and credit resources of the nation have become the dictators of the nation. They now say when industries shall be operated and when they shall not be operated. They say when schools shall operate; when and where money shall be invested; whose bonds are acceptable and whose are not. In short, the few big bankers are the absolute rulers of all of us."

Private Banking Has Failed
Waldman characterized the closing of the banks as evidence of the failure of the entire private banking system.

"All that the government has been doing has no other purpose than to help a system that has failed. But their help will avail only so long as government funds are used to aid the private bankers. If the government must help the banks in order to keep them in existence, then the time has come when the government should own the banks. There is no other real security for the depositors."

Maurer Scores Bad Management
In discussing the problems of local bank depositors, James H. Maurer declared that the local banks loaned money on investments without proper care and are now unable to liquidate. That, combined with the general collapse of the capitalist system,

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DEPRESSION SUBTRACTS MILLION FROM TOWNS

WASHINGTON (FP)—More than 1,000,000 Americans have been driven from the towns to the land during the past three years, according to the annual farm-population estimate, issued April 20 by the Department of Agriculture. Net farm population has increased 2,073,000.

On January 1, 1930, the total farm population of the United States was 30,169,000; on January 1, 1933, it was 32,242,000. A net gain of 1,001,000 in the farm population was made in the calendar year 1932—the most rapid gain registered during the period since 1920. In 1932, the surplus of births over deaths, on farms, was 468,000. In that year 1,011,000 persons left farms for towns and cities, while 1,544,000 persons went from towns and cities to farms. During the 10-year period 1920-1929, the cityward movement averaged 1,944,000 persons per year.

has placed the depositors' interests in danger.

Maurer urged the depositors to unite with a committee which is now being organized and fight for a showdown.

"If you won't fight for yourselves don't expect anybody else to do it for you," Maurer said.

The speakers were introduced by Jacob Hiestand, delegate to the United Workers' Council from the local rail shompen's union.

At the close of the meeting a number of questions from the floor were answered by Waldman.

City Wage Cuts Opposed By Denver Unionists

DENVER—Opposition to the proposed repeal of the city minimum wage law swept Denver as organized labor entered the campaign to preserve the \$5 pay scale on city work. Denver civic organizations which had not protested when repeal advocates used their names suddenly denied they were backing the repeal movement when labor joined the fray.

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1311 N. 9th Street: Under the
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LUNCH AND DINNER

The Southern branch will serve
lunch and dinner at their head-
quarters Saturday, from 11 to 2 p.
m., and from 5 to 8 p. m. The menu
consists of roast beef, roast pork and
clam chowder. Depression prices
prevail. Everybody welcome.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The organization committee will
meet Thursday, May 11, at 8 p. m.,
at Labor Lyceum, all members are
requested to attend.

BASE BALL AT SOCIALIST PARK IN SINKING SPRING

The Socialist Base Ball Team an-
nounces the following games over the
week end at Socialist Park:

Saturday—Against Southwest.

Sunday—Against Whippets.

Both games start at 2:30 p. m.
All readers of the Advocate are in-
vited to attend these games and help
by boosting the party's team.

SETTLE FOR CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS

All comrades who have not yet
made settlement for tickets for the
Brookwood chautauqua plays are
asked to do so without further delay.
Don't neglect this. Settlement can be
made at the office of the Advocate.

YIPSEL NOTES

Austin (Tiny) Adams was elected
Educational Director of YPSL at
their regular monthly general meet-
ing on Sunday, April 30. As soon
as possible he will lead a series of
study classes on "class conscious-
ness." The Seniors and Juniors will
have separate classes under his
leadership.

Due to the Continental Congress
the meeting of the G. E. C. will be
postponed from Sunday morning,
their regular meeting date, to Tues-
day at 7:30 p. m.

Members of the Young People's
Socialist League who will leave for
the Washington Congress, on Friday
night, are: Franz Oemer, Paul Jones,
Mildred Seidel, Mark Brown, Ruth
Glass, Robert Seiders, Austin Adams,
Herman Beiler, Donald Cowdrick,
Jeanette Pike, Verona Yoder and
others. Most of them will leave from
the Lyceum at 8:00 o'clock on Friday
evening.

The League will hold a County
Conference in the Socialist Park
May 28th. Important business, such
as the formation of a constitution,
will be discussed.

All those interested in dramatic
work should give the Workers' The-
atre their support. They are now
working on a minstrel and a class-
conscious play called "Fooling the
Reds." Attend their meeting in the
Lyceum on Tuesday at 8 o'clock.

The YPSL schedule for the week is
as follows: Monday, Circle 3, dis-
cussion on the Communist Manifesto;
Wednesday, Circles 6 and 7, book re-

view to be given by Bill Herzog;
Thursday, Circle 4, not announced;
Thursday, Circles 1 and 9, book re-
view by Helen Hogan.

Ruth Glass, manager of the girls'
baseball team, announces that due to
the Continental Congress there will
be no practice this week.

JOHN C. JOST

The membership of Local Berks
was shocked and saddened this week
by the death, last Tuesday, of John
C. Jost, one of the most loyal com-
rades of Hyde Park Branch. Com-
rade Jost was possessed of the qual-
ities which enabled him to do the
little jobs and do them well and with-
out complaint.

Burial will take place at Laurel-
dale cemetery this afternoon at 2
o'clock. To his family and friends
and to the branch which he helped to
make effective the Advocate extends
the sympathy of the Socialist move-
ment.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BRANCHES UNITE IN WOMELSDORF

Future party activities in Womel-
sdorf will be conducted under the
auspices of a united organization. The
women's group has been merged with
the regular branch and women mem-
bers will attend the regular meetings
at 118 Franklin street on the first
and third Tuesdays of each month.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8

Tonight—
Northwest: John Reifshnyder.
West Lawn: Stewart Tomlinson.
Berkshire Heights: Wm. C. Hov-
erter.

Exeter: Current events.
Shillington at Borough Hall: Wil-
liam Schwefel.

Monday, May 8—
Northeast: George W. Snyder.
Central: Discussion.

Tuesday, May 9—
Lebanon: Reports.
Womelsdorf: Current events.
Laureldale: Clyde Kiebach.

Muhlenberg: Wm. C. Hoveter.
Jacksonwald: Organization.

18th Ward: Lincoln Steigerwalt.
Southern: Walter Hollinger.
Kenhorst: Discussion.

West Reading: Mark Seltzer.
Friday, May 12—
Northwest: Luther Adams.

West Lawn: Lincoln Steigerwalt.
Berkshire Heights: James Roslin.
Gibraltar: Wm. Hoveter.

Education Gains Under Soviets

MILWAUKEE—Five years ago
only 15% of Russia's population
could read and write. Today only
16% are illiterate, according to Prof.
John F. Gillin of the University of
Wisconsin, who addressed the Mil-
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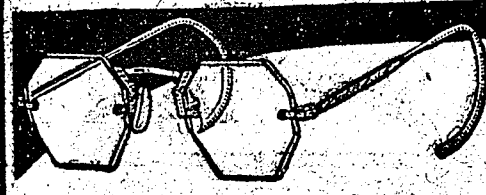
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the pension bill, Hoopes objected to such a motion. He told the House that such tactics would assure an unfavorable Old Age Pensions and reviewed the studies which had been made by a commission under the chairmanship of James H. Maurer, who had been appointed to that position three times by three different governors.

As a result of Hoopes' expose of Turner's motives, several other representatives questioned him until he refused to answer further interrogations, and the motion was voted down on a viva voce vote.

Nomination Fee Bill Beaten
In Monday's session Hoopes spoke against the infamous bill which would have exacted fees for the filing of nomination petitions. The bill was described in last week's issue of the Advocate and would have resulted in a cost of \$12,000 for the filing of a statewide party ticket. When the vote was taken it was defeated, 35 to 125.

Hoopes also opposed a bill to reduce compensation to part time workers, and the bill was put on the "postponed calendar." Inside of an hour the same bill was called up by another member, a tactic for which the Socialists were watching. Hoopes immediately took the floor again and reminded the House that it was the same measure against which he had spoken. It was then defeated by 56 to 67 with many of the old guard absent.

Hoopes Angers Old Guard
Rumors in the House at this time are that a special effort will be made by the Old Guard Republicans to defeat Hoopes for re-election. The Reading Socialists have become thorns in the sides of the corporation-serving politicians and it is likely that a special election fund will be planted in Reading next year to keep Socialist representatives out of office.

Hoopes' comment upon this rumor was: "Who blames them; we have blocked plenty of their pet measures in our fight for the workers of the state."

**WILSON WILL ADDRESS
LIBERTY POST TUESDAY**

"The Soldier's Place in Modern Society," will be the subject of an address by Birch Wilson, former City Purchasing Agent, at the regular monthly meeting of Liberty Post, Rank and File Veterans' Association, in Labor Lyceum next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

The meeting will be open to the public and all veterans, and their friends are especially invited to attend.

else would get such concert for the rest of this session," Hoopes significantly remarked in relating the procedure.

Hoopes then informed the House of the bill and pointed out that the House last week unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the principle of the 44-hour week for women and minors and that the Committee on Public Health and Sanitation had then indefinitely postponed the bill. Hoopes told the House that representatives that Pennsylvania was fast becoming the last refuge of the sweatshop labor manufacturers, some of whom are paying wages as low as 35 cents per week.

Fights Attack on Pensions
A few minutes later Hoopes again took the floor when Rep. Turner called up his resolution which provided for a commission to study Old Age Pensions.

As Turner would logically be made chairman of such a commission, and as he had shown his animosity to pensions by voting against the discharge of the committee considering

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seconded by Wilson and a verification of the "previous question" and the main question.

After the overwhelming victory of the old party gangsters, Hoopes rose to the floor and asked unanimous consent to make a statement.

"They granted my request because they knew that if they didn't nobody

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**CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
ACT ON MOONEY, BILLINGS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The organizing committee of the "Continental Congress of Economic Reconstruction," which will meet here May 6-7 on call signed by representatives of over 200 organizations of farmers, workers and the unemployed, will ask President Roosevelt to intercede with Governor Rolph of California on behalf of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, according to an announcement made today.

The resolution to be presented for adoption by the Continental Congress follows: "WHEREAS, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, leaders of labor, seventeen years ago were condemned by the State of California to life imprisonment, guilty only of attempting to organize the workers of California;

WHEREAS, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings brought to trial were found guilty on the basis of evidence trumped up by the District Attorney of San Francisco at the behest of capitalist interests, deliberately hiring perjurers whose testimony succeeded in swaying even an honest judge and jury at that time; WHEREAS, both the judge and the jurors still living declare that Mooney and Billings would not have been sent to jail except for the perjured evidence;

WHEREAS, two presidential commissions, one headed by Felix Frankfurter under President Wilson and the other a sub-committee of the Wickersham Commission under President Hoover, had to conclude that Mooney and Billings were railroaded to jail; and Tom Mooney, after many years of weary waiting, fighting from behind prison bars, has won the right to another trial on April 26 in connection with the old

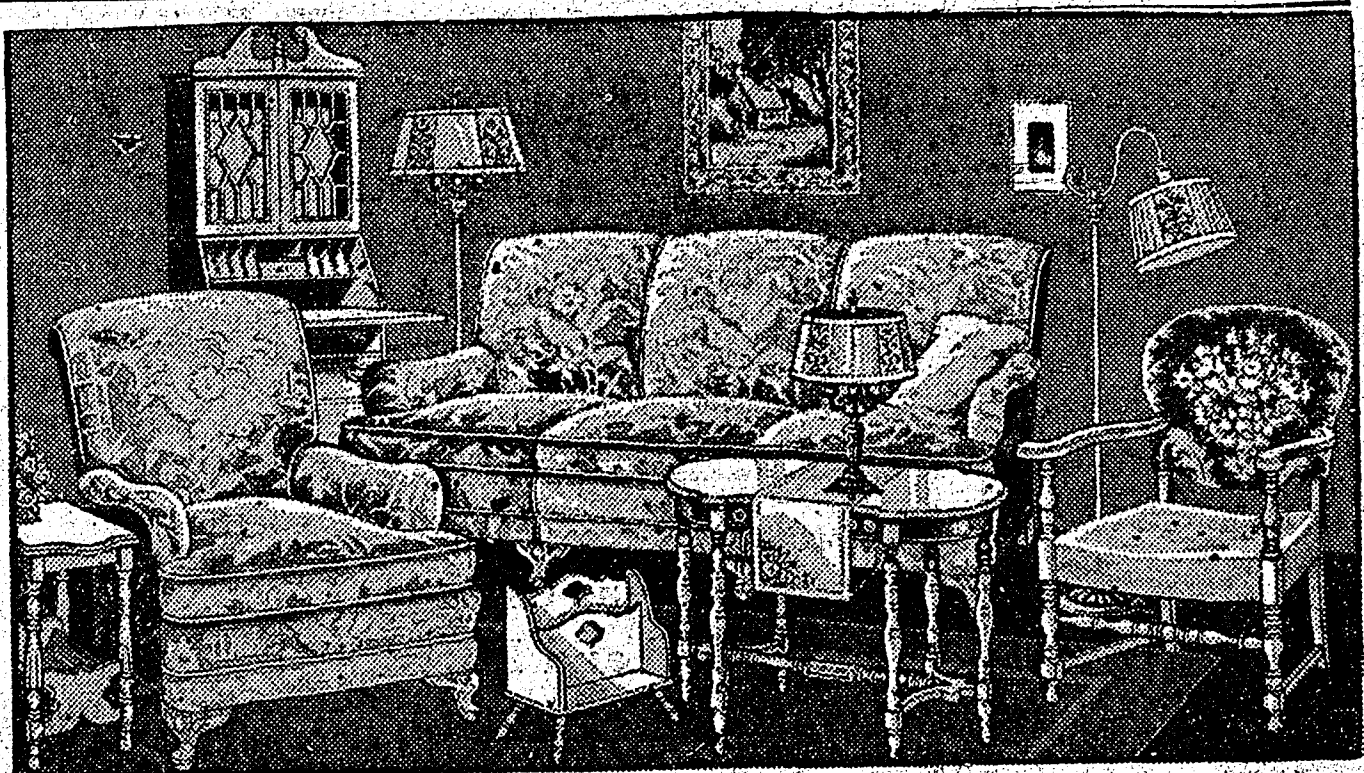
charges brought against him in 1916; In Prison For Class Struggles; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Organizing Committee of the Continental Congress to meet in Washington May 6 and 7, keenly aware that Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings are confined today in the prisons of California because they were advocates fighting for the working class in its struggle against the capitalist class, urge that Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States (knowing as he must by this time of the innocence of Mooney and Billings) demand of Governor Rolph and the State of California that they at once free Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings and restore them to life in the community; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the various organizations represented at the Continental Congress at once send telegrams and letters urging such action on the part of the President of the United States and the forces of government in California;

That a copy of this resolution be dispatched at once to Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, expressing to them our warmest fraternal greetings and confidence that, with a united militant conscious working class behind them, they will be taken from their prison cells and given back to the American working-class movement.

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RIGHT-TO-LIVE AMENDMENT IS NEEDED IN U. S.

Labor and Non-Partisan Representatives Discuss Constitutional Guarantees of Security to Workers

WILL CONTROL COMMERCE

Farmer-Labor Representative's Proposal Would Give Federal Government Authority Over Wages, Hours, Trade

WASHINGTON (FP). —

Farmer-Labor Party and Non-Partisan League members of the House are discussing the necessity for placing before the voters of the country a proposed constitutional amendment which would empower Congress to guarantee the right of the people to live.

Such an amendment would authorize Congress to enact laws for maintaining a living wage, humane standards of working hours, and such regulation and control of production of commodities, both on the farm and in factories and mines, as would prevent glutting of the market and would assure to producers a decent livelihood. It would also authorize the enactment of a uniform federal system of old age pensions, unemployment insurance and sickness insurance.

Need for such a broadening of the powers of Congress is seen in the Administration's declarations that there exists no constitutional basis for federal control of commodity production at this time. Secretary of Labor Perkins told the press April 18 that the story sent out from the capital the previous day, to the effect that she had urged the House Committee on Labor to write a production-control section into the Black 30-hour bill, was wrong. At the same time she pointed out that the sweatshop plague is rapidly spreading.

More Power to Congress. The nearest approach to a right-to-live amendment thus far offered in Congress is that sponsored by Kvale, Farmer-Labor, of Minnesota. It reads: "Congress shall have power, during the existence of an emergency, to regulate the production and marketing of any and all commodities, to prescribe minimum wages for labor, and to prescribe maximum hours of labor. The power of the several States is unimpaired by this article except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress." The resolution proposes that ratification be "by the legislatures of the several States as provided in the Constitution."

This resolution is likely to be changed, when the progressive group seriously takes up the task of making the Constitution safe for working people. In the first place, it will be made subject to ratification by conventions of delegates elected directly by the people on this particular issue—as was done in ratification of the prohibition-repeal amendment. The Michigan convention, for example, was quickly elected by the voters, assembled, ratified the amendment in a few minutes, and went home; it merely registered the will of a majority of the voters that this change be made in the basic federal law. Any amendment stabilizing the economic security of the farmers and wage-earners, to the extent that lawmaking under a system of private ownership can achieve that end, would fare better with the voters than with the devious politics of State legislatures.

Again, the emergency clause will probably be omitted. Economic distress is a continuous emergency in the United States, and the right of Congress to guarantee a living wage, reasonable work hours, and old age security, is likely to be recognized as fundamental at all times.

Social Insurance Needed. Finally, the scope of the federal control of commodity production which modern changes make desirable must be broadened or at least made clear, so that no industries can be exempted and so that social insurance can be used to relieve industry of the burden of aged workers and workers who are ill. It would be broad enough to cover the prohibition of child labor in industry, thereby hastening the ratification of that measure.

The Roosevelt attitude toward the Black 30-hour bill is that it should be revised so as to include a flexibility-of-application clause, and so as to

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It is the fact that he does not personally feel the sting of Capitalism as most workers do.

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I call attention to his lack of sad experience with the real Capitalist world, not to condemn. Heaven knows there are few Socialists who would not gladly change places with Broun. But we must bear in mind what Broun is and how Broun lives in order to better understand what Broun does and why he does it.

BROUN IS TOO big—and too comfortable—to be a follower, and too small and impatient to be a leader. He, therefore, did the right thing, instinctively, perhaps, when he left the party. He should not have joined in the first place.

Standing alone Broun may now talk and write as suits his own sense and fancy. But the salvation of the world from the evils at which he will no doubt cast barbed words will not be wrought by him and his kind. If the new social order for which Socialists strive is to be gained at all, it will be gained as the result of the organized action of many men and women who merge themselves together in a common cause—and stick.

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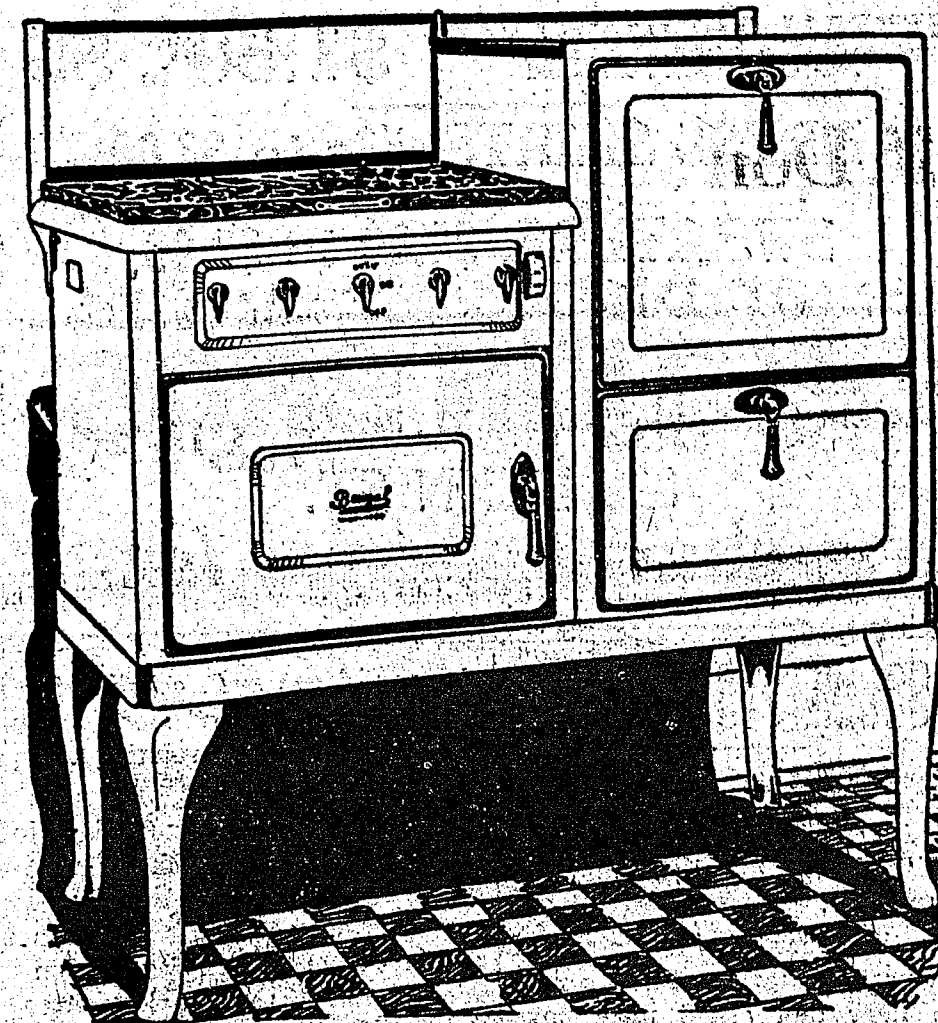
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the latter to support with his vote a motion to discharge the committee.

While hundreds of persons crowded the street in front of Norton's office, the committee composed of Harold Seibert, Francis Klemmer, Chas. Haederle, Stewart Tomlinson and Jack Schaeffer, conferred with Norton.

At this meeting the Senator grew defiant, according to Seibert, and declared that he was "not afraid of any man and not afraid of the crowd of demonstrators" who had come to impress the Senator with the importance of the measure they were backing.

Called Building Trades "Bluff" When told that not only the unem-

ployed, but the Building Trades Unions as well, were urging that the Old Age Pensions bill be taken from three Senators and submitted to the votes of the people, Norton told the committee that "this building trades business is only a bluff."

Prior to Friday's interview a committee representing the United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania, consisting of James H. Maurer, Earl White and Charles F. Sands, went to Harrisburg and secured the assurance of several members of the Senate that a motion for the discharge of the committee would be made. However, even the knowledge that such a motion would come before the upper house did not shake Norton's determination to favor precedent and slight the working class.

Norton Is Union Official. The stubborn attitude of Norton, which places him squarely on the side of the ruthless Manufacturers' Association, headed by former Senator Joe Grundy, is all the more surprising because Norton is now, and has been for many years, the secretary-treasurer of the local Typographical Union. The Old Age Pensions bill was on the legislative program of the State Federation of Labor and that body was favoring action to discharge the committee.

Killed For Five Years. Unless the present session takes action on the bill, which now seems most unlikely, all hopes for old age pensions in Pennsylvania are dead

until 1938, as the action requires a constitutional change and a delay of five years.

The arrogance of the three Senators who are "pickling" the measure can be better understood when it is remembered that even the passage of the measure by the Senate would not make the bill a law. It would still require the votes of the people to make Old Age Pensions operative. It will thus be seen that the issue which Norton opposed and finally ran away from was whether the people of Pennsylvania should have an opportunity to voice their sentiments on a measure vitally affecting their welfare.

Losses Face With Unions. Norton's action has caused him to lose standing with his brother unionists. In a statement issued to the press, John A. Phillips, president of the State Federation of Labor, declared that "Organized Labor is more than disappointed; it is angered."

There is little doubt that Phillips' statement expresses the sentiments of the workers of Norton's own union. Just how strongly the local union printers feel on the matter will be demonstrated this month when Norton's term as an official of his union expires. It is probable, however, that the Berks Senator will sense the feeling of his fellows and repeat his "run-away" act by refusing to become a candidate for reelection to the office of secretary-treasurer of his union.

By his action in slighting the wishes of his constituents, Norton has earned the gratitude of the vested interests of this corporation-ridden state. Whether they will compensate him for his lost standing in the community only the future will disclose.

Fight To Save Texas Schools

AUSTIN, Tex.—A special session of the Texas legislature will not be called unless insurrection or rioting occurs, according to Jim Ferguson, husband of Gov. "Ma" Ferguson. Meanwhile the school system remains crippled by the slashing of \$9 from the previous appropriation of \$17.50 a year for each pupil. Widespread protest is being made against the cut.

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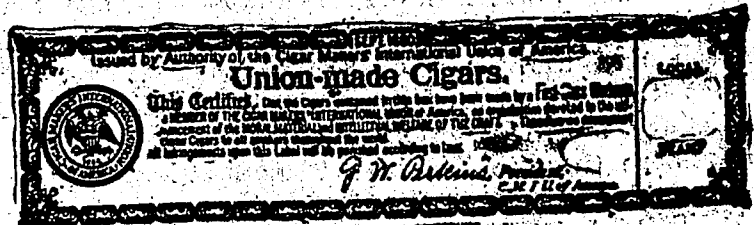
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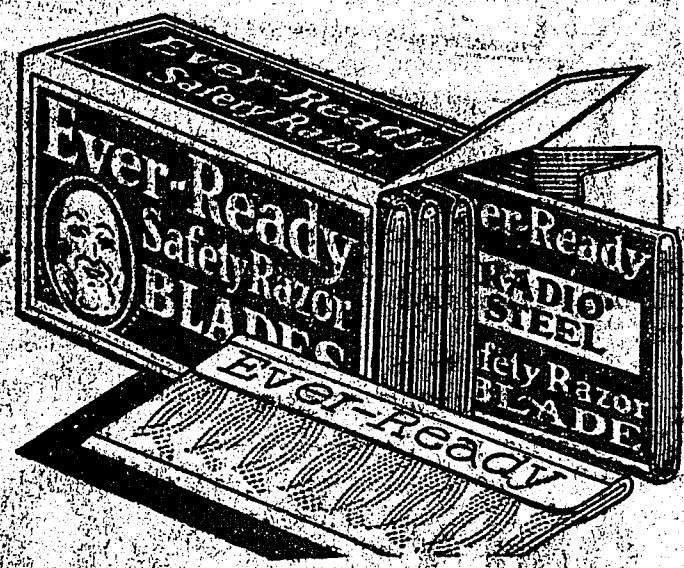
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RAILROAD JOBS

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new locomotives on order, including equipment to be made in railroad shops, numbered only three as against 36 a year ago.

That employment in railroad equipment industries will continue at the present low level is revealed in the plan of F. H. Pineda for the creation of a nation-corporation to pool all such equipment and lease it to the various roads. Savings to the roads from such an arrangement would run into many millions, reports The Wall Street Journal. Under this plan, cars would be shunted around to meet traffic requirements in the various parts of the country, relieving the roads of a considerable portion of debts and overhead now tied up in their individual equipment reserves.

Train Schedules Cut

Meanwhile, the New York Central Railroad, "in the interests of economy," has eliminated 1,000,000 train miles during the past year. Through rearrangement of trains, another 200,000 miles was cut when daylight saving time went into effect. Similar adjustments by the Pennsylvania Railroad are expected to cut 1,160,

000 train miles on that road. Workers on the roads will be the losers.

But while carrying out these "economy" measures, the New York Central continues its anti-labor policy. This road has just dismissed from its service William McDaniels, Negro worker, who for 15 years was employed in the road's dining car service. McDaniels was fired as a result of attempts to organize workers in his department against wage cuts and for better working conditions.

Concern over dividends has resulted in the revelation of more high salaries of railroad officials on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Arthur Barnes, stockholder and editor of the Bristol, Conn. Press, together with two cronies, called for a 30 to 50% reduction in the salaries of that road's executives. The road's president, J. J. Pelley, draws \$98,000 a year. "I am opposed to paying for ability that does not exist and for salaries that are unearned," said Barnes. He was reassured, however, by Edward Buckland, road chairman, who told of the \$3,000,000 in "economies" that were planned.

Pelley, the \$93,000-a-year president, was absent because he had to take Mrs. Pelley south for her health, it was explained. Workers on this road report that the highly paid officials make them put on special staterooms for the 2-hour run between New Haven and New York because the smoke in the extra-fare Pullman club car annoys them! While all supervisory forces have been given a 2-day vacation each month without pay, a wage cut is rumored as in the wind for non-salaried workers.

No wonder Mr. Roosevelt gets a good "press." The doorman announces newshawks to him as "gentlemen."

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press

Japan is doing "some special police work" in China, according to Yosuke Matsukata.

Supt. of Schools Bogan of Chicago blamed the student strikes on: (1) Spring; (2) Communism.

"The 1933 production of the Cadillac V-16 is limited to 400 cars, custom built on order," says the swank Cadillac ad.

"Early reservations are sincerely advised," says the postscript, tucked away in one corner.

And any order would be sincerely appreciated, we'll bet.

It's the same old story.

Sam Insull is reported trying to get capital to buy a lignite (brown coal) mine in Macedonia.

You can't keep a good man down; or a bad one, for that matter, it seems.

POOR FISH

Colorado legislators bought a \$175,000 fish farm, then slashed \$200,000 from the state payroll.

They were too busy to pass a resolution urging state employees to become residents of the farm.

If you're a Jew in Berlin, the only qualifications you need to be able to practice law are a pre-war record in the profession, an honorable discharge from the army and a few relatives who died in the War.

Could there be any relation, we wonder, between the increase in the price of steel scrap and the shipping of tons of it to Japan.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1931—Check books of a certain New York bank containing 297 blanks.

1933—Check books of the same bank containing 96 blanks.

1934—No checks?

1935—No banks?

Downs, Ill., is voting to abolish itself to save taxes.

Among the listed bankruptcies in the New York Law Journal for April 18 was BUY AMERICAN ASSN., Inc.

Company officers, executives, superintendents and their personal assistants are free to work as long as they choose, under terms of the Black 30-hour bill.

Means a lot of workers will become "personal assistants," probably.

The German government has forbidden performances by dancing bears at fairs because "the tortures to which these animals are subjected offend German susceptibilities."

"Oh, to be a dancing bear," was heard from one old Jewish patriarch.

We think it's rank discrimination.

Think of the po-o-o-o-r insurance companies, which have but a half-holiday (having still to pay death and disability benefits, etc., and forgetting loans and cash surrenders) when the banks did nothing in their full holiday.

The only business in the south is conducted by collectors, lawyers, sheriffs,"—Ralph W. Page, North Carolina banker.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

URGES SPENDING

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velop or not, it is already perfectly clear that the Roosevelt program is bringing about higher prices. Wheat has increased more than 50% in value in a few weeks; cotton is up nearly 50%; raw sugar, 100%. Food and clothing and other things which the workers must buy are increasing in cost. Before the Roose-

velt inflation bill had been passed, the price increases were announced and business was preparing the machinery to take care of rapidly changing price levels. The rayon industry, for example, had announced that it would adjust prices monthly instead of seasonally as before—and its first adjustment was a substantial increase in late April.

Unless the workers prepare for this, it is going to have a disastrous effect upon them, but there are certain things that they can do to meet the crisis:

1—Organize: The organization of workers into trade unions is of great value in normal times, of course, but there is no comparison to the value of a union during inflation. The salvation of the German workers was that they had unions which met with the employers constantly, enforced wage changes, even finally on a daily basis, to keep up with the skyrocketing prices in the retail stores. Unorganized middle-class Germans were crushed by inflation because there was no possible way in which they could adjust their income to so rapidly changing a price level. So it may be here with unorganized workers.

Use Your Credit

2—Go in debt: All our lives we have been taught that it was best to buy only what we could afford, to pay for what we bought promptly, and to owe no man anything. Inflation reverses that. The shirt, the sugar, the bag of flour that you are going to need next week are going to cost more than they cost now, if Roosevelt succeeds, and the thing to do is to go buy them now. Borrow money to pay for them, buy them on credit, do anything that may be necessary to turn money into goods. Any debt payment now postponed will be perhaps twice as easy to pay later.

3—Delay wage negotiations: The pay parleys in the anthracite industry were delayed a month at the request of Secretary of Labor Perkins. That may prove a boon for the miners because in a month the plea for a 35% wage decrease may be much more ridiculous even than it is now. Every union with a contract expiring should postpone consideration as long as possible, drag out negotiations, and then either sign a short-time agreement or put in a clause—and this may be of the utmost importance within a year—that the wage standards shall be subject to revision in line with the cost of living standards.

Trade Cash For Goods
4—Spend your savings: If you have a little money in the bank against a rainy day, it is obdubing up and the rain is ready to come. Draw it out and spend it for goods—food, clothes, almost any physical thing that is of value to you. If you have a bond, a note, a mortgage, get rid of it. The federal government apparently is determined to cut its value at least half. On the other hand, if you are about to lose your home through foreclosure, hold on to it. It may be that in a year that mortgage will look very small.

In short, inflation is going to be disastrous to the workers; worse, possibly, than deflation has been, and the only way to survive is going to be to organize to meet it, and then to spend whatever you have as quickly as you get it. At least, these are the opinions of economists who look at things from the workers' standpoint.

LOCAL WORKERS

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ident of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, and John Simpson, president of the Farmers' Union, from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. on Saturday morning. Station WMAL will be the outlet in the capitol district, and WJZ in New York.

Unemployed Represented

The largest block of delegates will come from unemployed organizations, including representatives of the National Federation of Unemployed Workers Leagues and its affiliates in 26 states. The trade union delegation will be of almost equal size. The conference has the support of officials of several international unions and state federations of labor. A third large group of delegates will come from labor political and educational groups, including the Socialist party, the Farmer-Labor party and the League for Independent Political Action. Under the rules each local group is entitled to two delegates.

The original call for the congress had the signatures of 536 officials of unemployed, farmer, trade union, labor political, labor fraternal, cooperative and progressive youth groups. The congress call proposed the drawing up of "a program to right the grievous wrongs we have suffered" and the setting up of "a national council of the people to ensure its realization."

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

ON MAY DAY

May Day, 1933, gives to Socialists less cause for elation or even satisfaction than any May Day since the Great War. The Nazis have proclaimed that in Germany the old Red International May Day must give way to a Green Nationalist May Day. In America we have added a Scottsboro case to a Mooney and Billings case and all the rest of our long line of oppressions. Despite the feverish activity at Washington, some part of which, and only some part of which, Socialists can honestly applaud, the one thing that now seems most likely and most significant to the workers is that a campaign of inflation will be begun at the precise moment when wages have been reduced to new sweatshop levels. There are more probable causes of war in the world than seemed to exist on May Day, 1914.

Yet never was it more certain than that the hope of the world against catastrophe or new dark ages is Socialism. We are not in retreat but reforming our ranks. Out of our own mistakes no less than out of the mistakes of our enemies shall we learn the way to victory.

FOR FREEDOM FOR MOONEY AND BILLINGS

The failure of all negotiations in Chicago to assure genuine control of the Mooney conference by a committed honestly representing all groups concerned has compelled our National Executive Committee to rule against Socialist cooperation there. The ruling ought, of course, to apply to all states and locals.

It is the more necessary, therefore, in May Day meetings, and at other times, to emphasize our demand for the release of Mooney and Billings. We must also emphasize our demand for justice to prevail over racial bigotry in the Scottsboro case. It would also be highly appropriate in the realm of international relations to reiterate our demands for the recognition of Soviet Russia, a general embargo on coining money out of blood by the sale of arms to belligerent nations, and an end of American imperialism. We should not forget to endorse the stand of young men, in and out of colleges, who are now pledging themselves not to be pawns for the stupidity and greed of rulers who would hurl them into war. In this stand by youth lies a great hope of peace.

Finally every May Day meeting should boom the Continental Congress at Washington, May 6 and 7!

THE ROOSEVELT PLAN

Concerning the President's plan two general comments are in order:

1. On principle it is a dangerous precedent to give the President blanket power to inflate by almost any method and at will. It is a bad situation when Senators disagree whether six or twenty billion dollars of additional currency can be had under the proposed measure. The President should have recommended specific measures of inflation which should have been acted upon by Congress. To give one man such power and subject him to the enormous forces which will struggle for its use is not the way of safety or of wisdom.

2. While the President emphasizes controlled inflation there are no evidences of adequate control, except his own good judgment, written into the bill. If inflation is not to become

the final disaster to wage and salary workers and the holders of savings bank accounts and insurance policies it must be clearly stated at the beginning that it will be stopped when the commodity price level rises above the level of, let us say, 1926-27. That is when inflation ceases to be inflation. Moreover, inflation should be not only controlled in amount but directed in distribution.

Not silver mine owners or security holders but the unemployed should be its principal beneficiaries. The best outlet for additional currency or spending power is through the hands of unemployed workers, first by means of a maintenance allowance, and then by a program of public works. The Administration's program both of relief and of public works is wholly inadequate.

Finally it must be emphasized that to resort to inflation after wages have been pushed down to sweatshop levels may well be the final goad to make workers revolt. President Green of the A. F. of L. is right. No policy, even of controlled and directed inflation, will be tolerable to the workers without an immense campaign for raising wages. Inflation will double the need for a steadily rising minimum wage. Legislation may help, but there will be no guarantee of effective legislation or its enforcement without organization of the workers, both politically and industrially.

The real moral of the whole story is that what we need more than more money is proper distribution of wealth. That will require not regulation of banks and industries, but social ownership and planned production for use and not profit.

STATE CAPITALISM

Is the old creed of individualism which Hoover chanted so often dead in the United States? Many powerful capitalists and bankers think so. Some hope that the Roosevelt program, which moves in the direction of state capitalism, will be halted by an upward trend of employment and a business revival. Still others are gloomy and hope for a Caesar to police their rotting structure.

At any rate, individualism for the present is as dead as an Egyptian mummy. State capitalism is rising in this country. Even Hoover's spraying of great capitalist enterprises with Federal funds was a shocking violation of his own creed. He did not do this willingly. Changed conditions compelled him to act.

President Roosevelt has expanded what Hoover began. What is this Tennessee Valley program which he has linked with Muscle Shoals but a drift into state capitalism? And what of the proposed 30-hour week in industry? Is it not the most extensive interference with the "rights" of the capitalist class in our history? These two measures alone have brought weeping and knocking of teeth in the haunts of the American barons. Some of them, having little knowledge of movements and programs, denounce these measures as "Socialism."

What is this attempt to save the homes and farms of millions but a thrust into the private concerns of citizens by the Federal Government? By its loans and credits the government is becoming a partner in the ownership of many institutions and enterprises. The railroads are to come next. With the continuance of the depression a few more years the government may eventually become the owner of many banks, railroads, and other enterprises. Not because it wants them but because they are sick and are unable to take care of themselves.

To substitute government for capitalism does not solve the more basic problems of capitalism nor does it necessarily mean higher standards for the working class. Roosevelt's reforestation program with wages of a dollar a day shows that state capitalism can be as bad and even worse than corporate capitalism for the workers. His wage cuts for government employees also indicates that the labor policy of state capitalism does not differ from the labor policy of corporate capitalism.

What happens is simply this. Due to the folly of millions of workers, governing control is in the hands of parties representing the barons. The latter have got into a horrible mess and they need help to pull them out of it. The government steps in to help but in the process of helping finds that it must take over some of the responsibilities of the bankers and capitalists. In some cases it may even have to take over sick industrial babies and adopt them. Not that the government wants them but because it cannot afford to have them die.

The owners of the babies do not want Uncle Sam to adopt them and yet they cannot take care of them. They want them back when they are taken and yet they fear that Uncle Sam will keep them for good. So we drift into state capitalism not because anybody wants it but because gigantic forces of decay compel it.

State capitalism may bring some order into the anarchy forces that disturb corporate capitalism, but it will not eliminate any of the depression diseases from which the industrial system is suffering.—The New Leader.

PROSPERITY MUST BEGIN AT HOME

Speaking to the National Press Club at Washington with all the suave persuasiveness that has made him famous, Premier Ramsay MacDonald said:

"In these days more than ever, and in the future even more than today, those problems of labor, of money, of trade

or national prosperity, of wealth, of high standards of living, are international problems."

To which, from the American point of view, LABOR enters an emphatic denial. LABOR is anxious to see international relations improved, trade barriers thrown down, industrial as well as political peace insured. But to say that every nation must endure distress until every other nation agrees to meet in conference to settle the ills of the world is to furnish an alibi for lazy politicians and an excuse for industrial robbery.

Take the case of America. About 93 per cent of our commerce moves within our own borders, which means that 93 per cent of our market is at home. Our crops are ample, our industrial plant can flood even a fairly prosperous market, our resources all but boundless, and 13,000,000 idle workers wait to augment our labor power.

If we were cut off from the rest of the world altogether, we could build a rich living for every human being in the republic. Must we let our people starve until our statesmen and those of the rest of the world agree what can be done about it?

It is America's duty to herself and to the world to rebuild prosperity within her own borders, without waiting on anybody. International conferences, yes; they may be helpful. The highest good times will not come till all the world shares them to some extent. But it is our job to start, start at home; and LABOR refuses to accept any international alibi.—Labor.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

INFLATION

What is accomplished by a process of inflation or deflation is a redistribution of the wealth of the country, but not the sort that is necessary to cure our economic ills. Under a program of inflation certain groups of workers and capitalists gain, while others of both classes suffer.

Farmers are big gainers when inflation occurs, for their mortgage indebtedness can be paid with a smaller quantity of farm products. Business men with debts to banks likewise gain, and for the same reason. On the other hand, wage-earners and salaried employees lose, because wages rise much later and much less slowly than does the cost of living. All persons with insurance policies lose, because each dollar buys so much less. The biggest losers are the holders of bonds, mortgages, and bank accounts. The government gains, because inflation makes the bonded indebtedness so much less burdensome.

It is therefore a question whether, on the whole, inflation will hurt or help the working masses. It is likely to hurt more than it helps, unless laws are passed to provide that wages be raised as the cost of living increases.

What we need, if we are to have any measure of economic recovery, is an increase in mass purchasing power. We need a shortening of the hours of labor, to provide jobs for the millions of unemployed. We need an increase in wages, to make it possible for the producing masses to buy back the products of their toil. We need a shifting of taxation from the poor to the rich, with the rates increasing drastically in the upper brackets. We need the socialization of the basic industries, to make the sums that now go to profits available in the form of higher wages and lower prices.

It is measures such as these that will restore prosperity. No amount of juggling with the volume of currency or the price level can have much effect so long as these basic evils are not remedied.

BANK DEPOSIT INSURANCE

More important, perhaps, is the plan to insure bank deposits in a new \$450,000,000 corporation, the capital of which will be supplied in equal amounts by the Treasury, the Federal Reserve banks, and the member banks. If this measure is passed, banks may still fail because of the carelessness, the bad judgment, or the dishonesty of bank directors and officers. But the depositors will not then have to bear the burden, and the panics of fear on their part, such as caused the recent bank holiday, may be things of the past.

This measure, however, can be helpful only to those persons who are fortunate enough to have bank deposits. Like most of the measures proposed by the Roosevelt administration, it contains nothing that will help us out of this depression and keep us out of future ones.

There is no check placed upon the greed or stupidity of bankers. There is no end to the foolish system of forty-nine different sets of banking regulations in a single country. There is no liberalization of the rules of the postal savings system, nor any extension of its functions.

What is done is not bad. It is, however, woefully insufficient, considering the emergency with which we are confronted. And this is true, not merely of the banking legislation, but of Roosevelt's entire program.

WORLD DANGER SPOTS

The Disarmament Conference pretends still to be functioning, in an effort to hide its dismal failure to effect a reduction in the volume of armaments. Meanwhile Japan continues its undeclared war of conquest against China, while in other portions of the world the danger of war is increasing.

France and her allies, Poland, Roumania, Jugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia, stand opposed to Germany, Austria, and Italy, while Russia is hated and feared by all. Nazi Germany has removed whatever hope existed for a policy of conciliation in France, while the stupid Polish Corridor through Germany provides an ever-present source of conflict between Poland and Germany. In the Far East Japan ominously prepares, through her puppet state of Manchukuo, to seize the Chinese Eastern Railway jointly operated by Russia and Manchukuo.

A spark of war anywhere in the world can easily start another world-wide conflagration. And a world war today will be vastly more destructive than was the last. Capitalist governments are today proving again their inability to build effectively for peace. The rise of workers' governments throughout the world is badly needed if war is to be avoided.

ENGLISH-RUSSIAN EMBARGOES

England and Russia, like two school boys who have lost their tempers, are glaring angrily at each other, and rapidly approaching a serious break on an issue of very slight importance. If two British engineers were actually guilty of espionage, bribery, and sabotage in Russia the two and three year sentences imposed were small punishment indeed. If convicted unjustly, it does not help matters to impose, as the English Tory government did, an eighty per cent embargo on Russian goods. Nor does it advance the cause of world peace for the Soviets to prohibit all purchases by their trade organizations in England.

The truth of the matter is that the amount of evidence brought out at the trial was hardly enough to justify conviction, were it not for the plea of guilty by one of the Englishmen. When Russian defendants receive sentences ranging only up to ten years, the insufficiency of the evidence is clearly demonstrated, for the Soviet regime usually shoots persons found guilty of sabotage.

Had the English government, instead of demanding the release of the suspects without trial, and threatening an embargo if they were convicted, merely made efforts to insure a fair trial, the chances are that the severest sentence would have been exile. But instead Russia was put in a position where the failure to convict and sentence to prison might have seemed evidence of weakness, and therefore such conviction and sentence became certain.

In the present excited state of world affairs, it is dangerous folly for a nation to invoke an embargo because of the fate of two persons. Nor does it help to have Russia, even though provocation exists, play the same silly game.

Socialist Party Directory

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

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

County Committee: Third Thursday night of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Birdsboro: Fourth Tuesday of each month in Orioles Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shillington: First and Third Fridays at 8 p. m. First Friday in Borough Hall; third Friday in I. O. of A. Hall.

Sinking Spring: Meets first and third Monday, 8 p. m., at 334 Penn Avenue.

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

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

West Reading: Each Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, 253 Kline street.

Womelsdorf: Branch, every Tuesday, 8 p. m., at 118 Franklin street.

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

Central Women: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

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

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

Northwest Women: Tuesday night at Green and Gordon streets.

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

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

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

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

Band Rehearsal: Every Wednesday at Labor Lyceum.

Orchestra Rehearsal: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

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

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

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

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

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

Circle 5, 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 Newmantown 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, 128 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 1039 Willow street.

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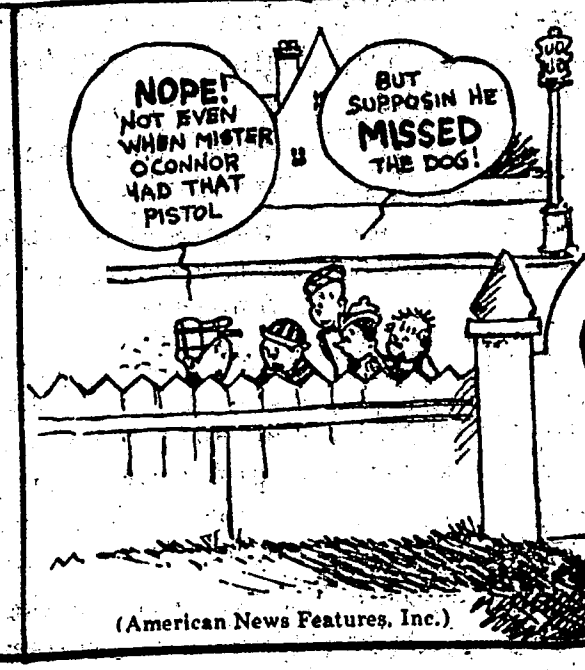
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