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Reading's Fusionists Seek Militarized Labor

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

SOCIALISTS OFTEN DIFFER. Take, for instance, my esteemed contemporary and Socialist comrade, the Rev. Max Putney, who conducts a column in the Reading Times. This week Max explained what he would do with an income of a million dollars a year. As might have been expected, Max's ideas ran to benevolence. First, of course, he would provide for his immediate needs and modest desires. After that he'd make a game of searching out and helping fellow mortals in need of funds. And right there is where Max and I part company.

I am convinced that the recipients of Max's bounty would be injured more than helped. I have never been in sympathy with the tendency of humans to look for somebody to do something FOR them. My activities within the Socialist movement have always been motivated by an intense desire to convince workers that they must help themselves. So, if I were able to spend a million a year I prefer to think that I'd do whatever I could to show workers how foolish they are for permitting me to get that much money in the first place. If I could prove to a worker that he is the victim of a vicious system he'd wish to change the system. Max, on the other hand, would merely satisfy his ego at the expense of the moral stamina of his beneficiaries.

HOW WOULD I be able to use a million dollars a year to arouse workers to action against the system which permits a few people to get million-dollar incomes?

Well, let's just suppose—

Suppose I rented a large auditorium, brought all my stocks, bonds and mortgages to the hall and made a speech to the public something like this:

"You poor fools: (being a million-a-year man, the audience would stand for that) I am the man who gets a million a year. I want to tell you how I get the gelt—and make you like it."

Picking up a sheaf of steel company bonds, I'd shake them in the faces of my audience and say: "Because I own these pieces of paper workers in the steel industry have to slave for me. These bonds bring me \$100,000 per year for which I do nothing. Steel workers are forced to work long hours or stand in breadlines; their children are denied education, beauty and pleasure; their families live in shacks while I am on a cruise in a private yacht; when they grow old they will be cast aside while I and my family will have the best the land affords until we die and leave behind more wealth than we had when we started life. I can do all these things because I own these pretty little pieces of paper, and because the law of the land decrees that you shall work for me and your children for my children. These bonds make me the master and you the slave. You produce; I take!"

Ignoring the murmurs of rage which might begin to be heard about that time, I would reach for my railroad bonds and tell the same story, ending with the pointed suggestion that railroad men should remember my little game when one of their members is mangled beneath the wheels of a train.

I probably would close my remarks with a discourse upon the folly of the

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Socialist Members of Council Oppose Co-operation In Scheme Which Will Militarize American Workers. Taxpayers' Protective League Also Objects—Not an Unemployment Relief Project But a New Slavery Project, Councilman George Declares

"Keep the industries in Reading," the Fusion cry two years ago, when the combined Republican and Democratic forces were waging their campaign to drive the Socialist party from public office in Reading, was given a new slant on Wednesday when the Fusion members of city council voted full co-operation to a plan to use \$1-per-day workers to beautify the river front. At the same time that the city Democrats and Republicans were undermining "free" labor standards by planning to import workers from President Roosevelt's labor army, the old party county officials were deciding to limit unemployment relief to state-financed food vouchers.

Socialist councilman, William C. Hovertz and Jesse George, voted decided "no's" to a resolution in which the Fusionists pledged co-operation in efforts to have a force of Federal workers brought to Reading.

Unemployed League Opposed

The plan to bring workers to this city under the Federal policy of registering workers in camps at a wage of \$1 per day has been opposed by the Taxpayers' Protective League as the beginning of a Fascist control of the nation.

Members of the League deny that the Roosevelt plan is even intended as an unemployment relief measure, but declare that the "labor camp" idea will "stabilize unemployment" by definitely withdrawing a portion of private industry's cast-offs from the labor market. The League has also condemned the labor camp project as a militarization of labor which destroys what personal liberty still remains to workers.

George Discusses Scheme

In voting against co-operation with the plan to use militarized workers in Reading the two Socialist members were consistent with a stand which they had first taken several weeks ago in councilmanic conferences. Discussing the project yesterday, Councilman George characterized the entire idea as a "dangerous piece of business" which could not possibly relieve the unemployment situation.

"With possibly 16,000,000 people unemployed the regimenting of 250,000 men into labor camps throughout the nation will mean nothing to the unemployment totals. It will, however, establish a \$1-per-day wage rate which will be accepted as a standard by private business. More than that, the labor army can easily be whipped into shape as the basis

BUILDING UNIONS AND BREWERIES CO-OPERATE

Conferences between representatives of the Building Trades Council and local breweries have resulted in agreements being effected between organized labor and a number of local brewing firms, according to an announcement this week by Charles Haederle, secretary of the Council.

"With the resumption of work in the breweries there was a tendency on the part of some local concerns to ignore union conditions," Haederle stated. "We took the matter up with the management of local concerns and in the future all building work in connection with the manufacture and sale of Barbey, Reading and Bushkill beer will be done by the members of organized labor."

Mark Starr, instructor in Brookwood Labor College, addressed this week's gathering of the general membership of the Building Trades Council. The tradesmen meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in their hall on the fourth floor of the Peoples Printing Company building, 29 Reed Street. All workers in building crafts, whether union or non-union, are invited to attend these meetings.

COURT VERDICT MAY BE NEEDED ON SCHOOL JOB

Fusionists' Challenge of School Board's Election of Socialist Treasurer May Result In Legal Squabble

Party's Candidate Has Qualified For Job by Study and Practice of Accounting

In an election which may be finally decided in a courtroom, Bernard J. Bortz, Socialist and treasurer of Local Berks Socialist Party, received the high



BERNARD J. BORTZ

vote for treasurer of the Reading School District at the Board's meeting last Tuesday night. Nominated by Mrs. Hazlette Hoopes, Bortz received 4 votes as against 2 votes for Walter M. Hessinger, named by Director Eugene F. Hendricks, and 2 for William Seaman, whose name was presented by Director Edwin L. Hettinger. However, as soon as the result was announced Directors

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SOCIALIZE M. D.'S, PHILA. S. P. URGES

Free-Grabbing Tactics of Medical Society Arouses Organization to Action For Public Health Service

Aroused by the propaganda campaign of the Philadelphia County Medical Society against socialized medicine and its efforts to require patients who need prescriptions refilled to obtain each time a new prescription from a physician—at a fee—the Philadelphia Local of the Socialist Party has initiated plans for a conference of labor and unemployed organizations to demand socialized medical service, such as is now provided in the Soviet Union, and to consider as an immediate step the establishment of labor cooperative clinics.

Pointing out that thousands of Philadelphia's unemployed and underpaid workers are in dire need of medical and dental treatment, a statement issued by David H. H. Felix, chairman of the Party's Public Affairs Committee, scores the County Medical Society for seeking to make medical care even less available. The attempt to ban prescription refills by pharmacists unless the physician gets a new fee is branded as "plain, every day racketeering." Sympathy is expressed for the physicians reduced to

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Unemployed Mass Meeting In City Park Today

Beginning this afternoon at 2 o'clock, future mass meetings of the Taxpayers' Protective League will be held every Friday afternoon at the bandstand in city park, weather permitting. In case of rain meetings will be held in the city hall auditorium as before. Former mayor J. Henry Stump will be today's speaker.

T. P. L. CONDEMNS WORK CAMP IDEA

Unemployed Organization Declares Intention to Oppose Introduction of Forced Labor Into Berks County

In a resolution pointing to the menace to human liberties involved in the Roosevelt Labor Camp program, the Taxpayers' Protective League of Berks County has condemned the plan and pledged itself to "oppose by every means at its command" the introduction of a work unit into Berks County. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the present economic situation has so drastically reduced wages that living standards have become hazardous to the public health, generally, and in view of the fact that industry today has shown itself willing, in any case, to follow any leadership in a policy of wage reductions; and the government of the United States should be the last to establish a policy of enforced labor at wages so far below a standard which can become an example to other concerns who are waiting for the establishment of such standards, and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of men into units, under army training and discipline, can only result in suspicion, in an already over-suspicious world, and war, or in the formation of a potential punitive force; which may be used in addition to those already existing, such as the Army, Navy, National Guards, R. O. T. C., and others; and

THREAT TO LIVING STANDARDS. WHEREAS, the only results that can be achieved from such a program are increased misery as a result of further lowered living standards, or Fascist suppression of the workers through an augmented punitive force; THEREFORE, Be it resolved: That the Taxpayers' Protective League of Berks County, condemns the formation and maintenance of the Roosevelt Conservation Corps, as a menace even to present inadequate living standards and as a potential menace to peace and workers' liberty or expression; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the above organization will oppose by every means at its command the introduction of such a unit into Berks County for any reason, whatsoever, and

Be It Still Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be filed with the secretary of this League and copies be sent to the City Council of Reading, Pa., the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Berks, and the Press.

WINSTON DANCIS BECOMES Y. P. S. L. NATIONAL SEC'Y

CHICAGO—Winston Dancis of New York this week assumes the duties of national secretary of the Young People's Socialist League at the party's headquarters here. Dancis has been city secretary of the fast growing Y. P. S. L. in New York City.

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RIEVE ACTS TO MAKE PACT FOR TRADE CONTROL

Full Fashioned Hosiery Union President Will Broadcast Today on Industrial Control Over WEEU

URGES BOSSES TO PLAN

"The position of union and non-union workers under President Roosevelt's new industrial control bill," will be the subject of a radio address today at 7:15 p. m., which will be delivered over Station WEEU by Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers.

Urging that the industry which he represents shall be the first to submit a trade control agreement to Roosevelt, Rieve has written to leading employers of hosiery workers, including Ferdinand Thun and Henry Janssen of the Berkshire Knitting Mills.

"The National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers has committed itself to the proposition that industry rather than the Government shall outline conditions for the control of the trade," Rieve points out in his letter.

WILL 'NEW DEAL' MEAN NEW PARTY

Seizure of Industrial Power by Roosevelt May Force Unions To Agree to Labor Party

NEW YORK (FP).—With the realization that the national administration has formally proposed that complete control of industry be put in the hands of Pres. Roosevelt, discussion is rampant as to the effect on the labor movement. Under the industry control bill this nation, which was supposed to be the bulwark of individualism, puts in the president's hands the power to fix wages, hours, prices, profits, the amount of business given any certain company and in fact to decide what companies shall continue to exist and whose whose existence shall be made a crime.

Every wage agreement, every union contract of any kind, will be subject to the approval of Roosevelt. When so approved it will have the effect of law; if disapproved, it will be illegal, criminal. One man will have the power to say whether the low wages in the cotton industry (he mentioned this industry as a horrible example recently) shall be lifted until they are equal to the well-organized printing trades' wages or whether the well-organized trades come down to the textile level—or both. It is a matter of speculation

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

TORNADOES AND PROSPERITY

One of the most damning facts about the present (Capitalist) economic system is the fact that it is inherently wasteful. Truly, the system can not function in such a manner as to keep workers unemployed all the time unless there is a tremendous amount of waste taking place. Moreover, the existence of millions of unemployed through the Capitalist world is the direct result of the fact that the master class, with the aid of machines and business mergers, has been able to eliminate a great amount of waste.

Waste increases the demand for human labor and it is only when there is a brisk demand for the services of people that workers have any measure of prosperity.

An example of how waste makes work and prosperity was furnished during the world war. Then, more than at any time in the lives of living men, the people of the world were engaged in an orgy of waste. And then, as never before, the security and temporary prosperity of the working class reached high levels.

A less impressive example of the blessings of waste was furnished by the destruction visited upon Reading last Saturday by a tornado. Roofs were torn from homes, fences were blown down, glass was shattered, trees were uprooted. A miniature calamity? Certainly! But that was good for carpenters, roofers, glaziers and free surgeons who without that bit of waste would have remained jobless and poorer.

Because we are living in a master and slave society we are taught to see things from the masters' point of view. Our education and training leads us to see waste only when property is wasted, for property is the chief concern of the owning class. Too few people are sufficiently independent-minded to see the big waste which is taking place right now—the waste and destruction of human hopes, human ambition, human life incidental to widespread unemployment.

We need more than a windstorm to put an end to the latter form of waste. What is necessary is a social tornado which will sweep out of existence an economic system under which economy brings riches for a few and disaster to millions.

NORTON'S DEFEAT

When State Senator James E. Norton was defeated for re-election to the office of secretary-treasurer of his union this week, he was given convincing evidence of the disapproval of his fellow unionists. There is no doubt that most of the general public who know the part which Norton played in killing the old age pension bill will continue what the union printers started if Norton again dares to ask for public office.

But while Mr. Norton was punished by the loss of a salaried position, no man or group of men have it in their power to prescribe and enforce an appropriate penalty. Only time and fate can do the fitting thing.

As State Senator, Mr. Norton helped to perpetuate the poorhouse system when he might have increased the measure of independence to aged workers by working for a pension to the aged. His action may bring him deeper and more poignant regret than could possibly be experienced through the loss of a part-time job. He, himself, like all of us, may live to see the day when the system which he hopes to perpetuate and the masters, whose wishes he refused to flout, condemn him to the horrible end which awaits workers who spend their last years longing for death to free them from the degradation of a pauper institution.

LESS FOR THE JOBLESS

It must have been with a feeling of grave concern that the unemployed of Berks County learned of the decision of the County authorities to discontinue all forms of work relief. The disaster lies not in the

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financial straits by the depression, but the difficulties of the medical profession will be solved, the Socialists insist, not by higher fees from fewer patients but by steady and substantial salaries from a State whose primary concern is the good health and well-being of its citizens.

To Act on Strikes
Activity of the Philadelphia Socialist Party is increasing in ratio to its rapid growth in membership in

recent months. Comrades were mobilized for picket duty and agitation in the strikes of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and other labor groups. Though the Unemployed Citizens League is a non-partisan body, Socialists have been at the forefront of its activities and have organized several new branches. Paul Porter, for five years field secretary of the League for Industrial Democracy and formerly an organizer for the Socialist national campaign committee in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, has been elected county organizer.

By vote of the general membership, Local Philadelphia has decided to participate in the Tom Mooney United Front Committee unless and until instructed by the National Executive Committee that united front negotiations on specific issues with the Communist Party have failed. David H. H. Felix, Philip Van Golder, and J. B. Matthews of New York, were speakers at a Mooney mass meeting on May 22. Comrade Van Golder, as a delegate to the Mooney Congress, replied to a false and slanderous attack upon National Secretary Senior by the Daily Worker.

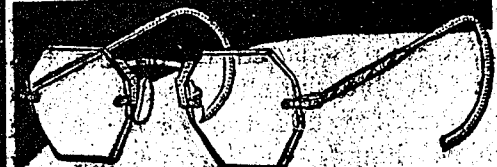
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Four breaches of Socialist discipline were charged against Smerkin, according to Julius Umansky, Yipsel national chairman. All charges were admitted by Smerkin. The charges were deliberate refusal to abide by the decision of the Cook County Socialist Party as to participation in non-Socialist May Day demonstrations, attendance at the Mooney Congress April 30 under fraudulent credentials, making a public address at the Mooney Congress as national secretary without authorization or knowledge of the Yipsel national executive committee and in direct violation of its ruling, and the dispatching of an unauthorized letter to Y. P. S. L. circles on the Mooney Congress after he had been suspended as the national secretary.

Since Smerkin had flouted all sense of organization discipline, Umansky states, the Y. P. S. L. had no choice but to exclude a faithless official.

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socially desirable plan for the regulation of the trade as a whole. I need not call to your attention the advantage of prompt action in this matter. Unless all needless delays are avoided, the conditions in many industries will become so serious that present plans for their rehabilitation will be ineffective. In the full fashioned hosiery industry, scores of our best concerns are on the edge of bankruptcy. We should act quickly to forestall calamities of this character which create much suffering to workers in addition to the losses which proprietors and creditors must take.

"I am taking the initiative in this matter, not merely to push the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers into the picture, but to hasten if possible a move for the revival of industry and the prevention of practices which have brought about the need for the present legislation before the United States Congress. Industry must act of its own volition if it is to secure the fullest advantages of President Roosevelt's proposals for economic recovery.

"If you and your colleagues are willing to confer on this question at once, my colleagues and myself will be very willing to meet with you at the shortest possible notice."

Perfect figure: One skinny enough to wear clothes well and look awful without them.

INTEREST UP IN BANK CRASH

While Workers Reach Low Levels, Prosperity Continues For the Easy Money Group

NEW YORK (EP).—The interest-gatherers remained unaffected by the depression during the first disastrous quarter of 1933, thus keeping up the record that whatever happens to workers, farmers or business, the interest toll continues to rise.

The figures for the first quarters of 1933 and 1932 of interest payments compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce and published by the U. S. Department of Commerce, are:

1932 \$1,121,707,000
1933 1,125,043,000
During the first quarter of 1933 business activity, employment and wages were at the lowest level of the depression. The banks themselves were so hard hit that every bank in America was closed by presidential decree. But the interest payments continued to rise as they have risen every year for 20 years.

Just as more money was paid in the panic year 1932 than in the boom year 1929—or for that matter, in any other year of the history of the United States—so more was paid in interest in the black month of March, 1933, than in March, 1932. The figures for the two months are:

March, 1932 \$275,569,000
March, 1933 290,351,000
During March, wages reached a low of 33.4 per cent of those paid in 1926, down two-thirds. But interest payments were apparently at a higher point than ever. Farmers' prices reached 49 per cent of pre-war but the interest-gatherer grabbed off more than ever. Thus the record that the interest toll increases every year seems destined to be unbroken in 1933.

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abolition of 5 cents-per-hour jobs but in the fact that there is nothing to be provided to take the place of the clothing, fuel and extra allowances which work relief made available.

It was not a change of policy, but an empty treasury, which caused the County to make its decision.

As relief treasuries shrink many questions confront many people. How is the young son going to get shoes? How can the wife obtain medicine? How can the home be warmed on a wet damp day? Simple questions like that, which become bigger and bigger the longer they remain unanswered, make life a nightmare for millions of people throughout the nation.

And it's all so unnecessary, too. If they would unite their power the workers could take over all the means of life and enjoy the abundance which our highly mechanized system produces. We Socialists have been telling them that for many years, but the workers still listen to the blandishments of their economic masters. Less than a year has elapsed since millions of people decided against Socialism and plenty and in favor of Roosevelt and beer. They have Roosevelt; they have beer. And they also have the slavery of labor camps, the degradation of broken homes and the insecurity which capitalism will continue to bring until the Socialist system of wealth-production for use instead of for profit is established.

MEETING FOR WOMEN IN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Another meeting of interest to women will be held in the recreation hall of the Universalist Church, Franklin street above Fourth, next Wednesday, May 31, at 2:45 p. m. Mrs. H. W. Lightwood will speak on "How to tell your children the facts of life," and Mrs. Mary B. Nelson will deliver an address on "Birth Control." The meeting will be open to all women, and a special invitation is extended to the women of the Taxpayers' Protective League.

Payrolls, Employment Hit Record Low

NEW YORK—Payrolls and employment both fell to new low levels in the month ending March 15, according to Facts for Workers, bulletin published by the Labor Bureau. The employment index slumped 0.2% below the record low of July, 1932, and the payroll index 6.7% below the low point of January, 1933. The

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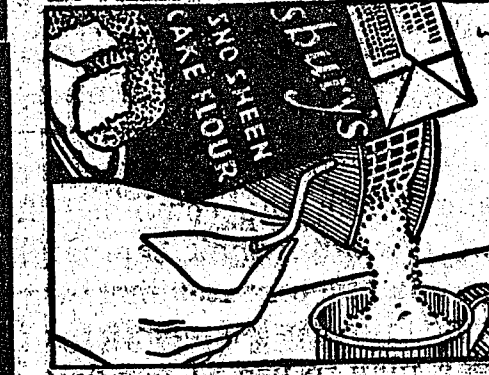
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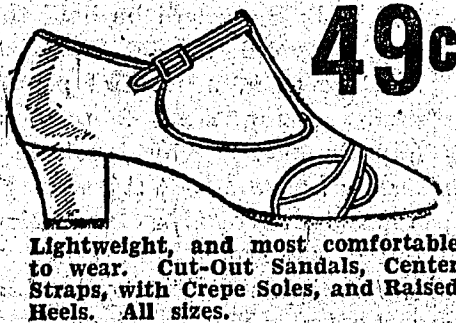


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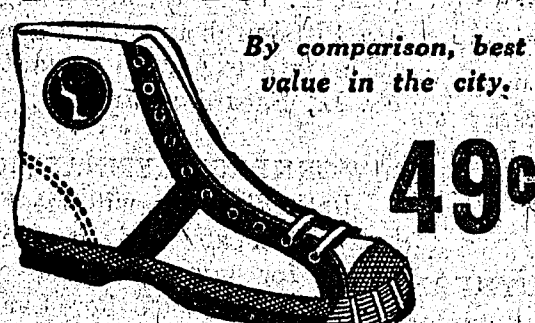
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CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

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of a military unit in case of war with
another nation or as a Fascist or-
ganization to be used against the
unemployed if they become too in-
sistent in their demands for real
relief."

Why Out-of-Town Men?

Pointing to the fact that the work-
ers who will come to Reading will be
imported from other sections of the
nation, George asked why local work-
ers could not do the work just as
well. Answering his own question,
the Socialist councilman declared
that the authorities wanted to impose
a military discipline which could not
be achieved if workers were among
their friends and families.

"This was admitted in council-
manic conferences," George declared,
"by statements by advocates of the

scheme that 'better discipline' could
be maintained by using men in lo-
calities other than those in which
they lived. It is also admitted in
the wording of council's resolution,
which states that the city will co-
operate with the war department as
well as with the County Commis-
sioners."

To Corral Derelicts

George referred to a radio address
which he had made several weeks ago
in which he quoted Senator Wagner
of New York as admitting that there
are many thousands of young men
between the ages of 18 and 25 years
who are roaming the country.

"Senator Wagner's statement
proves that the capitalist system is
no longer able to meet the needs of the
people. The morale of the younger
generation is being undermined and
destroyed and there is no way to
handle the derelicts which the present
economic system is making. That, I

am confident, is why only single men
are taken for the work army. If real
unemployment relief were as the ob-
ject of the scheme, why would not
married men be supplied with jobs
in their own localities where they
could live normal lives with their
families?"

Fusionists Defend Scheme

Declaring that the Fusionists in
city council apparently forgot all
about their campaign pledge to "keep
the industries in Reading," George
said that the same group are now
eager to bring militarized labor to
Reading to do jobs which might be
done by local people.

"When I objected to the dollar-a-
day wage, they told me that the wage
had been set by Congress and that
we had no control over that. I re-
plied that we still had control over
our own actions and need not co-
operate with a plan which is funda-
mentally wrong. Then they told me
that other communities would take
advantage of the opportunity to get
free labor if Reading did not. To
that I replied that I would prefer to
see others get the benefits rather
than assist in a plan which will fasten
economic slavery upon the working
class.

Boosted by Commerce Chamber

The plan to bring men to Reading
from other sections of the nation has
the support of the Chamber of Com-
merce, which has always opposed la-
bor legislation. In a recent bulletin
the Pennsylvania State Chamber
boastfully gloated about its success
in killing practically every piece of
labor legislation which was presented
in the state legislature. It is there-
fore in keeping with the established
policy of the Chamber that it should
gladly co-operate in a plan which may
well be the beginning of labor slav-
ery in the United States. It is equally
appropriate that the Fusion admin-
istration of Reading should obey the
Chamber's wishes and make Reading
the seat of a unit of President Roose-
velt's \$1-per-day labor army.

Amnesia isn't a germ disease.
You just get things in a mess at
home and there she is.

The expressed belief that Mr.
Morgan will own America reveals a
surprising ignorance of the tenses.

NAZI DISRESPECT FOR WOMEN

At 1:30 a. m. on the night of
March 20-21 a party of 14 Nazi
storm troops, armed with rifles,
raided the home at 18 Bergmann st.,
Koeppenick, of Marie Jankowski (a
woman in her 50th year, mother of
two grown-up sons and a daughter),
who is a Social-Democratic district
councillor and also chairman of the
District Winter Relief organization
of Koeppenick. The storm troops
forced their entry, declaring: "Here
are the police; open the door, or we
shall break it in or shoot." There-
upon Mrs. Jankowski's husband
opened the door. Mrs. Jankowski
was ordered to dress at once. Mean-
while the storm troopers posted them-
selves at the windows and doors.
After Mrs. Jankowski had said good-
bye to her family she was put into
a motor car in which Flieger (chair-
man of the Works council of the
Berlin Transport corporation) and a
Communist named Heber (or Haeb-
er) were already seated. The storm
troopers left a guard before the door
of the house to prevent any word
being sent out. The motor car drove
to the Nazi barracks in Dorothy st.,
Woeppenick. There Haebler was first
dealt with. He was ordered to give
particulars about himself, and then
his trousers were taken down and he
was beaten with 20 strokes of a
cudgel upon his naked seat. The
same thing was done to Flieger.
Haebler, who suffers from heart
disease, collapsed.

After particulars about Mrs.
Jankowski had been taken down, a
black-red-gold flag was spread on a
table, she was made to bend over it,
and held fast by four storm troopers
while four men beat her on the naked
seat with sticks and rubber batons.
She believes she received over 120
strokes. That Mrs. Jankowski was
able to endure the mal-treatment she
received she attributes to the fact
that she is a big and powerful woman
and that many of the blows aimed at
her face and head she was able to
ward off with her arms, which of
course, are also covered with bruises.

Various reasons are given for the
strokes on the buttock. She was
asked, for example, if she knew Mr.
Manthe and Mr. Schubert; when she
replied, "Only by sight," she was
given 20 strokes. She was told that
a further 20 strokes were for the
unemployed. Again she was ordered
to give the names of Social-Democratic
officials. As she did not give them,
she received a further 20 strokes.

The belaboring was interrupted for
half an hour. The victims were told
that if they were not prepared to
answer the questions properly after-
ward, they would have vinegar
rubbed into their buttocks or they
would be taken out to Schmeckwitz
to dig their own graves. Another
20 blows were dealt out to Mrs. Jan-
kowski, for the answers she gave to
questions about the treatment ac-
cording to certain claimants for re-
lief. She was accused of being re-
sponsible for the disadvantages suf-
fered by a family named Shultz, who
are quite unknown to her. She was
also accused of responsibility for
someone having been refused a pair
of boots from the clothing stores of
the Winter Relief organization.

Then she was blamed for a case con-
cerning legal aid. When she ex-
plained that the accusation was un-
founded, the person concerned hav-
ing been excluded for theft and not
as a result of her inquiries, one of
the storm troopers present had to
admit that her statement was correct,
and the beating stopped. But an-
other 20 strokes were given her be-
cause she was supposed to have
drawn up a list of Nazi business men.
Haebler, Flieger and Mrs. Jankowski
were then stood in front of a black-
red and gold flag. They were asked
what the colors were. Every time
they said "gold" they were told they
should have said (the work is deleted
as unprintable). As they would not
say this, they were given a blow for
every refusal.

Eyewitnesses vouch that Mrs. Jan-
kowski had been beaten completely
black and blue from the hips down to
the knees, so that one welt cannot be
distinguished from another. Her
buttock has been beaten violent from
top to bottom. There are also big
blue bruises on her calves. Across
her neck runs a broad scar, and there
is another above her right eye, which
is blackened. She has yet another

scar on her upper lip. It is probable,
moreover, that Mrs. Jankowski has
suffered internal injuries. She can-
not walk on her right leg, complain-
ing of pains in her right knee. There
is blood in her urine.

At 4:30 in the morning Mrs. Jan-
kowski was allowed to be brought by
a section leader of the storm troops
to the entrance of the barracks, after
she had signed a statement that she
would resign all public offices she
held as a representative of the party
and in connection with welfare work
for the workers and would leave the
party. She was ordered to report
herself at 7 p. m. on Thursday at a
certain storm troop headquarters—
Labor and Socialist International.

WILL 'NEW DEAL'

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whether any man in history ever had
so much power.

May Force Labor Unity

Carried one step, that means that
political action by labor has been
given a premium which it never held
out to American workers before. For
a century there has been a struggle
between the ideas of the group which
has stood for industrial action only
(as the Industrial Workers of the
World) and the group which pro-
posed independent political action,
choosing the better nominee from the
two dominant parties (the American
Federation of Labor plan) and the
political action group which proposed
setting up a Farmer-Labor Party, or
that the workers should go into the
Socialist Party.

While branding the Roosevelt pro-
posal as Fascist and opposing it
strongly, those who have been fight-
ing for the formation of a Farmer-
Labor Party see in it the premium
on political action which will, in the
course of time, be likely to make
American labor abandon its long-
held position of staying out of poli-
tics. They call attention to the fact
that unions which have the most to
gain by governmental action are
clearly the ones which have been the
most active in the independent po-
litical action of the past. For ex-
ample, the wages of railroad workers
have been fixed by governmental ac-
tion, in the final analysis, and as a
result these organizations have been
active and effective in electing con-
gressmen and senators who were the
most favorable to their program. If
A. F. of L. unions were as well or-
ganized politically as the railroad
unions, this political movement,
which is largely responsible for the
Progressive bloc in Congress, would
be much more powerful, it is believed.

Labor Must Unite for Power
The history of the labor movement
so far has made it clear that without
such power a definite objective, the
American workers and farmers have
not joined their ballots to their in-
dustrial power to obtain their ends.
Now, those who are working for the
formation of a Farmer-Labor Party
point out, Roosevelt has done two
things. He has put a premium on
political action for the worker who
is going to see his whole life standard
determined by politics and he has
put a premium on political action by
the farmer whose prices and acreage
are also to be determined by political
action. When wages and farm prices
are fixed by presidential edict, as is
likely to be the law of the nation
when the special session of Congress
adjourns, the great masses of Ameri-
can farmers and workers who have
never been won to working class
parties in the old world sense, will be
driven by the whip of necessity into
political action, it is believed. And
they will not find it difficult to attain
common objectives since profits will
be fixed as well as wages and farm
prices.

Those who accept this view dream
of a Farmer-Labor Party which sets
definite standards of living for work-
ers and farmers—something like the
Technocrat's 16-hour week and \$20-
000 a year, for example—and writes
into its platform the licensing of only
those industries which will meet that
standard. Instead of fighting for
crumbs for the aged and unemployed,
the ill and the crippled, the workers
and farmers would be called upon to
set prices, profits, wages, hours and
working conditions through their po-
litical power. If Tammany and the
rest of the Democratic Party can do
it, the workers and farmers can do
it, they say. The difference is that
no one would have believed six
months ago that anyone could do it.
Roosevelt is proving it can be done.
Now anyone who can get a majority
can do it.

The middle class is the one that
isn't poor enough to be exempt from
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it.

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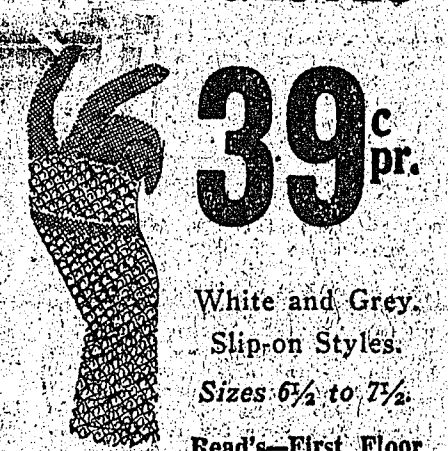


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been called for May 17 by the Asso-
ciated Silk Workers, affiliated with
the American Federation of Labor.
Object of the strike is an 8-hour day,
44-hour week and an increase in the
wage scale, announced Organizer
Frank Schweitzer.

The average paragrapher is in-
dustrious. He works hard from
p sunrise to sunset.

Farmers Will Work

On Roads To Earn Seed

HIBBING, Minn.—Too poor to
buy seed for spring planting, many
farmers of St. Louis county are bor-
rowing \$15 from the county board
as a seed loan. They must agree to
pay back the loan in cash, in value
of farm produce or they can work out
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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT AT LABOR LYCEUM

The Women's Socialist League will hold another card party Saturday night at Labor Lyceum, with a fine line of prizes and the usual good things to eat. If you like to play cards you can't afford to miss this event.

CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT SHILLINGTON

Shillington Branch will hold a card party tonight at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall on Lancaster Avenue. The fee will be 25 cents a corner with free lunch. Prizes for the winners and a pleasant evening for all who attend. The next meeting of the branch will be held June 2 in the Borough Hall.

CARD PARTY THURSDAY AT BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS

The Berkshire Heights Branch has arranged another depression card party for its members and friends to be held Thursday, June 1 at the branch headquarters. Refreshments and the usual good time is assured for all card players.

REFERENDUM "A"

Vote on the national referendum so as to enable the Local to supply its comrades with the necessary exempt stamps to keep them in good standing. Remember the dead line is June 10.

EAT SATURDAY AT SOUTHERN

Southern Branch will serve dinner and lunch at its headquarters Saturday from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. and 5 to 8 p. m. and on June 3 a strawberry festival will be held by the branch. Refreshments will be served from noon until 10 p. m. The price is 10 cents.

BASEBALL

Manager Roy Coleman of the Socialist baseball team wishes to announce the following games booked over the week end:

Saturday, May 27: Sturgis Pretzel.

Sunday, May 28: Pep A. C.

Tuesday, May 30, at 2:30 p. m.: Perkiomen Junction.

These games will all be played at the Socialist Park and the comrades and friends are invited to attend and root for the Red and Gray.

NORTHEAST WOMEN POSTPONE MEETING

In order not to conflict with the May 30 holiday (Memorial Day) the next meeting of the Northeast Women's Branch will be held on Friday night, June 2. All members will please note this change.

ALL KINDS OF HELP NEEDED AT PARK

Are you a painter, carpenter, or laborer? No matter what you are, your services will be appreciated at the Socialist Park on Saturday and Sunday. A small group of workers are busy putting the park in shape. They are asking for help. If you have the time and the desire to work you are the person they want.

For your convenience, a truck will leave Labor Lyceum Saturday at noon and Sunday at 8 a. m.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES

More than fifty Reading Y. P. S. L. charter party last Tuesday night. Comrade L. M. Shulman of the national office made the formal charter presentation speech. Austin Adams of Reading Y. P. S. L., and Walter Storey of the Philadelphia Y. P. S. L. also addressed the gathering of some eighty Yipsels. Comrade Pollack of the Pottstown Socialist branch was master of ceremonies at the banquet table. A Socialist comrade from Spring City entertained for the remainder of the evening with "magician acts."

The Y. P. S. L. girls' baseball team will not practice this week but will meet at the Labor Lyceum at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, May 27, and have a meeting.

Circle 6 and 7, Y. P. S. L., is holding a doggie roast Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30. Comrades wishing to go will be at the Labor Lyceum at 7:15 p. m. The price will be 15c

which includes truck fare to Sinking fare to Sinking Spring (Party Park) where the doggie roast will be held.

Organizers' committee, Y. P. S. L., will hold its weekly meeting at the Labor Lyceum at 1:15 p. m. Saturday, May 27.

Comrades Ruth Glass, Austin Adams and Michael Shulman addressed the first meeting of the newly organized Kenhorst Y. P. S. L. circle last Monday at Gensinger's Hall, Kenhorst. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. at the same place where election for officers will take place. Comrades in that section twixt the ages of 14 and 25 are requested to attend.

The Berks County Convention of the Y. P. S. L. will be held this Sunday, May 28, at the Socialist Park, starting at 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Afternoon session from 2 to 5 o'clock. Yipsels may go by truck if at the Labor Lyceum by 9:15 a. m. Sunday. Yipsels are coming from Newmans-town, Allentown and Pottstown for the occasion. Bring your lunch.

Austin (Tiny) Adams, state executive committee member, and Mike Shulman, national industrial organizer Y. P. S. L., are going via road to Pittsburgh to attend a meeting of the state executive committee, Y. P. S. L., Saturday, June 3.

WORKERS' GYMNASIUM CLUB

Both divisions will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:45 at the Socialist Park for gymnastic classes. Members will leave Labor Lyceum at 2 o'clock. A meeting will be held after the gym exercises. Bring your membership books along.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29

Friday, May 26--

Northwest: Lester Shulman. West Lawn: Jacob Hiestand. Berkshire Heights: Current events. Gibraltar: Jesse George.

Monday, May 28--

Northeast: Albert Hartman. Central: Discussion. Labor Lyceum: Jesse George will address Italian Citizens' League.

Friday, June 2--

Northwest: John Reifsnnyder. West Lawn: Jesse George. Berkshire Heights: Speaker. Exeter: Lincoln Steigerwalt. Shillington in Borough Hall: Chas. Sands.

Southern Women: Bernard Bortz.

PROFITS, NOT WORKERS, TAKE AUTO DOLLARS

DETROIT (FP)--How little automobile labor actually gets--and how much goes for profits--have just been brought out in figures showing how the price of a car is divided. For a car selling at \$500 to \$600 f. o. b. factory, these figures are as follows:

Platform cost, including materials, parts and labor for the completed car, \$105.25.

Dealer's profit and salesman's commission, \$150.

Advertising, \$25.30.

The difference, amounting to nearly half the f. o. b. price, goes for overhead, zone supervision, profits and other items, \$220.25.

In commenting on these figures, "Steel," trade paper of the steel industry, says, "In the final analysis material and labor are the least of automobile manufacturing charges."

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

Over one hundred and twenty-five persons attended the banquet which was held at the Green Valley Country Club last Saturday night, by the Reading Labor College. Without question it will be the one banquet, the memory of which will remain indelibly impressed upon the minds of all those in attendance.

Excitement, pathos and comedy all played an important role during the course of this colorful affair. The excitement came on the heels of the tornado which struck the building in the early part of the evening. With the first blast of wind and rain the guests quickly deserted the veranda to seek shelter in the main dining room.

As the wind increased in intensity the west wall of the building was seen to bulge dangerously inward. Sensing an impending tragedy, several students under the leadership of our jovial secretary, Ben R. Miller, went into action. With a cry of: "You shall not pass," they threw the weight of their bodies against the French doors, windows, and the swaying wall. Enraged at this unexpected resistance, the enemy, with a deafening roar, threw its shock troops against the center doors and, sweeping aside their gallant defenders, entered the breach, upsetting chairs, tables, and drenching many of the guests.

The occupants of the building were agast, visions of a ruined banquet arose before their mind's eye. Had their valiant defenders failed them? No! Again General Ben's voice arose above the melee—"You shall not pass." Then, with determination written upon their faces, and clothes drenched with the blood of their enemy, the little band again sprang to the defense, and slowly but surely closed the breach.

The enemy had shot its strongest bolt, and, realizing the futility of further continuing the struggle against such a stout defense, raced away to the East, its fury seemingly intensified by this, its first defeat.

Calm was soon restored, and under the flickering shadows, cast by numerous candles, reminiscent of colonial days, the guests resumed their repast.

Following the dinner, Stewart Tomlinson, president of the college, introduced as the main speaker of the evening, Jacob Hiestand, whose interesting address was enthusiastically received.

Other prominent speakers were: Rev. P. C. Hoffman, former councilman George W. Snyder, Miles N. Williams and Prof. Raymond V. Mood, instructor of the college.

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In 1930 about 12,000,000 workers between 10 and 24 had jobs, marking an increase of 1,000,000 over the number employed in 1920. Unorganized industries and those marked by sweatshop conditions showed tremendous rises in employment of youth. Textiles had almost an eightfold increase in the employment of young workers, clothing industries a 50% rise. The metal industries employed seven times as many young workers, building trades five times as many, lumber and furniture twice as many.

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Many students had their first experience as after-dinner speakers when called upon by President Tomlinson for remarks. Although taken by surprise the students were equal to the occasion.

Our president announced that the winners of the essay contest were as follows: First prize, Ben R. Miller; second prize, Mrs. Clara Mosteller; third prize, C. S. Bachman; honorable mention, Laurie Hurley and Fred Weller.

On the whole the affair was a most successful one, and we wish to thank all those who in any way assisted to make it so.

We wish also to thank those individuals and organizations who, during the past season, gave their support to the College and helped to make it the most successful year in the history of the institution. Nor can we close this column without thanking the Labor Advocate, Raymond S. Hofses, editor, for its co-operation in giving publicity to our activities.

Massachusetts Building Shumps

BOSTON—The value of building permits issued in Massachusetts for April was \$1,569,381, a 58% drop from April, 1932. The largest part of non-residential building was represented in "21 gasoline stations and one church," the report says.

SHOCK-TROOPS OF PEACE

Any organization that unites the war resisters of fifty-four countries in a world movement that maintains affiliated sections in twenty-six countries that carries on correspondence in fourteen languages that holds regular international conferences under enormous difficulties that rescues or relieves from persecution, through world-wide protests of intellectuals and workers, many obscure but pioneering rebels against military autocracy that has secured the co-operation of Einstein, Wells, Rolland, and numerous renowned figures and that does all this, year in and year out, on what is probably the lowest budget of any movement in the world in proportion to actual achievement—deserves to keep on with its indispensable work.

But the members and groups of the War Resisters' International in many lands are struggling against conditions incredibly worse than those faced by adventurous groups in the United States, hard as our own situation often is. A budget of one thousand pounds annually cannot be curtailed drastically without disaster.

On behalf of the Western Hemisphere Committee of the War Resisters' International, with members from most American pacifist bodies, this appeal is addressed to Americans who abhor war, and who have an opportunity to sustain those in various countries who can oppose war uncompromisingly only by coming into immediate conflict with ruthless militarism and conscription. Fur-

thermore, a fine, constructive job in war prevention is being undertaken by the W. R. I., building up as it does throughout the world an intelligent, unified opposition to war even as a last resort, while at the same time laboring to eradicate the root causes of war in the social order.

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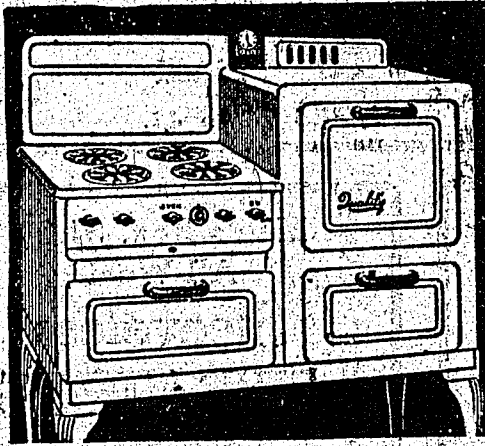
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COURT VERDICT

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Romig and Hendricks raised the issue that, as a majority of the nine members constituting the Board had not voted for Bortz he had not been legally elected.

The objections of the two non-Socialist directors were immediately challenged by Director Raymond S. Hofess who declared that he would "need to be convinced" that Bortz had not been elected by the Board. While the non-Socialist members were discussing the matter among themselves, Hofess put an end to the discussion by a parliamentary ma-

neuver. Making a motion that the vote be re-considered, Hofess and his three Socialist colleagues voted "no," thus putting an end to the matter for the time being. A subsequent motion from the non-Socialist side of the Board to ask the opinion of Solicitor George Eves as to the legality of Bortz's election met with no opposition from the Socialists.

Will Seek President

While all members of the Board are awaiting a decision by Solicitor Eves, the Socialists have already taken steps to have legal records searched for precedents to prove that Bortz had been legally elected and must be declared the treasurer of the School Board for the coming year.

Should Eves decide that a new

election must be held, the Socialists will fight against his decision if they are so advised by their legal advisors. In any event Bortz will be the Socialist choice until a final decision is made in or out of court.

Bortz Qualified for Job

Bortz is one of the younger Socialists, being 28 years of age. He has qualified for the position which the Socialist members now claim for him by studying and practicing accountancy. He was graduated from the Reading High School as salutatorian of his class and has studied accounting by correspondence and in a two year course at the University of St. Lawrence at Canton, N. Y. He has been employed by the Hirsch Luria Building and Loan Association and is a member of the Reading Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

Homes Broken On Mother's Day

NEW YORK.—Ministers and rabbis of New York City were reminded by letters from the Workers' Committee on Unemployment of the fact that on Mother's Day thousands of mothers in New York face eviction because of the city's policy of refusing to pay rents. Stephen S. Wise, John Haynes Holmes and others urged individual ministers to rouse their congregations to bring pressure on officials.

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"READY --- AIM --- FIRE!" A MESSAGE TO THE DESPERATE

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

Wait a minute—wait a good long while before you (hungry and desperate) throw a brickbat through the window of a bank, a bakery or a clothing store. No matter how hungry and desperate you may be.

You see, it is this way: At least thirty-five millions of you didn't know enough to get together quietly at the ballot-box and use your vast class might in self-defense—the defense of your class. The Big Dollar Boys once more filled you full of wind and heat, and then somersaulted you into their two-story political corral—"safe" for two more years, helplessly ignorant and ignorantly helpless. So, being thus tragically ignorant of the strategy of a united, peaceful fight in self defense on election day, you are now slated to be trimmed to a finish if you dully dare to "start something" with brickbats and bellowing. Don't you see that if you can't fight with your heads you will surely be licked to a frazzle in a fight with fists and bricks against rifles and machine guns?

Now let me give you a few tips for your protection till you have another chance to defend yourselves with your heads:

First—Watch your step. And think fast—even if you aren't used to it. You are slated for a bloody beating if you get "sassy" while you shiver and hunger through the coming winter. It's all set—for you. The second tip is this: Under the present wage-and-profit system that you voted for Nov. 8, it is strictly legal, strictly constitutional, strictly good American practice to have hungry and shivering out-of-work wage slaves (even war-scarred veterans) jailed, sabred and machine-gunned if they get noisy in their misery. So, don't holler while you are hungry in the snow. Listen, slaves—here is another tip: Fascism has arrived in this country—quietly—flying the American flag.

Now, when you place facts together, and see their relations, you are thinking. Ever try it? I now invite your attention to some facts. I will put a few of them together for you, while you think out what they mean—for you when you hunger in the snow. Here they are:

The Gatling gun was invented by an American physician, Doctor Gatling. He urged Congress and our all-wise War Department to adopt the gun. Of course he was turned down with the usual scorn for things that are new. However, soon afterward the British government bought a few of the guns for experimental use. And soon this butcher's joy was tried out in Africa against the Zulus and in Canada against Indians. Promptly and delightedly the commanding officers in Africa and Canada reported to the War Office in London: "The gun works perfectly and is especially adapted for defense against an enemy that fights in mob formation with mob technique." Right off, the British and the other governments of the world adopted the Gatling gun as part of their butchering machinery. Today the machine gun holds up the staggering Capitalist system, braces the masters of the world while they stand on the necks of the world's blind multitudes.

Recently nine more eight-cylinder Cadillac automobiles were added to the police equipment of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, all of them steel-armored, with slits in the armor for the barrels of rifles and machine guns. Not long ago two carloads of rifles, machine guns and ammunition were shipped into Youngstown, Ohio. In these two cities tens of thousands of men have been out of work for years, living on insulting charity doles and branded as paupers, and are now disgusted and angry, as the cold fall winds whistle through their ragged, and not only in large cities. For example, in the little oil-and-railway town of Bakersfield, California, in the quiet, smiling valley of orchards, farms and vineyards, machine guns have recently been installed in the police headquarters. Not long ago in a huge unemployment parade in Sacramento, Calif., more than twenty secret service men marched and mingled with the unemployed, got the names and addresses of as many as possible—which names and addresses were promptly sent in secret code to the Department of Justice, marked for "treatment" later on when the whirlwinds of protest and blind rebellion break in the cutting winds of winter. And thus it goes throughout the land. The most powerful press in the world (owned by greedy and sneering plutocracy) is boldly urging preparation for the coming showdown be-

tween the strutting Caesars and the shivering slaves. For example: Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner on November 1st in a double-column editorial urged that the two hundred and fifty thousand hungry and homeless big boys and very young men now wandering, friendless and desolate, under the stars (and stripes)—that these youths should be gathered into forty-eight emergency training camps, fed and clothed and trained by Regular Army officers—trained and armed—ready. That is, these hungry and desperate youths are to be bribed with bread and shelter to train to use arms against their unemployed fellows when they get hungry and noisy in the cutting blasts of winter. Nine days later, in the Hearst editorial column of the same paper it was cunningly—and boldly—suggested that the president-elect should organize and himself assume the Cabinet portfolio of a Defense Department of Aviation—"the sort of thing that Mussolini would do. Perhaps we need a Mussolini." At Cleveland, Ohio, President Hoover said, "I thank God we have in America a government that knows how to deal with a mob." And Mr. Roosevelt quietly let this bold brutality go unchallenged—and thus by silence approved of it. Recently a Chicago daily paper carried an advertisement for "healthy, vigorous unemployed men." Hundreds of such men answered the advertisement. They were offered wages if they would train for riot service.

A large group of excited well-fed men wearing silk hats and spats is called an interesting assemblage of animated gentlemen. But a similar group of hungry and excited men in overalls and rags is called a mob.

Wake up, slaves! Think fast. Don't get angry at the rich man! Try to find out how he and others get rich through the wage-and-profit system of industry, called Capitalism. And note carefully how this fleecing-and-sting-em game is increasingly buttressed up with cannon, rifles, tear-gas and machine guns. Keep cool. Save your head—even if you have not used it for years and years. You will need a level head in the sublime grand march of the workers of the world toward the dawn of the New Era. Think fast—or be jailed like cattle, shot like frothing dogs, slain for being blindly rebellious instead of intelligently and unitedly resentful WITH BRAINS RATHER THAN BRICK-BATS.

Don't you see?—It's shut up till you wake up.

REFLECTIONS

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workers which would contain caustic comments upon the intelligence of millions of people who vote for a system which makes them and their children the slaves of parasites. As I left the hall I might add a piquant touch to the proceedings by inviting the unemployed to bring their families to the "Plate Glass Cafe" to watch me eat porthouse and mushrooms.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION of what I might do is a far cry from the gentler ambitions of my comrade Putney. But it might do something which nobody will ever do by giving something to the poor. It would open the eyes of a few workers to their own ignoble condition and the cause thereof. Giving would merely make people content to receive and rob them of their desire to organize, fight and take.

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ity, they must break their own trails. As an individual I am affected by poverty and suffering. But as a Socialist I am far less interested in relieving individual victims of an unsocial system than in persuading workers to replace that system with one which will not make poverty or near-poverty the normal condition for millions.

What workers must come to understand is that million-per-year incomes are possible only to the extent that workers are exploited and robbed. End the robbery, produce and distribute wealth for the use of producers instead of for the profit of stock-owners and bond-holders; and both

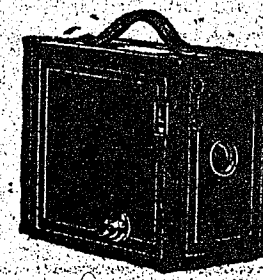
poverty and excessive incomes will come to an end.

JUST AS AN afterthought, it occurred to me that the public would likely tear me limb from limb if I made the speech imagined above. But Max Putney would be likely to suffer the same fate at the hands of the people he befriended—soon after empty pockets forced him to stop giving.

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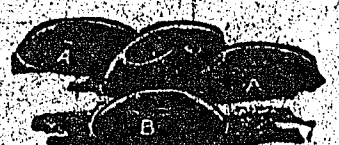
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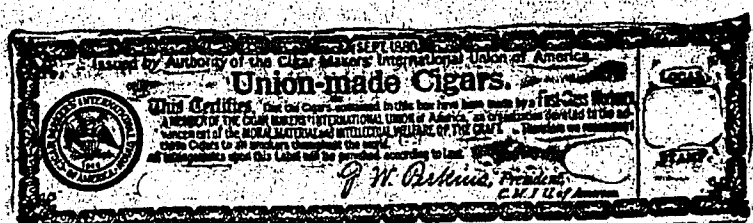
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CAUSES OF THE GERMAN REACTION

(From The New Leader)

Out of post-war Germany has arisen a Fascist horde which for the present dominates all of German life. That this reversion to barbarism is permanent is unthinkable. It can solve no deep problems of capitalist society although it can for a time put capitalism in a straitjacket and glut its sadist appetites by persecuting Jews and revolutionary workers. It cannot heal the cancer of capitalism, the economic crisis that eats its vitality and consigns millions of workers to a workless hell.

The upper section of powerful capitalists, the Junkers and Hitler's murder bands constitute a black coalition. Dripping with filth and blood and dirt, Hitler and his upper class aids seek to build a "new Germany" on human skulls.

Three groups of Germans are the victims of this reaction, Jewish people in general, Socialists and Communists. Jewish Germans who have not fled are being expelled from public offices and from the professions, the intention being to reduce them to a Helot class. Many have been beaten, tortured and killed. On this score alone Hitlerism would be quarantined by civilized human beings as a filthy thing if such a measure were possible.

Socialists and Communists are suffering the same fate. The censorship does not permit us to have the complete facts but fugitives in Austria, France, Switzerland and England tell harrowing stories. Homes are raided, victims are beaten with steel rods and some are forced to drink castor oil. It is reported that Hitler's bands maintain three torture houses in Berlin for this brutal work.

Monarchists, Junkers and militarists on the one hand representing the "culture" of an old ruling class; broken little capitalists seeking to climb up into the niche from which they were hurled; student cadres of a dying middle class; illiterate proletarians, blacklegs, shades, characters with a past, neurotic creatures and plain criminals. These are the heirs of Goethe, Wagner, Haackel, Lassalle, Einstein, Remarque, Hegel and Marx.

What are the elements entering into this revolting reaction? A murderous "peace" arranged by Allied victors, which sought to make Germany a slave state of allied capitalism; a slumbering anti-Semitism awakened in the black post-war period of hysteria and despair; the world crisis of capitalism; carrying civil war into the ranks of the German working class by the Communist International, dividing the workers into four or five warring factions; fomenting hates reminiscent of the intrigues of the force anarchism of Bakunin that destroyed the First International in the seventies.

The peace treaties were bad enough, but cultivating civil war within the ranks of the working class is little short of criminal. In 1921 the Communist International split the Socialist movement of Italy into three factions and Fascist violence was already raging. In the succeeding months efforts to obtain a concert of action between Socialists, Communists, trade unions and co-operatives were made abortive by the Communist International. In July, 1922, the Italian trade union Congress again called for united action against the common enemy with no result. Late in October of that year Mussolini made his march on Rome and that was the end of all working class organizations.

Germany has repeated this history. Again and again the Communist International opposed united action and German Communists even co-operated with Fascists on some measures in the Prussian Diet and in the Reichstag. Warnings were of no avail. Communist leaders held that Socialist organizations were the main enemy. What they think now we do not know.

They sneered at the popular rights

the working class had won—freedom of press, of organization, of assembly, of agitation—as "bourgeois democracy" that must be destroyed. They are destroyed. Now that these rights are gone they protect—not in Germany for even the right of protest has been destroyed there—but in other countries. Liberty is like bread to a starving man, it is appreciated only when it has been taken away.

In the meantime the intrigues and attacks from the rear drove the Socialists from time to time to yield something to the capitalist enemy while Communists occasionally co-operated with the Fascists. The situation was somewhat similar to a tense strike in which scabs force their way into this sector and that sector, forcing the strikers to yield here and to fall back there. Moscow could sign peace pacts with capitalist governments not to engage in propaganda against those governments but it would not suspend the policy of civil war in working class organizations. Net result since 1922; Italy and Germany in the grip of reaction with the Communist parties buried in the common ruin.

It may be said that the Socialists should have dared more. Perhaps; but the most solid ranks of strikers will give way if a section of the workers snipe from the rear and on the sidelines in the presence of a menacing class enemy. Parlor generals drinking tea in snug security and away from the internal civil war and the fight against the class enemy may pass judgment—but one basic fact is evident. Those who foster civil war in the ranks of workers in the presence of great danger to the whole working class must bear main responsibility for any reaction that follows.

Moreover, Communist theory is based upon the assumption that chaos is favorable to social revolution and that it is the duty of Communists to stimulate it. Chaos was to provide the basis for action. Chaos came to Germany. Why did not the Communist Party dare to act in a situation it favored and fostered? We do not know. Its failure was more miserable and complete than any failure of the workers' organizations it had fought.

Socialists, trade unionists, co-operators, Communists and persecuted Jews lie bleeding with a Fascist vampire at the throat of Germany. The armed Socialists of Vienna are now menaced by what has happened across the Austrian border and there the Austrian workers may at any moment face a struggle of life and death. If this Socialist front is also crushed what will come to the rest of Europe? Nay, will not the old White Guards seek by way of a Fascist Europe to crush Soviet Russia as well? In that event the workers outside of Russia will have little power to oppose this reaction.

To this pass have we come as a result of sowing civil war in the ranks of workers. It is hideous fruit of a sectarian policy and there is no hope for the workers of the world while it continues. Those who encourage it in any way are hangmen of the working class.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, No. 146 June Term, 1933.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County on Monday, June 5, 1933, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., D. S. T., under the Corporation Act of 1874 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the supplements thereto, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called the "ITALO-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF BERKS COUNTY, PA." the character and object of which is "the maintenance of clubs for social enjoyments," and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act and its supplements.

The proposed charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's Office.
DARLINGTON HOOPES, Attorney.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, No. 118 June Term, 1933.

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

BARGAINING FOR THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY

Russia's bargaining with Japan to sell the Manchurian railway proves Stalin's sensible desire for peace—at least in this stage of her development. It may weaken for the time being Russian and official Communist influence in China. It is fantastic to suppose that it is a pledge of everlasting indifference in the Soviet republic to Japanese imperialism. It lessens the present danger of large scale war in the Far East, but scarcely diminishes the ultimate danger.

RELIEF BY PUBLIC WORKS

President Roosevelt's appeal for peace is more satisfactory than his plan for the control of industry plus public works for the unemployed. I write necessarily on the basis not of the plan but of newspaper forecasts of it. So far as public works go, \$3,300,000,000 to be spent in two years is not enough for the dramatic and effective proclamation of war on unemployment. The amount should be raised to six billion to be spent, if plans can be rushed, in one year. Six billion is the difference between construction now and its level in "prosperous" 1928. Moreover public works must include housing, not through loans to limited dividend companies which have not met and cannot meet the need, but through public housing authorities.

ART FOR ART'S SAKE

Who says art can be for art's sake irrespective of social opinion and class interests? Certainly not the Rockefellers who doom a whole work of modern art for the sake of keeping out of Radio City—that monument of folly!—one picture of Lenin! Once admit the class conflict and its influence in art and one can understand this Rockefeller-Rivera conflict and wonder mostly why the Rockefellers even thought they wanted Rivera's murals. But from any other standpoint the Rockefeller action looks like a crass Philistine censorship of dollars over the ideas of a creator.

A busy trip leaves me little time to write. But a word I do want to say in praise of the growth in members, enthusiasm and organization of the Socialist Party in Western Pennsylvania. The new headquarters in Pittsburgh hum with comradeship and activity. Party members are doing magnificent work in the growing and effective Unemployed Citizens' League. More power to them!

DEATH-BED RESOLUTIONS

The control of industries is revolutionary from the old capitalist point of view, and it is amazing that so great a revolution is winning so much assent among business leaders with their old psychology and habits. It shows how sick their system or their chaos is.

Socialists may like what it proves but not what it proposes. Judgment of its merits will depend somewhat on details, for example, on how effective is the provision likely to be made for the thirty-hour week with adequate wages. But in principle the bill looks more like Fascist than Socialist economics. Business associations are to regulate themselves subject to federal governmental scrutiny and approval. Here is not production for use but a stabilization of profit for absentee owners; not

social ownership but at least mere social regulation. If, as and when business recovers—will it?—it will forget its present death-bed resolutions. It will again control, largely, the regulating agency. At bottom, does not business control today under the new deal which has brought most of the money changers back in the temple where they sing in the choir praises to Roosevelt? From the forecasts, I suspect that all or more of the sort of objections Socialists found to the Swope plan will apply to the Roosevelt brain-trust version of it.

The President who dodged the sales-tax until his election is going to let Congress decide how to finance the public works program. He will, it is announced, throw various proposals instead of just the sales tax before the wolves in Congress. Will he say plainly that what we need besides income and inheritance taxes is the capital levy? That is the way to end, not only the sales tax agitation, but our mountainous burden of debts.

IS "SOUND" MONEY HONEST?

Interest-bearing notes vs. non-interest-bearing bonds is the real issue that prompts the nation's bankers to so bitterly oppose any currency issuance that does not provide, somewhere along the route, for the paying of interest to the financial directors of this government.

On April 22 Senator Key Pittman of Nevada delivered a radio address over the Columbia Broadcasting network on the topic of controlled inflation which emphasized the opening claim of this editorial in this statement. "The obligations of the government will be no greater by the issuance of these notes than they were before the notes were issued, because with the issuance of the notes an equal value of other government obligations are retired and cancelled. The difference is that the bonds and other obligations that are retired by the exchange of these notes are interest-bearing, while the notes that are issued will be non-interest-bearing."

Can the dear reader now understand why present-day Shylocks cry fiat money, unsound money and dishonest money, simply and solely because they are left out of the deal, by being deprived of an interest which, however exorbitant in the past, made even unsound currency sound money in their eyes?—Federation News.

HONORING CHARLES P. STEINMETZ

Henry Ford has placed in his River Rouge museum the little camp shack in which Charles P. Steinmetz used to rest, and dream, and work out his bewildering mathematics of electricity.

Any honors to Steinmetz are justified, though the alternating current and high tension transmission lines are better monuments to that weird genius than any which Mr. Ford can buy. Yet the shack has its uses as a memorial—if Mr. Ford will take advantage of them.

It marks the career of a man who loved his work for its own sake. In the 40 years or so that he served the General Electric Company, Steinmetz probably added hundreds of millions of dollars to the wealth of the electrical industry—which may have passed on a minor fraction of that sum to the American consumer. He could have had many of those millions for himself. But he did not want them. His code, which a gifted writer put to gether from Steinmetz's own words, was this:

"Let no man take from society more than he requires for his immediate needs. Let him house and clothe and feed himself and his family; let him take enough to afford him opportunity for unhampered service to the community. Let him never waste himself in piling up riches. What flows out (of his work) above his needs, let it go back directly to where it will produce for the public good."

History holds a million careers which refute the claim that gigantic money rewards must be offered to procure great services; but the life of Steinmetz is perhaps the most dramatic of them all. If Mr. Ford will engrave a tablet with a brief statement of the life and principles of Charles Proteus Steinmetz, that shack may be a true memorial, after all.—Labor.

THE PUBLIC WORKS BILL AND AN A. F. OF L. RIFT

The thirty-hour week bill at Washington has gone into the discard and now President Roosevelt's public works bill is facing some snags. The bill proposes \$3,300,000,000 in public works bonds and a "re-employment tax" to pay \$220,000,000 in interest annually and a sinking fund. The tax is really a sales tax but it is given the new name in the hope that it will smell sweeter. However, it is meeting with opposition not only in Roosevelt's following in Congress but labor organizations are opposed to it. The statesmen are now sweating in the effort to find some substitute for the sales tax.

Meantime it is reported that the President does not know whether William Green or Matthew Wolf speaks for the A. F. of L. Wolf is reported as supporting the embargo measure so dear to the National Association of Manufacturers and Wolf's high tariff lobby. At the recent meeting of the executive of the A. F. of L. it is said that certain unions threatened to withdraw from the Federation if Wolf is not disciplined. The bill containing the embargo amendment is the child of

Secretary of Labor Perkins and is intended to abolish sweatshop conditions in industry. The President cannot sign it if it contains the embargo clause and at the same time ask the nations to let down their trade barriers. It's a pretty mess.—The New Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

HITLER'S SPEECH

Chancellor Hitler's speech to the Reichstag struck a conciliatory note that had been absent from his previous utterances and actions, and dispelled somewhat the fear that a new world war was in the making. It would be a sad mistake, however, to assume that Hitler has suddenly been converted to a peaceful policy. Just several days before von Papen had glorified war in true kaiser fashion, and Frank, the minister of justice, had openly threatened Austria with an armed invasion.

The Hitler who spoke of respecting the national rights of other people is the same Hitler who has directed the brutal, medieval persecution of the Jews. The Socialist and Communists, as well as the Jews, have learned in what sense the Nazi brown shirts are "an educational institution promoting the spirit of the true community, bridging over class antagonism and relieving the economic distress of individuals." There is no evidence, nor any reason to believe that Hitler's words about peace are more sincere than these. All his past history makes them sound insincere.

What happened was that, largely because of the anti-Jewish excesses, Germany was rapidly becoming isolated in world affairs. England and America, both of whom had frequently supported German Republican governments against French militarism, had under the pressure of public opinion swung over against Germany. Austria, Germany's natural ally, had ordered Nazi ministers off her soil. This position was impossible to maintain, particularly after Roosevelt's peace message. Until Germany's internal policy becomes civilized, honeyed speeches will scarcely sound convincing.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL

The Roosevelt plan for industrial control is by far the most significant in his entire program. The measure requires each industry to draw up a code of proper conduct, which after being agreed to by a substantial portion of the industry would be forced upon the remainder. If the industry does not voluntarily draw up such a plan, the government can force one upon it.

The agreements are to limit production, fix minimum wages, and regulate hours and working conditions. Nothing is directly said about prices, but the inference is that they will be likewise controlled. The right of collective bargaining is to be recognized, and yellow-dog contracts made illegal. The anti-trust laws, in so far as they conflict, are to be set aside.

The plan is similar in many respects to those proposed by economists and industrial leaders when the depression first became acute. The American Federation of Labor and the United States Chamber of Commerce both approve the measure, and beyond any doubt it will be speedily enacted.

This is a bigger step in the direction of social control over industry than has been taken since the War Industries Board was set up during the world war. Some of the worst features of the capitalist system will be eliminated if the bill is properly enforced after its passage. It is not socialization, however; though it may prove a stepping stone to it.

The bill retains private ownership of industry and it retains the profit motive, though it does away with competition except in quality of merchandise. What it really attempts to do is to eliminate waste for the benefit of business men, and to stabilize profits. What we need instead is

public ownership of industry, production for use, and the management of industry for the benefit of all the people in the country.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

Roosevelt's peace message was interesting, not so much for its content, as for the fact that it was directly addressed, among others, to the Russian government. This may indicate that formal recognition of Russia will shortly follow, and it has long believed that Roosevelt has contemplated such a step. The peace plan itself will probably prove as ineffective as its predecessors, and Japan will likely sign it while continuing the conquest of China.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE

Pres. Roosevelt is too busy to attend the World's Fair at Chicago. Vice-Pres. Garner has declined because he has to preside over the Senate.

Speaker Rainey finds he also will be unable to go.
Is there going to be any fair.

In Great Britain the budget is an ancient red leather despatch box which is "opened" once a year.
In the U. S. A. we have the budget always with us, opened or unopened, balanced or unbalanced.

NICE

The chairman of the Metropolitan-Vickers announced after the trial of the British spies that the company's only desire was to forgive and forget. AND, of course, complete the rest of it's \$5,250,000 worth of Russian contracts.

Nice of the nice company, eh?

Great Western Sugar Co. admits that its \$2,500,000 profit in 1932 was made by scaling down prices paid farmers for sugar beets.
More farm relief, it seems.

IT'S THE NEW DEAL

1922—Colorado Rangers.
1927—Colorado State Law Enforcement Bureau.
1933—Colorado Highway Courtesy Patrol.

Dr. James B. Conant, new head of Harvard University, used to be a manufacturer of poison gas.
Back at his old trade?

COLLECTION NOTE

Under the recapture clause of the Transportation Act of 1920, by which the Interstate Commerce Commission impounds one-half of all railroad profits over 6% as a loan fund for weak lines, claims exceeded \$360,000,000.

The new Japanese advance on Peking will be on a larger scale than heretofore, "requiring the special sanction of the emperor."

We thought they did very well without special sanction in Manchuria.

Louis St. George, chauffeur to Sec. of Labor Perkins, quit the other day because he couldn't work the 17 hours a day required on the job.

It seems he liked the New Deal on the first shift but didn't on the second.

There is one bank in the world that seems to be booming. The Bank of Intl. Settlements showed a profit of \$3,200,000 for 1932.

We have an idea the bank was set up to facilitate German Reparations payments, not to make profits.

One of the newest Nazi organizations is the Committee of Action for the Protection of German Labor.

We predict there'll be PLENTY of action, but darned little protection.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES
For the first time in recent years a committee has been organized to make sure bondholders of a state of the union get their money.

Theo. Albans, who has been singing Happy Days Are Here Again for five years over the radio, and who recently was cut from \$300 to \$25 a week, has been fired.

Pres. Sisson of the American Bankers Assn. protests against "state plans to socialize losses arising from bad or unfortunate banking."

We'll say the tied-up dough in still-closed banks is unfortunate!

Of the \$2,260,021,958 loaned to banks, railroads and insurance companies by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, \$464,753,681 had been repaid up to April 22.

That leaves the government holding the bag for \$1,795,268,277, according to our way of figuring.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

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 Peter'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.

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

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

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 434 Penn Avenue.

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

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

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

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.

Rauk 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.

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

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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 p. m., at Newmans-town Band Hall.

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

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

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

Lebanon Branch meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., at 1039 Willow street.

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

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

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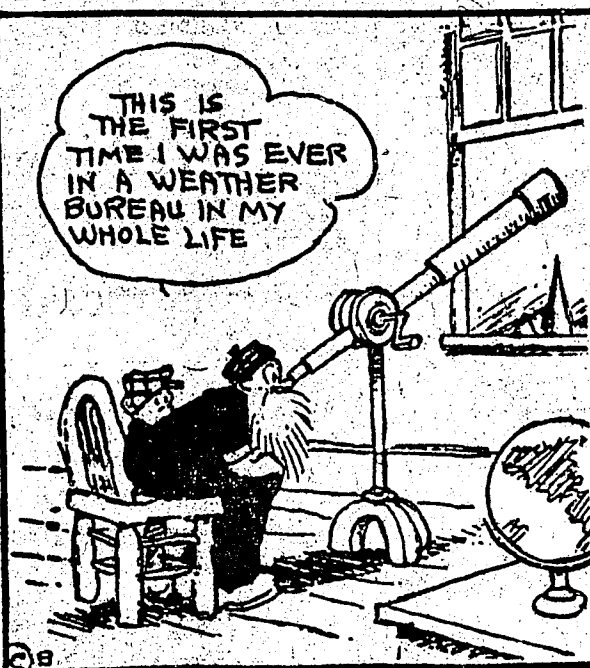
North Wales, first and third Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Century Club, Main street.

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.

Pottstown Junior and Senior Circle—Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Labor Lyceum, 24 South Charlotte street.

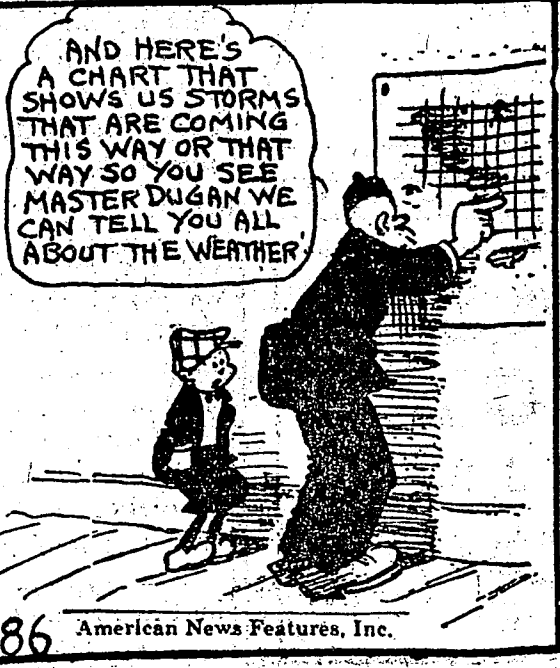
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