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Are Police Seeking Excuse for Violence?

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

ONCE AGAIN THE public is looking at an important situation from a wrong angle. Since disclosures in the United States Senate revealed such high dignitaries as Secretary Woodin, William Gibbs McAdoo and even the defunct Calvin Coolidge as favorites of Banker Morgan, millions of people are squirming in such throes of agony as follow the discovery that one's idols have feet of clay. Foolishly, it seems to me, they are centering their resentment upon the men who gratefully accepted Morgan's offer of securities at whole-sale prices.

I NOW OFFER the suggestion that it is not Morgan and his favorites who are to blame, but the great mass of people who, year after year, voted to continue an economic system which permitted one man to have power over the lives of many men.

Time and time again we Socialists protested against permitting 2 per cent. of the population to control 90 per cent. of the nation's wealth. But the great mass of people were in-different to this condition. They ap-peared content to permit Morgan and his crew to hold their power. It is only when that big parasite uses his power to favor public officials that the general public showed signs of being greatly shocked and slightly indignant.

WHAT THE PEOPLE of this na-tion ought to question is not why their political leaders accepted the Morgan dote. That is easy to under-stand if we bear in mind that even big politicians are human. A far better understanding of the funda-mental evil which afflicts mankind will be gained by learning why Mr. Morgan was willing to give so gener-ously.

I would like to be able to make every American take his eyes off of the favor-takers and look at the favor-givers, and through them at the graft system itself.

Back of every public official who accepts a bribe there is a labor ex-ploiter who gives a bribe. And the purpose of money-grabbing bribe-givers is to further strengthen their ability to exploit the 98 per cent. of the people who own so little but pro-duce everything. In a word, bribes of every kind and description are the natural consequence of a system which permits a few people to take what many people produce.

I AND MY Socialist colleagues have long been telling the people of the nation that the two big political parties function in the interest of the powerful 2 per cent. That in-formation never aroused much of a reaction on the part of the great mass of people who are Morgan's slaves. It is only now, when the nation is told how the parasites keep their control over the big politicians, that people become excited. What on earth did the public expect?

IF MORGAN HADN'T given special consideration to the big po-litical leaders he would have been an ingrate. Surely the nation's law-makers earned the gratitude and the rewards of the owning class. Didn't they hoodwink the people into stand-ing for a war of commercial and in-dustrial rivalry? Didn't they burden the nation with debts so large that

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FUSION THREAT SEEN WHEN GILES SENDS ENTIRE BODY TO HELP ENFORCE EVICTION

Tomlinson Protests Against Menace to Peace and Safety. Near Riot at Clothing Warehouse When County Jails Are Fooled to Reading—Symontown's Attack Upon Taxpayers' Protective League Suspected as First Step Toward Terror Tactics—League Officials Answer Work Relief Director's Veiled Charge of Vandalism

The menacing hand of police power has been turned against the Taxpayers' Protective League within the past week as evidence of what is likely to happen if the organized un-employed stand firm on their program of resisting evictions. While no names have been placed upon the casualty list, the Reading police, acting under the direction of Police Commissioner Giles, last Friday turned out en masse at an anti-eviction demonstration in the 100 block Carpenter street. That no seri-ous incidents occurred at that time is due to the patience of the unemployed and to the fact that the landlord was per-suaded to call off Constable Menges who came to drive a fam-ily upon the streets.

Following their usual custom, which has not been definitely chal-lenged by the Fusion police commis-sioner up to that time, a group of League members gathered at the Car-penter street residence. However, instead of the one or two uniformed policemen which was the force sent to other evictions, demonstrations, practically the entire force, including uniformed and plain-clothes men, motorcycle squad, radio car and night men were on the scene to protect the evicting constable in the performance of his sordid task. One of the cars carried a quantity of tear gas bombs, according to members of the League.

Tomlinson Protests to Giles.
Following the temporary adjust-ment of the matters between the landlord and his tenant, Steward Tomlinson, chairman of the League's Executive Committee, called upon Commissioner Giles to protest against the police threat to the League. Tomlinson called Giles' attention to the fact that there were many women and children in the crowd which had been attracted by the spec-tacular demonstration of force by the police. He told the Commissioner that the police would have to be re-

QUEER INTRIGUE ON SALES TAX

Rumor That Green Favors Plan As Means of Financing Public Work Amazes Capital

WASHINGTON (FP).—After the executive council of the American Federation of Labor had devoted several hours of its recent session in Washington to "bawling out" Mat-thew Woll, at the demand of certain unions which had suggested that they would withdraw from affiliation if he were not disciplined, it was discov-ered that President Roosevelt still believed that Woll, and not president Green, was directing the actual policy of the Federation. The ques-tion shot at Green in a White House conference with the Council: "Bill why don't you and Matty get your heads together, so that your stories jibe?"—was answered by Woll's triumph in rewriting the Black-Perkins industrial control bill into an embargo measure near to the heart of Woll's tariff lobby and the tariff committee of the National As-sociation of Manufacturers. The tariff lobbyists knew that this em-bargo clause would kill the whole measure, because Roosevelt could not sign an embargo bill just when he was asking the world to let down its trade barriers.

Then sprang up rumors that the Administration would, very reluc-tantly, ask the country to accept a sales tax to finance the interest and sink-ing fund for any bonds issued to

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM CUT TO 10% OF NEEDS

Amount of Federal Funds For Relief Work May Sink to \$500,000,000

A. F. L. WANTS 3 BILLIONS
National Taxpayers' League Offering Strong Resistance To Use of Public Funds to Make Jobs

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Roosevelt's program for a "huge" distribution of purchasing power through a bond issue for construction of public works has been whittled down until it is now unofficially reported in Administration circles to be only \$500,000,000. On March 4, it was estimated by his enthusiastic admirers, at \$5,000,000,000.

While the American Federation of Labor has insisted that any public works program designed to afford employment should be at least \$8,000,000,000, leading economists have urged that it be two or three times that sum. The National Taxpayers' League has fought all of these pro-grams, and has had the support of the corporation spokesmen in Con-

CRISIS-BREEDING DISEASE AMONG U. S. UNEMPLOYED

PAINESVILLE, O. (FP).—Disease is spreading and will continue to spread rapidly so long as present in-dustrial conditions exist, Dr. Zolton Wirtschatter told a Y. M. C. A. con-ference in Painesville.

"Present production and economic conditions in the United States, while tending to enhance the subjection of employed workers to occupational diseases, have also created a growing army of millions of unemployed, among whom there are numerous in-dividuals and families whose eco-nomic circumstances do not enable them to feed, clothe and house them-selves so as to secure sufficient warmth and nutrition to resist dis-ease," he said.

"Combine this situation with the factor of increased laxity in the pre-vention of certain occupational dis-ease conditions, and you have both the incubator for disease and the fertile field for its spread."

NON-SOCIALISTS UNITE TO ELECT SCHOOL TREASURER

William Seaman Gets Majority On Ninth Ballot After Bortz Election Is Ruled Void

BERTOLET'S MAN LOSES

Fred Behm, Discredited Councilman Candidate, Caused Split as G. O. P. Boss' Choice

The myth that "politics mean nothing on the School Board" was completely shat-tered on Wednesday night when, at a special meeting called for that purpose, the non-Socialist members of that body united on the ninth ballot to oust Bernard J. Bortz, So-cialist, and elect William Seaman, Republican, as School Board treasurer by a 5 to 4 vote with the Socialists standing for Bortz.

Bortz secured the high vote at the Board's meeting on May 23, when, with Director Andrew J. Fink absent, the balloting for treasurer gave him a 4-2 lead over Seaman and Walter M. Hessinger. Directors Hendricks (R) and Romig (D), both elected in the Fusion campaign which was launched and controlled by Well-ington Bertolet two years ago, im-mediately raised the objection that, although the Socialist had received the high vote he could not be declared elected because he had not secured 5 votes, a majority of the entire Board. Their contention was con-firmed by an opinion rendered by School Solicitor George Eves at Wednesday night's meeting.

Bertolet's Choice Defeated
In order to defeat Bortz at Wed-nesday's second election it became necessary for the Board to ignore the wishes of Bertolet and the Repub-lican machine. It was an open secret privately admitted by prominent Re-

MOONEY IS FAR FROM FREEDOM

California's Victim, Acquitted At New Trial, May Still Spend Life Behind Prison Walls

SAN FRANCISCO (FP).—Tom Mooney has been acquitted because the district attorney would not pre-sent evidence he knew was insuffi-cient for conviction—yet Tom Mooney has gone back to prison to serve the rest of his life unless the power and protest of the workers and others force a pardon for him.

"The tragedy of this case today," Mooney told the court when acquittal was ordered, "is that although the district attorney declares the evi-dence not sufficient to introduce in this trial, it was sufficient for four governors of this state, the appel-late and supreme courts to hold that I should stay in prison. If it is suf-ficient for that it should be worthy of the consideration of this jury."

D. A. Took Weak Stand
District Attorney Matthew Brady has long held that Mooney is inno-cent. But when the opportunity came for him to prove whether Mooney actually is innocent by present-ing all the available evidence to the jury and allowing the truth to be brought out, he wilted. It was be-neath his dignity to present evidence when he, in his majesty, did not be-lieve Mooney guilty, he intimated. That his dignity was to be protected at the cost of the life of an innocent man meant nothing to him; he's just

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"Rattle-Brained Radicals" Jailed By York Mayor For Relief Demands

YORK, Pa. (FP).—For leading a demonstration against the Pin-chot commissary relief plan, three workers were sentenced to pay fines of \$100 each or serve 30 days in jail. After the workers had been refused a permit to demon-strate, they appealed to the mayor, citing the constitution.

The mayor replied: "Under no condition will I grant a bunch of rattle-brained radicals permission to protest before the York county relief board." Police broke up the demonstration and arrested the leaders.

FLOOD DAMAGES SOCIALIST PARK

Party Workers Now Working To Put Grounds In Condition For Big Picnic on June 18th

Damage which will require the labor of many days to repair was visited upon the Socialist Park in Sinking Spring by a cloudburst which flooded the grounds last Mon-day night.

Soon after the downpour started the creek began rising rapidly, over-

SOCIALISTS' YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT THE PARK

This is a special call issued by Organizer Bigony for volunteer labor at the Socialist Park. The money loss caused by last Mon-day's flood was slight, but many hours of labor will be needed to put the Park in condition. Many hands will make the task ahead an easy one. Now is the time for all willing workers to come to the aid of their party. If you are willing to help, come to the Park on Sat-urday and Sunday.

flowing the wall and carrying tables and loose benches to various parts of the Park. A bridge at the upper end of the Park was washed away and seats at the ball park were dislodged. A children's slide was swept from its moorings and taken to a far corner of the Park. A huge tree stump which had been removed from the ground several seasons ago was car-ried from the far upper corner of the Park and lodged beneath a con-crete bridge opposite the big dance hall. No damage was done to the dance hall itself.

The most costly loss in terms of labor was caused by the washing away of a new cinder road which was constructed last month by vol-untary workers. Of the three car-loads of cinders which had been spread and rolled only traces remain to cover the bare ground.

Although the storm's fury made a

TAXPAYERS' PROTECTIVE LEAGUE PLANS BUSY WEEK

Every day next week will be a day of activity for the Taxpayers' Pro-tection League. Following is the League's schedule of mass meetings:

Sunday: Polish Branch at St. Casimir Hall.

Monday: West Leesport; Berk-shire Heights; Womelsdorf; Fred-ricksville; Italian Branch.

Tuesday: Windsor Castle, Stewart Tomlinson and Amos Lesher; Bland-on; Fritztown; Hamburg.

Wednesday: Oley Valley, Brook-meyer's residence; West Reading; Shillington and Mohnton; Farmers, Greenwiche Township; Topton; Hyde Park; Sinking Spring.

Thursday: Gibraltar; Robesonia; Temple; Kenhorst; West Lawn; North East; Kutztown; Birdsboro; In afternoon; Fleetwood.

Friday: Laureldale.

Organization Meeting Tonight
Tonight a new unit of the League will be organized at Klipp's Store, situated on the highway between Robesonia and Bernville.

MORGAN PUSHES SMALL GANGSTER OFF FRONT PAGE

Revelations of How Nation's Key Men Were Placed Under Obligations Is Lead-ing News Story

C.-C. WAGE CUTTER NAMED

How President Roosevelt Escaped Financier's Favors Is Arousing the Curiosity of Many People

CHICAGO (FP).—The sight of J. P. Morgan's naked fist clutching the executive, legisla-tive, judicial, diplomatic, finan-cial, industrial, legal and edu-cational men of distinction in the United States has crowded off the front page of Chicago newspapers the lesser rack-eters. Even the Century of Progress, opening May 27, gets scant attention while everybody reads how Morgan & Co. kept the key men of the country on their private dole.

One of the prominent men on the Morgan charity list are the inevitable Charlie Dawes who was also on the government's dole for \$90,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Attorney Siles H. Strawn who thundered against doles for the poor in season and out. Dawes is former Republican vice-president, former U. S. budget di-rector, former U. S. army storekeep-er in France where he got a briga-dier-generalship for it, and U. S. am-bassador to England at the time that Morgan loaned him about \$75,000. Dawes says he has now repaid the loan.

C. of C. Head in Racket
Strawn headed the U. S. chamber of commerce during its worst flop-year, advocated the re-election of Robert E. Crowe, the best friend of

BARES BALLYHOO OF PROSPERITY

Southern Textile Leader De-clares Revival Stories Aim to Head Off Labor Legislation

GREENVILLE, S. C. (FP).—The publicity drive being conducted by newspapers throughout the country to give the impression that wages are going up is a move to forestall leg-islation that would shorten hours and establish minimum wage rates, ac-cording to John Peel, southern rep-resentative of the United Textile Workers of America. Speaking of the reports of wage increases coming from southern textile mills, he says, "Although newspaper reports about pay advances have been featured, the employees will not know what these increases will amount to until May 20, the next pay day in the Pied-mont area. These increases do not represent any appreciable recovery of earning power on the part of the masses of southern textile workers who have been so ruthlessly deflated during the past three years. Aver-age earnings for full-time work in the Piedmont section range from \$3.50 to \$12 a week on skilled opera-tions. Median earnings are much nearer \$3.50 than \$12."

"In the past, it has been the cus-tomary procedure for employers in the South, during a session of the legislature with some labor bill pend-ing, to promise that conditions in their mills would be improved. These promises, of course, are never carried out," he declares. The announce-ments of wage increases are the same sort of bluff.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

HUNGER AND THE LAW

As this is being written a news-paper on the writer's desk carries a story telling that food allowances for the unemployed are going to be cut 20 per cent. The writer looks out of the window and sees groups of policemen standing idly along the court house. The reflection comes that sadness and dismay are present today in the homes of thousands of Berks County families. And then another headline, telling how the House of Morgan gave thousands of dollars to the "great" men who make our laws, looms from the printed page lying on the desk.

There's enough in the above para-graph to furnish material for a long speech. Why are the unemployed to be driven nearer to starvation? What are the policemen waiting for? Why should men with big public incomes be favored by the nation's greatest banker while the doles of the desti-tute are being cut?

Every worker should know the answer. Food allowances are robbed because the lawmakers of the state refused to heed the demands of So-cialist representatives for greater taxes upon big incomes. The police are on the job to see to it that the jobless are properly silenced if hun-ger and rage drive them to demon-strations which are illegal. The na-tion's richest banker favors the na-tion's lawmakers because they make the laws which permit him to exploit his fellow men and furnish the po-lice to threaten, club, gas and shoot workers who rebel against starva-tion.

Today we are living under a sys-tem which operates for the benefit of those who own. Masters of indus-try and finance are permitted to hold land, factories and money out of use—no matter how badly the great mass of people may need to use those things. Workers are tolerated only as long as they work when want-ed, and starve peaceably when want-ed.

Who is to blame for the condi-tions that exist today? Is it Mr. Morgan? No, Mr. Morgan is play-ing the game according to the rules. Are the lawmakers to blame? No, they are doing what the majority said should be done when the ma-jority voted for Capitalism. Should the policemen be blamed? No, the policemen would just as willingly serve the masses as the classes if the masses had control of the govern-ment.

You, Mr. and Mrs. Worker, you are to blame—if you voted against the Socialists. You sanctioned the law of slavery and hunger which now rules the land. You refused to use your ballots to get the power which goes to those who control the law-making functions of the state. You voted for your masters—and now you are getting what you voted for. "Gene Debs used to say that the crack of a policeman's club upon a worker's skull is the echo of the Cap-i-talist vote which the worker dropped in the ballot box. It now seems that Reading is about to be given a practical demonstration of the truth of 'Gene's words."

THE SCHOOL TREASURER

Socialist members of the Reading School Board have apparently failed in an attempt to make one of their qualified comrades the Board's treas-urer.

We speak of this incident here, not because it is important, but to tell those who believe in us that it is not. With many millions of men, women and children existing upon charity, the question of who holds a certain clerkship dare not be made a main issue.

There are other and vastly more important things for the workers to be thinking about. One is the fact that school treasurers, together with the treasuries of cities, counties and states, are being depleted. What is going to happen to the children of the working-class if Capitalism con-tinues to impoverish our schools? Another important thing that is hap-pening locally is the manner in which

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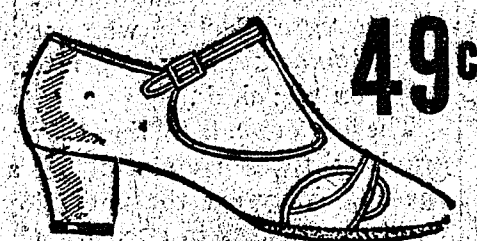


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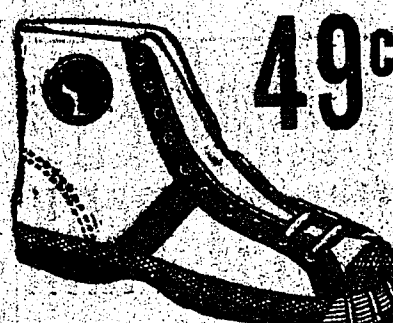


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FUSION THREAT

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responsible for any injuries which might be sustained by innocent bystanders and informed Giles that the League would stand solidly against the eviction of families who were victims of unemployment.

Near Riot at Warehouse
Earlier in the day a demonstration which almost approached riot proportions was staged at the old clothing warehouse when a group of unemployed from rural Berks were refused clothing on vouchers which had already been issued. One Harper, an employee of the Relief Board, was squeezed so badly that several ribs were reported broken.

Symontowne Grows Hostile
Russ Symontowne, \$350-per-month director of work relief, who had previously found the Taxpayers' Protective League useful as a foil to force the County authorities to follow his work relief program, apparently sees no point to pretending sympathy for the League since the work relief project has been abandoned by the County. In a statement following last Friday's demonstration Symontowne labelled the demonstration at the warehouse as "an unlawful assembly in every sense of the word" and openly stated that its object was to force entrance to the warehouse for the purpose of stealing clothing.

Cake Replies to Charges
"We are not surprised at any statement which Symontowne may make, because we are fully aware of his tactics," Clarence Cake, publicity chairman of the League, said yesterday.

"Just how long this high-priced friend of the unemployed hopes to be able to pull the wool over the public's eyes is a question," Cake continued. "The Taxpayers' Protective League is not organized to steal but to see to it that the jobless are properly provided for. We have an organization of about 5,000 persons and have been working indirectly with the relief set up since last October. However, developments within the past two months have been such as to make action necessary. If the relief officials would take the time to go over the entire county and look into the deplorable conditions which exist today it might not be necessary for us to make demonstrations.

"The demonstration last Friday was the result of a lack of respect for the jobless. As has happened before, people from rural Berks came to Reading for clothing under instructions from their local official, only to find that no order had been sent in by the district supervisor. Thus they made their trip for nothing. This has happened so often that it cannot be considered as an accident.

Says "Sy" Hunted Trouble
The League official also pointed to recent actions by Symontowne as evidence of the desire on the part of Symontowne to force the League into a position which would give the police an excuse to use violence against the unemployed.

"Another of Symontowne's tricks was attempted last Monday," Cake explained. "At that time he took a meeting of the League's Executive Board as an excuse to gather a group of his henchmen at the fuel yard and warning them that an attack was being planned by the League.

"Symontowne acted in keeping with his silly scare by arming his followers with clubs and pieces of hose to be used as weapons of defense. To gather his army the Work Relief Director had to send trucks to various points in the county, thus putting a needless expense upon the taxpayers.

"It is evident that Symontowne wishes violence and hopes to fasten the blame upon the League, just as he calls us hoodlums in spite of the fact that he, himself, has been in

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police court several times for acts of hoodlums."

Using the Reading Times as a sounding board for his slurs at the League, Symontowne was quoted this week as saying that fuel yard workers insist that League members are responsible for minor acts of destruction at the fuel yard.

League officials scout Symontowne's charges as attempts to discredit the organization for the purpose of forcing the County officials to keep him on the payroll.

"If machinery was damaged it may be that those who did the work were members of the League," Irvin Weber, Executive Committee member, said in reply to Symontowne's statement in the Times. "However," Weber added, "it may also be that the same person is a member of the Lutheran church and a local fire company. What a League member may do does not necessarily reflect the policy of the League any more than it reflects the policy of any other organization to which the individual may belong. The League sees no advantage to destroying property and destruction is therefore not on its program. Symontowne, on the other hand, may feel that his chances for a job are better if the authorities need him to protect property. Viewed from this angle and remembering his previous police record, it is just as likely that the Director of Work Relief was himself responsible for any acts of vandalism which may have occurred."

Are the local authorities going to discontinue what has been construed as a cooperative attitude, now that the county treasury is empty? And are the police, with the aid of Symontowne and his county sponsors, planning to institute a reign of terror against the Taxpayers' Protective League if that organization persists in its activities on behalf of the jobless?

Those questions have arisen within the past week as a result of what is plainly a change of policy toward the League.

Regardless of what the answer may be, officials of the League are determined to continue their battles for the unemployed. Adequate relief, electricity, fuel and no evictions will continue to be the demand which the League will press. How will the constituted authorities respond in the future?

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PUBLIC WORKS (Continued from First Page)

gress and in the cabinet. Budget Director Douglas is credited with having persuaded the President that Congress should not be asked, this year, to provide for a bond issue of more than half a billion dollars for public works. Senator Wagner of New York, who for years has urged that at least \$2,000,000,000 of public construction be started as an unemployment relief measure, has not yet declared himself on the virtual

abandonment by Roosevelt of this form of relief. Senators LaFollette and Costigan, advocates of a much bigger program of public works, will offer amendments when the measure reaches the Senate, and will force a roll call to determine whether the administration majority will support Douglas and the Taxpayers' League or will stand with the economists and the unemployed.

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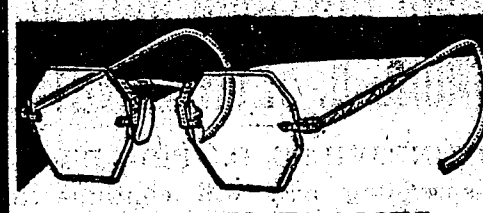
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ENTERTAINMENT AT SOUTHERN

Polish comrades of the Southern Branch will hold an evening of entertainment on Wednesday, June 7, at the Southern Branch headquarters. Music for ho-downs, city dancing and Polish dancing will be a feature of the evening. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission, 10 cents.

REFERENDUM "A"

Another reminder that you must vote on National Referendum "A" to get more exempt stamps. DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE!

YIPSEL NOTES

Nearly one hundred members of the YPSL attended the Local Berks Conference of that organization, held in the Socialist Park, in Sinking Spring, last Sunday.

"Mike" Shulman opened the conference with a short address, and Austin Adams presided as chairman.

The most important business of the day was the acceptance of a constitution, which had previously been prepared by a sub-committee of the City Executive Committee.

Among the resolutions drawn up was one commending the National Office of the YPSL on their action on

the Chicago-Smerkin affair, and urging the organization to continue disciplining the organization.

Herman Bezler was re-elected to the position of Executive Secretary. Robert Seiders was made County Chairman, Austin Adams will be Educational Director and Franz Hummel will act as Financial Secretary. They will take office July 1 and serve for six months.

A committee was elected to arrange affairs for the National Convention, which will be held here during the latter part of August. On the committee are Austin Adams, Eugene Haag, Irma Strickler, Mark Brown, Franz Gerner, Jeannette Pike, Ruth Glass, Evelyn Shirk, Frank Weinhold and Franz Hummel.

At the close of the conference the delegation was addressed by Stewart Tomlinson, of Reading; Comrade Pollak, of Pottstown, and Comrade Hart, of Newmantown.

A meeting of the educational directors, of the county, will be held in the Labor Lyceum this Saturday afternoon. Plans for the formation of a study class to be conducted by Austin Adams and the various problems of the circle educational director will be discussed. It is hoped that through this board of educational directors meetings will become more interesting and beneficial.

The programs of the circles for the week is as follows:

Circle 2.....Book Reports
Circle 3....Discussion on the recent County Conference

Circle 4....Talk by Lester Shulman on "Industry"

Circle 6-7...Address by Wm. Stauffer
Circle 9....Presentation of Charter

Austin Adams, who is the local member of the State Executive Committee, has left on a "hitch-hiking" expedition to Pittsburgh, in order to attend the meeting of the S. E. C. which will be held this week end.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1

Friday, June 2—
Northwest: John Reitsnyder.
West Lawn: Jesse George.
Berkshire Heights: Speaker.

Exeter: Lincoln Steigerwalt.
Shillington in Borough Hall: Charles Sands.
Southern Women: Bernard Bortz.

Monday, June 5—
Northeast: Darlington Hoopes.
Central: Charles Saffis.
Sinking Spring: William Hovertor.

Tuesday, June 6—
West Reading: Darlington Hoopes.
Kenhorst: Lilith Wilson.
Northwest Women: Mark Brown.

Laureldale: Current Events.
Southern: Current Events.
Jacksonwald: Jesse George.

Farview: Birch Wilson.
Thursday, June 8—
Muhlenberg: Jesse George.

Friday, June 9—
Gibraltar: John Reitsnyder.
Northwest: Speaker.

West Lawn: Charles Sands.
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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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social services are being threatened by lack of funds. The hospitals, the Visiting Nurse Association and many other activities which give the poor some benefits are being menaced by the poverty which comes as a result of the private profit system of industry.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

While the Taxpayers' Protective League cannot become reconciled to the fact that Work Relief Director Russ Symontowne receives \$350 per month, it is likely that he is worth all of that—to the labor exploiters of Berks.

If Symontowne has done nothing else, he has at least given the workers an issue upon which to be divided. And keeping the slaves divided has always been the way to victory for the masters.

Several examples of how the workers are being taught to view each other as enemies was furnished within the past week. One of Symontowne's group is said to have had several ribs broken as a result of a clash with the unemployed. And another who justified the first incident was assaulted and choked by one of Symontowne's followers.

Socialists cannot become enthusiastic about such things. When groups of workers fight against each other both groups are weakened. The only way for workers to fight is side by side against the common enemy—against the Capitalist system and its lickspittle supporters.

WHERE DO THEY GO FROM HERE?

The old song "Where do we go from here?" might well be adopted as a class anthem by the combined graduating classes of American schools and colleges. Having been trained for a term of years, the youth of this wealthy nation are now being forced out into a world which has no place for many thousands of them.

If the student of today becomes the hobo of tomorrow it is because he is living under a system which does not operate for the advancement of the race as much as for the profit of a group of legalized gangsters. The parents of today's boys and girls, who permitted Capitalism to run its sorry course, have much to answer for.

To Announce Wisconsin Milk Cooperative Plans

APPLETON, Wis.—Plans for a cooperative marketing unit of the Cooperative Milk Pool, which led the Wisconsin dairy farmers strike, will be submitted at its state convention June 1 and 2; it has been announced. The cooperative marketing, which will bring milk direct to consumers without profit, will be organized with labor's assistance, it is expected.

DULUTH, Minn.—Mrs. Victor Gran and John C. Cedergren, two of the candidates endorsed by organized labor, were elected two of the three members of the Duluth Board of Education.

REFLECTIONS

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the financiers have a strange hold upon the nation? Didn't both Democrats and Republicans make the laws which were necessary to enable Mr. Morgan and his crowd to control all the jobs of the nation? Didn't they deliver every man, woman and child into the hands of the American plunderbund?

And did they complain and vote against Morgan's system?

Why, then, should any of the millions who vote for the graft system of private capitalism complain when the master tips his faithful servants?

WHAT MUST BE understood is that the few paltry thousands, which the key men of both big political parties received through Morgan's favor, are not important at all. The important thing is that all the millions that Morgan possesses, all the power that he wields, all the poverty and slavery of the millions of Amer-

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Master Printers Forget Roosevelt's Wage Appeal

CHICAGO.—Pressmen in Chicago union job shops may get President Roosevelt's sympathy but that won't make up for an 8% wage cut they must take for a year beginning last week. The new rate is \$43.35 per 44-hour week. What they will be able to get next year under the 2-year contract has not yet been settled.

Claims Beer Made Jobs

MILWAUKEE.—More than 2,500 union brewery workers have returned to jobs in Milwaukee, Charles Nickolaus, secretary of the Brewery Workers Union, estimates. Some 3,500 others have gained jobs in Milwaukee since 3.2 beer became legal, he says.

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WORKERS' THEATRE TO GIVE PLAY IN POTTS TOWN

The Hoe and Hammer Players, a Theatre Group of Workers and Farmers recruited from a number of communities in Montgomery County and centering its activity in a 200-year-old schoolhouse at West Point, Pa., will present "Can You Hear Their Voices?" a play of our time in seven scenes, at the Moose Hall, Pottstown, Thursday evening, June 8. The Pottstown performance will be given under the auspices of the local Socialist Party.

The cast includes thirty workers and farmers from Lansdale, Chalfont, North Wales, Gwynedd, Ambler, Centre Square, Montgomery Square and Norristown.

The play is based on factual episodes and revolves around the struggle of Southern farmers during the drought of 1930. In the words of the Boston Post, "Can You Hear Their Voices?"—is playwriting and playing, too, that has a depth and emotional power that is all too seldom found in the commercial theatre. The Theatre Guild Magazine refers to the play, thus: "They have life and sting in them and the mounting climax is breathless."

The authors are Hallie Flanagan and Margaret Ellen Clifford, of the Experimental Theatre of Vassar College.

The Hoe and Hammer Theatre group is under the direction of A. T. Hoban, Director of the Drama Guild of the Philadelphia Labor Institute and the Pottstown performance is presented by special permission of the Vassar College Theatre.

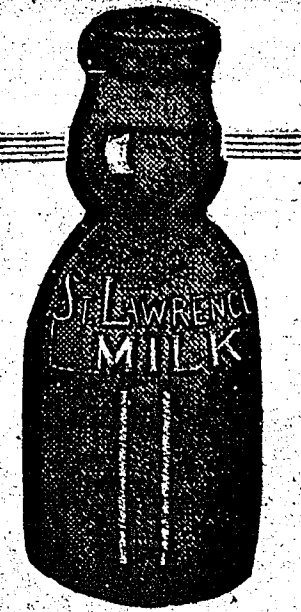
"Can You Hear Their Voices?" was presented last month by the Hoe and Hammer Players at West Point, Pa. and was received with great enthusiasm by the large audience and the local newspapers.

NON-SOCIALISTS

publicans, that Bertole's choice for the job was Fred Behm, former assemblyman and badly defeated candidate for city council in 1929. Behm made himself a public laughing stock in that campaign by raising a senseless quibble about the use of old lumber in the construction of the new city hall which was the Socialist administration's first municipal project.

Although Directors Andrew J. Fink and President Thomas J. Evans were "regular" with their party organization until the last ballot, voting for Behm on all former ballots, Bertole's effort to place his henchman on the public payroll was too crude for the other non-Socialist directors. After six ballots had been taken Fink made an unsuccessful attempt to secure a recess, probably in the hope that he could drive his fellow non-Socialists into line for Bertole's candidate. His vote for Seaman on the 9th ballot may have been caused by the fear that one of the irregulars would be tempted to vote for Bertole rather than have Behm foisted upon the Board.

An Interesting Meeting
Although the session was short, it was filled with interesting bits of political play-which amused the spectators. Although lined up for Behm, Director Fink insisted that the names of all applicants for the treasurership be placed in nomination. In the early ballots Director Hendricks seemed to be bent upon voting at least once for every applicant as he shifted his selection time and again. Entering into the spirit of the occasion, Director Hofses called for the city directory so that he might be able to give a vote to every name in the book. At the close



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Not a Popular Election
Although the ruling of Solicitor Eves was against the election of Bertole on the basis of the former vote, many citizens of all parties feel that the Socialist was morally entitled to the post. Knowing Bertole is fitted by training and experience for the position, there is a strong feeling that the non-Socialist members of the Board employed cry-baby tactics by securing a second ballot on the basis of a legal technicality.

Whether or not the Socialists will accept the second election as binding will depend upon the letter of the law, and upon legal rulings in similar cases.

FLOOD

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rather forlorn picture of the Park, the picnic committee is going ahead with its plans for the first picnic of the season on June 18. A corps of volunteer workers are already at work repairing the damage and putting the grounds in condition for the big crowd that is expected to be present at the opening event.

A woman is supposed to be a vain creature that likes to be looked at and admired, but perhaps you've noticed who does most of the marching in parades.

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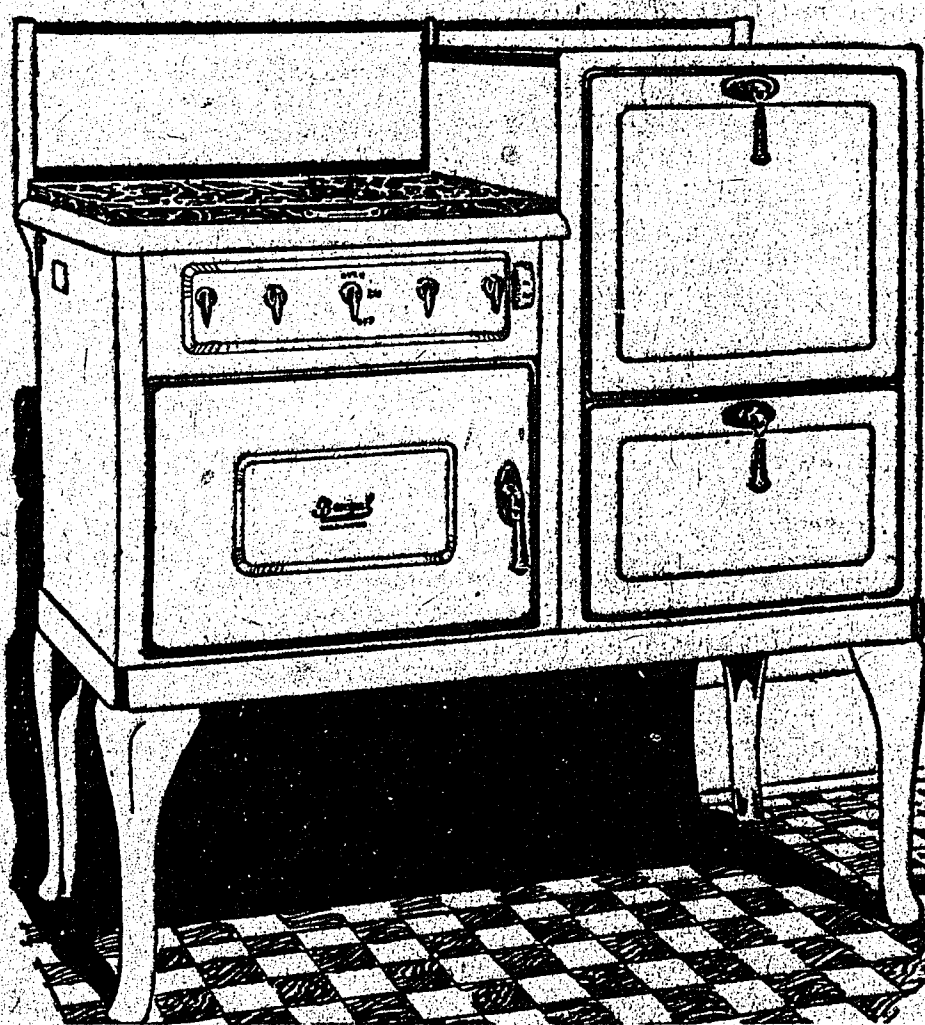
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racketeers ever had in the Cook County (Chicago) state's attorney's office and has played mysterious parts in many of the big deals of all sorts that are concocted in the back rooms of finance in the middle west. The Morgan deal to him was 1,000 shares of Alleghany Corporation at the inside's price of \$20 while the public was stimulated to buy on the open market at around \$35. The deal thus had an immediate value of \$15,000, enough to keep 50 Chicago unemployed families going for a year at the standard dole of \$3 a week. Another who was given a chance to improve his income without exertion by generous Uncle Morgan is George B. Everett of Montgomery Ward & Co., an expert in slavedriving his clerks and other workers; Marshall Field; Arthur Reynolds, chairman of the largest bank outside New York until he was kicked out; E. F. Curry of the same bank, now deceased; and the banking and security firms of N. W. Harris Co. and the Chicago Corporation were also favored.

Among names well known in the middle west and far west are Charles Lindbergh, the aviator who married into the Morgan partnership but whose father voted against Morgan's war on Germany in 1917; Newton D. Baker, the Wilson secretary of war and former Cleveland mayor, who managed Morgan's war; William Gibbs McAdoo, senator from California, candidate for Democratic nomination for president against F. D. Roosevelt, and Wilson's secretary of treasury during Morgan's war; R. B. Mellon, Pittsburgh financier whose kin, Andy Mellon, ran the U. S. treasury for Morgan after McAdoo had to get out after the Harding landslide; R. E. Olds, Michigan motor millionaire and maker of the Reo car and lesser fry.

Recalls Insult Graft

The Morgan insider list recalls the publication less than a year ago of the similar Insult favored list which included Mayor Cermak of Chicago, the leading loan bankers, the power trust chief Owen D. Young, lots of politicians, and the veteran Chicago Tribune reporter Oscar Hewitt who had to resign but was consoled by Cermak with the job of commissioner of public works.

This same Hewitt is now loudly and virtuously demanding that the city ash and garbage teamsters quit the independent teamsters' union and hook up with the American Federation of Labor teamsters on the ground that the independents are a

racketeering outfit. A strike has resulted.

Big Parasites "Whitewashed"

The capitalist newspapers and news services are busily protecting their favorites who were caught in the Morgan slush expose. Most interesting is the effort of the Hearst papers and Hearst's International News Service to cover up on his favorite politician, Sen. McAdoo of California. Thus the Chicago American's most screaming of three big 8-column headlines on the day that McAdoo's handout from Morgan was revealed stated: MADDOO LOSER IN 3 MORGAN DEALS. The story, written by William K. Hutchinson, Hearst's principal Washington correspondent, began: "A member of the House of Morgan made \$146,250 profit, and a 'favored' customer lost \$3,565 in the Alleghany Corporation stock deal, the senate investigating committee learned today. William Gibbs McAdoo, U. S. senator from California, a member of the investigating committee and former secretary of the treasury, was the loser."

But the funny thing about this attempt to whitewash McAdoo is that in a nearby column on the same front page of the American, separated only by a smiling photo, of the senator, is another International News Service story from Washington which reads: "McAdoo said he made a profit of \$4,900 on the 500 shares of Alleghany Corporation." He lost on two further speculations however through waiting for his privileged stock to go up still higher.

Gullible Americans who saw most of their business and professional leaders on Insull's dole list was wondering how it was that Roosevelt managed to keep off the Morgan charity rolls. They believe that only the Morgan handouts since Roosevelt was elected governor are now in the senate committee's hands. Roosevelt's omission would have been the more curious otherwise because he was, as Hoover said during the last presidential campaign, in the bond selling business before going to Albany. Hoover hastened to add that the business of bond peddling is not necessarily in itself discreditable. And neither is the dole if it is not kept secret.

MOONEY

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a liberal lawyer. That he might have a duty to the principles of justice in presenting all the available evidence on both sides did not occur to him, so deeply ingrained is the philosophy that a district attorney plays every case to win, like a gambler at a race track.

Despite Brady's ignoble moral collapse and the obvious prejudice of Judge Ward, it is believed that the people of the country have been awakened again to the fact that the evidence against Mooney is flimsy. Offsetting that gain is the loss that comes from the fact that this indictment has been used up. Nothing but an honorable attitude on Brady's part could have avoided that loss, however.

Mooney took personal charge of the fight for the right to present the evidence and was on his feet fighting when the judge barred all evidence by the order for an acquittal. The next move, according to Frank P. Walsh, will be an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Walsh, chief counsel for Mooney, believes that the legal situation brought about by the trial will make it possible to get the highest court to pass on the case and that a new trial will be ordered. He will go before the court on a habeas corpus plea.

However, Mooney no longer places

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er house. It provides for withdrawal of tax exemption and state appropriations from schools that permit "advocation" of violent overthrow of government or violent resistance to enforcement of any law, federal or state. Even the red-baiting Chicago Tribune opposes the Baker bill as a fool measure.

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

WAR CLOUDS LIFT

Certainly the last few days have seen a great lifting of the war clouds. Hitler's speech was—for him—rather reasonable and pacific. It was followed rapidly by a four-power agreement between England, France, Germany and Italy to keep the peace and then by the promise of the United States through Norman H. Davis at Geneva to take part in a consultative pact for dealing with an aggressor nation. Socialists generally have approved the idea of the consultative pact, provided great care be taken to guard against the danger that we should be forced into war, allegedly to preserve peace. Such care seems to have been taken in the announcement made on President Roosevelt's authority.

It would be a great error, however, to think that this means that the sun of peace will never again be dimmed. Neither their characters, their records nor their philosophies make Mussolini and Hitler guarantors of peace. The nationalism they profess and are obliged to keep on professing in order to drug the workers is itself opposed to a sure and reasonable peace.

The plain truth is that we are still too near the World War for any nation likely to contemplate a renewal of such struggle. Each year is likely to dim the memory. The struggle for peace must be carried on steadily, at home as well as abroad. There is no peace when Socialists and Communists and others are subject to the oppression and indignities heaped upon them in both Italy and Germany. Yet for this the remedy lies in action by the workers, not in pitting nation against nation.

IF REGULATION WORKS

Assuming that the new law for regulating industry will work at all, labor and its leaders can take one of two courses: They may be content to become a kind of company union, a creature of the state only a few degrees more free than the state-controlled "unions" in Italy and Germany. Something of this sort, it will be remembered, happened during the World War, but then there was the immense emotional patriotism of the war to influence both the employers and the workers. If by any ill-fortune labor should be temporarily content with this role of virtual company union to the state it will probably give political expression to its docility by support of one of the old parties, most likely the Democratic Party which is now in control.

The second possibility is that labor will take a more militant and aggressive stand; that it will seek to capture control of the state which now becomes so vital to its interests. That will mean an immense growth of vigorous unionism and a passionate campaign for organizing the unorganized. It will also mean a new political alignment, a working-class party to express its interests on the political front. The hope of the future depends on labor's making this second choice.

WHITE COLLAR WORKERS

When we Socialists speak of the working-class party I think we must make it plain that we include professional and white collar workers. Both Mussolini and Hitler owe part of their ill-omened success to the sentimental appeal they made to the middle class. The middle class to which they appealed is by no means a true economic middle class. It included a lot of what we call white collar folks who are neither owning farmers nor small business men. Their identity with the middle class was on the psychological side. It is particularly necessary for us in America to make these people understand the identity of their interests with the workers. Since 1870 the percentage of those gainfully employed who were directly engaged in producing goods—that is, in agriculture, mining, and manufacture—has fallen from 77 to 52. The rest have become white collar workers of one sort or another—when they work at all! It is the young people of this psychological middle class who have recruited the Black Shirts and the Brown Shirts to no small degree and who may recruit a similar movement in America unless we get them first. This is an outstanding matter of Socialist and labor tactics. We can't too strongly insist that the possession of a few shares of stock of dubious value, or of an insurance policy or savings bank account does not make an incipient Rockefeller. A man may be a clerk, an engineer, or professional man—certainly he may be a school teacher and very genuinely a worker.

Education: Curse or Cure

Radio Address Over Station WEEU; Sponsored by Local Berks (Reading) Socialist Party, Sunday, May 21

By MARK STARR

Whatever criticism we may make of elementary grade school education, we do not deny its necessity in fitting our boys and girls to take their place in civilized society. The art of reading, for example, turns for us the key to the wisdom of the ages stored up in the printed word. We can thus stand on the shoulders of all those who went before us and, profiting from their experience, reach up higher in the mastery of the arts of life. Without the three R's, 'reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, we cannot play our part in life. Labor in every country has done well to insist that the school doors be opened and the factory gates be shut to the child so that he may learn how to handle the tools of knowledge. But having said this, I want to assert that much that passes for education in our grade schools at the present moment is positively dangerous when viewed from the worker's standpoint. When the worker's child is taught in too large a class he acquires the vice of unquestioning obedience. History texts are often soaked through and through with dangerous nationalist and class bias. American school boys are taught that their own particular nation is better than all the rest, just as the German and the British boy is taught that his particular tribe has a monopoly on superiority. We can explain the rise into the seats of the mighty as such maniacs as Hitler only if we remember that there has never been an attempt to enforce mental disarmament in the schools. There has been built up a virtuous nationalism which was incited to excess by the so-called peace treaties; and this made the Germans easy prey for the Jewbaiters and the Jingoists who have smashed and confiscated the workers' unions and imprisoned and killed their leaders.

The main purpose of grade school and high school education is to give the workers just enough intelligence to be exploitable under the present social order. Such education does not develop powers of independent thought but rather makes the individual take the dangerous attitude of "My country, right or wrong" and look down upon those who did not choose their parents with sufficient care. Too largely our schools are turning out boys and girls with a mental outlook which would be more suitable for the isolated tribes of the Stone Age rather than for human beings who have to live in the interlocking and interdependent world of the 20th century. Your own children are probably using the story "The Man Without a Country" in their reading lessons. This story suggests that the greatest deprivation a man can suffer is to be kept out of sight of his national flag and his native land. A man without a sweetheart, a wife, a shirt, a meal, a job, a dime or anything else is well off if he has not been deprived of his nationality.

Too many textbooks still ignore the existence of the trade unions and the good which they have accomplished in winning higher standards of life for the majority of the people of this country. If education is really preparation for life the school boy should know as much about Shays' Rebellion as about the Boston Tea Party; as much about Mother Jones as Barbara Fritchie. He should not be told that the United States is the land of freedom and liberty and be kept uniformed about the fate of Sacco and Vanzetti and the continued imprisonment of Tom Mooney in his living tomb. There should not be blind worship of the flag and the constitution but a recognition of the circumstances under which both were adopted with special emphasis upon the right, expressly stated in the Declaration of Independence, to change the form of government whenever it interferes with men's inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. May I in passing heartily recommend one new history book for the use of parents and teachers which does not suffer from the usual nationalist and class bias and writes the drama of America for young America in a manner both entertainingly and true. Its name is "We, The People" written by Leo Huberman and published at the end of 1932 by Harper Brothers of N. Y. C. I do not think that any of us can be content with either the quality or quantity of the elementary education given in our schools today.

Some folks maintain that the education needed by the workers is technical or vocational education to increase their working efficiency. But it does not follow that when the workers produce more, they get more. The problem of production has been solved to a very great extent. Giving

the workers more technical knowledge would, ironically enough, in the present economic set-up, only aggravate unemployment. It is not technical science but social science which the worker needs to give him light and leading; to make him see how we got this way and help him to build up the Labor organizations necessary to rescue himself and his fellows from their present plight.

Workers' education is the compass of the Labor movement enabling workers to leave the old-fashioned landmarks and strike out across the uncharted ocean to public ownership and workers' control. If workers learn of the struggle to win the right of free speech, of a free press and of organization they will be more alert to protect these rights, to enlarge them, and to hand them on to the coming generations. The workers must understand the developments of industry which make the old form of craft unionism out of date and make industrial unionism a vital necessity to cope with the growing power of the trusts. The true history of his own country and class will provide an antidote to much of the dangerous nonsense masquerading as history which has often in the past caused him to become cannon fodder, an ignorant pawn in the imperialist's game. The workers should understand the nature of money and see the great confidence trick whereby the bankers make money. He should profit by the acute analysis of capitalist society made by Karl Marx and take his place in the ranks of the conscious gravediggers of an outworn system. He should be able to unveil the real economic causes of war behind the high-sounding declarations of the professional patriots. He should be able to expose the machinations of the Black International of the armament mongers who profit by the creation and perpetuation of hate and suspicion between the peoples of this planet. He should be alive to the real cause and cure of the modern terror—unemployment. Thus he will acquire education for the emancipation of the workingclass. For real workers' education in social science must be based on a recognition of the class struggle; not on a vague desire for culture or the mere acquisition of facts. It must be a guide to action.

Some of my listeners are perhaps already inclined to Socialism and may be members of some Socialist organization. For you too there is need in these days of rapid change to be able to give reasons for the faith that is in you; to gain deeper insight into modern developments so that you will work with renewed fervor guided by deeper intelligence. Have we enough knowledge to reconstruct society so as to destroy forever the dangers of unemployment and war which both degrade and destroy human life? We can face our responsibilities only by serious thought and study with a view to more effective action. We can state our case effectively by voice and pen only if we devote more time to understanding our own case from A to Z. The times demand it!

There are various agencies in the United States which endeavor to give this real workers' education. Some Socialists in their branches are already using the correspondence courses issued by the Rand School. Other groups of students are in touch with Brookwood Labor College. Brookwood is all too small for its job but it has a resident student body, extension work, evening classes in various towns, lecturers available for labor unions and kindred bodies. Brookwood also issues special pamphlets to help the isolated worker-student. Brookwood runs institutes on its own premises at Katonah, N. Y., and also in the field.

In addition to studies in economics and social history Brookwood develops labor songs, poetry and plays. Recently a group of our students went on tour with a program of plays and skits chiefly dramatizing the work of the organized unemployed. Brookwood serves all progressive sections of the labor movement and it hopes to build up labor culture with a kick in it which will be far superior to the movie ideals of Hollywood bred by Will Hays out of Madame Pompadour or that strange mixture of Henry Ford and Texas Guinan which passes as culture in our present jazz age. Once the workers think for themselves, the present anti-social system is doomed. Once they refuse to think! at the command of the employers emancipation will be in sight.

The masses in resurrection, freed from worldly shares given by well-fed gentlemen, shall grow to be the armies of humanity and build a world according to our heart's desire.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

THE MORGAN REVELATIONS

The country has been astounded by the discovery that none of the twenty Morgan partners, who are among the richest men in the world, paid any income tax during 1931 and 1932, and that their payments aggregated only \$48,000 in 1930. This was made possible by glaring weaknesses in the sections of the law which allowed capital losses to be deducted from income.

Certain Morgan practices bordering on fraudulent evasion, however, were brought to light. Such was the admission of a new partner on Jan. 2, 1931, which enabled the firm to revalue its holdings and write down as losses for the first two days of January the vast sum of \$21,000,000. Under the existing laws this loss could have been deducted from earnings until 1933.

Much more shocking was the disclosure that the firm from time to time distributed huge blocks of stock at far below the market price to a large number of prominent persons, including high officials of the government. Though no return favor was asked at the moment, opportunities for returning favors were constantly arising and doubtless the gifts were more than made up. Though the technicalities of the law might not admit this to be bribery, in the eyes of laymen it seems the equivalent.

Calvin Coolidge, Republican president, in this manner received a gift of \$24,000 six months after leaving office. Bernard Baruch, leading Democrat, received \$32,000. John J. Raskob, then chairman of the Democratic National Committee, received \$30,000, and hoped that he might reciprocate in the future. William H. Woodin, now Secretary of the Treasury; John W. Davis, former candidate for president; Norman H. Davis, Roosevelt's ambassador-at-large; Newton D. Baker and Owen D. Young, candidates for the presidential nomination; and Wm. G. McAdoo, now senator from California, are among the leading Democrats thus indebted to the House of Morgan.

Four years ago General Motors held a first mortgage on the Democratic Party; now that mortgage has been assumed by J. P. Morgan & Co.

In the light of these disclosures it is difficult to see how any normally intelligent and honest person can retain any faith in the twin parties of capitalism and corruption.

CONSULTATION

The major powers of the world moved a step towards cooperation and limitation of armaments when the United States announced that it would consult with European powers to avert warfare whenever the danger arose. Why this statement was so important it is difficult to understand; for as a matter of fact we have consulted whenever danger arose and we will continue, declaration or no declaration, to do so.

Another step was taken when we agreed that, if the other nations determined to blockade an aggressor, we would not defeat the effort by insisting upon our right to trade with that nation. And still another step was taken by the agreement of France, Germany, and Great Britain to accept the four-power peace pact proposed by Italy.

All of this, however, does not mean disarmament. France has maintained the injustices of the Versailles treaty by a preponderance of armed strength on the part of herself and her allies over Germany. She will not consent to sacrifice one tiny bit of that preponderance unless given security—which means the promise of England and the United States to defeat any effort on Germany's part to regain her lost territory. Since England and the United States decline to make that promise, all the current talk about disarmament is meaningless.

The major powers of the world are imperialist powers, grabbing for bits of territory, striving to keep its neighbors weak in the hope of profiting at their expense, imposing unjust peace settlements and enforcing them by military superiority. So long as this spirit continues to exist, talk about peace and disarmament is for the most part sheer hypocrisy.

How Owners Rule Gov't

NEW YORK.—One of the reasons the Amoskeag Mills of Manchester, N. H., get such quick support from the city administration in strike-breaking is shown by a trade magazine, Fabric and Fiber, which reports that the mills loaned Manchester \$500,000 this spring. This was the second loan to the city. The mills will not only get their 6%, but when the workers struck for a pay increase, the mayor called for the militia to break the strike.

THE RAILROADS

By R. E. KIEBACH.

No people have advanced far on the road to civilization until they have solved the means of transportation, whether it is on land and by means of the wheel or on water by the use of a boat.

This not only afforded them an easier means of communication but also enabled them to move goods and chattels for the purpose of trade and the changing of habitations.

The American Indian at the coming of the white man is an example of a people who had not yet solved this problem. They had no wheeled vehicle and their boats were ill adapted to long journeys. So we find them restricted in their movements and intercourse with other regions. They were still in the neolithic state of culture; a low stage of civilization.

We find that early in the history of the civilized Asiatic and European peoples that they had carts or chariots on wheels to move themselves and their goods. Crude as they were they helped civilization in its onward march. The Roman armies in their campaigns that took them over a large part of the then known world used great lumbering carts with large wheels to transport their baggage and supplies. To more readily move these carts it was necessary to build roads. This was done by the soldiers and the prisoners of war reduced to slaves. They were the originators of the "good roads" movement.

The French peasant today still uses a cart which closely resembles that used by the Romans.

When steam was adapted to drive wheels and boats we entered upon a new era in transportation that linked places miles apart to only hours distant.

Railroads were built connecting the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. They were built through a hostile country held by fierce tribes of Indians. It was necessary for the government to send soldiers to subdue them and hold the land while this work was going on. Government surveyors laid out the routes and again when the actual work of construction was going on we find that government engineers were in charge. The government also loaned huge sums of money for these enterprises besides making large grants of land to the railroads for colonization purposes.

Twice in the history of our country has the government been obliged to take control of the railroads so that troops and supplies could be expedited in time of war. Imagine the confusion and delays in the late World War had the government allowed the private operation of the various railroads to move the troops and supplies at their own discretion.

Many times have the railroads with their private managements been favored by our legislative bodies and courts. There is no doubt of their necessity to the country as a whole. Anything used by a people to which their well being and happiness, as well as prosperity, is so closely linked as the railroads should be the property of these people in common to be used for the common good without hope of profit. A people whose government can build and maintain two such colossal enterprises as the postal system and the Panama Canal can surely find the men and means to successfully operate the railway system.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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Lauvoldale: 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 934 Penn Avenue.

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

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

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

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.

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

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