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Destitution More Widespread as 1933 Ends UNIONISTS RESENT GILES' REIGN OF TERROR TACTICS

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I'VE JUST BEEN shocked by something an office visitor said to me. He told me that I was a member of the middle class. "Why," he inquired, "do you bother about the working class? You don't belong to that group. You are in the middle class."

Well, I didn't argue the point. But now that he is gone I want to say that I am glad I don't have middle-class ideas. For, in my humble opinion, there are hard jolts directly ahead for that group which has attained the smug but parlor comforts and "advantages" which have been enjoyed until lately by the white-collar servants of individualistic business.

THERE WAS A time when a middle class filled an economic need. But that was before the time when codes of fair (or unfair) competition began to replace individual initiative.

While the old class struggle was a free-for-all with the Government acting as an umpire to see that workers transgressed none of the rules which gave all the advantages to owners, the middle class was useful to the owners. Into that class climbed salesmen and engineers and professional people who helped the owning class to play the game of producing cheap and selling against competition. But the more codes there are the less will be the need for such services. And so I have a vision of many, many members of the middle class falling forlornly into the ranks of the unemployed. And that's not a pleasant prospect.

IT IS BAD enough for an underpaid worker to accept the disguised dolo of a CWA check. But, at least, the worker is used to poverty and privation.

However, to the senior clerks, office managers, salesmen, doctors and lawyers who will no longer be needed when big business will have been stabilized under government supervision and protection, to them the results of the New Deal are likely to be a cross section of hell.

For as the New Deal progresses, many of the middle class are going to learn that it will be impossible to acquire open plumbing, semi-detached homes, automobiles and summer bungalows with the \$15-per-week income which is allowed by a beneficent government to human tools who have been cast aside by private industry.

IF YOU ARE in the middle class stay there as long as you can. It's more comfortable than being a worker—even an employed worker. But change your viewpoint if you can. For you are likely to be out of that class soon. Hundreds of thousands of people like yourself have already learned how easy it is to fall when the boss no longer needs their services. Why not you?

You, too, may soon realize the folly of being satisfied when the other fellow is rescued from starvation under CWA auspices. For you may soon be working beside the other fellow.

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IMPROVED RELIEF CONTROL ONLY GAIN IN FIRST YEAR UNDER NEW DEAL POLICIES

Capitalism's Efforts For Recovery Show Unsatisfactory Results—Higher Wages and Shorter Hours Are Denied Workers—Cause of Collapse Is Not Removed But Greater Efficiency Is Seen in Aiding Victims of The Private Profit System

NEW YORK (FP)—With much the same dizzy relief with which one climbs from his first trip on a shoot-the-chutes, labor steps from the creaking car, 1933, and looks back at the ups and downs of the past year.

As 1932 ended, the workers were filled with despair or desperation, according to temperament. Hundreds of little employers were going under as the banks crashed and state after state witnessed financial collapse. The pit of the panic was reached, with talk of utter breakdown and revolution.

Hoover Near Disaster

During the first two months of the year, things grew worse while it seemed they could not. Political forces played with havoc. As the stage was darkened for the dramatic entrance of the hero, Franklin D. Roosevelt, marched on—significantly in a parade led by Hoover's General Douglas MacArthur, of Bonus Army infamy. Some say his administration has ever since been dramatic, but affected by Hoover reactionary influences.

In his first 100 days the country's business saw the greatest upturn in its history. Recovery became a slogan, then an accepted fact. Higher wages and shorter hours became as much an accepted phrase as the concepts "justice and liberty"—and as lacking in reality.

Early Gains Lost

By mid-July the business activity index of The New York Times was at normal. Production had jumped from 58 to 98, in the year between July 1932 and July, 1933, but wages had only come up from 40 to 50. Chiselers had ruined the NRA, the courage to carry out the program was lacking, and the collapse in the next 10 weeks carried the business activity index through the whole area it had covered in the first 30 months of depression.

Labor Shows New Spirit

Meanwhile the spirit of the workers had changed; now they were ready to fight and chiselers who had met no real opposition at Washington found their formerly docile workers battling at the plants and mines. Strikes forced code wages when compliance boards caved in. Labor struggles shortened hours and lengthened employment a bit. Open shoppers and company unions were fought to a standstill. Labor had scored the greatest revival of spirit in history, marked with sensational increases in membership in all organizations.

The year ends with more people employed; with the lowest-paid better off, the better-paid worse off; with the standard of living below a year ago; with destitution more widespread and relief in better shape.

CWA TEACHERS DEMAND SKILLED WORKERS' WAGE

CHICAGO (FP)—Standard wages for teaching the unemployed has been demanded from the CWA by the organized teachers of Chicago. The Chicago division of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, a company union of teachers, instructed their board to demand \$35 to \$55 per 30-hour teaching week in place of the \$20 to \$25 now being paid. At \$20 the teachers are paid 66.2-c an hour. Building laborers under CWA in Chicago get 82 1/2 c. The building laborers are organized in bonafide unions. The bonafide teacher unions in Chicago represent only a small minority of all employed teachers.

KRZYCKI-McGRADY DEBATE NRA OVER RADIO SATURDAY

Leo Krzycki, National Chairman of the Socialist Party, will debate with Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, over the blue net work, Saturday, December 30, at 8 p. m.

Krzycki will point out the weak spots of the NRA, while McGrady will argue in its favor.

BUILDING UNIONS GIVEN SETBACK BY NRA RULINGS

Compulsory Arbitration Seen As Danger In Construction Code to be Approved Soon

LOSE ON EVERY POINT

Hours, Wages and Representation Fail to Meet Conditions Sought by Workers' Spokesmen

WASHINGTON (FP)—

Danger of compulsory arbitration being imposed on building trades workers was seen as conferences on the proposed construction industry code entered their final stage Dec. 21. Employers' organizations were awaiting word for a conference with Gen. Johnson, NRA administrator.

He has announced that the code will be in President Roosevelt's hands for approval by January 1.

The final version of the code, the center of violent disputes between employers and building trades unions for the past four months, represents a sweeping loss for labor on every disputed point. Instead of the 30-hour week demanded by the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, the 40-hour week is written into the final code. Not a single man will be put back to work under such a provision, according to President M. J. McDonough of the department. Most unions already have won a shorter working week.

Wages Not Safeguarded
The second defeat for the unions is the absence of minimum wage scales for skilled workers. The only minimum in the final code is 40c an hour for common labor, and even this can be reduced to 30c if less than 40c was being paid July 15, 1929. The A. F. of L. unions wanted the PWA scale of \$1-1.20 for skilled workers written in, but Donald Richberg, NRA legal counsel, ruled that such minimums cannot be a part of NRA codes.

The third big setback is that labor has no representation on the code authority which will administer the code. Disputes affecting labor which come before the authority will be decided without labor's voice being heard, unless some special board is set up to deal with appeals. The unions' fight for two code authorities, one for building operations and the other for manufacturing, was defeated. (Continued on Page Four)

STUMP WILL ADDRESS UNEMPLOYED TODAY

Ex-Mayor J. Henry Stump will be the guest speaker this afternoon at the regular meeting of the Taxpayers' Protective League in city hall auditorium.

There will be no meeting of the League on New Year's Day.

FUSION CHIEF LURES STRIKERS TO PRISON CELLS BY DECEPTION

Savage Fines Following Arrests Without Warrant Gives Reading's Police Chief the Appearance of "Chief Strikebreaker"—Local Labor Leaders Gathering Evidence of Discrimination Tactics by Police Head

In the ranks of the organized workers of this city there is gathering a deep and bitter feeling of resentment against J. Stanley Giles, Reading's Fusion Police Commissioner. Giles, union leaders believe, has definitely adopted a "reign of terror" policy to kill the strikes of some of the weaker units of the local labor movement. This belief is grounded upon the manner in which Giles is making arrests and the way in which Aldermen, selected as Fusion police magistrates, impose outrageously savage sentences upon strikers who are charged with violations of peace ordinances.

BABY DIES FOR LACK OF COAL

Poplar Street Family Suffers Loss as Investigators Delay Double Pneumonia Claims Victim

By CLARENCE LAKE,
Publicity Agent for T. P. L.

No unemployed shall freeze for the want of coal.—F. D. Roosevelt. A family living at 117 Poplar street, Reading, has found this statement to be incorrect. It seems by the evidence obtained that this family has not received any coal within the last month, after making three fruitless trips to the relief center to keep his family from freezing.

Whether it was through carelessness of the relief officials that these things exist, or the fault of some unskilled relief investigator, is a question. More important, however, is the fact that a child has died through the emotional appeal, through labor dramatics and singing, to build up a sense of solidarity in the trades union. She pointed out that only in that way could the great mass of the workers be reached. She said that only by means of the emotional approval the great number of new trades union members could be bound to it.

Warns of Fascist Menace
Mr. Smith spoke of the importance and extent of the task before the labor movement today. Capitalism is breaking down, he said, and in the efforts to save it and themselves the

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18,000 ANTHRACITE MINERS ARE BOOTLEGGING COAL

WASHINGTON (FP)—Bootlegging is keeping 18,000 miners busy in the anthracite fields of eastern Pennsylvania. But it isn't bootlegging of liquor. The miners are doing it with their picks, mining coal where they find it, without regard to private ownership rights.

The facts were brought to Washington by Charles Ervin, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. In the course of his union activities among clothing workers in the anthracite districts, Ervin got the story of the illicit coal mining which is keeping the wolf away from the doors of otherwise unemployed mine workers.

The coal veins are followed 20 or 30 feet from the outcropping. Only primitive methods of the pick and shovel, of hauling by wheelbarrow or lifting by pulleys are used. The miners can afford no other way. The coal is broken up with sledges, a laborious task which the mining companies do in huge breakers. The ac-

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

JUST WHAT DO SMITH AND YOCOM WANT?

A story in this week's newspapers gave considerable publicity to Councilmen Smith and Yocom to the effect that they are doubtful about the wisdom of entering into a 10-year contract with the Metropolitan Edison Company.

According to these two city fathers, it may be better to do without a contract while investigations are made as to the wisdom of constructing a city power plant.

But while some guileless readers may have nodded their heads in approval, those who know the facts in the case are wondering whether Messrs. Smith and Yocom are not giving somebody the double cross.

Mayor Ermentrout especially is said to be put out with his Fusion colleagues. For at a budget-balancing meeting last Saturday both of the enterprising Republicans approved of Smith's suggestion of a 10-year contract and the budget figures were accepted on that basis. Even as late as Wednesday the budget which was introduced contained figures based upon the 10-year arrangement.

Under a 10-year contract the city will receive a rebate of 9 per cent—a saving of about \$9,000. If the contract is for five years the rebate will be 4 per cent, or about \$4,000. And if the flat rate is paid without a contract there will be no saving. In 1933 the total bill was \$108,000.

The rest of the members of city council are now suspicious that Smith and Yocom came out with a last-minute newspaper spurge to put Democrat Ermentrout and Socialists George and Hoover in a tight spot. That Smith and Yocom should have spoken to the newspapers before taking the matter up in conference gives weight to the double-cross theory.

POOR DAYS AHEAD AT CITY HALL

While the city fathers are planning to continue operations on a 3-mill tax rate—thus effecting a considerable saving for the large property owners whom Fusion represents—they are also wondering how they are going to operate the city with the limited amount of money which will be available before taxes become due next spring.

It is understood that the Fusionists are planning to borrow \$250,000 right after the holidays. But that won't help much, because—\$108,000 will be used for sinking fund and special tax purposes and \$100,000 will be used to pay off a recent loan which the city was forced to make.

With the scanty \$42,000 which will be left the astute Fusionists will have to operate the city for at least three months. People who know how matters stand are on the watch for payless pay days before the snow melts.

LIENS FOR TAXES LIKE INHERITANCE TAX

When Socialists rise to remark that an inheritance tax on big estates would be in order everybody who hopes to get something for nothing gets nervous. However, deep disappointment is ahead for many people who are waiting for their relatives to pass away, regardless of the fact that the Socialists have never been given the power to levy on big estates.

An example of what is happening was afforded this week when the County Commissioners decided to borrow \$500,000 against unpaid taxes of \$850,000. The latter figure shows the amount that the heirs will NOT get when estates are settled up. There are records of other hundreds of thousands unpaid on the books of the city and school district. Some day the money will be collected, however. How? By collecting. (Continued on Page Two)

MOVIE USHERS' PAY CUT BY NRA, THOMAS CHARGES

NEW YORK (FP)—Ushers in New York's most luxuriously appointed movie houses have had their wages cut by NRA, Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, declared in a letter to Gen. Hugh Johnson demanding that the code be rewritten. Thomas flagged the "chiseling" "a peculiarly flagrant example of the way in which minimum wages set in the codes tend to become maximum."

When the moving picture code was written, the ushers were almost forgotten. (Continued on Page Two)



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WILL ROGERS IN MR. SKITCH OPENS AT EMBASSY TODAY

ZaSu Pitts Plays Opposite Famous Humorous In New Fox Picture Directed by James Cruze

Declaring it to be the most poignant human comedy he has had to date, an enthused Will Rogers will have the stellar part in "Mr. Skitch," the new Fox production starting today at the Embassy Theatre. The



Will Rogers.

story, by Ann Cameron, appeared in the Saturday Evening Post several years ago and is considered a classic of humorous writing.

Elaborate plans were made to make this film one of the most pretentious comedies of the season, and from advance reports the film lives up to the expectations of the producers. Rogers himself, who is acknowledged America's greatest funster in all fields of expression, endorses "Mr. Skitch" as the "most amusing situation that it has ever been his fortune to play in."

In the film he is cast as the heroically indolent head of a family of six. Through a bank failure, he and his family are left penniless and put out of their home. He gathers up his voracious brood, put them in a dilapidated car and speeds westward, hoping to secure a job in some other community. Extraordinary adventures with petty gambling and the trials and tribulations of migration from one auto camp to another constitute the comedy with phantoms elements of the story.

Tickets to be sold in advance for "Midnight Show, New Year's Eve" will be sold in advance for the "Midnight Show" at the Embassy and State Theatres during the holidays. This procedure will enable theatregoers to purchase their admission tickets and avoid standing in line for the big celebration. This program will be interpolated with special surprise features and the "Midnight Show" promises to be typical of New Year celebrations of the past. Watch for announcements of ask the attaches of the Embassy and State Theatres.

Massachusetts "neckwear" workers are proceeding with their organizing campaign despite almost daily interference by police. Mrs. Mary Gordon Thompson, president of the Boston local of the Women's Trade Union League, is leading the fight for organization.

18,000 MINERS

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incident rate in these subterranean pits is extremely high.

A ton, selling at \$3.50 to \$5.50, represents a long day of backbreaking toil. Truck owners take the coal to points as far away as Baltimore and are the real "bosses" of this new labor set-up, inasmuch as they control distribution.

The big mining companies are fighting the "bootleggers" often resorting to dynamiting their holes in the earth. The practice has such wide popular support that prosecutions have netted acquittals or slight sentences.

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ing liens which must be paid when present owners die.

Socialists would tax large estates. Democrats and Republicans stand for an economic system which makes it impossible for the owners of small property to pay their taxes and therefore destroys small estates.

When unpaid taxes are finally collected, via the sheriff's office, those who hoped to inherit a few hundred dollars will find that taxes have eaten up all there is. Such is Capitalism.

PRESS AGENTING FOR MR. HITLER

Both local dailies made a big "fuss" a week ago when an unemployed German was preparing to return to Nazi Germany. The "human interest" feature of the yarn was in the fact that money for his passage had been sent to this German by no less a person than Adolph Hitler himself. Therefore quotations were printed to tell about the goodness of the German dictator.

Hitler was a brave soldier.
Hitler was a good workman.
Hitler was a kind man.
Hitler was not cruel to the Jews.
Hitler, Hitler, Hitler!

We don't know the ins and outs of the affair. But we have cause to suspect that Hitler and the overlords of Wyomissing are almost as close together as pork is close to beans. And we are just wondering whether all the favorable publicity for the big German boss was not as much a favor to the Wyomissing gang as a chance to publish an interesting story.

Whatever the facts, such praise for the German butcher was sickening to many people and must have been a direct affront to Jewish readers.

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tween the few who own industry—and by that I mean ANY agreements, whether to the benefit or disadvantage of the working class—simply make unnecessary the many more generously paid "positions" which many "middleclass" workers now occupy.

It will be silly to have two general managers when two industries combine. Therefore one of them will be dropped; and there is a natural law which decrees that when something is dropped it falls. It will be superfluous to employ super salesmen when competition is destroyed by price codes. It will be unnecessary to pay lawyers to tell owners what they may do when government officials decide what private business may and shall do.

Yea, brothers of the middle class, times are changing.

Many of you are elated because workers are being disposed of by the Civil Works plan. But YOU are not likely to be quite so jubilant when YOU and YOUR children are forced to become the "beneficiaries" of that plan. It's good enough for the other fellow. It's not going to be good enough when you are the other fellow.

LISTEN, MR. MIDDLECLASS: Many men with more ability and a brighter background than you are accepting Uncle Sam's doles right now. More will be doing the same thing as the New Deal regiments everybody into three economic groups—owners, employees of owners and—those whom owners can not use.

You'd better not be satisfied with what is going on, Mr. Middleclass. You'd better help us Socialists to make ALL works public works. There's not much room for YOU in productive industry any more. Soon productive industry will be operated for the public good—or else . . .

And if it's "or else" you and your kind are likely to be shoveling sand on some back road and supporting your families on the husks and crusts which many of you now think are "fine for the unemployed."

MOVIE USHERS

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gotten, Thomas wrote, and when a section was finally thrown in it provided for a 25c minimum hourly wage. As a result, ushers who were formerly getting from \$14 to \$15 declared that this situation prevailed weekly were reduced to \$10. Thomas in the Springer-Cocoalis circuit, a New York chain known for its anti-union attitude, and declared it to be the case in other theaters.



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Charges Socialists Undermine Profit System

NEW YORK—Socialists are borrowing from within the National Recovery

Administration to do away with the profit system, Mark Sullivan, conservative New York Herald-Tribune columnist, charges. He declared that the policy of offering higher minimum wages on CWA projects than that designed by the NRA industrial codes was planned to have the effect of gradually taking over factories as more and more workers became public employees.

Bars Union, Loses Eagle

WASHINGTON—The blue eagle was withdrawn from the J. J. Martin Co., Roxbury, Mass., furniture movers, when the boss said that "no union or union men would be tolerated in the business." It was the first case of its kind.

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

Card players are again invited to a good time and the hungry are assured of high grade "eats" at Labor Lyceum on Saturday night. The event will be another card party under the auspices of the Women's Socialist League. Fine prizes are assured.

Supper will be ready about 5 p. m. and will be served throughout the evening. Playing will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

AUDITING COMMITTEE ACTS TONIGHT

Tonight, Friday, at 7:30 o'clock the auditing committee will meet at Labor Lyceum to check the accounts of Local Berks. All members of this committee, also the financial secretary and treasurer, will please take note.

WOMEN'S CHORUS TO REHEARSE WEDNESDAY

All members of the Socialist Women's Chorus are asked to report for rehearsal next Wednesday at Labor Lyceum.

BAND MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

All members of the Socialist Band are asked to report at Labor Lyceum next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. In addition to rehearsal, there will be an election of officers for the coming year. Please keep this date in mind, bandmen.

SOCIALIST STUDY CLASSES

Tonight (Friday) is the first meeting of the class in the elements of Socialism at 600 North Ninth street. All those interested are urged to attend and receive their assignments for the next meeting. The class will meet regularly at the Central Branch headquarters.

BRANCH ELECTIONS

Branches are urged to send in the names of their newly-elected officers and county committeemen as soon as possible, as we want to bring our office list up to date. Thanks!

NORTHWEST WOMEN

Comrade Lilith Wilson will be the speaker at the meeting of the Northwest Women, Tuesday, Jan. 2, at their headquarters, Gordon and Green streets. All members are urged to attend and bring a friend along. The meeting will start at 8 p. m.

NORTHEAST BRANCH

A joint meeting of the women and men will be held at the branch headquarters, Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 8 p. m. when Comrade William Schwenen will deliver a talk on Fascism. All members will kindly note the change in meeting time. A full attendance is urged by the committee in charge. Bring along your questions.

MOHNTON BRANCH

The next meeting of the new Mohnton Branch will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10th, at 8 p. m. at 153 Wyomissing avenue. One of our local comrades will be the speaker and all members are urged to bring in a new member and help make this branch one of the best in the county. Cooperation counts.

YPSL ACTIVITIES

Circle 2—Discussion on "Swastika Over Germany."
Circle 4—Discussion on "Rosedale Strike."
Circle 3—Discussion on "Unemployment Insurance."
Circle 12—Discussion on "Why I Am a Socialist."

General membership meeting, Sunday, Dec. 31, at 3 p. m. in the Labor Lyceum.

YPSL Circle 1, which meets at 429 South Tenth street, will have a social meeting on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m. For those able to donate, an offering of 10 cents will be acceptable. The week following, on Thursday the fourth, a very important business meeting will be held. Members please be there. Dorothy Grund was elected as organizer, Eleanor Houck as educational director, Emma Sinton as recording secretary and Mildred Hogan as financial secretary at last week's meeting.

RED FALCONS HOLD MINSTREL SHOW
The Jug Band put on a wow of a Minstrel Show Wednesday night at 429 South Tenth street, with George Tomlinson starting and Bob Lager running a close second.

Plans have been laid for another show so those folks who would like another treat, follow this column closely.

At the regular Thursday night meeting, final arrangements were made for a big Indian dance to be held Sunday, Jan. 7, at which time the entire flight will go on a hike, build their fires, cook the meals and at dusk prepare the council fire.

A committee was appointed to secure all the turkey feathers that can be had and work on Indian bonnets will start at the next meeting.

SCRAP THE NRA, ECONOMIST SAYS

John T. Flynn, in "Forum" Article, Declares Government Activity Is Leading Toward a "Mild Fascism"

NEW YORK (EP)—"Scrap the NRA!" demands John T. Flynn in the January, 1934, issue of "The Forum." Flynn is a prominent liberal economist and statistician.

Pointing out that the National Industrial Recovery Act was made up of two separate parts, one the reorganization of industry, and the other public works, Flynn declares that the "downing of Gen. Johnson has actually interfered with recovery since 'it has diverted our attention from the real instrument of recovery'—i. e., public works. The delay in pushing the public works program Flynn characterizes as "fatal."

The NRA, rather than a move toward the left, is actually on the road to a mild fascism, Flynn says. Doubtful that it will live much longer, Flynn predicts that "if the NRA should manage to survive, it will drift slowly into the hands of the Chamber of Commerce or the federated trade associations, with a mild and inoffensive form of government supervision."

Labor's only gain under the NRA has been government recognition of the right of collective bargaining, Flynn points out. "The minimum wage and the shorter-hour agreement did not constitute a concession" by industry, Flynn writes. "The minimum wages were fixed so low that they did not bother the large producers at all. The shorter-hour agreements were infinitely better for industrialists than the 30-hour week of the Black bill which the NRA was invoked to kill."

Teachers Favor Strike For Unpaid Salaries
SCRANTON, Pa.—Vigorously protesting because the school boards refused to pay them back salaries, 146 teachers in two Lackawanna and one Luzerne county communities threatened to join the strike already declared by thirty teachers and close the schools until the salaries are paid. Over 900 school children are already on "vacation" because of the thirty teachers' strike, and the proposed walkout will release 4,000 more boys and girls from classes.

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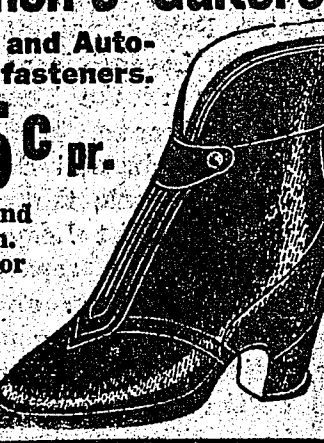
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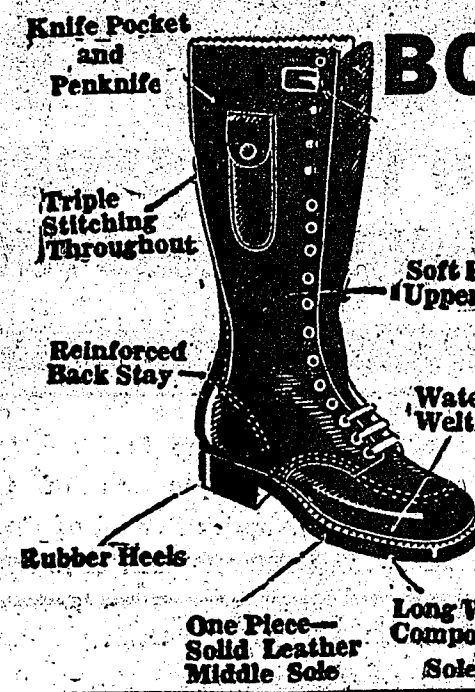
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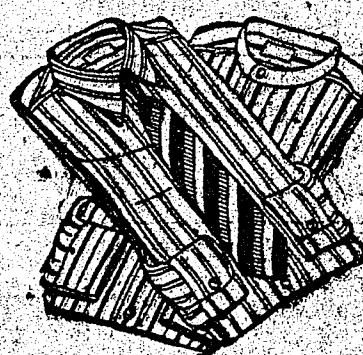
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BABY DIES

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capitalists will not hesitate to tramp on the trades unions as they have done before.

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Mr. Smith pointed out that labor education must serve as a training school for such activity. Courses which give the worker an understanding of the economic system in which he lives and courses that train him to intelligent and effective action for his class must be the backbone of labor education, was Mr. Smith's conclusion.

Discussion followed the speeches. Ben R. Miller of the Musicians' Union, newly-elected president of the Labor College, presided.

YIPSEL

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a frame-up of the notorious Kahki Shirts; Leo Kryzicki, national chairman of the Socialist Party; Arthur McDowell, national chairman; Winston Dancie, national secretary, and Aaron Levenstein of the national executive of the Young People's Socialist League.

The Industrial Department of the YPSL reports that the Young People's Socialist League members in such widely separated points as Pittsburgh, Pa., and Racine, Wis., are taking leading parts in the educational and organizational activities of the large Unemployed Unions in these cities. Milwaukee YPSL have done such yeoman work on the picket line of the Moving Picture Operators that the Barbers and Gigmakers' Union have asked for similar aid.

BUILDING UNIONS

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other for general construction work, was also rejected.

Sectional Boards to Rule Labor relations under the construction code will be governed by divisional boards, set up for specific crafts in cities or groups of crafts or even all workers. The exact jurisdiction of the divisional boards is left to decision of the code administrator.

The boards will be composed of two representatives of employees and two of employers with a fifth named by the code administrator. Both the employers' and employees' members will be chosen by the code administrator from nominations submitted by the two respective groups.

While compulsory arbitration is

not specifically named, it is the general understanding of contractors that decisions by the divisional boards will be binding, inasmuch as NRA's injunction powers can be invoked to enforce them.

The real battles in the industry will apparently be waged around these boards. Which crafts shall have divisional boards, how great an area shall they cover, who is to nominate the employees' representatives—union or non-union workers—what form of contracts will be drawn up, and how divisional board decisions can be appealed to higher authorities in the industry—these are some of the areas of conflict to be worked out in actual practice.

M'LEVY OPPOSES RECEIVER'S FEE

Socialist Administration Turns To Improvement of Civil Service — Mayor to Broadcast Every Week

BRIDGEPORT—The first step in the legislative program of Bridgeport's Socialist administration was undertaken Monday night when the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Jasper McLevy to appoint a committee of seven to study the merit system and the civil service plan for municipal employees. The resolution was introduced by Alderman John M. Taft, Socialist. The commission will devise a plan of civil service to be submitted to a referendum vote next November. It is expected that McLevy's fine civil service system will be given considerable attention and study by the commission.

Mayor McLevy is to appear at a public hearing in Superior Court in behalf of depositors in two closed banks to protest the \$20,000 partial fee asked by the receiver, George N. Foster. McLevy has explained that in his opinion the fee is excessive, especially in view of the fact that the great majority of the depositors are working people of small means. McLevy has received so many requests, some from people hundreds of miles away, to give radio talks on the administration's activities and aspirations that he intends to make weekly radio broadcasts over WIGG, starting as soon as he can find a "breathing spell" from the multitude of duties that have demanded his attention since his inauguration.

Centralized Police Force Being Considered

WASHINGTON—Prospects for a coordinated national police force were developed Dec. 21 by Attorney General Homer D. Cummings. The proposal is being studied, he said, for the grouping of the Government's various enforcement agencies under the department of justice. The treasury, labor, interior and post office departments are involved. Cummings mentioned the bureau of immigration and naturalization as one that might be concerned in the coordination.

The adjective in big business refers to the way it feels—not to the way it acts.

LABOR CLASSES

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is not fit to be employed in distributing relief. It is about time that these things are brought to the attention of the public.

In this particular case a child is dead, and the blame lies directly with relief officials and no one else.

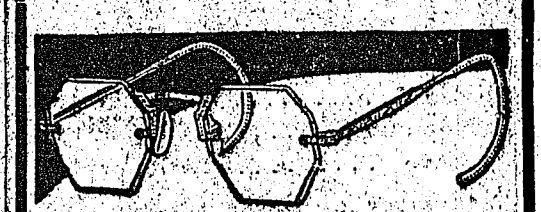
Because the time had not arrived for them to receive any coal, although they have not received any coal within the last month, this family was told that investigators must first look into the case. And while the relief officials or their investigators are laying down on the job, death claimed the 13-month-old child of this family.

The child, 13 months old, died

Wednesday, Dec. 27th, of double pneumonia.

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YPSL TO STUDY PARTY HISTORY, CHILD LABOR

CHICAGO.—The National Office of the Young People's Socialist League announces that the YPSL Circles of the U. S. will start off 1934 with a complete educational program for the month of January which includes an outline on Child Labor and the second of three installments of a history of the Socialist movement in the United States.

In addition to these outlines every circle has been sent a poster showing the fluctuations in dues payments over 1933 and an injunction to start the new year straight by paying up dues. Also a list of educational program suggestions and samples of a new one-page printed leaflet, "An Appeal to Youth."

The new YPSL leaflet is the first of a series of pieces of special Socialist Youth literature, other pamphlets and leaflets are to be published by the National Office in the near future. Many YPSL members are already sporting the new red seal emblem of the YPSL which has just been printed for display on auto windshields, school books and brief cases, etc. The circulation of the Challenge, official monthly organ of the Socialist Youth Movement in America is growing steadily and will be pushed even more vigorously with the coming of the new year.

The Philadelphia taxi strike, under the leadership of the Taxicab Drivers' Union, A. F. of L., is still deadlocked. The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., city taxi monopoly, has refused to negotiate and the regional labor board plans to refer the strike to Washington.



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BRITISH LABOR DENIES SUPPORT OF ROOSEVELT

Labor Party Spokesmen Declare "Control" Will Not Suffice As Substitute For Socialism

LIBERALISM BANKRUPT

European Failures Cited With Hope That American Workers Will Profit by Example

CHICAGO.—Unsolicited assurances have been received by the Socialist party national headquarters that the British Labor party is not supporting Roosevelt policies for Great Britain, as has frequently been stated in the American press.

J. S. Middleton, assistant secretary of the Labor Party, has written to Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the American Party:

"So far as the Labor Party is concerned, references to the Roosevelt administration have been guarded. They have not gone much further than an appreciation of the speed with which he set about his task, as contrasted with the contented mind of our 'National' Government."

Stafford Cripps Sends Correction
Sir Stafford Cripps, Labor spokesman in the House of Lords has written similarly:

"My attention has been called to an article in 'Time' of November 13, 'Time' has since repeated the statement, 'which purports to suggest that I am supporting Rooseveltism. This is, of course, entirely wrong. I believe... that no amount of controls or financial experimentation can make capitalism successful in achieving the distribution of commodities, which is the essential difficulty in all countries at the present time."

"I am sure the people of America will come to realize more and more as they see the failure of even the most extreme methods of controlling industrial capitalism, that the essential economic basis of Socialism, adapted of course to the particular circumstances of their country, is the right one, not only from the point of view of domestic prosperity but equally from the point of view of international trade and the removal of the economic rivalries which are the basis of war and international unrest."

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SOCIALISTS WARNED OF WORKERS' ASSO. RACKET

CHICAGO.—Members of working-class organizations last week were warned by Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the Socialist Party, that the "Workers Educational Association," Birmingham, Ala., of which Ralph Spooner signs himself as "national director," is merely another vest-pocket organization of this man to help him eke out subsistence by petty graft on workers. To known Socialists, Spooner is writing that his organization is a specialized group to push subscriptions to Socialist periodicals. To others, he is proposing that they become agents to sell Huey Long's "Every Man a King" and Roosevelt's "Looking Forward," clearing sales through him at a small commission. Previous experiences with Spooner's activities prove him entirely unreliable.

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THOMAS WRITES ON "NEW DEAL"

Socialist Party Leader's Latest Pamphlet Describes Roosevelt's Recovery Program As State Capitalism

CHICAGO.—Roosevelt's enemies may denounce his "New Deal" as pure Socialism, but the critical eye of Norman Thomas, twice the Socialist Party's candidate for president, says that "it is state capitalism, and no howls from these old enemies, Hearst and McCormick, Al. Smith and Ogden Mills, who want to turn the clock back, can make it anything else."

Thomas' views on the Roosevelt program are given in a ten-cent pamphlet, "The New Deal: A Socialist Analysis," published by the committee on education and research of the Socialist Party of America. It is on the whole quite critical, admitting, however, that the New Deal "seems to be a bold, even a radical, program to those who have grown accustomed to stupidity, misrepresentation and plain dishonesty during the Hoover, Coolidge and Harding terms."

Not Socialism
"It is a distinct improvement in this sense, but it should be judged in the light of what needs to be done, and not by comparison with Hoover's stupidity. After all, any president would have had to do something in 1933. What Roosevelt did was temporarily to stabilize capitalism with a few concessions to workers that are poor copies of Socialist immediate demands."

Under the sub-heads "Farm Relief," "National Recovery Act," "Banking," "The Unemployed," "Securities Act," "Railroads," "Home Owners' Loan Act," "The Powers of the President," and "Redistribution of Wealth," Thomas analyzes the various activities of the administration from the Socialist viewpoint, in each case pointing out where the Roosevelt measures fall short of the planks which his party believes should be adopted.

Workers Must Organize
"A president, or any elected office holder," Thomas concludes, "can go only so far as his party will let him. He cannot drag with him a hostile organization. Mr. Roosevelt is finding that out to his sorrow. Those who expected Socialism from a democratic president deserve to be disappointed. Socialism can only come through a party of workers and farmers."

"They must be organized into fighting, active, intelligent local units, working through their unions, farm and unemployed organizations on the economic field and their own party on the political field, for ends which they understand and are determined to reach. Such a political party must educate the people to an understanding of the struggle between the owners and the workers of the world. It must put into office men who believe in its aims and will be guided by the decisions of the members."

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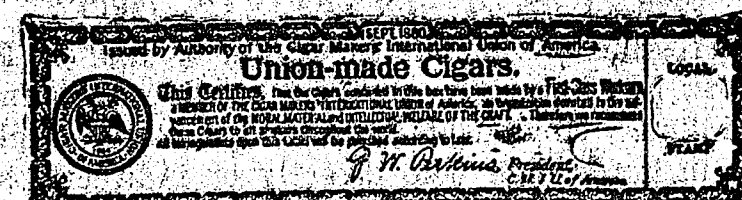
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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

THE LABOR BOARD

It is good that the President has bestowed a degree of legal power on the National Labor Board which apparently it had heretofore lacked. This ought to strengthen its position in dealing with the defiance of the Weirton Steel Company and the E. D. Budd Manufacturing Company in refusing to obey its order to reinstate union men and to hold proper elections. There is, however, a real problem in the extension of the power of the Labor Board. At present such strengthening of its power is probably to the advantage of labor. How to secure that advantage and not to create precedents which eventually will lead to compulsory arbitration and the outlawing of strikes is not altogether easy.

Clearly the Labor Board and other administrative agencies of the NRA should have power to compel corporations to live up to the collective bargaining agreement fairly, as it is stated in the Codes. The Labor Board ought to have the most extensive possible powers of mediation, conciliation and arbitration up to the point of actual compulsion. It should have power of interpretation of agreements made so that never again will it be possible for manufacturers to stall, bluff, and sabotage an interpretation of the Codes while they seek to break the spirit of the men, as they did in the silk strike.

The Board will probably also have to have the right to guarantee fair play to minority groups in labor ranks itself. As every thoughtful well informed labor man knows, at this stage of proceedings labor racketeering will simply result, unless labor cleans its own house, in the government clamping an iron control down upon the unions. Actually there is no hundred per cent satisfactory adjustment of strikes, no advantage for workers without certain dangers, so long as the system of absentee ownership and production for profit dominates the situation. Our principal concern is with what will make labor organization intelligent, aggressive, inclusive and clean.

TURMOIL IN MANY FIELDS

The general labor situation as it is developing under the Codes is far from satisfactory. In Western Pennsylvania in some of the coal mines company unions won, probably not solely as the result of company propaganda but perhaps partly as the result of the unpopularity of certain high officials of the United Mine Workers.

In Philadelphia the P. R. T. by a piece of high-handed arrogance locked out the taxi drivers for the sole crime of organizing in an A. F. of L. union and contemptuously refused all negotiations before the Labor Board on the ground that there was as yet no code anyhow in the taxi industry. Taxi drivers in Philadelphia work 60 hours for a minimum of \$12 a week, which minimum is usually the maximum. The taxi industry is run as an aid to the P. R. T. monopoly and the monopoly is run for the benefit of the financial underliers who are Morgan's allies, the banking house of Drexel, and in particular Mr. Stotesbury. In the name of his property rights the spirit of the code is defied, gangsters are employed to scare taxi drivers, and all Philadelphia thrown into turmoil and confusion. Only on the threat of a general strike in the transportation field has the Labor Board at last begun to act.

WHAT IS A SOCIALIST'S DUTY

The defection of Sinclair in California and of Blanshard in New York has naturally revived considerable interest in party discipline. Obviously the Socialist Party ought not to have room in it for men who directly or indirectly support a non-Socialist party. Civil service or certain other expert work for government in definite fields does not necessarily involve support of a non-Socialist party. Any job connected with policy-forming does imply such support. It is hard to lay down a general rule. The important thing here is to preserve the integrity of the party.

On the other hand, as matters now stand, I think we may fall into certain Communist errors and into Communist unpopularity if in labor unions, farmers' societies, cooperatives, or other organizations, not involving political action or any repudiation of fundamental Socialist principles, we bind our members to act only on one line. Conference between Socialists is in order; binding conferences are not—certainly not under conditions that prevail today. We shall merely antagonize our present and our prospective members and arouse a certain suspicion in the organization themselves. The requirements that Socialists in unions, for instance, shall act like Socialists and not like Republicans and Democrats, is not a requirement for rigid caucus action.

POVERTY CAN BE ABOLISHED

Can poverty be abolished? Is there "enough to go around"? Can the productive plant of America, without rebuilding and managed only as well as plenty of men now living know how to manage it, turn out goods enough to supply all people in this country with a decent, comfortable living?

In the current issue of the Survey Graphic magazine, Stuart Chase, a sane, critical and practical economist, answers these queries with an emphatic "Yes!" and gives reasons.

This country now is producing more food than producers can sell, and a recent survey indicates that it is probably producing more than the people can eat.

For clothing, we have a huge surplus of cotton, and enough wool and leather, though not much of these last to spare. And observe:

Cotton textile manufacturers told the NRA that existing mills, running three shifts, would turn out more than twice the normal demand of cotton goods.

The Wool Institute, back in 1927, said American woolen mills could turn out three times their actual output.

In the same year, Ethelbert Stewart showed that less than 300,000,000 pairs of shoes are used in this country each year, while the factories then were geared to turn out 730,000,000 pairs. Their capacity is greater now.

Power plants now in existence can provide power to run all our mills. Competent engineers declare that the railroads of this country can handle nearly 2,000,000 carsloads a week—more than three times present traffic and more than twice the average of 1929. An industrial General Staff, running the industries of the land to make things for use rather than for sale, could give everyone in the land a living rather better than that of a family with \$10,000 a year in 1929—on a maximum working time of 30 hours per week.

Mr. Chase gives figures and statistics—top long to quote—which back up his statement. He thinks it would take 10 years to bring our housing up to a proper level.

Poverty and want can be abolished, education improved, child labor made an evil memory, comfort, leisure, health and culture bettered almost beyond reckoning—with the materials and knowledge we have on hand today; and Mr. Chase proves these things.

America must not content itself with any lesser goal—Labor.

ORGANIZE THE JOBLESS

Socialists fight on a number of fronts, the political, the economic, the cooperative and the cultural. During the depression another front has faced us, the job of reaching the unemployed. To reach them with meetings and literature is not difficult, but to get them to assert their claims through organization is not so easy. Jobless workers accomplish nothing by brooding over their fate. On the contrary, they must be encouraged to organize and fight against the neglect that consigns them and their dependents to stark want.

To the extent that Socialists can help in organizing the jobless they should do so. In these perilous times nothing should be taken for granted. It isn't true, as some seem to think, that jobless workers will swing to a Socialist movement in some extraordinary crisis. All experience shows that they are more likely to follow some demagogue. Socialist organization of the jobless not only tends to avert this because of the education they get but they are inspired to fight with workers in general for relief and emancipation.

Do not neglect any party work, but also give what time you can to inspire unemployed workers with the need of class solidarity through organization, education and struggle for relief.—The New Leader.

"GRADE A" MEN AND WOMEN

In accordance with the custom of having things topsy-turvy under capitalism, the most useless, most greedy and most immoral group is called the "upper class."

In this system, classes are divided along lines of money and property. There is no such thing as quality connected with the division. If one has little or no money or property, he is said to belong to the "lower class." If he has a medium amount of money or property he is said to belong to the "middle class." If he has lots of money or property he is said to belong to the "upper class."

Such a brazen money standard is puerile. Socialists do not believe in class divisions; they want to abolish classes by abolishing the economic causes of classes. But they know that some men and women are more useful than others, and that these "Grade A" men and women are more often found in the so-called "lower class" than elsewhere.

A "Grade A" man or woman would scorn to waste the precious years of life in getting rich. There are so many important things to do. Their lives are spent in making the world a better place to live in.—Milwaukee Leader.

NRA ARITHMETIC

Things are picking up under the NRA, that is, if you look at things in the right way. General Johnson reports to President Roosevelt that under the automobile code both employment and payrolls have increased. Great!

Here are the figures: from July to September employment increased from 125,000 to 150,700 workers, and payrolls increased from \$12,700,000 to \$14,700,000. What more could one want?

Well, one could do a little long division and find that in the pre-NRA month automobile workers received an average of \$101.30 per month, while under the Blue Eagle the larger number received \$97.50 per month.

And there you have it. If you are interested ONLY in increased TOTAL payrolls, if you are interested ONLY in seeing more people receive wages so that more money can be put into circulation, more spent and business (and profits) revived, nothing could be sweeter than increased TOTALS.

But if you happen to be interested in human welfare, it's a different story. By the way, what is going to be recovered, human welfare or just the profits of the business magnates? There's a question to ponder.—The New Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

WAGES, UNEMPLOYMENT AND TAXATION

The tremendous ballyhoo about increased wages under the NRA has raised the total volume of wages in the country to just half of what it was seven years ago. This represents, it is true, some advance, for in March wages had dropped to one-third of the 1926 level. But by now all who are to benefit under the New Deal, with few exceptions, have already received those benefits, with the net result that the working people are able to spend only half the sum they had before the crash.

More than that, it is generally accepted that the fundamental cause of the depression was the failure of the economic system to put purchasing power into the hands of the masses. If the NRA was to amount to anything at all, its most important task was to raise wages to above the pre-depression level. Its net effect, on the contrary, has been to give us exactly half the total wages we had then.

In the volume of employment, similarly, the NRA has failed to accomplish more than a small part of the task to be done. In June, before the Recovery Act took effect, our factories employed on six-tenths as many persons as they had during the so-called prosperous years. After six months of codes and blue eagles, the factories employ seven-tenths as many as in those years. The remaining three-tenths, so far as the Administration is concerned, can go to the charity agencies or to Civil Works projects which are little more than sugar-coated relief agencies.

Worse than that, we have in recent weeks been losing part of the small gain the NRA has brought. Between the middle of October and the middle of November more than a quarter million workers lost their jobs, and weekly payrolls dropped nine million dollars. Except in 1929, factory employment and wages have at no time in the last ten years dropped as rapidly as during these four weeks.

To make matters still worse, the Government now proposes to help the dairy farmers to the extent of \$30,000,000 by a processing tax on milk. Now that wage earners have been taxed by their humane Government on the bread they eat and the cotton cloth they wear, they are to be further taxed on the milk that their children must drink. Of all taxes that could possibly be levied by any government, the most vicious are those upon food and clothing, and especially upon bread and milk. And it is precisely these that Roosevelt has chosen to levy, all in the sacred name of farm relief.

This overlooks the fact, of course, that the farmers are exploited by a stupid and cruel economic system just as industrial workers are. Instead of changing that system so as to provide comfort and security for both rural and urban workers, the Government's hope is to benefit the rural sets by taxing the food of the industrial slaves.

Where is the government that will instead reduce the burden of indebtedness and decrease the share of the national income going to non-producers in the form of rent, interest, and profits? Where is the government that will end the class division of society and the ruthless exploitation of man by man? Where is the government that will take over the idle factories, and set the unemployed to work producing the commodities that they need?

The Roosevelt administration will never do these things; and there is little reason why it should. Until the great mass of people have the intelligence and courage to demand their rights, it is futile to expect a government to give them justice.

Little at best can be expected from a government that, like our present one, believes in an economic system that crushes the working people, denying millions of them even a job, and condemning those that do work to a low standard of living. Little can be accomplished until power is won by a political party whose objective is the abolition of that economic system, and the substitution for it of a Co-operative Commonwealth. And that, needless to say, will never happen until we awaken in the hearts and minds of the great mass of city and rural workers a desire for such a party, and a realization of its urgent necessity.

Nothing is ever won without a struggle. The workers and farmers will never receive justice until they organize, economically and politically, to secure it.

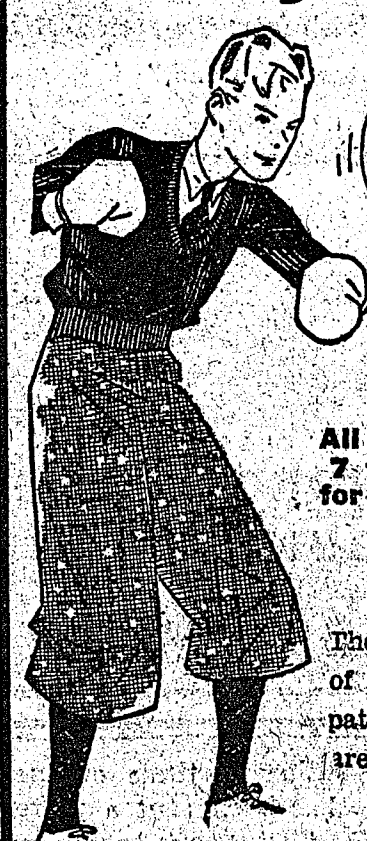
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