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REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I MAY BE wrong, but I imagine I detect signs of "hay wire" in the reasoning of some Socialists, both in and out of the party. I am thinking right now of this week's office visitor who took such a keen delight in what he thinks is a budding revolt against the Roosevelt policies.

This visitor of mine was all burned up by the attacks which Ogden Mills, leading national Republican spokesman, had been making against the NRA. "This New Deal is headed for a flop," he gloated. "Just you wait and see."

"Oh, yeah?" I questioned, "and then what?"

"Why," replied my visitor, "then the people will have to turn to Socialism."

TO THAT KIND of reasoning I can reply in a single word: BUNK!

We will never get Socialism as a result of anything which Ogden Mills or any other spokesman for big business may do. Nor will we Socialists get anywhere but in the lists of the "also rans" by "waiting and seeing." It's not what Franklin D. Roosevelt does that matters. Nor is what Ogden Mills says and does cause for rejoicing. It's what the workers do—or fail to do—which will determine whether we will have Socialism this year or the next or at all.

I AM OPPOSED to the so-called "New Deal" because I see that its success will do nothing more than stabilize the system which enables an owning class to profit from the labors of and control the lives of the rest of us.

But while I oppose exploitation under any new forms, I am also cold to Ogden Mills when he urges the removal of governmental restrictions and a free hand for big business. For it was unrestricted Capitalist business which has brought poverty, wars and economic collapse to the peoples of this world; and between a slave system which functions and one which will continue on the old road to ruin, I'll choose neither.

WHAT WE SOCIALISTS must continue to work for is Socialism. And we must be positive about it; we are only fooling ourselves when we think that our success will come as a result of anybody's failure, whether it be the failure of the "New Deal" or the political annihilation of the Republican party.

Europe furnishes too many examples of the results of failure to justify jubilation in the collapse of the present administration's program to form one big union of exploiters under government supervision and protection. Fascism is far more probable than Socialism unless the workers of America begin to do a lot more organizing and right voting than they have been doing.

THE SIMPLE FACT is that the working class is not going to get Socialism unless they want it. Up to date, they have not wanted it. (Continued on Page Three)

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ALICE HANSON TO SPEAK

Militant Head of Teachers' Union Will Make Initial Appearance Here—Free Dancing at Night

Final arrangements are being made for the first Socialist picnic of the season on Sunday, June 10. While the picnic committee has arranged fewer picnics this season, they are planning bigger and better ones.

The opening picnic on June 10th will be one with a first-class entertainment program featuring radio artists and entertainers. Louis Lunatics, a musical novelty act, has made a big hit with many audiences besides radio listeners. The Dancing Dolls, six beautiful girls in song and dance, and Ed. Gouran, black-faced comedian and radio entertainer, will complete the afternoon entertainment program that starts at 4:30 o'clock.

Attractive Speaking Program: The speaking program will begin at 3:30 p. m. Miss Alice Hanson, aggressive leader of the American Federation of Teachers of Philadelphia, will be the principal speaker on the program. Former Mayor J. Henry Stump will act as chairman of the meeting. Darlington Hoopes, Socialist legislator, will precede Miss Hanson on the speakers' platform.

The Socialist Band will give a concert beginning at 1:30 p. m. In the evening there will be free dancing to music by Frank Lynn and his orchestra.

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CALL KINTZER FOR CHEAP MEN

Complaint Shows How State Office Service Helps Employers to Keep Their Regular Payrolls Low

How would you like to be assigned to a job by the State Employment Service with the promise of 50 cents per hour and be paid at the rate of 35 cents? Well, whatever you would think of such treatment, Frank Spayd, 243 Cherry street, and Joseph Jones, 1039 Moss street, declare that somebody pulled that "lousy trick" on them last Friday.

Spayd and Jones were sent by the State Employment Service, under Paul S. Kintzer, to help to unload a car at the Wilson & Co. plant on Reed street. They declare that they were told at the state office that they would receive 50 cents per hour. But when the job was finished after three and a half hours of hard work, they were paid for three and a quarter hours at the rate of 35 cents per hour.

Whether the employment office was given a "run around" by the Wilson manager or whether somebody "misunderstood," Spayd and Jones could not say. But they do know that they worked darn cheap.

Asked what he intended to do about it, Spayd replied: "What can we do?"

Extra Men Easily Found

This incident in the lives of two workers throws a new light upon the activities of the State Employment office. While instituted for the purpose of finding jobs for the unemployed, it has the effect of permitting employers to keep their regular working forces at the lowest possible level and then, when a rush job arises, secure temporary help at low wage rates below most code minimums.

Local Unionists Will Support Action Taken At Convention Of Hosiery Workers Next Week

Spirit of Solidarity In Labor Ranks Here as Hosiery Delegates Prepare For Most Important Convention—National as Well as Local Problems Will Be Solved At Gathering In Berkshire—Strike Is Big Question Affecting Local Workers—Rieve Would Fight If Necessary

Whatever action develops as a result of the Convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers in this city next Monday, the hosiery workers will not be standing alone. On the contrary, they will have the active support of every craft affiliated in the Federated Trades Council as well as the backing of unemployed workers who are banded together under the banner of the Taxpayers' Protective League.

Significant of the spirit of solidarity which exists in the ranks of the organized workers of Berks county at this time is the co-operation which is being given by other crafts in launching the convention. Andrew P. Bower, member of the Cigarmakers' Union and district vice president of the State Federation of Labor, will deliver the greetings of the state body and James H. Maurer and ex-mayor J. Henry Stump, both identified with unionism by life-long activity in labor organization work, will also deliver labor's message of friendship and co-operation. A band concert, which will mark the opening of the convention in the Berkshire ballroom, will be the union musicians' way of showing that they, too, are ready to give support to the hosiery workers' demands for improved working conditions and sincere union recognition.

Will Consider National Problems While the convention will be held in Reading and although this community is one of the most important hosiery centers in the nation, the problems which will be discussed under the gavel of national president Emil Rieve, will have a bearing upon every part of the nation.

Chiseling and evasions of agreements in industries which have been unionized, as well as the necessity of adding more mills to the "union shop" list will be considered.

As the hosiery workers have always stood upon President Roosevelt's admission that greater purchasing power is needed to bring industrial recovery, the matter of winning shorter hours and higher pay rates will be discussed and plans adopted to work (Continued on Page Three)

THEY'LL SHINE AT HOSIERY MEET



EMIL RIEVE

National President of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, will preside at sessions in Berkshire.



ANDREW P. BOWER

Vice-President of State Federation, will deliver greetings from that organization.



JAMES H. MAURER

will address opening session.



J. HENRY STUMP

will address opening session.

WOMEN STRIKE IN SHILLINGTON WHEN PAY DAY NEVER ARRIVES

Charging that wages which they have earned have not been paid for periods ranging from four weeks to many months, 48 employees of the Barnett & Rich sweater factory, Pearl street, Shillington, went on strike Tuesday to halt the firm's policy of making workers work for nothing. Most of the strikers are women.

The strikers declare that they were promised \$10 per week for the first two weeks and \$13 per week thereafter. Forty hours per week was the working time at the plant.

A committee of employees told (Continued on Page Four)

NLB DECISION FAVORS UNION

Ruling Received This Week Orders Pretzel Strike Ended With Old Employees Given Jobs

Decisions handed down by the National Labor Board this week order the immediate termination of strikes which have been in effect since the fall of last year, in the Krouse, Reddy and Superior Supreme Pretzel Companies.

The orders issued by Stanley W. Root, executive secretary of the board, stipulate that all former employees shall be given re-employment immediately, or as soon as business conditions shall require their services.

To Divide Work

In the Krouse decision the question of division of work is to be taken up for discussion from time to time with a view of preventing the laying-off of employees.

The Superior-Supreme decision orders that the question of the (Continued on Page Three)

STURGIS BROS. PRETZELS AGAIN HAVE UNION LABEL

Sturgis Brothers Pretzel Bakery is once again a union shop. Differences which arose three weeks ago resulted in the withdrawing of the union label from the firm. The label has now been restored following settlement on terms favorable to the union.

Democratic Leaders And Followers

Rank and File Have No Real Interest In Big-Wigs' "Dog Fight"

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BOSSES

Berks met last Saturday and staged a performance which should be of decided educational value to the rank and file Democrats—and Republicans, too—of Berks County.

It was a battle for power between rival factions of the Democratic party. On the surface the prize to be won appeared to be the office of County Chairman. But underneath it meant much more than that. The outcome of that battle decided who should have the say-so in the filling of jobs and in the writing of party slates in future elections.

So bitter was the contest for power that harsh names were called and things were hinted at which, if revealed, might convince rank and file members of both old parties that they are nothing more than the dupes of self-seeking politicians.

Ex-judge John B. Stevens and Jacob H. Mays, former manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, were the opposing generals. It was to decide which of these would crack the whip over Berks Democrats, not to fill the

office of County Chairman, that the battle was fought.

NOW THAT THE rank and file voters of both old political parties have had time to ponder upon that battle, one wonders what they think of the men they have been following. Most of them don't know what the contest was all about. They know that Stevens was accused of being a "boss." They know that the "Democracy" of Mays was placed in question. But that is all. To them it makes no real difference who won, because no matter who controls the Democratic party—or the Republican party—those who vote the tickets of those parties get nothing out of their victories. Only the bosses—and their immediate henchmen—win when the parties of Capitalism win. The rank and file always loses.

IT WAS UNDER the alternating rule of both old parties that this nation reached the sorry condition in which it now finds itself. Obscure and neglected voters who blindly followed the leaders of both parties saw those leaders rise to power while they who voted sank to ruin.

It was these leaders who told their followers that Socialism would break up the home—and now we have CCC camps in

stead of homes and youthful hoboes roaming the country.

It was these leaders who declared that Socialists proposed to seize the savings of the American people—and today Capitalism's collapse has left millions nothing but the memories of more fortunate days.

It was these leaders who said that Socialism would place everybody on a "dead level" of equality—and now, after following their leadership, workers live in the shacks to which they are assigned, stand in line for food vouchers and clothe their children in hand-me-downs.

Every evil which the political leaders of the two old parties declared Socialism would bring they, themselves have brought upon the people.

And now the bosses of Berks Democracy fight among themselves for the power to again fool and rule their followers even while they plan to make common cause with their ancient opponents in an effort to again keep the Socialists from gaining political power for the working masses.

RANK AND FILE voters of both old parties, what part do you play in the management of your party? What have you gained by the victories of the past? What do you hope to gain in the future?

Self-Seeking Old Party Chiefs Lead Nation to Present Collapse

Rank and file voters of both Capitalist parties, you have been fooled, ruled and robbed by these leaders in the past and the future offers you nothing better. Let them fight their own battles. Refuse to be pulled by the nose any longer. Refuse to be herded into Fusion ranks for the prestige of those who do the bidding of the labor-exploiting industrialists of this community and of the nation.

Have done with Stevens and Mays. Have done with Bertolo and his patrons in Wyomissing who are the real power behind the political front. There is but one party which deserves the attention and support of all who wish for the welfare of their families and their fellow men. That party is the Socialist party. For the Socialist party offers you, not political favors, but industrial justice; not slave jobs in the service and for the profit of an owning few, but work and leisure and plenty.

A vote for either of the old parties is a vote for those who have betrayed and ruined their followers. Only by voting a straight Socialist ticket will a worker, be voting for himself,

JOBLESS FLAY FASCIST TRICK ON SERB JOBS

Charges That Self-Appointed Local Dictators Favor Special Groups Causes Bitter Resentment

PROTEST TO BIDDLE

TPL and CWA-PWA Spokesmen Denounce Preference To Veterans—Want All Unemployed Treated Alike

Discrimination in hiring unemployed workers for SERB jobs by local self-appointed dictators is resulting in an ugly feeling in the ranks of the thousands of workers who are organized in the CWA-PWA Union and the Taxpayers' Protective League.

In addition to sending a letter to Eric Biddle, state administrator, protesting against such practices demanding their abandonment and urging that Paul S. Kintzer, in charge of the local State Employment Office, be removed, Harry Alexander, secretary of the T. P. L., is openly declaring that there are many cases in which men were put on jobs under questionable circumstances.

Oppose Veteran Preference Harry Day, an official of the Associated Veterans and a foreman on a SERB project, is mentioned along with Kintzer as "playing politics with SERB jobs." Howard Kramer, president of the CWA-PWA workers, openly charges that Day has "constantly shown partiality to veterans by placing them on jobs to replace other men."

Commenting on such practices, Kramer declared that the organized unemployed do not wish preference for their membership. However, he insisted, all workers who need jobs should have equal opportunities whether they saw army service or not.

A Fascist Tactic

The policy of permitting only the "right" person to become self-supporting is a well-known fascist tactic and has been employed in both Italy and Germany as a means of controlling workers and using them against their less easily satisfied fellows. The unemployed of this and all other localities will do well to protest now against any practice which enables a few politicians and their henchmen to build personal followings by crafty discrimination in placing workers on state-financed jobs.

It has been charged by Kramer that Day has used his power as a foreman to force men under him to join the Associated Veterans' organization by threatening them with the loss of their jobs. It is (Continued on Page Five)

LAUDS STATE LABOR FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

The Brewery Worker, official organ of the Brewery Workers' Union, lauded the action of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor for the stand taken at the recent convention of the Federation advocating industrial unionism as "the only form capable of coping with industry as it is at present organized."

The Brewery Workers, in a controversy with the A. F. of L., insist on maintaining its vertical, or industrial union. The action of the State Federation supports the Brewery Workers' position.

Reading delegates were among the sponsors of the resolution, which received the support of the entire Reading delegation. The Reading delegates supported left-wing policies at the Convention on other important issues such as independent political action, the Lunden unemployment insurance bill, resolution against Fascism, but were defeated on all these other issues.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

AN EYE OPENER FOR DEMOCRATS

The fracas in the ranks of Democratic party officials is causing ordinary voters of that party to wonder what is going on at the top. Suddenly they have had the fact thrust upon them that something is not all right in old Berks.

Why doesn't John B. Stevens like Billy Witman, Jr., as County Chairman? What difference will it make? And aren't all Democrats good men to vote for?

Well, it isn't that John hates Billy. But John wants to do certain things in the future and the best way to accomplish his purposes is to build power now. And the best way to build power is to place his own men in strategic positions.

It is public gossip that Stevens is out to get the scalp of Judge Paul Schaeffer when the latter's term on the bench expires. This, of course, will make Bob Mays, brother of Stevens' political enemy Jake, president judge, but that doesn't matter.

That's one of the tricks which are to be taken in later. Why is that important? Well, it is explained that Schaeffer appointed Nat Gring as county commissioner without consulting Stevens.

Then, again, Mays cashed in briefly upon the "New Deal" and Stevens didn't. Jake was appointed head of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in this district and for a while that made him outshine John. But now John's on top and—

Say, is it any wonder that ordinary Democrats are wondering what all this has to do with them? They're up against it. They're living on vouchers and losing their homes and wonder how long they'll have to wait for a chance to live decent lives again. And they're becoming so sick of this business of Fusion and con-Fusion that Socialist prospects are getting brighter by the hour.

DON'T OVER-FEED THE UNEMPLOYED

The Taxpayers' Protective League discovers that the State Emergency Relief Board is neglecting an opportunity to increase food allowances for the jobless. National relief officials say they are ready to make food grants to Pennsylvania whenever state officials request them. However, those in control at Harrisburg insist that the jobless of this commonwealth are getting enough to eat.

The reason the SERB officials are so stubborn in their refusal to accept Federal offers is that the Federal supplies are to be an addition to what is already furnished the jobless. By accepting them they would help unemployed workers, but they would not be reducing the demands upon the big taxpayers.

So what's the use!

Comment upon the action of SERB officials should be unnecessary. It should be enough to remind workers that the people who are so much afraid of over-feeding the unemployed are the same folks who shout about their love (Continued on Page Five)

THANKS TO ADVOCATE ADVERTISERS

Through the co-operation of the advertisers, who supplied their copy several days ahead of schedule, and by extra effort on the part of the staffs of the Advocate and the Peoples Printing Co., the paper was printed early this week in order to enable the Advocate staff to attend the National Convention in Detroit.

As co-operation works two ways, here is an added reason why readers of the Advocate should always give their paper's advertisers preference when making purchases.

In consideration of the unusual circumstances attending the publication of this week's issue, the editor also begs indulgence for any errors or omissions which may occur.

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Federal Union

For Lundeen Bill

DETROIT—Auto Workers, No. 18,677 Local, made up of 3,000 employees of Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Corp., at Detroit, has endorsed the workers' unemployment insurance bill introduced by Congressman Lundeen, H. R. 7598. It claims to be the first federal local to endorse.

Bridgeport Molders Strike

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—About 60 molders of the gray iron and malleable departments of the Eastern Malleable Iron Works in Bridgeport are on strike of wage increases and recognition of the union, under the leadership of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union. The whole plant, which has been working with a force of about 200 men, is closed.

HANGED!



Karl Munreth, one of the heroes of Vienna, fought until he was seriously wounded before he was captured by the Fascists. Then he was carried to the gallows, too injured to walk, to be hanged for his loyalty to labor.—(Federated Pictures.)

TOLEDO STRIKE MAY BE MADE GENERAL TODAY

Distrust of Mediation Fosters Sentiment For Complete Tie-up to Aid Auto-Lite Workers

N. G. CAUSE RESENTMENT

Clashes Give Plant the Appearance of a Battered Fortress—Strike Leaders Mistrust Authorities

TOLEDO (FP)—With June 1 tentatively set as the date for a general strike of all Toledo labor, including the employees of Toledo Edison, labor moved to protect itself against the prejudice of Charles P. Taft, federal mediator.

Taft, accidentally exposed his bias when he told Atty. Edward Lamb of the Unemployed League that the Electric Auto-Lite strike "should never have been called in the first place." He realized it was a break and called the newspapermen together to ask them not to use it.

Lamb at once wired President Roosevelt asking that Taft be removed but the unions prepared their forces for a general strike is their own protection against prejudice.

Arthur Garfield Hays, famous civil liberties attorney, was brought from New York to defend Louis F. Budenz, secretary of the American Workers Party, and 19 other defendants charged with contempt of court for defying Judge Stuart's injunction, which is the cause of the whole struggle. Budenz was ready to testify that he did defy the injunction and urge the workers to insist on their right to picket.

For five days the people of Toledo had carried on constant guerrilla warfare with the imported troops. With bricks torn from pavements and foundations of old buildings, with bottles, and with ballbearings and slingshots, they have fought boys equipped with teargas hand-grenades, high-power gas guns which fire 150 yards and throw a sickening gas projectile, rifles, bayonets and machineguns.

Factory Battered
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Compensation Racket

Costs Workers \$400,000

ST. PAUL—Because workers' compensation for injuries and death is handled by private insurance concerns, some of them insolvent rackets, the workers of Minnesota and their families are out \$401,832. This includes \$306,088 in payments already due and other payments for medical care still to be given.

Almost all of this sum is due from husted insurance companies to which employers had paid the high premiums that privately-run compensation funds exact.

Protest News Monopoly

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Wide protest is being voiced by trade unions and political groups in southeastern Massachusetts over the sale of radio station WNBH, at New Bedford, to E. Anthony & Sons, owners and publishers of The Standard Times and The Mercury. It is claimed that this monopoly of all the agencies of news dissemination in the area will suppress labor news.

WARREN BILLINGS HAS BUSY LIFE IN PRISON

By LENA MORROW LEWIS.

Trips to Sacramento always include in my schedule a visit to Warren K. Billings in the Northern California Prison—Repressa post office. Through kindnesses of officials, I was permitted to go at once to the warden's office, where Billings was already waiting to receive me. Every time I visit him I wonder if I will find any indication of a break in his spirit, but as before he was full of courage and showed no sign of the disheartening and demoralizing effects of prison life.

I always come away from the prison marvelling at the way in which Warren Billings makes the best of his environment and how by his application and study he has educated himself in various trades, made himself useful in prison, conducted an interesting correspondence with persons all over the United States, carried on chess tournaments and lived a life of service that would be a credit to the best of our citizens. All through the years he has not allowed his fate to embitter him, and the way he has maintained the integrity of his own soul is the admiration of those with whom he lives from day to day.

At present he has charge of the time-pieces of the prison, winding and keeping all clocks in order, as well as the watches of the guards and their families. He is free to go practically all over the grounds and into any of the homes.

It speaks well for Billings that prisoners in this department of work before he was placed in charge never had enough to do to keep busy half the time. In order to keep up with his orders he is often obliged to work at night. Some years ago, having discov-

ered that he could take a watch apart and put it together again and make it run, he was asked by his prison friends to fix their watches. He sent out for watch catalogues and made a thorough study of the various movements. Leading jewelry stores in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles have been most kind in sending him all kinds of equipment and watch movements. As he sat telling me of his work, he pulled three watches out of his pockets to illustrate his conversation—one watch was made in Switzerland and was from 75 to 80 years old. He has several unique ideas in the line of watch and jewelry novelties which he hopes some day to produce.

One curious aspect of the whole situation is that Billings has been able to accomplish many interesting things in prison and become efficient in many lines because he has not been crowded by the driving greed of commercialism seeking to produce things for profit. Doing things by the tick of the clock does not make an artist. Just now in his spare time he is working on some legal phases of his case and while adjusting himself to his present situation is nevertheless quietly and persistently studying how he may help his friends on the outside to secure his release.

Construction Far Behind In Illinois

CHICAGO—Building construction in the Chicago area during April was only 5.4% of the monthly average value of permits issued in 1929, according to the Illinois department of labor. And 1929 was lower than 1928 or 1927.

The value of permits issued throughout the state was \$2,036,490 which was one-fifth more than a year ago but only about one-twentieth of the 1929 monthly average. Repairs and alterations totaled almost a third of the amount.



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ADMINISTRATION PREVENTS VOTE ON SIX-HOUR DAY

WASHINGTON (FP)—A parliamentary maneuver was successful in forestalling a veto on the Crosser 6-hour day bill for the railroads, despite the fact that 145 Congressmen had signed the petition requiring it to be voted as an early date. The maneuver was part of the administration's efforts to keep shorter-hour legislation from being acted upon at this Congress.

By a majority vote, the House interstate commerce committee reported out the 6-hour bill without recommendation, thus automatically the mandate of the successful petition to discharge the committee from considering the bill and force it to a vote.

"The obvious purpose of the majority of the committee in reporting the bill to the House with-

out recommendation is to prevent a vote being had on the motion . . . to discharge the committee from further consideration of H.R. 7430," Crosser said. "I submit that since the 145 names required by the rule were attached to the motion in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives, the members of the House should have been allowed to vote upon the motion to discharge the committee so that if said motion were to have carried a vote on the bill itself would have occurred."

Another Low Pay Code

WASHINGTON — Minimum wages of 32½ cents an hour, with 80% of that rate for learners during a 30-day apprenticeship; are in the code approved for the bias tape industry, effective June 4th.

SONG BOOKS For Workers

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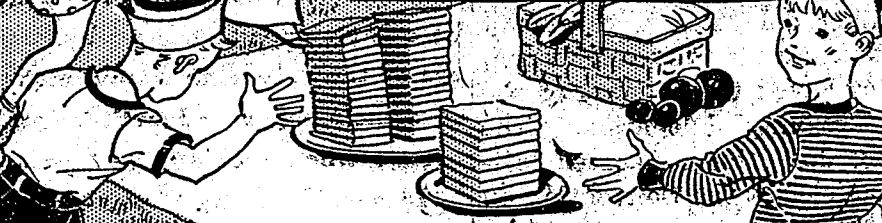
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closed shop agreement and all other matters in dispute shall be taken up in conference between the representatives of the company and of the Pretzel Workers Union.

The action of the Labor Board is viewed by officials of the Pretzel Workers Union as a distinct advance in their march toward closed shop conditions in the local pretzel industry. It comes after many months of dispute in which local pretzel manufacturers have made persistent efforts to evade the spirit of the National Recovery Administration's policies.

Teachers Hound

Tax Dodgers

CLEVELAND—County Treasurer John J. Boyle has issued credentials to 150 members of the American Federation of Teachers so that they will go after 1,500 tax delinquents and get them to pay up. Each of those to be canvassed owes \$500 or more. The teachers will work on Saturdays at their new tasks.

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HELP WANTED SUNDAY AT SOCIALIST PARK
The Socialist picnic committee thanks the comrades who gave service at the Socialist Park last Sunday. However, the job is not yet completed. Again the call is issued to those who will help to put the park in order next Sunday. Be at Labor Lyceum at 8:30 a. m. for transportation to the park. Dinner will be furnished to workers.

EAT BERRIES AND CREAM AT SOUTHERN BRANCH CARD PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Everybody is invited to a good time at the Southern Branch headquarters, 429 South Tenth street, next Wednesday night. The event will be a combined card party and strawberry and ice cream festival. Whether you come to play cards or merely to eat, you're sure to have a pleasant evening. Don't pass up this opportunity.

AFTERNOON CARD PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Dead-a-Day Sewing Circle will hold a card party next Wednesday, June 6, at 2 p. m. at their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street. Fine prizes will be awarded to winners. Everybody's invited.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Women's Committee will be held June 7th at 7 p. m. sharp at Labor Lyceum. All the women are urged to be there promptly.

LOCAL BERKS THURSDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Local Berks will be held next

Thursday, at which time reports will be received from the delegates to the National Convention.

UMBRELLA LOST

LOST—Lady's blue silk umbrella was left on third floor of Labor Lyceum last Friday. Finder will please return to cigar shop in Labor Lyceum.

LOCAL SOCIALISTS TO SPEAK IN COAL REGIONS

Steward Tomlinson will speak in Mt. Carmel and Miles Williams in Shamokin tonight under the auspices of Mt. Carmel Branch, Socialist Party.

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

GAS STATION WORKERS ADOPT WAGE DEMANDS

Gasoline station employees, at their meeting on Monday and Tuesday evening, decided to adopt the wage scale submitted by the organized Pittsburgh workers.

The wage scale ranges from \$150 per month for managing operators to 60 cents per hour for laboring.

Pressure is being brought to bear upon the organizing operators by petty bosses and district managers. The workers, however, are standing up under it and relying upon their own economic strength and upon the ruling of Secretary Ickes, Administrator of the Petroleum Code, to enforce upon the management the workers' free choice of union and representation without interference, coercion or restraint. Discharge for actively participating in forming a union is against the law and will be prosecuted to the limit.

Two more meetings will be held next week giving alternative shifts the opportunity of attending and at that time application will be made for a charter.

PRETZEL WORKERS ORGANIZE IN YORK

A delegation from the Pretzel Workers and the writer journeyed to York on Saturday at the request of all classes of Bakery Workers in that city to attend an organization meeting. The meeting was attended by about 75 workers and, following the addresses by William Albrecht, secretary of the Pretzel Workers, and Organizer White, who was specially deputized by the national office of the Bakery Workers to handle the situation, about 40 signed application cards and a charter application was forwarded to the Chicago office.

Another meeting will be held Saturday evening, June 2, at which time about 200 Bakery Workers are expected to attend. Among the local bakeries desirous of organizing were the employees of the National Biscuit Company. A great deal of satisfaction was expressed among the Reading Pretzel Manufacturers and their workers at the successful start in York since that city is one of its chief competitors.

HARDWARE AND ALLIED TRADES

The Hardware and Allied Trades Union, at their regular meeting on Friday evening in St. Casimir's Hall, decided for the summer months to hold meetings

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At the same meeting a contribution was voted to the Trade Union Organization fund.

UNION ACTORS APPEAL FOR PUBLIC'S SUPPORT

Declaring that work for actors is becoming scarcer than ever and that average salaries have decreased steadily despite misleading statements, Ralph Whitehead, executive secretary of the American Federation of Actors, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, appeals for the support of the public.

"Our organization, affiliated with the A. F. of L., has been struggling to make badly-needed reforms, to set up a 'Death Benefit Fund,' to drive out chiseling agents and to persuade the government to grant relief. The government is not helping us. We appeal to your readers to support us by insisting that organizations of which they are members use A. F. of L. union actors when putting on a show," Whitehead asks.

LOCAL UNIONISTS

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for those necessary steps in the industry.

Strike in Question

The big question, so far as this district is concerned, is whether or not a strike will be ordered as a result of the failure of local employers to enter into a new working agreement satisfactory to the union. There seems little doubt that a general walkout will eventually be ordered. However, it is possible that further efforts will be made to secure an acceptable contract with the bosses. The advantage of delay in actual strike tactics, it has been suggested, would be to give the hosiery unionists to select a more favorable time than in mid-summer to tie up production.

The decision on this point will depend to a large extent upon the report which President Rieve makes to the convention on conditions in the trade elsewhere. As a fighter Rieve uses keen judgment based upon a thorough knowledge of the industry he represents. He has already declared that he would rather settle differences peacefully. However, he supplemented his statement with the characteristic declaration that the union will fight if necessary to obtain fair treatment and decent working conditions.

Will Test Company Unionism

Hosiery Union officials count as one of the advantages of an ultimate showdown with the employers the fact that a walkout will test the actual strength of the company unions which have been sponsored by officials and owners in various plants.

It is well known that many who have accepted membership in the boss-controlled "employees' organizations" have done so with their tongues in their cheeks. They understand that they have nothing to hope for by membership in such organizations and will, union leaders believe, respond to a strike call



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probably because too few of them are aware of what it is.

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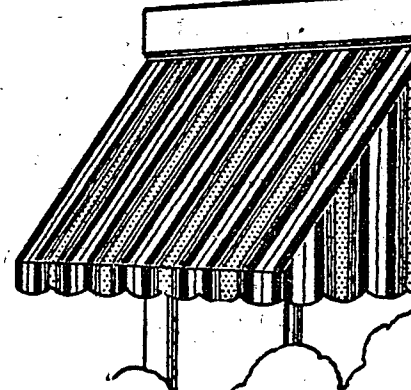
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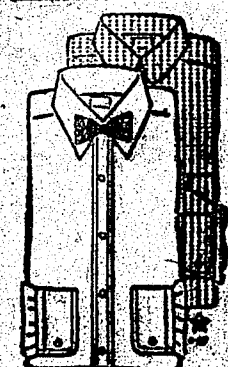
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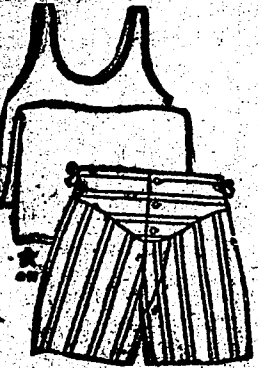
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When Buffalo police attacked striking airplane workers with tear gas and fire hose, this striker put up a manly fight for that hose and had it turned toward the ground instead of the picket as this photo was snapped. Note the police club coming into action.—(Federated Pictures.)

STRIKES RUSH WAGNER BILL

**Fear That Uprisings May
Become General Causes
Administration Leaders to
Desire Prompt Action**

WASHINGTON (FP)—Badly scared by the general bitterness shown in recent strikes, the administration is pushing the new Wagner labor disputes bill to the front again. No panacea for is seen in the measure, but it is felt that the strike wave has convinced hitherto recalcitrant employers that some permanent machinery is necessary to check strikes before they start and to bring about arbitration where possible.

Both Pres. Roosevelt and Gen. Johnson, NRA administrator, gave their blessing to the bill after announcement that agreement had been reached on its final form. Johnson told the press emphatically, May 25, that the bill to be reported was in the form approved by Secretary of Labor Perkins, NRA Council Donald Richberg, Senator Wagner and himself and should be passed. Roosevelt the same day said that legislation of the type of the Wagner bill would be very helpful and he hoped it would go through at this session. The president, who said he was following the strike situation closely, declared that the Wagner bill would help clarify procedure in dealing with labor matters and define authority.

Strikes Alarm Officials
That the administration has taken a very serious view of the recent strikes there is no question. It is also apparent that it feels these outbursts should convince the more autocratic employers that their interests lie in acceptance of machinery designed to check strikes, even if this may slightly infringe on their ideas of "running their own business."

At the same time, the administration would like to check the impression given by general strike moves that isolated disputes are developing into a general class struggle. Efforts have been made to put across the idea that the Minneapolis and Toledo situations do not represent any indiscriminate rebellion but are isolated actions directed against individual firms, and resulting from dissatisfactions with individual politicians. An analogy has even been made with the recent French political situation, where it is claimed there has been no general revolutionary feeling but only discontentment with certain definite politicians.

Fear General Uprising
Behind these arguments is the fear that this may not continue to be the case, even if it really is now. The development of isolated and small strikes into general movements involving a great part of the working population, seems to point an opposite moral—and Washington wants to be prepared to deal with the possibilities of more widespread rebellion.

It is in this situation that the new Wagner bill becomes the center of attention. According to the announcement of Chairman Walsh of the Senate labor committee on May 25, the new measure is to be known as the "industrial adjustment act." It is to establish a permanent adjustment board, which would take the place

of the present National Labor Board. The new board's function, Walsh said, would be judicial and fact-finding in character, dealing with questions of representation for collective bargaining and not with wages and hours.

Permits Company Unions
The board will have to determine which of the competing groups is to represent the workers in a given case—as for instance, decide between union and company union. It may order an election, according to Walsh, if unable to decide otherwise.

Both Walsh and Johnson made it clear that the new measure does not outlaw the company union, though Walsh said it was opposed to "company-dominated" unions. Johnson said that the bill "does not say that the company union is invalid," but that it interprets it as establishing the majority principle for representation.

Walsh claimed that the bill does not include compulsory arbitration, as the board would have no initiative powers to this end; and that arbitration would be provided only if all parties agreed to it.

Defining the limits of employers' rights to influence their workers' organization, Walsh said that if "agitators" attempt to organize "Russianized unions," employers may make suggestions to their workers against such organization, but may not "coerce" them in the matter.

WOMEN STRIKE

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The Advocate yesterday that they stayed on the job as long as they did because of repeated promises that they would be paid as soon as "Barney," a member of the firm, arrived from New York.

"However," they state, "Barney has been there several times but there have been no paydays."

Illegal, Hoopes Says

The strikers sought the legal advice of Darlington Hoopes in an effort to secure the wages due them. However, Hoopes was forced to leave town to attend the National Convention of the Socialist Party in Detroit and was not able to take action Tuesday. Before leaving he stated that the State law requires that wages be paid in intervals of not more than two weeks. He will take up the case upon his return to Reading unless the strikers' difficulties have been adjusted in the meantime.

The strikers are planning to picket the plant. However, it is not likely that many persons will be eager to scab a job when they know that they will probably work without wages.

Jewish Bakers Gain
DETROIT—A 2-day strike of Detroit Jewish Bakery Workers' and Drivers' Unions was won when the employers conceded the bakers an increase of \$1 a day and another 1% of commission to the drivers.

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PROG. PARTY IS NOT FOR LABOR

**Growth of Socialist Prestige
In Wisconsin Seen as State
Union Official Bolts LaFollette**

FOND DU LAC, Wis.—"Progressive" leaders, following Phil La Follette's warning that "I think it is a fatal error, an irretrievable blunder to launch this as a class party," have set up a new "progressive" party in Wisconsin as a mere tail to the Roosevelt kite.

Seeking to carry out Phil's judgement "that the great bulk of our people are not farmers first or laborers first—we must appeal to them as Americans, and not on the basis of their occupations," the new progressive group has given a strong impetus to Wisconsin Socialism, in the opinion of competent observers who believe that only a working class party will be able to capitalize the growing farm-labor unity in the state.

In the course of the debate, J. J. Handley, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, jumped to his feet to speak for labor. He served warning that labor would by no means be satisfied with the plans of the progressive leaders, saying:

"We had hoped that this movement would unite all the liberal forces. I am disappointed in this progressive conference. You are keeping it a narrow movement. You have no program. Labor will not go along with this movement. We want an organization and a card for members that can be taken away from them if they do not live up to the movement." Handley's statement at the conference was echoed by other labor leaders, who saw the movement as simply a personal party for the old LaFollette machine.

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consin's farm strikes, refused to commit himself until the group wrote a platform. At the conference, Chairman William T. Evjue ruled all demands for a program out of order. After choosing a name and selecting a temporary state committee of "safe" old-line progressives the meeting adjourned.

**Iowa Uses PWA Cash
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WASHINGTON SCENE

By LEN DE CAUX
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

The bitterness of the Minneapolis and Toledo strike struggles, coming on top of all the other strikes, has thoroughly alarmed Washington and may cause some last-minute changes of plans. The stage was all set for early adjournment of Congress. Loans to industry, war debts, coconut oil and water use were to receive attention. But labor was not to get the sop of a presidential message on unemployment and social legislation; and legislation to curb strikes, though desired, was delayed by differences over company unionism.

But the bravery of tens of thousands of workers in widely separated parts of the country and their willingness to face tear gas, clubbing and volleys of gunfire, hammered two thoughts into officials' heads. On the one hand, they made the complaints of dissatisfied profiteers and their demands for unrestricted exploitation look like a die-hard danger to the whole employers' cause; and suggested that it's labor and not the die-hards that needs the sops. On the other hand, they brought increased realization among employers and their Washington agents that any old strike-curb is better than none.

The administration's failure to put on its "must" list any of the legislation demanded by leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the railroad Brotherhoods, worried some of the legislators facing elections this year. But they consoled themselves by thinking of the expected message from President Roosevelt asking a comprehensive investigation of all these subjects. When he announced, May 23, that he would have messages on war debts, coconut oil and water use but no separate message on social legislation, Congressional leaders acted as if they couldn't believe their ears.

Then the shootings in Minneapolis and Toledo was heard in Washington, and on successive days Sen. David Walsh and Sen. Robert Wagner hurried to the White House. That anti-strike legislation must not be neglected at this Congress was evidently the subject discussed, judging from the brief comments of the two Senators. Walsh, who is chairman of the Senate labor committee which has been considering the new Wagner labor board bill, said that Roosevelt would like to see some legislation passed at this Congress to centralize under one board the labor disputes activities now divided between the NRA, the National Labor Board and the Department of Labor. Wagner said that the president was for his bill and passage would be urged at this session.

With strike gunfire ringing in their ears, Congressmen and Senators have been seeking to give the impression that the widely advertised social legislation study has been dropped, just because there is to be no message on it. They claim that it is intended for summer action, so as not to interfere with Congress adjournment.

The legislators have cause to be worried. The strikes have reminded them that there is a limit to labor's long-suffering—and the record of this Congress on even the bills presented by the most conservative labor leaders has been nothing they can brag about to the homefolks—not to mention their complete disregard of more far-reaching relief proposals. Federal old age pension and unemployment insurance legislation hasn't got to first base—and nothing has been done on the Wagner-Lewis bill that was merely designed to encourage state unemployment reserves schemes for a limited number of workers in a quite distant future. Shorter

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE



A moment after this picture was snapped in the Minneapolis market place, the business men and underworld thugs who had been sworn in as special police and who are shown getting out of a car with clubs, attacked the unarmed striking pickets (in background). A few minutes later some of the special police were on the way to the hospital; one died. Trucking stopped. (Federated Pictures.)

SMALL JOB GAIN SINKS A.F.L. TRUST IN NEW DEAL

Vanishing Optimism Seen in Green's Statement on NRA Results—10,600,000 Still Idle as Winter Losses Have Not Been Regained

WASHINGTON (FP).—A gloomy view of unemployment is expressed in a statement issued May 28 by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. Although Federation figures show a drop in percentage of union members unemployed from 20.7 per cent in April to 19.9 per cent in the first part of May, and he estimates a return to work of 260,000 workers in April, Green says that "in comparison with the large numbers still unemployed these gains are small."

Green places the number in April "still without industrial work" at 10,616,000. He says that "389,000 of them had work on PWA projects and 314,000 were in forestry camps, but nearly 10,000,000 had no work whatever, except what could be obtained through the work program of Federal Emergency Relief by providing their need. The fact there were on relief rolls in March (the latest figure) 3,013,000 families and in addition 614,000 individuals not grouped with families, dependent on direct relief payments, shows the widespread need throughout the country."

After the increase in unemployment from September to January, Green points out that despite the spring busy season, "at the season's peak in April, unemployment was still above the September level, with over 10,600,000 out of work. We have not yet regained the winter losses and have made no progress since September in reducing the level of unemployment."

hour legislation has received survey treatment, suggesting it has been deliberately used to stir unfounded hopes and give workers something to think about but nothing nutritious to chew.

Administration opposition prevented even many of the boasted "friends of labor" from signing the petition for the A. F. of L. pushed Connery 30-hour bill. And the Cresser railroad six-hour day bill, though its petition got enough signatures, was neatly maneuvered out of the way by being reported out of committee without recommendation, just before it was scheduled for House action under the petition.

Distressed by the charges of the Darrow board that the NRA was oppressing the little businessman with its encouragement of monopoly, that it is raising prices faster than wages, and that it was dominated by big business, the administration received its staunchest support from labor leaders on the NRA Labor Advisory Board. In a unanimously approved statement the Labor Advisory Board concentrated attention on the tendencies of little business to chisel on wages, rather than on the complaint it often shares with labor against big business rule. The labor leaders denounced the Darrow board and its report in almost as strong terms as did Gen. Johnson.

Then came some comic relief from Rep. Truax (D., Ohio), who introduced a resolution for a House probe of whether the Darrow board was trying "to corrupt any member of Congress with Soviet and Communist doctrines." Washington got its best laugh since Dr. Wirt trying to picture the present Congress being thus corrupted.

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SOCIALISTS ISSUE APPEAL TO AID TOLEDO STRIKERS

CHICAGO—An appeal for funds to support the general strike in Toledo was issued here today by the labor committee of the Socialist Party of America.

"The fight of the Auto-Lite workers of Toledo for increased wages and recognition of their union is one in which the Socialists are vitally interested," says Clarence Senior, executive secretary. "Ten days ago, before nation-wide publicity was given the strike, the Socialist Party was enjoined from aiding the strikers by picketing. Since that injunction was issued, the Toledo Socialists have redoubled their activities."

"As the strikers became stronger, state troops were sent in to shoot and gas them into submission. A bunch of rookies who never should have been called out lost their heads and shot into a massed picket line. Two were killed and scores injured. Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the Socialist Party, and for many years a labor organizer, has termed it 'one of the most disgraceful incidents in American history.'"

"Krzycki has sent the following

telegram to the Governor of Ohio as commander of the state militia: 'First hand contact with the Toledo strike convinces me that the presence and tactics of troops are provocative of more trouble and delay possible settlement. Urge you to withdraw them at once not only for sake of the workers but in the interests of the community as a whole.'

"The unionization of this plant is essential to the welfare of all automobile workers, and Socialists must aid financially and morally as individuals and members of unions which will be called upon in order that this battle may be settled soon and equitably."

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or to their attorney, Darlington Hoopes, 26 North Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

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Birdsboro, Pa., Administrator,
or to his attorney, Darlington Hoopes, 26 North Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

Iron Workers Vote For Union

WASHINGTON—An election among the employees of the Petroleum Iron Works, Beaumont, Tex., has shown a unanimous vote for trade unionism, the National Labor Board reports. Sixty-six out of 73 workers eligible voted, 36 votes being for the Boilermakers, 22 for the Machinists and 8 for the federal labor union.

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MORE WASTE WANTED

Commenting upon the \$10,000,000 fire which raged through Chicago's stockyard district a week ago, a building tradesman remarked: "That's good; now some workers will get jobs."

A callous and selfish viewpoint? Certainly! But a viewpoint which squares with the economic system under which we have been living and which now no longer functions in the interest of the great majority of us.

The fact is that waste is necessary under Capitalism. One reason there are so many millions unemployed is because there is not more waste. If we could persuade the owners to live more riotously, to have more monkey dinners, to buy more automobiles, to purchase more yachts and to build more aristocratic club houses, more workers could be taken out of the jobless army and put to work in the service of Capitalism's parasites. If we could induce the owners of industry to waste coal, waste light and waste human life, too, by making men's muscles do the drudgery which machines now do, that would solve much of the problem of surplus workers. If we could—as we probably will if Capitalism continues to function—start another international war in which billions of wealth could be destroyed and millions of lives snuffed out at the rate of \$25,000 per life, then the breadlines would disappear for a while.

The reason waste is necessary is that under Capitalism workers do not work for their own welfare but to serve the purposes of owners. And that explains why building tradesmen and others are willing to see all kinds of social misfortune occur; it is the only way in which many of them will have a chance to be of service to the masters.

Who is there among the army of desperate and pauperized American fathers who would not be willing to see all of Chicago laid in ruins if that would secure his future? To ask the question is to point to the poison in our social system. There is no community of interest. The social welfare is too often antagonistic to the welfare of the individual. We are still living under jungle codes and he who has the sharpest claws and the least social conscience has the best chance to survive.

THE STATE OF THE NATION

The monthly survey by the American Federation of Labor shows that the total income of industry is still 45 per cent below 1929, that the money wage for the year ending last March had increased 9.7 per cent, but an increase in the cost of living of 9.3 per cent cancelled this increased wage. A year ago last March the number of unfortunates on relief rolls was 4,560,000 and the number now is in excess of this figure. The number still unemployed is in excess of 10,900,000.

Now look at the other side of the picture. "Dividend payments have made a striking recovery." They have. Out of 670 dividend changes reported by Standard Statistics, for the first four months of 1934, there were 156 extra dividends, 128 firms increased their dividends and 231 either resumed dividend payments or paid dividends for the first time. This registers a total of 515 favorable dividend changes compared with 156 last year.

There is the contrast. "National recovery" so far means the recovery of dividends for the owners of industry. The working masses still vegetate in misery, many millions are down to an animal standard of living, and we are now approaching a Congressional election. Why not recover our intelligence by voting for candidates who represent our class and who want to abolish dividends rather than recover them for the big shots of industry?—The New Leader.

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HISTORIC PALS



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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

SECTION 7(A)

Labor has recently had a fresh demonstration of the failure of the Administration to "crack down" when large employers were guilty of violating the NIRA. The fundamental cause of the bitter and bloody strikes in Minneapolis and Toledo was the refusal of the employer to recognize the right of the employees to organize and bargain collectively. It mattered little that for almost a year these rights have been guaranteed by federal law. Both strikes witnessed the use of military forces; needless to say, they were used, not against the employers who violated the law, but against the workers.

A giant steel strike, the first since the courageous but ill-fated strike of 1919, is scheduled for the near future. Here also the employees demand merely that the law be observed. But the steel kings, arrogant as ever, refuse to deal under any conditions with any organizations except their puppet company unions. It requires no gift of prophecy to predict that here again the government will turn soldiers on workers who merely ask their rights.

Meanwhile the number of unemployed continues larger than it was last September, the seasonal pick-up of the spring having failed to return to employment as many as were laid off during the fall. The President's campaign for shorter hours with no reduction in weekly pay has long since collapsed, and no efforts in that direction are now being made. Having weakly yielded to the automobile manufacturers on the company union issue, Roosevelt is no longer considered dangerous by the industrial kings of America, and from now on they will fight to the ditch against any concession in the good old pre-NIRA fashion.

The workers' answer to this must be the organization of militant industrial unions, to wage aggressive strikes wherever the right to bargain collectively is denied. Profits have recovered under the New Deal, and it is up to the workers themselves to see to it that the great mass of wage-earners benefit also. Up till now whatever increase in wages has occurred has been just about matched by the higher cost of living.

THE LEAGUE AND WAR

The League of Nations, its prestige almost entirely shattered, seems at last about to accomplish some good by shutting off the shipment of arms to Bolivia and Paraguay, and so ending that useless and bloody war. The League action was made possible by the decision of the United States to stop armament sales—though we were animated less by motives of hu-

manitarianism than by the fear that the warfare might soon involve oil fields in the Chaco owned by the Standard Oil interests.

Meanwhile, thanks in large measure to the antics of Hitlerized Germany, the armament bill of the world has mounted to somewhere between four and a half and seven billion dollars a year. Unemployment may rise to unprecedented heights and the standard of living of the working masses sink to dangerously low levels, but no government in the world finds itself unable to buy guns and military planes.

In Germany events are fast moving to a crisis. Beneath the surface calm of the "coordinated" Reich currents are swirling which may in the not far distant future cause the collapse of Handsome Adolph and his rare crew of brigands. The standard of living of the German people is sinking, due partly to the crushing of the labor unions, partly to the government's huge expenditures on armament, and partly to the success of the world-wide boycott against German goods. Intensified campaigns against Jews, Marxists, and critics and "killjoys" testify abundantly that all is not well.

Meanwhile the Nazi menace has caused France and Russia to patch up their differences, and enter into a military alliance similar to that existing prior to 1914. Germany is virtually surrounded by an iron ring of enemies, while Hitler's policies bring the country ever closer to war. If war breaks out, the first defeat to German arms is almost certain to bring about a revolution and the end of the Nazis.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE

For the fourth time in five years the 1st State Bank of Willis, Tex., was robbed.

The robbers could find but \$300. We think it's about time for that old bank to give up the ghost.

Pres. Roosevelt suggests establishing a factory in the south to convert sweet potatoes into "mucilage."

"Ah-h-h," cheers Breadline Benny, "a change in diet."

Toledo Has a Word For It—Fiesta. Mayor Klotz proclaimed the week starting May 28 as Fiesta Week.

The militia was shooting Toledo citizens, scores had been sickened by gas, a general strike was threatened.

Hitler just can't be bothered by mere hundreds of thousands of unemployed.

600,000 girls graduated from German grammar schools recently. Said Handsome Adolf to Nazi housewives: "You take 'em, or else."

Seems to us that you've got to be awfully broadminded or awfully

ly dumb to be like Abe Salitsky, Chicago junkman.

He lost \$50,000 in the collapse of the Insull companies and put up his \$60,000 apartment house when old Sam needed bail money.

Signs of the Times

A stockholder controlling 125 shares refused to vote for Albert H. Wiggins of Chase Natl. Bank for re-election to the board of Western Union.

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Just after the Reichstag arson trial in which four out of five were acquitted, Nazi newspapers

bellowed that the justices were "too legalistic, lacking the common touch," meaning, we take it, the touch of the ax.

Poor misunderstood Japan. It is the desire of her diplomats, says a news item, that there is no language that can explain what Japan is about to do that will not inflame the foreign press.

Maybe something on the order of Esperanto ala Japanese would help?

Paroled convicts are to be given preference in getting jobs (if any) through the state employment agencies of the Michigan Crime Commission has its way.

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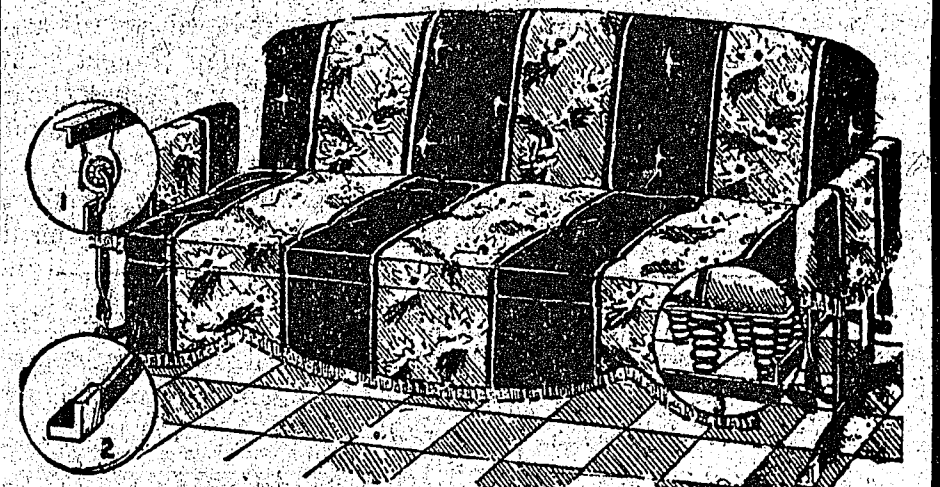
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