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## Hopkins' Edict Is Boost to Hoopes, Wilson

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

EVENTS IN GERMANY have been so startling during the past week that unless folks make a determined effort to keep their heads on straight they'll miss the chief lesson which the Hitler butchery teaches. I, for one, am not going to waste much time by giving vent to horrified exclamations; everybody—or almost everybody—agrees that what is going on in Germany is very bad, so why should I repeat the adjectives which have been used to condemn the German dictator.

To my way of thinking, the important thing to talk about is not WHAT is happening in Germany, but WHY IT IS HAPPENING.

THE SORRY MESS into which the once great and cultured German nation now finds itself is a splendid example of what happens to people who hold fast to an economic system which has outlived its usefulness. More than that, events in Germany are just a little more than ordinary demonstration of how far the ruling class will go to bolster up the system which enables them to exploit men and machines for their own profit.

HITLER GAINED POWER with the aid of the German Capitalist class, of which the Tyssens, Schmitts and Krupps are the most powerful there, just as the Mellons and Morgans are in these United States.

German Capitalism needed a dictator to further enslave and depress the living standards of the German workers. That was the thing that had to be done, and the reason a dictator was necessary was because otherwise there was always a danger that the German workers would take over the industries, abolish the private-profit system and apply the Socialist remedy for hard times.

The Socialist remedy is to produce for use and not for profit. Representing workers' interests, Socialists measure prosperity by the volume of goods which the producers of wealth are permitted to consume. But the Capitalist system is so insane—and so devoid of any consideration for anybody but the owners of industry—that Capitalism is prosperous only when the great mass of people are kept so poor that there is a great surplus of wealth to be shipped out of the country.

HITLER WAS GIVEN the job of doing what Franklin D. Roosevelt is trying to do; namely, preserve Capitalism. He was to keep the people quiet while the Tyssens cut wages, increased production and lowered costs to such an extent that German goods could be sold in the markets of the world—at a profit to the owning class.

That was the "WHY" of Hitler in the first place.

THE "WHY" OF the recent uprisings and massacres is exactly the same: for the preservation of the Capitalist system.

German trade did not revive. German workers were losing faith in Hitler and seeing the German exploiters behind him. There was a danger that the dictatorship would be overthrown and that the economic power of the nation would pass out of the hands of the big industrialists and financiers. Even the Brown Shirts, Hitler's

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### SOCIALIST Radio Program

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July 8—Birch Wilson

### THREAT TO HALT FEDERAL GRANTS SHOWS NEED OF SOCIALISTS IN CAPITAL

Hoopes and Wilson Will Continue Fight For Higher Appropriations by State—Special Session of Legislature Likely as Result of Pinch-Penny Policy—Old Party Lawmakers Aimed to Save Expenses For Rich at Expense of Jobless

Federal Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins has unwittingly given a boost to Hoopes and Wilson which will aid materially in piling up the needed majority for the Socialist candidates in the coming legislative election. Before the November election the people of Reading are going to realize that the assistance of Hoopes and Wilson will be required to secure Federal grants without which the unemployment relief problem of Pennsylvania will be farther away from solution than ever.

Hopkins has warned Gov. Pinchot that no more Federal funds will be forthcoming unless the state provides more money for that purpose on its own account. Unless that is done the sum of \$10,000,000 which the Hopkins' bureau will hand over for August relief will be all.

After the people of this state have sweated through the summer they'll be heading for a cold winter—and will need people in the state legislature like Hoopes and Wilson to see to it that the state does its share of unemployment relief.

The old party lawmakers, for the most part, have shown that they are more concerned about safeguarding the incomes of the wealthy labor exploiters than about the millions of Pennsylvania who have been kept in poverty by private industry. Their appropriations have always been miserably small. That is why Hoopes and Wilson should be in Harrisburg where they can battle for more unemployment relief that the machine politicians of both old parties have ever been willing to give.

**Socialists for Workers**  
There is no doubt in the minds of Reading's workers where the Socialists stand in the matter of social insurance. They have al-

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### JOHNSON BOWS TO MR. MELLON

Code Decision, Lowering Wage Minimums, Seen as Surrender to Aluminum Trust

WASHINGTON (FP).—In a decision on June 27, which independent companies described as a "surrender to the aluminum trust," NRA Administrator Johnson approved the revised code for the aluminum industry for a trial period of 90 days.

As against the minimum of 50¢ an hour proposed by the independent and the 27½¢ minimum originally asked by the Mellon-controlled Aluminum Co., the new code sets minimum hourly wages at 30¢, 35¢ and 37½¢ for various classes of workers. In each schedule there is a southern differential and also a sex differential, of 5¢ in most cases.

The code provides for many exceptions to the supposed 40-hour week and 8-hour day. A 48-hour week is permitted for six weeks in the seasonal rush during the first six months of the year, and for clerical workers in one week each month. A 48-hour week is also specifically provided for many kinds of workers, with 54 hours for watchmen.

Gen. Johnson's surrender puts the fight against the aluminum trust up to the Department of Justice, said Oswald F. Schuette for the independents. "Every housewife in America is interested in the outcome of this battle. The code Gen. Johnson has signed is a sham. It offers no protection against the aluminum trust; instead it entrenches that monopoly."

### SOCIALISTS TO BE REGISTRARS

Rapid Growth of Vote Entitles Party to Officials in Majority of City's Precincts

Socialists will act as registrars in 42 of the city's 73 precincts as a result of the great increases which have been made in the party's vote since 1927. They will replace 23 Republicans and 19 Democrats.

Democratic court house officials made this announcement yesterday. It will be the first time in the history of Reading that Socialists will have been assigned to the duty of registering voters, although under the law they would have been entitled to a number of such offices several years ago.

Petitions requesting the appointment of Socialists to the office of registrar in such precincts as the Socialists ran either first or second, were presented by Organizer Ralph O. Bigony a number of weeks ago.

**Hoopes Sure of Appointment.**  
Darlington Hoopes, who assisted Bigony in the preparation of the petitions said yesterday that he is confident that all the 42 which were filed are in good order and that he has no doubt that the Socialists named by Bigony will be appointed.

Under the law, county commissioners shall name as registrars electors who are suggested by the two highest parties in each election district. Failure to present names leaves the commissioners with authority to appoint registrars of their own selection. In the past, although the Socialists have been either first or second in a number of precincts, the commissioners have been careful to see to it that no registered Socialist was named as registrar.

The Socialist registrars who were approved by their respective branches and whose names were presented on the party's petitions follow:

**Second Ward**  
First Precinct—Nick Santoro, 626 Willow street.  
Second Precinct—Paul J. Marjulewicz, 422 South Seventh street.

**Third Precinct—Thomas Fehr,** 814 Muhlenberg street.

**Fifth Precinct—Howard A. Kramer,** 232 South Third street.

**Sixth Ward**  
Second Precinct—William S. Herzog, 343 North Second street.

**Third Precinct—Charles W. Clauser,** 428 Rosenthal street.

**Fifth Precinct—William Rempel,** 115 Hamilton street.

**Sixth Precinct—Adam E. Resch,** 386 Tulpehocken street.

**Ninth Ward**  
Third Precinct—Arthur Buckwalter, 218 Linden street.

**Fourth Precinct—Harry Gross,** 324 North Thirteenth street.

**Tenth Ward**  
First Precinct—Irene Jaeger, 421 South 12½ street (Chapel Terrace).

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### Bargain Counter Politics Puts Dr. Rorke in Council

### STEEL BOARD KEEPS WORKERS FROM STRIKING

"New Deal" Leaders Satisfied With Conditions as Long as Workers Remain On the Job

SEEN AS STRIKE BARRIER

New Body Will Seek to Foster Arbitration of Disputes In Industry

WASHINGTON (FP).—

The National Steel Labor Relations Board, which started its deliberation in Washington a week ago, is going to have a tough job trying to reconcile the employers' insistence on managing their workers' affairs through company unions with the workers' demands for independent organization in their own interests.

But official Washington seemed little worried about this. The danger of a big steel strike had been averted, and all in authority sighed or smiled with relief. What labor will get out of it all is a minor consideration for Washington.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, who played a leading part in the negotiations leading up to the board's appointment, did not attempt to conceal her satisfaction. She called the agreement on the new board to mediate and arbitrate steel labor disputes "a very real and substantial achievement" and declared that it was her

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Bertollet, G. O. P. Boss, Picks Democrat of His Own to Fill Soft Berth

DEMOCRATS HUMILIATED

Fusion Weakened by Naming and Rejection of McKenna After Month of Dickering

Obedient to the dictation of Wellington M. Bertollet, Republican county chairman, the Republican members of City Council yesterday elected Dr. John H. Rorke, a Democrat, to fill the councilmanic office left vacant by the death of Councilman Emil L. Nuebling.

The naming of Rorke is another move in the Bertollet Fusion program of uniting Democrats and Republicans behind legislative candidates who, with the united support of both factions, Bertollet hopes will deprive the workers of Reading of the service which Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson have given in the state law-making body.

The naming of Rorke, after the Republicans in council gagged at the name of "Revenue Dan" McKenna, which was submitted as the Demo. organization choice, may not be an effective peace offering. At the time of going to press it was not known whether Mark Powers, the Democratic fly in the Fusion ointment, had consented to withdraw as a candidate for the legislature. If he stands by the people who nominated him, Bertollet's gang will have to choose up to the board's appointment, did not attempt to conceal her satisfaction.

Herbert Rapp, in which case two Democrats and no Republican will be running against the Socialists. Or they can nominate a Republican to fill the vacancy on the

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### REVOLUTION OF '76 UNFINISHED, CLAESSENS TELLS JULY 4 CROWD

### SOCIALIST CONVENTION COMING HERE JULY 21

Reading Socialists are preparing to act as hosts to their Pennsylvania comrades when the State Convention convenes in Socialist Park for a two-day session on July 21 and 22.

Party branches have been notified to elect their delegates by Organizer Ralph O. Bigony, who is supplying detailed information concerning the convention to branch secretaries.

A special feature in connection with the convention will be a conference of women Socialists on Saturday, July 21, at 2 p. m. The program to be discussed at this conference will be:

- 1—Fields of activity open to women Socialists.
- 2—Organization methods most suitable among women.
- 3—Co-ordination on state basis of local and branch activities.
- 4—State League of Women Socialists.

Sarah Limbach, state secretary of the Socialist Party, has asked all branches to select one woman comrade to serve as a delegate to this conference and one to act as corresponding secretary of the women's committee of each branch.

Among the important matters which will come before the convention will be the adoption of a party platform and changes in the constitution.

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### Socialist Spokesmen Urge Picnic Crowd to Unite For Industrial Freedom

"There should be a law to prohibit Democratic and Republican politicians from reading the Declaration of Independence at July 4th celebrations, because they stand for a slave economic system and make a mockery of the immortal document when they do so," August Claessens, New York Socialist told a crowd of 8,000 at a picnic in Socialist Park at Sinking Spring last Wednesday. Other speakers at the big outdoor event held under the auspices of Local Berks were Assemblywoman Lilith Wilson and Raymond S. Hofes, candidate for congress.

**Pension Law A Disgrace**  
Mrs. Wilson described the old age pension law of Pennsylvania as a disgrace and an insult to the state. "In this wealthy commonwealth aged workers must wait until they are 70 years of age before they can receive a pension although they are considered to old to be employed in industry before they reach their fortieth year," the Socialist assemblywoman said.

Mrs. Wilson charged that every effort made by herself and her Socialist colleague, Darlington Hoopes, to increase the security of the workers of the state was opposed by the corporation-serving old party officials in Harrisburg. "That was so," she explained, "because the workers from other sections of the state

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### PRETZEL UNION WILL CONSIDER BACHMAN PLAN

Elimination of One Complete Force Will Put 40 In Ranks of the Jobless

DISSATISFACTION GROWS

Meeting Tomorrow Will Discuss Action Against Lay-Offs and "Chiseling" Tactics

Union pretzel workers will meet in Plumbers' Union hall tomorrow at 2 p. m., to consider and decide on a course of action upon a change of policy at the Bachman pretzel bakery which will cast about 40 employees of that concern into the army of the unemployed.

Instead of working the plant on three shifts for three days of each week; one entire shift will be eliminated and the remaining employees will work five days, according to a notice posted this week by A. T. McGonigle, vice president and agent for the company's creditors.

Some unionists are asserting that this move is in violation of an agreement reached as the result of arbitration in a previous dispute in which the Bachman workers agreed to accept a 10% wage decrease in consideration of the firm's promise to permit them to work a greater number of hours.

**Will Discuss Strike.**  
Whether or not the Bachman workers will be asked to strike against the elimination of one complete shift will be considered at tomorrow's union meeting.

Dissatisfaction has been growing at the plant for some time, union workers report, as a result of what they describe as "chiseling."

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### CHURCH COUNCIL DEFEND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

NEW YORK (FP).—"The increasing tension between labor and management in some of the great industries of the nation creates a serious menace to civic order and social progress," the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches points out in a recent statement.

The rights of labor should be fully recognized, the committee urges. "The principle of collective bargaining has been affirmed repeatedly by religious bodies in the name of justice and fair dealing," the committee states, because it is "a guarantee of rights without which labor cannot hope to maintain its standards against strongly organized aggregations of capital when there is conflict of interest."

### Machinists Vote Strike For 40-Hr. Week, Higher Wage

WASHINGTON.—A strike for a 40-hour week and higher hourly wage rates has been voted by members of the International Association of Machinists employed in machine shops. The machinists demand a 40-hour week instead of the present 44 hours, and \$1.25 an hour instead of \$1. An employers' offer to increase the hourly rate to \$1.10 was rejected by the workers. About 120 machinists in five shops are involved.

### Comments on Capitalism

#### WASTING LIVES TO HELP PROFIT GRABBERS

Some day when the walking is good take a walk over Mt. Penn and see the C. C. boys at work. They're doing all kinds of things in which they have no real interest: Chopping wood which they will not burn; building shacks which they will not occupy; cleaning roads over which they never will drive a pleasure car; walking slowly or jauntily as their moods dictate; living, just living, without knowing or caring anything about tomorrow or the days when they will be old.

At first you'll remark how brown and healthy these youths are. But if you think a bit you'll know there's tragedy in their existence. Their young lives are being wasted. They are merely being kept busy because the world has no proper place for them.

These boys might be rearing fine families. They might be living in civilized comfort. Why aren't they? Is it because people don't need their services? Is it because society isn't physically equipped to use them? No, the reason these boys—and millions of other Americans—are either idle or doing useless work is because there is no way to put them to work and at the same time make profits from their labors.

The government wants some men to work and creates Arbitration Boards to see that they do work. Which men? Why, the men who can be used for the profit of the owning class. The government wants other men to be idle. Which men? Why, the men who cannot be used for the profit of the owning class.

That's Capitalism. It uses workers like workers use tools—and casts them aside in the same manner.

That's the kind of thing which workers vote for when they cast old party ballots. They don't want to produce the things they need and then consume them. They don't want to use machinery to create leisure and abundance for themselves? They want to wait until they are called. They want their children to be heavers of wood and drawers of water in the service of the wealthy. They want this to be an owners' world and not a workers' world. At least that's what they ask for when they vote for Capitalism.

#### VOMITING GAS FOR DISCONTENTED SLAVES

The owners of industry may deprive workers of the fruits of their labors and distribute it by the billions among idlers who are scattered over the world. That's not stealing; that's Capitalism. The loot taken from those who produce it and given to those who don't produce it is legal graft and is given the high-sounding name of "dividends." Nobody goes to jail for taking it, even though in order to get it the few who own have to grind down and debase the men, women and little children of the working class.

But when workers strike and demonstrate to get a little more of the wealth they produce, they quickly become lawbreakers. That happens because the laws of the land are property laws, intended to protect the rights of the takers at the expense of the workers.

Out in California the authorities who enforce the laws of Capitalism are preparing for "big doings" to keep striking dock workers in their proper place. When these specimens of the lower order of society again become too noisy in their demands for a little more of what they produce the acting governor is going to make them sick with vomiting gas.

It's just as easy as that to keep down the workers; just a little gas and those strikers will go home for a few days with a splitting headache. That will teach them who's boss.

Or will it? Workers have suffered so much that they should have learned long ago that under Capitalism they are nothing that deserves consideration. But they're so easily fooled. A few words—Wiggle and Woggle; Keep Cool With Cal; Back to Normalcy; Rugged Individualism; New Deal—is all they need to make them think that they're headed for the promised land. Workers swallow so much political swill and swallow it is easily that one wonders whether even vomiting gas will turn their stomachs.

Workers are easily fooled and ruled and subdued because they have always given the power of government to the people who graft upon them. They ought to keep their power in their own hands and use it for themselves. When they unite industrially and politically they can do some gassing on their own account—and eliminate the human parasites who feed upon them as a housewife exterminates cockroaches.

#### THIEVES FALL OUT IN GERMANY

Within the past generation Germany has furnished the world with a number of lessons in the right things not to do.

Right now we are learning not to believe the old adage that "When thieves fall our honest men get their due."

It is the thieves who are falling out in Germany. Having created Adolph Hitler to suppress the German workers and keep German Capitalism in operation, the wealthy plunderers of the people find that he is not making good in the second part of his job. Now they are plotting against him.

When Hitler did his killing a week ago he didn't kill workers. He killed army officers and junkers and aristocrats who wished to supplant him as oppressors of the people. Essentially it was a family scrap within the profit-taking clan. That's why the Capitalist spokesmen of other nations are so wrought up; they wouldn't be if it were workers only who were taking the gaff.

But about the false adage mentioned above: The thieves are falling out, but the workers are not getting their due. They won't get it until they organize and take it. That's the only way workers get things in Germany—and everywhere else. Learn the lesson, American workers. Organize! Vote Socialist!

#### READING'S YOUNG SOCIALISTS WON'T BE FOOLED

Last week-end the Young People's Socialist League held a Berks County Convention in Socialist Park and said a few things

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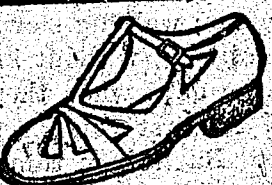
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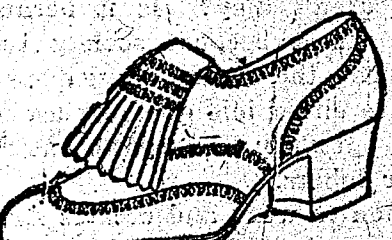
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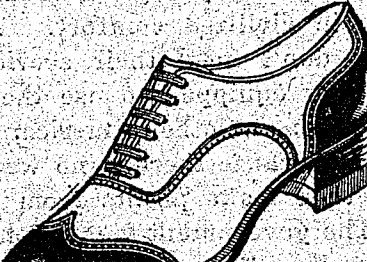
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UTILITY CZAR****Socialist Executive Holds  
Arraignment of Electric Co.  
Responsible For Disorder  
In Milwaukee**

MILWAUKEE.—Mayor Daniel W. Hoan has replied in stinging terms to a letter sent to him and to officials of Milwaukee's suburbs and to the Wisconsin public service commission by S. B. Way, president of the Electric Co., in which Way announced that he holds the municipalities liable for injuries to employees and damage to property incurred in the present strike.

Mayor Hoan, in his letter to Way, expressed doubt that the taxpayers of Milwaukee can be held liable for property damage, and scored Way for his entire attitude.

Following is Mayor Hoan's reply in full:

"Real Cause of Disturbance"

"Up to this moment, I have had no occasion to talk to anyone connected with the labor controversy at your plant. Your communication, just received, necessitates that I now speak forth plainly.

"You notified me that your company will hold the city of Milwaukee liable pursuant to law, for any and all injury to its property and its employees caused by mobs and riots.

"While I am not so certain of your ability to hold our city's taxpayers responsible under the circumstances, I write this in the hope of fixing and exposing the real cause of the disturbance so as to prevent further depredations.

**Denounces Company Arraignment**

"I now notify you and through you, the most powerful trust the world has ever known, which you represent, that you alone are solely responsible for the riots that have so far blotted the good name of this city. During my entire tenure as mayor, it has been a source of pride and joy that we were virtually without violence in time of strike. Now our fair city is besmirched with a record of violent disorder.

"Your attitude toward your employees, our people, our city, our federal government, is more arrogant than that of any ruler in the world. Not since the days of King George III. of England has any ruler successfully defied our nation. But you have impudently refused to comply with the reasonable request of the representatives of the United States government until Uncle Sam himself has been compelled to rebuke the insolence by removing your Blue Eagles. You are now witnessing the harvest of pent up public indignation you yourself have aroused.

**Operators Refuse Arbitration**

"It was your company that sponsored the company union now called the E. M. B. A. Now, in

the face of a federal government request to negotiate settlement of the strike, an alleged contract with this company union is paraded as an obstacle you cannot break. Is it possible that you really think the people of Milwaukee are so dumb as to believe you cannot now induce this organization to comply with an honest and sincere request of the president's representative in the face of the crisis you have brought on?

"Mr. Way, in the name of our city, and all that is fair and decent, in the interest of preserving peace and order, I urge you to temporarily set aside your pride and arrogance and co-operate with the federal government in bringing this strike to a speedy end. I further notify you that the caging of your street cars with fence wire is in fact acting as an open invitation to violence and their operation is provocative of unlawful assemblage and should cease forthwith.

"Signed,  
"Daniel W. Hoan,  
"Mayor."

**TEACHERS GROW  
MORE RADICAL****Depression Brings Unusual  
Demands From Organized  
School Board Employees.  
Talk "Strike" Now**

CHICAGO (FP).—Five years of pay cuts, layoffs, payless school days, cussings by bankers and businessmen have made the intelligent vanguard of America's million teachers, as represented in the 18th annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers, more militant and radical than at any time since the early postwar years. The several hundred delegates from 130 locals in practically every state are more outspoken, more discontented, more nearly rebellious than school boards in general approve.

Besides the customary resolutions about academic freedom, security of the teacher's job, speed-up and other shop conditions, the teachers union is taking an advanced stand in national and international affairs. While some of the resolutions will not be approved by the majority of the fact that they were introduced at all should be a danger sign to the guardians of the existing order.

**Support Schools, Not War**

All expenditures for military and war purposes, for example, would be diverted toward the public schools if one local had its way. Another wants the Lundeen bill for genuine unemployment insurance adopted by congress. Another terms the civilian conservation corps a military measure and wants the funds used for education. The powerful New York City teachers union declares itself "unalterably opposed to imperialistic war, to militarism and to the preparations for war" and wants a "genuine united front of labor

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organizations, together with liberal and anti-war bodies, on a platform of opposition to war, militarism and armaments, no matter how much these organizations may differ on other questions." It therefore urges a "general strike in the event of the outbreak of war."

As an internal sign of development from the "good" or kept union idea, one local called upon the federation to repudiate its longstanding anti-strike policy.

In the labor union field there were locals demanding industrial instead of craft unionism for the American Federation of Labor, of which the teachers are a unit, opposition to labor immigration, opposition to the whole of NRA except the child labor and public works appropriation provisions and a demand that company union be banned by law.

**"CHARLIE CHAN'S  
COURAGE" AT EMBASSY**

Warner Oland, known to moviegoers the world over as the impersonator of that bland Chinese detective, Charlie Chan, once again assumes the role he so intelligently interprets in Fox Film's latest mystery release, "Charlie Chan's Courage," which opens at the Embassy Theatre today. Preview reports from the coast indicate that the film, which was adapted to the screen from Earl Derr Bigger's novel, "The Chinese Parrot," abounds in thrills, blood-chilling mystery and drama.

So thoroughly baffling is the film that it would be impossible to expound all of its thrilling details in so limited a space.

Charlie Chan (Warner Oland) is entrusted with a string of valuable pearls to be delivered to the buyer at his ranch at El Dorado. Oland is accompanied by the jeweler's son, Bob Crawford (Donald Woods). Unidentified persons have attempted to learn the identity of the man bringing the pearls. When Oland and Woods arrive at the ranch, their suspicions are aroused by a series of mysterious events. A Chinese-talking parrot screams "Hulpi Murder!", then dies from poison in his food. That gives Oland an important clue to the mystery's solution.

**SOCIALISTS TO BE**

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**Eleventh Ward**  
Second Precinct—Howard Gunnius, 524 Mulberry street.  
Third Precinct—John C. Krick, 523A Birch street.

**Twelfth Ward**  
First Precinct—May A. Carabott, 734 Lance Place.  
Fourth Precinct—Naaman Boyer, 1123 Douglas street.  
Fifth Precinct—Irene E. Rhoads, 724 North Thirteenth street.

**Thirteenth Ward**  
First Precinct—Clarence Cakes, 916 North Eighth street.  
Second Precinct—Carrie Leininger, 1041A North Tenth street.  
Third Precinct—George F. Moser, 1124 Locust street.

**Fourteenth Ward**  
Fourth Precinct—Paul J. Seibert, 1119 Locust street.  
Fifth Precinct—Mary I. Reifnyder, 1035 Birch street.  
**Fifteenth Ward**  
First Precinct—Russell J. Bucks, 347 Spring street.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Forget the warm weather by enjoying a card party at 1311 North Ninth street on Saturday night. The Northeast Women will be in charge and in addition to refreshments for everybody, promise a fine line of prizes for winners. Playing will start at 8:30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON CARD PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Dead-A-Day Sewing Circle of the Northeast Women's organization will hold another afternoon card party at their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street, at 2 p. m. Prizes will be awarded.

## SOUTHERN WOMEN! ATTENTION!

Please be on hand for your branch meeting Friday night. Plans and rehearsals for the Women's Day Picnic are now under way, and we need your co-operation.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Women's Committee will be held Thursday, July 12th, at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum. All women on the committee are urged to be present in order to make final plans for the Women's Day Picnic July 22.

## NORTHEAST WOMEN, ATTENTION!

The Northeast Women's organization will meet next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Henry Greely, 957 North Ninth street. Members are requested to note the change of time and place and be present.

## WOMELSDORF BRANCH

Tuesday evening, July 10, Comrade Howard Moser will be the speaker at the branch meeting. Members are urged to bring their friends and join in the discussions during the question period.

## MUHLBERG

The next card party will be held on July 14th. This advance notice is for the purpose of letting the comrades plan their activities accordingly. Remember the change in date and be on hand for the next card party.

## SHILLINGTON

All comrades of the Shillington Branch are urged to be on time for Friday night's meeting in the Town Hall. The speaker will be Leon Minker.

## LAURELDALE

William Schweren will be the speaker at the branch meeting Tuesday, July 12th. Hear Comrade Schweren give his viewpoint on the recent German situation. Bring your questions and friends to this meeting.

## STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Branches elect your delegates for the State Convention that will be held at the Socialist Park.

July 21 and 22. Details and other information is being sent to your secretaries. Act at once.

## PICNIC AT TEMPLE SUNDAY, JULY 15

Although the last picnic of the Temple Socialists was not patronized by comrades from other sections as well as might be expected, the Temple Branch will hold another picnic on Sunday, July 15, at the same place, Kenney's Swimming Pool. Those who attended the last picnic will surely want to be at the next one, as they know that a good time awaits them. Comrades from other branches in the city and county will be doing themselves a good turn by attending this picnic.

## PAY FOR PARKING AT PEIPERSVILLE

Comrades who are preparing to attend the Ypsel Convention and Jamboree at Camp Hoffnung, Peipersville, Pa., should be prepared to pay 50 cents for parking. This is not exactly a charge, as they will receive a coupon which will entitle them to 50 cents worth of goods or services in exchange for the parking fee. We make this announcement to prevent our comrades from being caught without sufficient funds when they visit the camp.

## THREAT

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ways advocated bigger appropriations for relief than their fellow lawmakers have been willing to support. They do this because they frankly stand with the workers and have no interest whatever in keeping taxes down for the big income takers of the state.

Hopkins' warning is almost certain to force Gov. Pinchot to call another special session of the legislature. It is probable that the legislature will find the additional state money which will be needed to assure the receipt of further Federal assistance. But if the usual old party policies are followed the amount will be inadequate for any long period of time. The emergency will arise again and again and Socialists will be needed to put the lawmakers on the spot when they adopt pinch-penny tactics to economize for the big income class at the expense of the jobless.

**Harrisburg is Battleground**  
Members of the unemployed organizations throughout the state have learned that better relief for them must be sought at the state capital. Local administrators everywhere are admitting that grants to the jobless are inadequate but protest their inability to do better until more funds are provided from above.

With Socialists on the job, the needy workers of the state will have champions upon whom they can depend for a constant battle for better assistance.

**Merchants Interested**  
Nor are the unemployed the only group which is interested in more adequate provisions for those who are forced to accept the state's bounty. Merchants and small business men, many of whom were once cold to Capitalism's cast-offs, now realize that their interests are also served when the living standards of millions of people are advanced. The trades people with whom the jobless deal have come to learn that the level of their prosperity rises and falls with that of the unemployed.

In many cases the owners of homes occupied by the unemployed are now more interested than their tenants in the demand for the payment of rents by relief agencies. Landlords have taken a terrible beating from the five-year-old depression. Many of them have not signed a rent receipt for years and in some cases they are in just as dire straits as their tenants.

**Private or Public Service**  
In keeping down state appropriations for relief purposes and in defeating the Socialists' efforts to win social insurance measures for the people, the state's lawmakers have been serving only the rich from whose swollen fortunes the money must come.

Hopkins' warning that all Federal grants will cease unless the state finds more money on its own account shows the danger of "economy" for the rich at the expense of the great majority. Hoopes and Wilson have called attention to this danger in the past and will be needed to do so again.

The Federal Relief Administrator's edict will bring many votes to the Socialists when its significance is explained during the fall campaign.

## Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

## YORK PRETZEL WORKERS HAVE BETTER CONDITIONS

As the situation in Reading among organized Pretzel Workers and in the Pretzel industry becomes more tense and of an unsatisfactory nature, chiefly created by the employers themselves, workers in York engaged in the National Biscuit Company's Pretzel plant realized the tenacity of the situation and organized to assist in the situation. In about five weeks time a practically 100 per cent organization was created among almost 300 people, a large majority girls.

Monday of this week Organizer Jack Zarnford, of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, and myself spent two and a half hours with the local manager of the National Biscuit Company negotiating the wages and a union agreement. Approximately 25% wage increase was secured with a preferential closed shop agreement.

Reading pretzel workers are at a disadvantage in earnings and working conditions compared to what we observed in the York plant. Twisters and all other labor is on a time work basis receiving a minimum of 32 1/2 cents per hour as compared to the piece work system here. Mixers, breakers and machine operators are paid as high as 55 cents to 60 cents per hour.

Organized pretzel workers in Reading might well agitate, educate and hopefully look forward to abolishing the piece work system in local plants by their economic power or raise the piece rate high enough to be able to earn a decent day's wages.

In taking such action management should be placed on a more equitable, competitive basis since York employers have complained that they are being undersold on the market by Reading producers of the product.

The York Pretzel Bakery of the National Biscuit Company has a capacity and ships seven carloads of pretzels daily.

## ROPE FOREMEN ORGANIZING

On Saturday morning, June 30, the majority of the foremen engaged in the Jackson rope works called in a group at this office seeking information and assistance to organize a local union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and all its other subsidiary branches.

As a result of the conference the initiation fees were paid, a charter application made and all expectations are that the same will be received and installed at an early date.

## ALL NOT WELL AT LANDY'S

Conditions at the Landy Towel and Linen Service laundry apparently are not as ideal as was described to the trustees of the hosiery workers club in a conference called at the request of the laundry management in an effort to save the account. Confronted with the united demand of the knitters for a union laundry subterfuge was resorted to.

This last week saw the laundry workers calling for organization again after voting some months ago to disband and discontinue their closed shop agreement. "Anything but code wages are paid and worked in the plant," declared one girl on Monday night at the meeting. Another stated it was not profitable at all to consider saving the weekly dues necessary to maintain a union and closed shop agreement, since they have experienced the loss of many dollars in wages since the disbanding of the union. "Dues will be paid, either to your own union where workers have control or to the boss in reduced wages which benefits workers and the community and the country very little."

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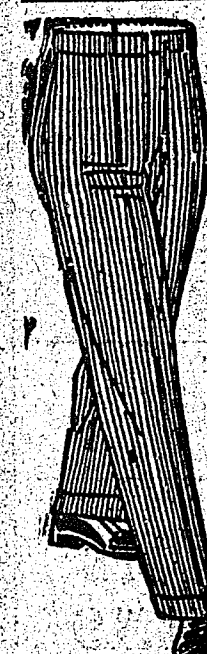
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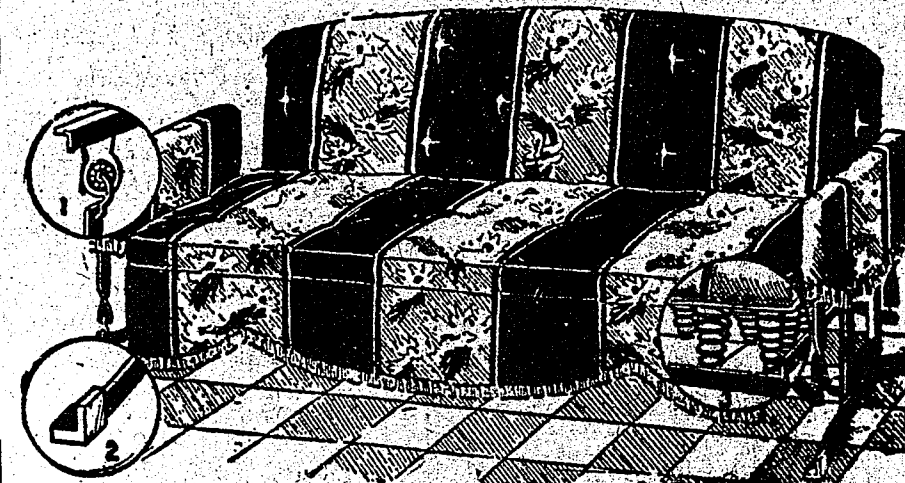
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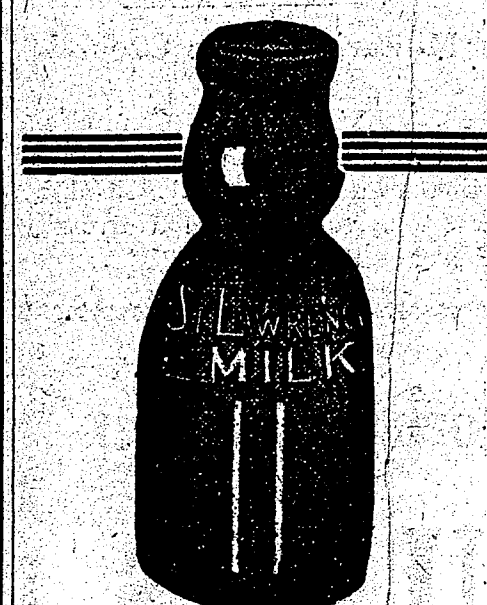
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## ILL. SOCIALISTS FIGHT FASCISM

Would-be Followers of Mussolini Attack Party Members—Get Co-operation of Police

By ARTHUR G. McDOWELL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Illinois at its regular bi-monthly meeting in this city, June 23-24, was faced with the fact that the gas attacks and illegal arrests attending recent meetings in Illinois addressed by Norman Thomas was the signal for a wave of reaction and violent repression throughout the state. A large array of legal suits against the coal company-owned deputies and city officials of Taylorville and Christian County had already been launched by a party committee on behalf of Norman Thomas and Douglas Anderson, state chairman and candidate for Congress in that Illinois district. These suits will be fought through to determine how much law and constitutional liberty remains in Illinois.

When the Executive Committee convened in the new state office in Springfield, it found that a regular storm of oppression seemed to have obscured the face of democratic government in Illinois. In Staunton, Oscar Sturm, a member of the Socialist State Executive Committee and secretary of the Illinois Workers' Alliance, powerful statewide unemployed organization, had been set upon in the street by a well-known bully and knocked unconscious and brutally kicked. Sturm was then arrested on a charge of fighting by the police.

At the hearing, Sturm was discharged but the alarming feature of the case is that the attacker who had previously similarly attacked another Socialist, is a member of a newly organized local group of the Silver Shirt Legion formed from a nucleus in the local American Legion and financed by a group of local business men. Fines assessed by the court against this hoodlum, who is also a deputy sheriff, are paid by the financial backers of the Silver Shirt group. These would-be fascists are receiving the co-operation of the local police force.

## STEEL BOARD

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belief it would "eliminate possibility of a strike."

Union Leader Falls In Line  
Both the steel employers and President Michael Tighe of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have agreed to abide by the jurisdiction of the board. Tighe expressed especial pleasure and said that the board should eliminate "any necessity or occasion for suspension of operations due to any misunderstanding on the part of either employer or employees."

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor was a little more reticent, declaring that the Federation deemed it "advisable to withhold comment for the present" on the board. He did praise the qualifications of the board members as arbitrators, however, and said that it would be the policy of the A. F. of L. to cooperate with the National Steel Labor Relations Board and to render all service possible in bringing about the settlement of all grievances and disputes upon a fair, just and satisfactory basis.

The three board members whom President Roosevelt appointed are Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of North Carolina, chairman; Admiral Henry A. Wiley (retired), and Dr. James Mullenbach, teacher of sociology at Chicago Theological Seminary and a former official of church and charity organizations. All three have had experience as arbitrators in labor disputes, Stacy and Wiley on the railroads and Mullenbach in the clothing industry.

Duties of Board  
The board's duties in regard to elections are defined as follows:

"Whenever, after its services are invoked by employers or employees, the board, upon investigation, shall find that an election is necessary to determine by what person, persons or organization employees desire to be represented, the board is authorized to order and conduct an election by a secret ballot (including primary elections when deemed advisable) in order to determine by what person, persons or organization the employees desire to be represented."

"After each such election the

## READY FOR THE SHAM BATTLE



Reporters in this picture are chuckling as Henry F. Fletcher (right), new chairman of the Republican National Committee, is telling them that the GOP will soon be back in the saddle. Perhaps their mirth is aroused by the political situation in Reading where Socialist strength has caused both old parties to put an end to their sham battle and unite in one camp, where they belong, for the preservation of the private profit system.

## COMMENTS ON CAPITALISM

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which non-Socialists of all ages ought to hear.

The one big task to which they dedicated themselves was the abolition of Capitalism. That is their big job, they declared, because Capitalism is the breeder of war and Fascism.

Right! Destroy Capitalism and you destroy the results of Capitalism. Lots of people deplore Fascism who are not Socialists. Lots more decry war as a method of settling disputes. But both war and Fascism are merely results. Crying about them will not abolish them. The thing to do is to remove the thing which causes them.

To be against war and Fascism, as many preachers and editors are, and to support Capitalism, as many of them do, is as foolish as to attempt to delouse a human head without killing the nits.

Some pacifists ought to take a lesson from Reading's Yipsels.

## GLORY BE! HENRY FORD WILL OBEY THE LAW

Newspaper headlines herald the fact that Henry Ford is about to fall in with the government's plans, sign the code and make his peace with the Blue Eagle.

Hallelujah! A billionaire is going to obey the law.

Say, Mr. Worker, do you think would happen to YOU if you stood in the way of this Capitalist government's plans. Would you be coaxed along and coddled and interviewed?

Oh, yes, all men are equal before the law. But just imagine a headline which joyously announced that John Jones, an auto worker, had at last promised the government that he would henceforth steal cars only in a manner satisfactory to the president.

board shall certify the results to all concerned, and the person, persons or organization certified as the choice of the majority of those voting shall be accepted as the representative or representatives of said employees for the purpose of collective bargaining, without thereby denying to any individual employee or group of employees the right to present grievances, to confer with their employers, or otherwise to associate themselves and act for mutual aid or protection."

The members of the steel board, with wider powers than those of the National Longshoremen's Board, are to be paid twice as much as the longshore board members—\$40 a day, plus expenses. Besides its already-mentioned authority to call elections, the steel board is authorized:

"Promptly to investigate, hear and determine any charges of interference, restraint or coercion of employees in the exercise of their rights as defined in Sec. 7(a) of the National Industry Recovery Act, and in the steel code."

"To mediate in any dispute arising between employers and employees in the iron and steel industry; to arrange, when the board shall deem it necessary, for conferences for collective bargaining or adjustment of grievances between the employers and representatives of employees."

"To serve as a board of voluntary arbitration, or to create boards of voluntary arbitration, in any labor dispute between employers and employees in the iron and steel industry, provided that such dispute is voluntary submitted for arbitration by both the parties thereto."

## Militarism Loses Ground

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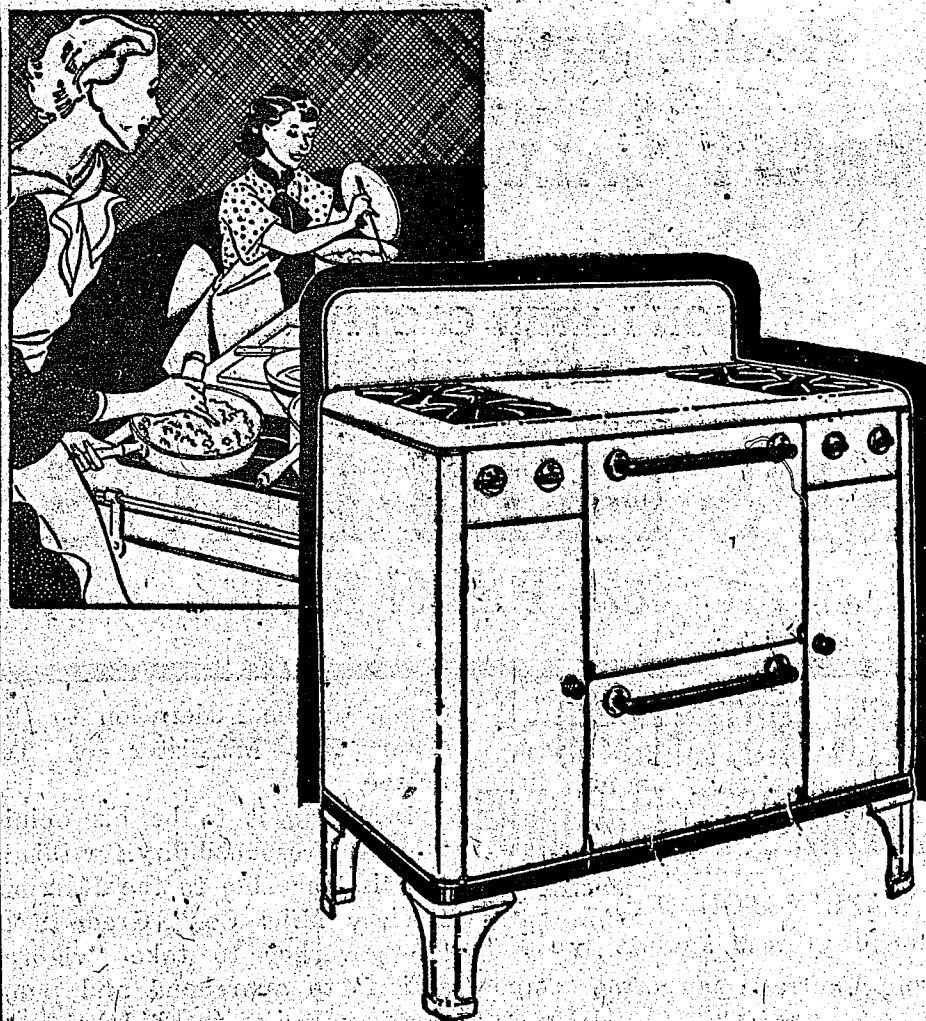
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## PUERTO RICA HITS LOW WITH \$2-PER WEEK CODE

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Rican needle workers can be made to put in a full week's work for \$2 or \$3 a week under the code recently signed by President Roosevelt.

Needle work is the largest industry in Puerto Rico, next to sugar production, and employs 75,000 people. The \$2 minimum is for house workers, the \$3 for hand sewing and embroidery workers, while a minimum weekly wage of \$5 is set for factory workers. The "average work-week" is fixed at 40 hours.

The code wage scale, "while seemingly low when judged by continental standards, represents a substantial increase over present rates," the NRA announcement claims.

A Needlework Commission is created under the code, representing both insular and mainland industry. Its function will be to study the effect of the code upon Puerto Rico and the United States. A 90-day trial period is provided for the commission to prepare and report its findings.

## Auto-Lite Profit Good

TOLEDO, O.—The Electric Auto-Lite Co. of Toledo, well known for its labor troubles a few months ago, showed a net profit of \$874,822 for the first three months of 1934.

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## BARGAIN COUNTER

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ballot caused by the death of McCormick Moore, in which case Fusion will be split wide open.

Rorke Got Easy Money

The selection of Dr. Rorke as a city councilman until January 1936 will not result in spoiling a darn good surgeon to make a mighty poor councilman. As a matter of fact, Rorke will be assigned to the bureau of accounts

and finances, which has long been recognized as a needless position. In less than an hour daily he can do the necessary work of his office.

He will receive \$6,300 for his term in council and his patients will not suffer from the loss of his services.

The selection of Rorke shows how frightened the Bertoleto followers are by the prospect of a Socialist legislative victory this year. Having failed to serve the interests of the people of the community, the old political gangsters now turn to the rankest kind of

bargain counter politics in an effort to muster enough votes to stem the rising tide of Socialists in Reading and Berks county.

However, many Democrats will refuse to be mollified by the belated selection of Rorke. The more recent among them will not forget the shame of the prior selection of McKenna as the choice of their party leaders. Nor will they easily recover from the humiliation of having their man selected by Wellington Bertoleto, the Republican chief, rather than by their own organization.

The trading which has taken place in old party ranks during the past year will be a blow to Fusion prestige which will dash Bertoleto's Fusion hopes next November. Hoopes and Wilson now enter the campaign stronger than at any time in the history of the city.

## Injunction Denied

SISSSETON, S. D.—The attempt to place a permanent injunction on South Dakota farmers to prevent them from organizing was defeated when the judge declared that not a single paragraph of the temporary injunction was justifiable.

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## REVOLUTION

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had not united in a party of their own as they have done in Reading."

Mrs. Wilson, who with Hoopes, is a candidate for re-election, pledged herself and her running mate to a continuation of the fight for workers security when the next session of the legislature opens.

**Hofes Hits 'New Deal'**  
Hofes, who acted as chairman, prefaced his introduction of Claessens by describing the "New Deal" as "nothing more than an effort to preserve the profit system under which owners have always taken what workers produced."

Reviewing efforts of the federal administration to create an artificial security and thus revive business for the owning class, the Socialist congressional candidate declared that Franklin D. Roosevelt has given no indication that

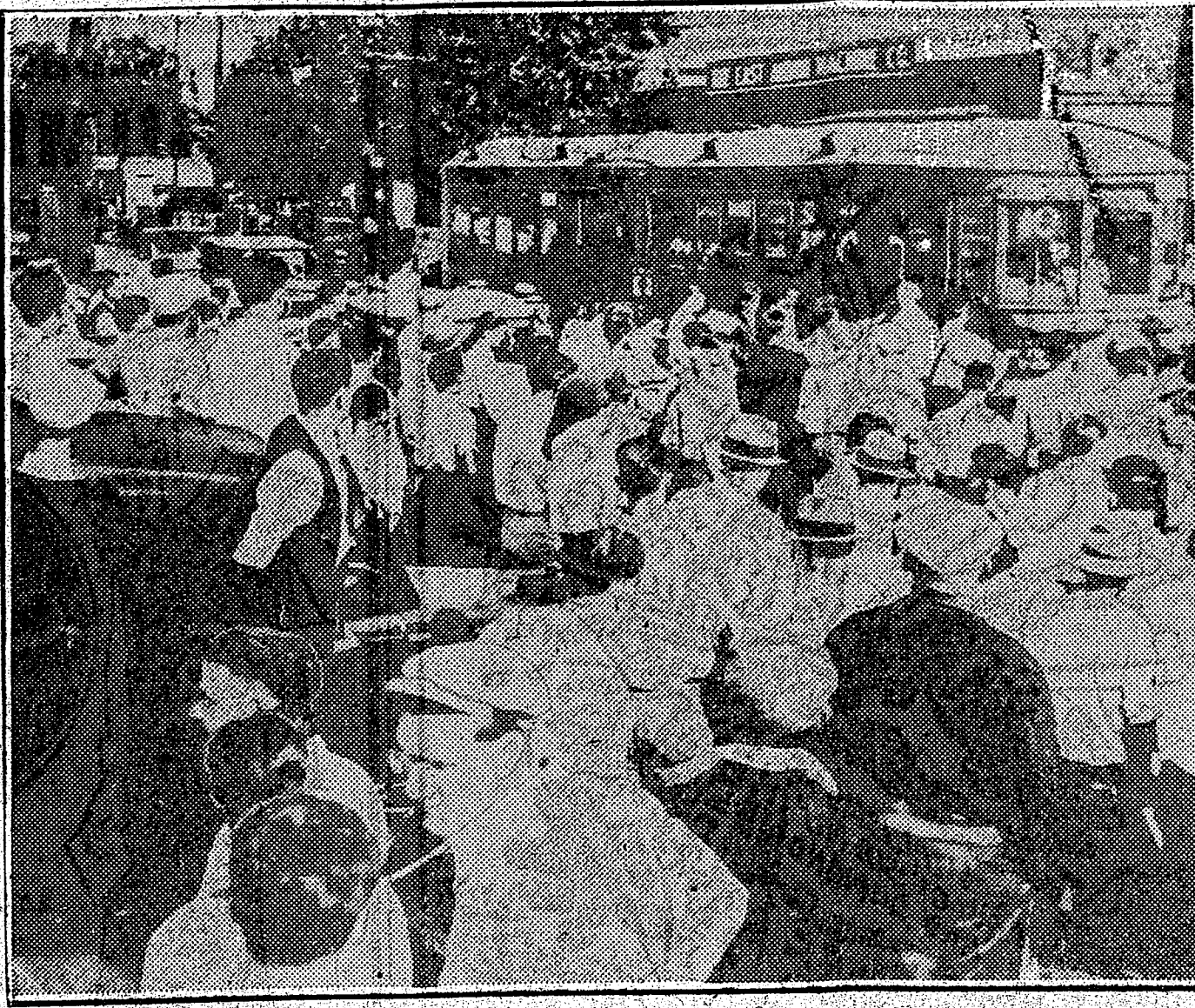
he considers worth while if he can not preserve the privileges of the parasite class which levies tribute from workers.

"There is only one reason why the idle workers of this country are not sent into the idle factories to produce abundantly and then permitted to consume abundantly. That reason is because recovery in that way would leave no profits for rich idlers. However, we can not expect Mr. Roosevelt to betray his own class. It is to the disgrace of many workers that they have betrayed their class, their families and their children by voting political power into the hands of their exploiters."

**Revolution of '76 Incomplete**  
Claessens described the American revolution as a job which needed finishing.

"It was a long time after the revolution before political liberty was gained. Property requirements, restrictions of color and of sex and other regulations kept a large section of the nation disfranchised until very recently," the New York speaker pointed out. "Now that we have political freedom, it is up to us to use our

## RUBBER PICKETS STOP STREET CAR



When all the production workers of the General Tire and Rubber Co. at Akron, O., walked out, the office workers continued to report as usual, but the pickets soon took care of that. Here a part of a picket line of more than 1,000 is shown stopping a street car in which office workers are on the way to General Tire jobs. Good naturedly they were led out of the car and taken over to the secretary of the union and signed up for membership. The rubber workers have an industrial union!—(Federated Pictures).

## WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

By LEN DE CAUX  
Federated Press

ballots to get industrial freedom, the freedom to use the vast resources of this rich nation and to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

**Liesure for All**  
The speaker scored as "the worst possible way of solving the problem of surplus production" the program of useless work which has been inaugurated. "What we want is not work, but the things which work produces, and those things are here in abundance. The time has come when everybody should do some work and have more leisure and plenty. When we Socialists get power I will punish the exploiters of labor for the things they have done to the working class. On the contrary, I will put them to work teaching the rest of us how to loaf, for the big profiteers are the most expert loafers the world has ever known."

**Women's Picnic July 22**  
It was announced that the next picnic at Socialist Park, on July 22, will be an all-women's affair, with the Socialist women in charge of all events. At the same time the state convention of the Socialist Party will be held in Socialist Park.

On the speaking program at the women's picnic will be Sarah Limbach, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania, and Norman Thomas, nationally known Socialist spokesman and twice the party's presidential candidate.

### Clerks For Real Union

**TOLEDO, O.**—About 300 office workers of the Toledo Edison Co., members of a company union, voted to join the proposed Office Workers of Toledo Federal Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, when denied restoration of a 20% wage cut recently granted unionized electrical workers on threat of a general strike.

### Tire Workers Join Union

**AKRON, O.**—About 98% of the 1,100 production workers of the General Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron have joined the union since the strike started, union leaders report. Several hundred volunteers from other rubber workers' locals have joined the picket line.

"Alas! By the time some folks take the trouble to read health advice, they're so shop-worn it doesn't help."

as already noted, is one of caution and careful experimentation, rather than of easy generalization as in the auto settlement.

If the president's executive order establishing the steel board (unlike the auto settlement) the principle of majority representation is asserted in these terms: After the election specified, "the person, persons, or organization certified as the choice of the majority of those voting shall be accepted as the representative or representatives of said employees for the purpose of collective bargaining."

This majority principle was "not the president's suggestion or mine" and was not "imposed" on either party, Miss Perkins said. She stated that both the steel employers and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers had suggested and agreed to this principle.

Labor unions in general have long advocated the majority principle, but that the American Iron and Steel Institute should itself propose it in this case has occasioned some surprise and has led to some speculation. One explanation is that the steel barons feel so confident that the feudal system of company unionism will not be seriously interfered with, that they expect the majority principle to work in their favor. Another is that the employers may fear that under a system of proportional representation they might be compelled to deal with representatives of the left-wing Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union, which led a number of strikes last year at Ambridge, Greensburg, Buffalo and other cities and which claims a membership of 15,000 in the industry.

But while the minor phases of the new boards' work may not be of "universal application," as Miss Perkins says, the new principle of subjecting labor disputes to mediation and arbitration by government boards is likely to become almost universal under the new law. Arbitration is still "voluntary" as to submission of cases, but each new step comes closer to the idea that the government may step in at any time to prevent labor from exercising its right to strike.

**Wages Up a Little**  
**BRIDGEPORT, Conn.**—Partial wage increases and shop committee recognition were granted by the Eastern Malleable Iron Co. of Bridgeport after a 4-week strike of 80 molders had closed down its plant, employing 200 workers.

We'd hesitate to suggest a code for talkers, but a five-day week for the word "swell" would be mighty fine.

Labor, too, has been by no means satisfied with the auto settlement and the principles it embodies, despite official tolerance. Steel workers' representatives indignantly rejected the suggestion of Gen. Johnson that they be satisfied with an arrangement like the auto settlement, which they said, "lugged in company unions to cut the throats of honest unions."

Since the auto settlement, therefore, Pres. Roosevelt has been extremely leery of mixing directly into labor disputes. His advisers have evidently feared that his influence over workers, already shaken somewhat by the auto settlement, may be further undermined—so that he might lose his effectiveness at a "last resort" when no one else can stop a serious strike. Though he can hardly escape responsibility under the new law, therefore, he is delegating it as much as possible to Miss Perkins and to the different boards. And his approach now,

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### Foremen Were Kidnapers

**HARRIMAN, Tenn.**—Leaders of the mob that kidnaped Vice-Pres. Fred Held of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers in Harriman, Tenn., have been definitely identified as mill foremen. A warrant has been taken out by strikers, but no arrests have been made. The Federal Department of Justice is investigating the case.

### Billions Needed To House Workers In N. Y.

**NEW YORK**—New York, noted for its beautiful skyscrapers, contains the worst slums in the United States. And organized labor is mobilizing to change the situation. A CWA survey of New York found 67,000 houses in the city unfit for human habitation, under the 1901 tenement law. It is estimated that 1,800,000 people live in these homes. Over 1,000,000 live in houses without bathrooms; 500,000 in houses which have only one toilet, thousands of them being outhouses in backyards, even in thickly populated sections.

While families are piled on top of one another in the small, airless rooms of inadequate houses, more than 100,000 building trades workers are unemployed, losing a million dollars a day in wages. Because they can't build, many can't pay rent.

Thus, while modern low-cost housing is needed for nearly 2,000,000 people, no such construction is begun and one of the largest industries in the city droops. Spurred by the government's

promise of \$25,000,000 for slum clearance, real estate speculators have raised the price of land in the slum districts. At present speculative prices, it is impossible to rehabilitate the slums at low enough cost, experts agree. Prevailing land rates would require rentals far beyond the means of slum dwellers in new houses. Louis Schaffer, housing authority, says land prices must go to a quarter of their present levels before the cost of housing will be low enough.

The \$25,000,000 PWA allotment is only 1% of funds needed, says Langdon W. Post, tenement house commissioner. He calls for two billion dollars to commence an effective slum clearance program. Even this would not be sufficient to complete the job.

### Strike Wins Nothing

**NEW ORLEANS**—An end to their third strike in two years and their second in seven months has been declared by Celotex Co. employees. About 700 workers returned to their posts after a 4-week strike when the strikers voted 278 to 28 to go back to their jobs under conditions prevailing at the time they walked out.

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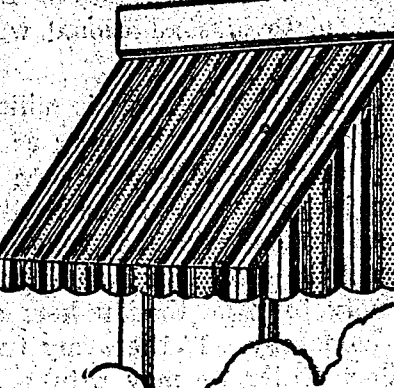
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