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LABOR DAY 1921

This year, Labor celebrates Labor Day, the Day of the Tottlers, under the most inauspicious conditions.

Six millions of fellow-workers are out of a job. Millions trudge daily to the factory door to be told that there is no work. Millions have been wilfully discharged by the employing class in order to break the morale of the workers.

Men have been laid off and women put in their places since female labor is cheaper. Child labor is on the increase — despite State laws.

The bosses insist on lengthening the hours, in order to extract more labor and more profit from the bodies of the already over-exploited workers. It was the proud boast of the workers during the war that labor at last was coming into its own and was gaining the recognition and respect of the employing class. Capital henceforth would have to consult with labor.

But disregarding the workers and their demands, the capitalists have forced longer hours on them, have thrown millions into the streets — and put into their places, children — even of four and five years — who thus become the bread-earners of the family.

Wages have been reduced — far below the subsistence standard. Competing with the hungry armies outside the factory doors, the men still at the machines are forced to accept terms that grant them only semi-starvation. Reduction in pay — once, twice and three times within a year — that is Labor's lot!

Hunger has become a daily phenomenon. No large town but has its host of beggars, whose gaunt hands stretch forth for alms. No large town where one may not see children, women and men taking food from garbage cans — food that they must get before prowling cats and dogs smell it.

Under nourishment is the scourge of the hour. Pale, anaemic children attend the public schools, two-thirds of them suffering from physical defects as a direct result of malnutrition. Tuberculosis is rapidly increasing, the workers being stricken from overwork and poor food.

Soup kitchens, bread lines, charity societies are the departments most active to-day.

THE WORKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK, BUT MUST DEPEND ON CHARITY TO GET FOOD!

— In the southern States, a veritable plague stalks abroad, child of famine and hunger. 100,000 human beings are stricken with disease because they cannot obtain sufficient food. And yet this year is but a repetition of last year and of all years, only in an intensified degree.

— The tenant farmers — 38 per cent of the farming population — are living on a standard far below that of the worker. They are the producers of food yet they dare not eat. In the south, they are dying because the food that they produce belongs first to the landlord, and only what remains to them.

Crime is on the increase. Bread is dear and work is not to be obtained. Men, women and children, suffering the pangs of hunger, are learning to disregard the distinction between "thine" and "mine". And the thief so easily becomes the murderer when his theft is discovered.

Ex-soldiers, who gave up everything to go to the war, have returned to find that starvation is their lot. **ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR FIRST OFFENDERS IS A WAR VETERAN!**

Crazed by unemployment and economic stress, 6500 men and women ended their lives in the past six months — 38 every twenty-four hours!

The employers, on the other hand, are well organized in gigantic leagues, in chambers of commerce, manufacturers' associations etc. Behind them in the fight against the workers are the billions of Wall Street. They have declared the open shop. The labor organizations must go. They have determined that the few safeguards that the workers have built for their protection must be smashed. No means to this end are too foul. Lockouts, closing of factory doors, injunctions legislation declaring strikes a penal offence, thugs, spies, gunmen, militia, federal troops — the government and all its organs are at the behest of the capitalists in their greed to crush labor.

Schools are made places for distorting the minds of the children with wild patriotism. The press is a cesspool of lies and calumny. The church damns everything that the workers undertake to free themselves from increasing degradation. The platform resounds with vile stories against the emancipation of the workers.

The Ku Klux Klan, the American Legion, vigilantes, and other superpatriotic bodies stretch out their bloody hands to throttle the upward movement of the workers.

And the capitalist government looks on benignly, glad, indeed, that the forces of reaction have created these lawless bodies to do the bloody work that otherwise the government itself must do if the capitalist system is to survive.

THIS IS CAPITALISM — IN AMERICA — TO-DAY!

The workers pile up for their exploiters more than they can buy back with their wages. Big industry depends on mass sources of raw material and on mass production: mass production requires a world market. The vast profits that are extorted from the toil of millions demand further investment for new profits. Foreign investments, loans and concessions are the links connecting the imperialist countries to the colonies and unexploited territories. Mexico, Central and South America, Asia and Africa are the battlegrounds of the big imperialist nations — America, England and Japan. Only these three capitalist countries are left from the world war capable of imperialist dreams and ambitions.

And these three imperialist governments are now preparing to determine which shall be the true victor of the last war, which, they hypocritically said, was the "war to end war". They are arming as never nations were armed before, using the vilest implements to destroy the human race. Poison-gas of unheard-of deadliness, guns whose range far surpasses even the "Big Berthas" of the last war, dreadnaughts and super-dreadnaughts, air fleets of immense proportions — these are the "civilized" weapons with which the capitalist governments are now providing themselves.

They are preparing to send the workers into a devastating, soul-destroying war — a warlike in form to the last war, but only more destructive, in which workers will slaughter workers FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPLOITERS.

These three capitalist governments are preparing this also in the hope of stilling the unrest that is arising. They hope to avert the reckoning that labor is demanding for the deceit practiced during the last war — the promise of prosperity and democracy which changed joblessness, hunger and more oppression.

For the capitalists and the capitalist governments are not blind. Since the war, the British government has had to face contests with organized labor forces and has defeated them only through the treachery of union leaders. The working masses of Japan do not hesitate to demonstrate their rebellious spirit. The six million unemployed in the United States are a power for revolt that the United States government is well aware of. Hence, the creation of a MILITIA ON A NATIONAL SCALE to cope with internal troubles; hence the equipment of police forces with riot guns and poison and tear gas.

THE FORCES OF REACTION ARE UNITED IN POWERFUL ORGANIZATIONS, WHILE THE WORKERS ARE DIVIDED INTO MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH ONE ANOTHER!

False, treacherous labor leaders are leading themselves to the

FARMERS HIT BY PROFITEERS

WASHINGTON. — E. D. Ball, assistant secretary of agriculture, is credited by the spokesmen of various farm organizations here with being the really controlling personality in the department of agriculture. Ball is mentioned whenever the question is asked as to why Secretary Wallace does not take the farm stand against the Chicago packers and other predatory groups that was expected of the editor of Wallace's Farmer.

Stranger stories are told of the intensity of Mr. Ball's sentiments on Americanism, law, order, bolshevism, among farmers and among wage workers, and so forth.

An interview with Mr. Ball is an experience in the fine distinctions which must be made, by newsmen, between the official statements of men in public salaried positions and their personal and intimate statements "which of course you must not quote."

Here are few scraps of opinion which Mr. Ball as a public official will permit to be credited to him:

"The farmer's trouble today is that a bushel of wheat will now buy only 67 per cent as much, in other commodities, as it did in 1913. Two things are holding up the price of other than farm products — first, the cost of labor producing these other commodities; second, the transportation charges. Transportation charges are in substance the wages of railway labor and of fuel labor — the wages of coal miners.

"Organized labor's wages have not come down as fast or as far as have the wages of farm labor. The farmer is gaining in this item because his crop this year will be sold as high or higher than the one produced last year at a much greater labor cost. But on the cost of farm machinery and all, his supplies the farmer is paying the charge made by organized labor.

"Either mine wages and railroad wages must come down or the prices of other commodities must go up."

The presence of 6,000,000 unemployed in the United States means, to Mr. Ball, simply that American labor refuses to take jobs at a rate of pay which will allow American business men to compete with Europeans. He thinks American labor must compete with low-priced German labor if it wants employment.

American farmers, he believes, may find the co-operatives which "agitators" are promoting serviceable in standardizing production and equalizing distribution to the market. He refuses to comment, officially, on the prospect of their saving to the farmer any of the profits of the middlemen. Confidentially, you may learn that he has never believed evil of the Chicago packers or the grain dealers.

Mr. Ball had the unusual advantage of being the classmate of the son of the Chicago meat packer, William Wilson. This son and classmate has been to Washington and has told Mr. Ball all about the packers' patriotic services; Mr. Ball can recite them as printed in the packers' annual reports. But he says that he has never read the report of the federal trade commission on the meat packers, despite the fact that his department is about to begin the supervision of the industry. While he is ignorant of this report he feels sure the packers are a beneficial element in the livestock marketing business.

A visitor to the office of this remarkably reactionary official need ask few questions to get the impression that Mr. Ball would have declared martial law rather than permit the railroad men to have gained the advantages thrust upon them by congress in the Adamson act of 1916; that he would never tolerate the profiteering which organized labor practiced during the war; that business men did not profit to any extent in comparison with the wage workers; that the farmers are lucky to have been unable to get credit a year ago and lose money on further holding of their crops; that the thing for farmers to do now is to the grain speculators and the packers to render patriotic and generous service.

OPEN ARMAMENT SECRETLY ARRIVED AT

WASHINGTON. — "It Is Up to You. Demand Real Action From an Open Conference. Organize Public Opinion in Your Town. Write to the President."

With these headings the American Union Against Militarism, in leaflets issued here, calls attention to the danger that the coming disarmament conference will be wrecked by secret sessions. It quotes Senator Borah in these words:

"I do not for a moment believe we can afford to turn this matter over to the diplomats and go about our business in the belief it will all be worked out. Nothing pleases the militarists more than to have public sentiment die down and to have the people abandon the cause. . . . Without the crowding, persistent, fighting force of the masses this crusade cannot be won. . . . And whatever can be done in reason and in honor the people in these countries will insist upon being done if they are kept informed."

Taxation problems in Washington are neglected by all but a very small minority, just now, while the struggle to save the disarmament conference from another Versailles tragedy is fought out.

Organized labor and the organized liberals are almost the only great forces in the country that have not yet been heard with reference to the proposed secrecy of the conference sessions.

bosses in the movement to destroy the unions. Instead of creating a single organization that will be able to fight the bosses — class against class — they keep the workers apart, fighting against and scabbing on one another.

Hence it is time for the workers to realize that there must be UNITY, or there will be annihilation. The working masses must realize that every day they remain apart, they strengthen the forces of their enemies. A united front, a MILITANT front in the interests of labor — that must be labor's slogan.

Now is the time for the organized workers to make the unions instrument for waging a militant fight against the bosses. The reactionary leaders have failed. The rank and file must take up the activity of the unions, to make of them powerful weapons of defense and offense against the capitalist class.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS! LINE UP THE MILITANTS AND PROGRESSIVES FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BUREAUCRACY! MAKE THE UNIONS A FIGHTING FORCE NOT ONLY FOR BETTER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS, NOT ONLY FOR PENSIONS AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, BUT FOR THE BIGGER STRUGGLE — FOR THE COMPLETE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS FROM THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY.

That must be the slogan of Labor Day.

IT IS A LIE!

By J. Ford

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government is responsible for the famine prevailing in Russia at the present time. Famines have occurred in Russia before, and in other parts of the world, without their being attributed to the form of government obtaining in those countries.

China has just recovered from a fearful, devastating famine, yet no one has ascribed it to Bolshevism. Famines occur periodically in India, yet no one attributes them to "Bolshevists" tendencies on the part of the imperialist government of Great Britain.

Germany, Hungary and England have smaller crops this year, owing to the drought, yet no one is so stupid as to place the responsibility on the form of government existing in those countries.

But the three months' drought which visited Russia, the dastardly imperialist governments have the effrontery to attribute to the Soviet form of government which the revolutionary workers of . . . adopted in 1917!

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government is irresponsible for the starvation that has invaded large districts of Russia. After the war, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary and Poland were stricken with famine and disease. Millions of people had to be fed. Yet no one attributed this famine to Bolshevism. Nevertheless, Herbert Hoover has the temerity to state that "the causes of the famine (in Soviet Russia) are such that they will be recurrent every year until there is much further change in the economic system of Russia."

Least of all should the American government point a finger at Soviet Russia. There are 100,000 famine and plague-stricken people in the southern States of the United States, who this year are full of beggars without roof or bread. Men, women and children may be seen picking food out of gutters and garbage cans.

The crop this year is far lower than expected and prices are taking food away from the children. Yet no one would say that Harding and Hoover are Bolshevists and their government a Soviet government.

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government of Russia is responsible for the collapse of industry in Russia. Russia's industrial development is of recent date, and, although modern in form, only employed about 10 per cent of the population.

Industry broke down completely during the year of imperialist war which the czaristic government waged against Germany. During the civil war that followed, industry could not be restored, owing to the lack of machinery, which had never been constructed in Russia and had to be purchased abroad. But the blockade established by the vicious capitalist governments of England, France and America prevented these products from reaching Russia.

Furthermore, a large part of the industrial workers were at the front, defending the Revolution against the reactionaries and counter-revolutionaries within and without, who were egged on against the Soviet Government by the British, French and American governments.

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government is responsible for the disinclination of the peasants to furnish food to the cities. The peasants expected manufactured goods and particularly farming machinery in exchange for the large surplus that was required to feed the cities and ship abroad in exchange for other products.

The capitalist governments, especially the United States, put an embargo on all merchandise for Soviet Russia, so that the farming and industrial machinery that Russia needed so badly, in order that the farms might be operated on an extensive scale and that factories might be set in operation and workers be put to work, could not reach Russia.

Hence, being deprived of the essentials for production, the Russian workers could not produce in exchange for the food to be obtained from the peasants.

In America, where factories for the production of all kinds of machinery and goods exist, the workers cannot procure work. Six million of them are forced to go idle and obtain their food by begging, at soup kitchens, by stealing etc.

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government is responsible for the breakdown of the transport system. When the Russian Proletarian Revolution broke out in November, 1917, the intelligentsia, technicians, experts and specialists refused to work, or obstructed all efforts of the Soviet regime to restore railway and water traffic, which collapsed during the later part of the czarist and the Karsensky regime. The three years of civil war led to further destruction of the transport system by the predatory armies of Denikin, Wrangel, Kolchak and Yudenitch.

IT IS A LIE that the Soviet Government mistreats foreign prisoners. Mrs. Harrison, the first prisoner released, stated that they were treated like boarders and not like prisoners. Their poor rations were due to the scarcity of food that arose several months ago, but which reached a climax when the drought set in and destroyed the crops.

But it still becomes capitalist governments, especially the United States, to speak of prison ill-treatment.

Men jailed during the war for resistance to the war-mania, were beaten, tortured and made insane in "human" American prisons — several of them dying as a result of this barbarous treatment.

There are thousands of men in prison in America to-day, whose only "crime" was their interest and activity in behalf of the working class. Men have been to the penitentiary for twenty years for fighting back against the hiring gunmen and bloody cossacks of the capitalist class.

There are three hundred American ex-service men in French prisons who are being ill treated. But the American government does not protest. It dare not, for the French government might ask it a few embarrassing questions about its treatment of Negroes, about allowing lynchings to go free, about the wild lawlessness of the American Legion and the Ku Klux Klan, about the mistreatment and shooting down of labor organizers, I. W. W. and Communists.

The capitalist governments are using every species of lie against the Russian Soviet Government, because it is a government of the workers. Having failed to overthrow the Soviet Government with arms, they are resorting to their last weapon.

The struggle between capital and labor has reached its acute stage. It has culminated in the Proletarian Revolution which manifested itself first in Russia. Just as the capitalists, capitalist governments and every other agency at the disposal of the capitalist class employ falsehoods coercion and even murder as weapons to suppress the working class, they use the same methods to misrepresent the Workers' Soviet Government, to undermine it and ring it to destruction.

BUT THEIR LIES BETRAY THEM! Each new lie reveals to the workers of the world the truth about the Russian Soviet Government and of Communism which the Russian workers are trying to establish.

The "Green" International
In their panic to arouse and organize any elements that will stem the coming Proletarian Revolution, the capitalists and their hangers on do not hesitate to create the wildest and most phantastic issues. Nor do they hesitate to use the most barbarous methods to attain their ends. If persuasion is not effective, then intimidation must be applied.

There are the landowners, big ranchers and middle-sized farmers, however, whose interests depend on the capitalists as a barrier against the rising tide of revolutionary workers and small and tenant farmers.

Thus, in Europe, with the approval of the various governments, there has been formed a "Great International, the purpose of which is to unite the large peasants against the workers.

The world is fast dividing up into two camps — the capitalists and the workers.

THE INSIDE STORY OF HIGH PRICES

By William D. Haywood

Never were the living conditions of the American working class more deplorable. The number of men and women out of work is greater than during any of the previous panics, industrial and financial, which the country has endured. The present crisis differs from those of other times in the fact that the capitalist class as a whole is now responsible for the terrible miseries deliberately inflicted upon the workers; whereas former industrial depressions have been caused either by the machinations of a small group which might be called the flower of capitalism or by struggles between great banking combinations, as was the case in 1907.

The present crisis is the result of a gigantic capitalist conspiracy to start an open war upon the working class with the aim of reducing wages to the pre-war level. The first step was the closing down of mills and factories and the reduction of activity in transportation, mining and lumbering. In July, 1920, many of these enterprises had ceased work entirely.

After thus cutting down work, the employers announced that wages would be reduced 22 per cent in the textile industry, 37 per cent in the clothing and 33 per cent in the lumber industry. The railroad companies also let it be known that they would benefit by a reduction in wages to the tune of \$500,000,000 a year. It is to be remembered that every dollar thus lifted out of the pocket of the worker deprives his women and children of some absolute necessities of life, for even under the best conditions they never had enough. The proceeds go to speculators, stockholders and officials of the companies in question. Production in America today, instead of increasing the welfare of the people and raising their standard of living, is carried out for the sole purpose of profit.

Meantime there is to be Jehel in the United States an almost unbelievable thing: The pitiless, systematic destruction by capitalists of enormous quantities of food products. I realize that I will hardly be believed when I relate some of the tricks of the traders. For example, they send their agents into the country to buy up vast fields of potatoes, but thousands of bushels are never gathered but are purposely allowed to perish. The capitalists know that the way to raise the price of an article is first to make it scarce. The same criminal practice is seen in Michigan, where apples are bought on the trees but where only a part of the crop is gathered. Of course, I don't mean to say that all the various harvests of the United States are thus destroyed, but I do mean to say that only a part of the fruits and vegetables annually grown ever actually reach the hands of consumers.

Another example is that of the rice speculators of the South, who find means to get rid of a large part of the crop when they yield is too abundant. Similarly, coffee and banana importers have sometimes sunk cargoes at sea rather than allow them to come on the market and depreciate an already low price.

All this criminal waste is caused simply to fatten the bank accounts of a relatively few persons. Thus, in the United States the capitalists who control the land and the industries do not hesitate when it is to their profit, to reject even the most generous gifts of Providence.

—In Clarte, Paris.

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DEFECTIVE PAGE

Rhythmic Demonstration in Moscow

By William Z. Foster
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Moscow. — Today I had the real pleasure of attending a most interesting outdoor fete. It was arranged by the Commissariat of Public Education to celebrate the opening of the Third Congress of the Communist International. The participants were half grown boys and girls, members of the various civil and semi-military organizations which go to form the great movement for the physical training of Russia's youth in preparation for its later military education.

Our party had been notified to assemble at 12 o'clock, noon, in the Continental hotel, where a large number of congress delegates are stopping. I got there at 11:30 and found all the people already gathered being hustled into a long string of street cars for immediate departure. This was indeed a marvel; in Russia things usually start an hour or two late, not ahead of time.

After a ride of about six miles we arrived at the scene of activities, Sparrows' hill. Where we alighted the view was magnificent. The valley, far below, was carpeted with the most beautiful farms and forests imaginable, through which the Moscow river lazily threaded its way. In the distance, in far flung panorama, stretched the great city of Moscow, its hundreds of gaily painted churches and golden cupolas glittering in the brilliant sunlight. I was told that Napoleon, during his ill-fated Russian campaign, camped at this entrancing spot.

Descending from the hilltop we came to a sort of bench or plateau, which formed an ideal natural amphitheater and which was still high enough to preserve the splendid view. There we found grandstands erected for us. Soon the performers began to appear: thousands of boys and girls, marching up great natural runways (one on either side) from a lower bench, which being invisible from where the spectators sat made excellent "wings" for the enormous outdoor stage. Many types of organization were represented: Red army, officers' schools, colleges, grammar and high schools, physical culture academies, etc. Practically all the boys were dressed only in short running trunks while the girls wore natty costumes of various kinds. As usual the red flag was everywhere.

The celebration began by all the participants (we counted them up to be about 10,000 drawing up in formation for inspection. This finished, they organized a parade and marched past the reviewing stand. A special feature of this parade was a detachment of Red army soldier girls. Uniformed and carrying bayoneted rifles like veterans, they marched in the same units as the men. With their cloth hats, khaki jackets and short skirts they cut an attractive figure. Americans, having in mind their own weak and pampered women, are inclined to smile when they hear talk of women soldiers. But those who have followed events in this country and who are acquainted with the strong Russian women, look upon the matter differently. The magnificent physique and vigor of the women in this country is a standing marvel to the American delegates.

After the parade came what was called massed military exercises. These were much the same as take place in Germany, Sweden and other countries, where some effort is made to build up the physique of the people. Thousands of youngsters drew up in detachments along the theater greensward. Then, at flag signals from the director, they deployed step by step until each individual occupied about an eight-foot square. In this formation they then went through an elaborate set of exercises, the beauty of which needs no telling to those who have ever witnessed such a performance.

Following these exercises there were many sorts of bayonet and sword drills, exercises, cavalry evolutions, etc., all well done. But the "piece de resistance," it seemed to me, was the "rhythmic exercises." These are a kind of combination of calisthenics and dancing. They are performed to band music. Originally developed in Switzerland, they were popular in Russian aristocratic circles before the revolution. The Bolsheviks have brought them to the masses. A team would start out through a long list of calisthenic movements, working them in series of three or four. That is, they would do a series of, say four movements, rapidly, pause slightly and then go on with the next, repeating this to the end. The effect is very curious and pleasing. I marveled to see the teams go through elaborate ten-minute exercises to the accompaniment of march music and then finished exactly with the last beat of the drum.

There were several varieties of this rhythmic exercises. A beautiful thing it was to see 500 boys, their naked bodies glistening in the sun, lined up in several detachments, each going through a different set of calisthenics, simultaneously to the same music, and all finishing exactly as the band came to its concluding strain. A striking piece of this type was called "hammer and shovel exercises." It was performed by 200 students from a physical culture school. There were three sections, the boys in the center being equipped with imitation sledges, and those on the two ends with spades. The dance-like movements portrayed the use of these tools. The effect was delightful. I never dreamed that there was so much poetry of motion in the proletarian shovel and hammer. But the Russian revolution has been able to find it.

A rhythmic exercise that made a hit was called "The Fall of the Tyrant." It was done to band music by 13 picked physical culturists. They were dressed as Romans. One typified the tyrant exploiter and 12 the oppressed workers. The latter, to the beat of the music, went through the motions portraying hard labor, pulling, lifting, hammering, throwing, etc., always driven on heartlessly by the tyrant. Now and again he would revolt; then two or three; but the tyrant would always crush them and drive them back to their work again. Finally, however, one dies at his work from exhaustion and the others, enraged, find the solidarity that enables them to rise together and to overthrow the tyrant. That ended the piece. In is art as well as in is politics and economics Communism knows how to produce the educational effects that will eventually emancipate Russia.

In view of the shortage of food I was particularly interested in nothing the physical condition of the boys. This was easy to do as they were practically naked. To me they looked like an especially husky bunch of kinds. I am sure that they would more than average up with an equal number of American boys similarly assembled. It was touching to see the way the grownups, the revolutionists, followed their evolutions. During the day I heard it said fifty times that they are the hope of Russia. The Communists consider the present generation practically ruined as a result of its capitalist training. They say "Give us the children for a few years longer and the capitalism will forever be impossible in Russia, no matter what may become of the Communist government."

The festival finished by all hands singing "The Marseillaise" and "The International." Then we went to the river bank, where we had tea in a swell, flag-decked boat clubhouse, whose aristocratic former owners have departed for parts unknown. As we drank our tea and ate our black bread we speculated as to where these parasites were and what they would have thought could they have known the use we were putting "their" property to.

OUR DEFECTIVE SCHOOLS

New York. — Children living in the rural district have only one-half the educational facilities afforded city children. Prof. Mabel Carney of Columbia university declares. Additionally, Professor Carney says, children in the country schools suffer from serious physical neglect despite their meagre educational surroundings.

"Almost half the school children in the United States," she said, "attend one and two teacher rural schools. These children receive their education in 210,000 box car buildings, many of them dilapidated and neglected."

"Their school term averages 133 days a year, as against 184 days for city children. This means that the country child has an elementary school course of only six years, where the city child, with better teachers, has eight years. Not only that, but the average daily attendance of the country child is 65 per cent, as against 80 per cent for the city child."

The underlying cause of this situation, Prof. Carney said, lies in the small salaries paid the country teachers.

Another reason, the National Child Labor Association has pointed out, is that children in the country districts are withdrawn from school frequently to help in the seasonal work on the farms.

ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK FOR SOVIET RUSSIA

New York, Aug. 14 — A splendid demonstration was held at the Lexington Theatre here to-day by the American Labor Alliance, which is cooperating with the Friends of Soviet Russia in relief work for the workers of Russia.

Fully 3,000 people were present and responded to an appeal for funds by donations amounting to more than \$4,000 in cash, checks and pledges and about \$1,000 in jewelry. The entire sum was turned over to the Friends of Soviet Russia.

Hoover Had Called Russian Workers Rabid Bolsheviks
Dr. J. W. Hartmann, editor of Soviet Russia, remarked that it was very strange that Hoover, the man who now wants to help the Russian workers, was the man who always called them "rabid Bolsheviks." Has he changed his mind, or have his opinions been changed by "higher inspiration?" Reading from an article in a recent issue of the World's Work he showed how one of Hoover's agents used his power as head of the relief work in Hungary to break the Communist regime in Hungary.

Famines Have Occurred in Russia Before
Ludwig Lore, editor of the Volkszeitung, refuted the accusation that the famine was caused by the incompetency or treachery of the Soviet Government. He pointed out that there was a terrible famine in Russia in 1891, which caused the death of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children. The present famine was due to the after-effects of the war, the blockade and the low stage of Russian agriculture. The transportation facilities completely broke down during the war, and there was a fearful scarcity of farming machinery and implements, which other countries managed to get, but which were denied to Soviet Russia because it was a Workers' Republic.

"Why does not Mr. Hoover think of providing relief for the 5,000,000 unemployed in this country?" asked Rose Pastor Stokes.

Achievements of Revolution Not Surrendered
The Relief Commissioners of Russia have refused to accept the harsh conditions imposed by Hoover. They are intent upon not giving up the achievements of the Revolution and will hold high the principles of Communism, even though, at the moment, they are compelled to make temporary concessions.

"If the Government of the proletariat had not been established, she would have been supplied with railroad equipment and locomotives and every capitalist Government would have rushed to her relief long ago," Mrs. Stokes declared.

You may imagine what would happen if Hoover had his way," she continued. "He would have armored cars, galling guns and White Guards. The Russian workers will hold the power and never relinquish a jot of it. They will hurl them back with the great slogan of the last imperialist war: 'They shall not pass!'"

Resolution Unanimously Adopted
Mrs. Stokes proposed the following resolution, which was adopted with stormy applause:

"Whereas, millions of Russian workers and peasants are starving through atmospheric causes beyond human control and through the blockade deliberately inflicted upon them by the bourgeois enemy governments of the world, and

"Whereas, these enemy governments and their private relief organizations are preparing to use the famine situation as a means of bringing the world's most active and sinister counter-revolutionary element into Russia to destroy the power of the workers' and peasants' government, and

"Whereas, here in capitalist America, which boasts the most highly perfected technical equipment in the world, 5,000,000 workers are unemployed and many millions more suffer hunger and want in the midst of the abundance they have created, be it therefore

"Resolved, that we, the workers, in mass meeting assembled in the Lexington Opera House, pledge our loyal and continued aid to the Russian workers and peasants who are victims of the blockade and the drought, and urge the workers who suffer under capitalism everywhere to share generously their little with the stricken workers and peasants of Russia, the shock troops of the world's Social Revolution, and be it further

"Resolved, that we favor the stand taken by Soviet Russia in accepting relief from capitalist sources to be administered solely by the Russian Workers' and Peasants' Federated Soviet Republic."

The headquarters of the Friends of Soviet Russia are at 201 West 13th St., New York City, to which all funds and contributions should be sent.

Exposition Of The Communist International

In order that the delegates to the Communist International might enjoy a good object lesson in what is being accomplished in the revolutionary movement the world over, an exposition was held in Moscow during the Third Congress that closed a few weeks ago. One of the most interesting departments of the Exposition was the Press Section which contained Communist publications from all parts of the world. The intensity of Communist propaganda was evident in the multitude and variety of publications.

LABOR'S CONSCRIPTION

By JOHN E. NORDQUIST.

When labor comes into it's own,
Conscription for slackers we'll use;
And the man with money to loan—
And the landlord—won't dare to refuse.

The proud millionaire and his son
Who are spouting of honest toil,
Will use a hoe for a gun,
And root in the virgin soil.

His ladies—so awfully swell—
Who now boss Mary and Jane;
Must crawl from their dainty shell
And their own little home maintain.

Dudes of the chamber of commerce
Shall scratch away fly blots;
Or any old task they hate worse,
To reward their dastardly shots.

The preachers—those goody-goody men,
Who rant about pastry above;
They shall scratch with the lowly hen,
'Steal of shoutin' of Christian love.

All those who gnaw on the poor,
Will be put to some useful work;
Perhaps they will dig in the sewer—
Deep down where they cannot shirk.

But what will the dirty scab do
When labor proclaims it's draft?
Well, I will leave it to you
To find him some terrible raft!

GREAT BRITAIN BROUGHT TO HER KNEES

The German could not do, brave little Ireland has done. Great Britain has been brought to her knees. The British government is suing Ireland for peace!

Great Britain seeks peace not out of pity for Ireland, but because she MUST HAVE peace.

Despite all there claims to the contrary, the British Empire is falling to pieces. The dominions adhere to the Empire not because of close time or unbreakable relations, not by exuding good will but because, as yet, no dispute of acute import has arisen between them and the British government.

Still the recent conference of the premiers showed quite clearly that Australia will no longer be bulldozed. The statement of Premier Hughes revealed in unmistakable terms that Australia will not allow the "mother" country either to dictate or speak for Australia. The immediate consequence has been that Canada now contemplates sending a minister to Washington!

The continual revolts in India and the situation in Asia Minor make it absolutely imperative that England have peace. The entire state of European affairs, the friction between England and France and the rising conflict between the United States and England, due to trade rivalry, make England seek peace with Ireland ALMOST AT ANY PRICE.

Ireland has rejected England's offer. Ireland demands independence and nothing less.

The British in the imperialist war which promised "self-determination" to all peoples, Ireland not has the insolence to face a world waiting for a termination of the imaginary conflict that has aged Ireland, especially during the past year and demands that Ireland hold her ports open to the British navy, which will continue to be responsible for the defense of the British Isles; the Irish territorial army shall be kept within reasonable limits; the royal air force must be maintained; the necessary facilities in Ireland must be permitted; voluntary recruiting in her territories for the British armies, although she needs the support of the support of the imperial armies and navies unless she desires; neither England nor Ireland may impose protective tariffs or other restrictions upon the commerce of the other; and the Irish people are asked assume a proportionate share of the debts and liabilities of the United Kingdom.

In other words, the British navy and air forces will continue to have the right to terrorize the Irish people whose only protection in case of trouble will be army that must be kept within reasonable limits! In addition England may still recruit in Ireland—who knows, perhaps for later service in Ireland!

This settlement, furthermore, is offered only for southern Ireland, since Ulster refuses to negotiate with Sinn Fein.

Lloyd George categorically denies Ireland the right to "secede from the allegiance to the King."

De Valera has uncovered Lloyd George's brazenry by pointing out that he proposes that Ireland "the smaller island must give military safeguards and guarantees to the larger island and suffer itself to be reduced to a position of helpless defense." Ireland demands that the British government stand aside and let Ireland settle the Ulster question—which she will do without force. For it is only British interference undertaken with the definite aim of keeping Ireland divided and in tumult and of providing the British government with an excuse for using force and violence against Ireland that has created and fostered the Ulster problem.

It is most noteworthy that the capitalist press of America, loud herald of the Fourth of July and magnifiers of the revolution of 1776, now openly advises the Irish people to accept this shameful offer. The very press of this country threatens Ireland with the responsibility if warwarefare is reopened! What lovers of liberty! What United States is supposed to be founded!

But the labor press and the workers of America stand solidly behind the Irish revolutionists. Any struggle that will break the power of imperialism and diminish the influence of an imperialist nation be it England, France, Japan or America—that struggle must receive the support of the united working class.

The crux of the whole situation lies in the proximity of England knows only too well and has reason only to hate.

Nevertheless, for England the situation is as critical as for Ireland. Ireland has defied England's sovereignty. If England yields, the formal dissolution of the British Empire will have begun.

Ireland demands her independence!
The workers of the world demand Ireland's independence!

—LABOR PRESS.

STATE SOCIALISM IS CAPITALIST BOON

CHICAGO. — Labor may take warning from an article by Paul H. Douglas in the Journal of Political Economy which he ends by declaring that state socialism "may well prove, in the key industries at least, to be the most effective protection of capitalism." In consequence, he writes the supporters of public ownership "may have to beware of new found friends."

From the municipal purchase of the Seattle street railway system, lock, stock and barrel, for \$15,000,000, practically twice the estimated valuation made by a traction expert, Mr. Douglas, points a moral that can be taken to heart by the advocates of public ownership. He says:

"When the private owners of public utilities feel themselves too strongly menaced by the forces of labor on the one hand and the public regulation of rates on the other, they are likely to do what they did in Seattle, namely, declare themselves for public ownership and offer to sell their property at a high figure. By doing so they can retire secure in the possession of larger interest payments than they could have enjoyed under private ownership and with all the worries of management shifted to the shoulders of the state. Such may indeed be the policy adopted by the railroad owners if business depression continues and other means fail."

Ole Hanson, former mayor of Seattle and self constituted Bolshevik hater, is shown to have helped the traction company to put over a particularly raw deal on the city when he held out for \$15,000,000 as the purchase price for the depreciated street railways.

When Mayor Caldwell, who succeeded Hanson, as chief magistrate of Seattle, was granted an appropriation to investigate the terms of purchase and make a valuation of the property, an expert, Cyrus Whipple, placed a valuation of \$7,834,000 upon the physical property turned over by the company, or slightly over one-half the amount paid by the city for the lines. The grand jury also reported, its belief that the price paid was excessive. As a matter of fact, on account of the high purchase price, the city was losing money with fares as high as three tickets for 25 cents or 10 cents straight fare.

Douglas finds that the Seattle experiment demonstrates the necessity for business prudence and accurate valuation on the part of any governmental body taking over an enterprise.

JUDGE EASY ON UNDERPAID CLERKS

NEW YORK. — Mrs. Judith B. Denning, assistant cashier, and H. B. Randall, cashier of the First National bank of America, N. Y., pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Sheppard of abstraction and misapplication of about \$5,500 belonging to the bank, in a period covering two years. Each of the defendants was sentenced to one day in the custody of the United States marshal and to pay a fine of \$250 in the case of Mrs. Denning and \$500 in the case of Randall.

In passing sentence the court pointed out that the money taken by the defendants was used in meeting urgent living expenses which could not be met on the inadequate salaries the bank paid them. Then he scored the bank heads when he learned that they had permitted the accused man and woman to restore the money and then attempted to conceal the defalcations. If the defendants had been paid decent salaries, he indicated, the shortages probably never would have occurred.

The New York Times, the New York Herald and the New York World, in publishing the accounts of the matter, made no mention of the fact that the court practically laid the guilt for the defalcations at the door of the bank heads who paid niggardly salaries to the minor officials who handled large sums. The New York Times' headline said: — "Bank Officials Admit Guilt. Man and woman Sentenced to One Day Each and Must Pay Fine."

The New York World heading said:

"Day's Sentence for Man and Woman Short \$8,600. Federal Judge Lenient Because Employees of America, N. Y., Bank Made Restitution."

The New York Herald's headlines said:

"Bank Cashier Pay U. so They Escape Prison. Judge Sheppard Follows Landis' Policy of Mercy."

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SHOP DELEGATE SYSTEM IN PRACTICAL FORM

The continual failure of strikes and the persistent betrayal of unions by leaders have become ordinary phenomena of this day. Defeat follows defeat, one labor leader after the other sells out the workers; still organized labor has seemed unable to find a suitable form of control, so that it might conduct its struggles in an efficient manner and not be the perpetual victim of treason.

There is a system whereby the rank and file may retain full control of all union activities and prevent any bureaucrat from arising to browbeat them.

At the convention of the Hat and Capmakers and Milliners in New York, the New York Union presented a complete organization form of the Shop Delegate System, the main features of which we present in the following:

It may be stated that systems of this nature have already been introduced in many locals of advanced and progressive unions, the form varying according to the requirements of the particular industry.

Report of the Committee on Reorganization and Organization of the Joint Board and Joint Executive Boards of the Millinery Union.

FORM OF ORGANIZATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Article 1: Shop Organization.

2.—To unite all branches of the shop into one industrial organization.

b.—Every shop shall elect delegates, including the chairman, to the general body of shop delegates which shall constitute the legislative administrative body of the Millinery Union.

c.—Every shop must meet regularly every two weeks.

d.—The presence of workers at shop meetings is obligatory and the shop has the right to discipline any worker who fails to attend the shop meeting without offering satisfactory reason.

e.—Every shop shall elect a chairman and a committee composed of members of every branch to settle all shop controversies and to settle prices for the shop.

f.—Such committee shall consist of not more than five members. For the settlement of prices for one particular branch, the majority of the committee shall consist of members of that branch.

g.—Every shop shall elect a secretary to record the minutes.

h.—Every shop shall elect an educational secretary.

i.—The duty of the educational secretary shall be to work in unison with the general educational committee for the purpose of conducting the educational work in the shop.

k.—Shop delegates and other shop officers shall be elected at a shop meeting called for this purpose.

Article 2: Shop Delegates.

a.—The representation of the shops in the general body of shop delegates shall be as follows: A shop of 20 workers shall be entitled to one delegate, from 20 to 40 workers, two delegates; from 40 to 60 workers, three delegates; and so on, in the same proportion.

b.—Anyone who is a member of the organization for six months and in good standing shall be eligible for election to the general body of shop delegates.

c.—Any worker who is a landlord or businessman in not eligible for election to the general body of shop delegates.

d.—Any member who was a foreman or was in business shall not be eligible for election to the general body of shop delegates for a year after he has given up such foremanship or business.

e.—Any member who has been found guilty of scabbing shall not be eligible for election to the general body of shop delegates for one year thereafter.

f.—When a shop delegate leaves his or her shop, the shop shall be notified to elect another delegate in his or her place; the former delegate shall represent the shop until another one is elected.

g.—Elections of shop delegates and all other shop officers shall be held on June 15th and December 15th.

h.—Shop delegates shall take office July 1st and January 1st.

Article 3: Management.

a.—The general body of shop delegates shall be the administrative body of the Union.

b.—The shop delegates shall meet every other week.

c.—The shop delegates meetings shall be open to all members of the Union, except in cases where the meeting deems it necessary to change this practice.

d.—Any shop delegate who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without offering a sufficient reason in writing shall automatically be suspended, and the shop notified to elect another delegate in his or her place.

e.—The shop delegates shall elect an Executive Board of nine members and four committees as follows: 1. A grievance and membership committee of seven. 2. An educational and cultural activities among the general membership looking toward the attainment of the aims and ideals of the Union. 3. A price committee of seven whose duty it shall be to supervise and control price settlements in the shops. 4. A finance committee of five to take care of the finances of the Union.

f.—Duly elected chairmen of the above committees shall automatically become members of the Executive Board, to whom they are responsible. They shall report their activities at all meetings of the Executive Board.

g.—The general body of shop delegates shall elect a recording secretary.

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h.—Shop delegates must report all activities of the general body of shop delegates at the meetings of their respective shops.

i.—Every shop may and shall instruct its delegates as to what position they shall take on all important questions.

j.—Every shop should, on its own initiative, through its delegates, bring up important questions for discussion at the meetings of the general body of shop delegates.

k.—Demonstration and propaganda meetings of the general membership shall be called by the Executive Board whenever it deems necessary.

l.—Any questions taken up at such demonstration and propaganda meetings which require a vote of the membership shall be voted upon at the meetings of the individual shops.

m.—Existing small Locals may, if they so desire, remain as consultative bodies.

n.—If such Locals desire to make certain recommendations to the general body of shop delegates they may do so through their shop delegates, who may function as an advisory committee to the Local.

Article 4: Officers.

a.—Paid officials shall be elected by the Executive Board, and approved by the general body of shop delegates, in order to have a systematic control over the management of the organization.

b.—Officers shall not hold more than one paid job.

c.—The salary of an officer shall not be higher than the average earnings of a worker in our industry, so as to prevent the creation of a higher-paid, bureaucratic class in our midst.

d.—Paid officers shall not have a vote at the meetings of shop delegates or any other committee meetings.

Article 5: Recall.

a.—In the event that a shop does not approve of the actions of any or all of its shop delegates, it may recall such delegates and replace them by others elected at a special shop meeting called for that purpose.

b.—The above shall also apply to shop chairmen and price committees.

c.—The Executive Board or individual members of the Executive Board may be recalled at any time by the general body of shop delegates, and others be elected in their place.

d.—In the event that the Executive Board does not approve of the actions of a paid officer it shall at all times have the authority to recall such officers.

e.—Officers may appeal such recall to the general body of shop delegates.

f.—Every officer must hand in a written resignation upon taking office.

Article 6: Convention.

a.—Delegates to the convention shall be elected at a special meeting of the general body of shop delegates.

b.—A special meeting of the general body of shop delegates shall take up recommendations to the convention.

c.—Recommendations to the convention shall be brought up and discussed at least two months prior to the convention.

d.—All decisions of the convention shall be reported by the delegates to the general body of shop delegates.

e.—The shop delegates shall report all the decisions of the convention to their shops, where they shall be voted upon.

f.—No paid officers shall be eligible as delegates to the convention.

Article 7: Elections and Voting.

All elections shall be held and voting be done openly.

DRIVE PROPOSED TO RAISE \$5,000,000 FOR RUSSIANS

Philadelphia, Aug. 23. — A nationwide emergency campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the relief of starving children in the famine areas of the Russian Volga district was announced today by the American Friends Service committee. The campaign is to be launched immediately.

Dr. Wilbur K. Thomas, executive secretary of the Philadelphia headquarters, declared the committee would be governed by a rigid policy of non-interference in political or trade affairs.

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PREACHER TALKED AGAINST WAR

Oskaloosa, Ia.—The Rev. W. L. Wilford, an evangelist who talked frankly of the reasons for the late world war, was made the victim of a mob, led by American Legion men here last week, when an attempt was made to tar and feather him. He was kidnapped and carried to the country in an automobile, where the tar and feather "patriots" started operations, but soon desisted—for what reason has not been made plain. The evangelist has left this section, it is said.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
Do ye hear the children weeping,
O my brothers,
Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young heads
against their mothers,
And that cannot stop their tears.
The young lambs are bleating in
the meadows,
The young birds are chirping in
the nest,
The young fawns are playing with
the shadows,
The young flowers are blowing
toward the west—
But the young, young children, O
my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly!
They are weeping in the playtime
of the others,
In the country of the free.

"For oh," say the children, "we
are weary,
And we cannot run or leap;
If we cared for any meadows, it
were merely
To drop down in them and sleep.
Our knees tremble sorely in the
stopping.
We fall upon our faces, trying
to go;
And, underneath our heavy eyelids
drooping,
The reddest flower would look as
pale as snow.
For, all day, we drag our burden
tiring,
Through the coal-dark underground;
Or, all day, we drive the wheels
of iron
In the factories round and round.

"For all day, the wheels are
droning, turning;
Their wind comes in our faces,
They our hearts turn, our heads,
with pulses burning,
And the walls turn in their places:
Turns the sky in the high window
blank and feeling,
Turns the long light that drops
adown the wall,
Turn the black, flies that crawl
along the ceiling:
All are turning, all the day, and
we with all.
And all day, the iron wheels are
droning;
And sometimes we could pray,
'O ye wheels, (breaking out in a
mad moaning)
'Stop! be silent for today!'"

They look up, with their pale and
sunkken faces,
And their look is dread to see,
For they mind you of their angels
in high places.
With eyes turned on Deity.
"How long," they say, "how long,
O cruel nation,
Will you stand, to move the world,
on a child's heart—
Stifle down with a muffled heel its
palpitation,
And tread onward to your throne
amid the mart?
Our blood splashes upward, O gold-
heaper,
And your purple shows your path;
But the child's sob in the silence
curses deeper
Than the strong man in his wrath!"

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He no could wait.

I no can count how manny week,
How manny day, dat he ees seck;
How manny night I seet at hold
Da leetla hand dat was so cold.
He was so patience, oh so sweet!
Eet hurts my throat for theenk of eet;
An' all he evra ask ees w'er
Ees gonna com' da spreeng agen.
Wan day, wan brighta sunny day,
He sees across da alleyway,
Da leetla girl dat's livin' dere
Ees raise her window for da air,
An' put outside a leetla pot
Of w'at-you-call?—forgot-me-not,
So smalla flower, so leetla theenk!
But s'ee! et mak' hees hearta seeng:
"Oh, now, at las', ees com' da spreng!
Da leetla plant ees glad for know
Da sun ees com' for mak' eet grow.
So, too, I am grow warm and strong."
So, lika dat he seeng hees song.
But, ah! da' night com' down an' den
Da weenter ees sneak back agen,
An' een da alley all da night
Ees fall da snow, so cold, so white,
An' cover up da leetla pot
Of w'at-you-call?—forgot-me-not.
All night da leetla hand I hold.
Ees grow so cold, so cold, so cold!

Da spreng ees com'; but oh, da joy
Eet ees too late!
He was so cold, my leetla boy,
He no could wait.

—THOMAS AUGUSTINE DALY.

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ADMITTED

We have important and very encouraging news for the readers of TRUTH this week. It is simply that TRUTH has been admitted to the mails as second class matter. It means a saving of over \$20 per week to us and that is a lot. Now we must go to work and double the subscription list. It can and must be done. Every man and woman with courage and grit will get busy and we must not let anything stand in the way of the great propaganda that can be carried on by the workers thru this paper. It is a newspaper of the real kind, for it brings the facts to the workers in a concise and plain way. All can understand it. Get your neighbor to subscribe today and help push workingclass education.

CONVICTION HAUNTS NATION

The conviction of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti will not down. The procedure was too raw and both judge and the press seem unwilling to send the two men to the electric chair.

There is much hope in the fact that to press in the East as a whole is silent on the matter and in some cases even friendly toward the defendants. The sending of innocent men to death because they happen to be members of the I. W. W. or other labor organizations is beginning to react in a very significant way. Labor is getting ugly at such miscarriage of justice.

There are men of the capitalist side who can see the finish if this nation if the rights of the people are trampled under foot. Rumblings are heard all over and the stillness before the storm is no more a stillness.

Indicative of this situation is the fact that at a mass meeting for the Italian labor organizers convicted of payroll murders, John Lawrence Hurley, of the Suffolk law school, was among the chief speakers. Professor Hurley is a prominent Republican leader who was in the limelight some time ago as one of the orators who toured the country for his party against the League of Nations.

The noncommittal attitude of the New England press since the verdict has been broken at last by a courageous editorial in the Boston American. Commenting on the action of Chief Justice Brandeis in turning over his Dedham home to Mrs. Sacco and her children so that they might be near the condemned man, the American characterizes the evidence against Sacco and Vanzetti as "most unconvincing." The editorial reads in part:

"The newspapers announce that Mr. Justice Brandeis of the United States supreme court has extended the hospitality of his home in Dedham to the wife and children of Sacco, the Italian radical, who was recently convicted of murder in Norfolk county, with his compatriot, Vanzetti.

"This calls to mind the trial and verdict in the Sacco and Vanzetti case and leads us to say again that we earnestly hope that those who believe a great injustice was done in this case will leave nothing undone to see that these men get the benefit of every right which the laws of the country and the constitution and the principles of humanity and justice provide.

"The evidence as it appears from the stenographers' notes is most unconvincing to us and we are informed that nearly all the newspaper reporters from the Boston papers, who covered this trial, agree that the verdict was not justified. None are better qualified by experience and intelligence and education to pass judgment on such a question than these gentlemen of the press who attended the trial."

A TRAGIC FARCE

Playing with the lives of the workers as though they were mere toys, spending the money ground out of the very blood of working men and women and their children for engines of destruction, the American government calls upon the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to meet its representatives in conference to put an end to war.

And before the ink can dry on the invitation, the order is signed for more battleships — to be sure, vessels of peace, each government assures the workers.

America will have 12 capital ships of 43,000 tons each by 1925. Japan, not to be outdone, orders 8 more Dreadnoughts to be completed by 1923. Great Britain, accepting the challenge, votes 4 more Class A ships.

Thus they disarm! Thus they put an end to war! Thus they play a holy farce with the lives of the working class, preparing the scene for a war more terrible, more destructive than the world has ever known!

What do they care about the "civilization" they "saved" by the last war: they are going to shoot her to pieces in the coming war. Civilization which is cheap at \$40,000,000 each for the battleships and the billions to be made during the war!

Still they will come to the conference, with smiles on their faces, but with guns in their pockets.

It would be a farce, if it did not mean the positive doom of millions of workers' lives and untold suffering.

AMERICANS IN FRENCH JAILS

Owing to the hardships that American prisoners are suffering in French jails, the president of the Churches' Prison Commission has appealed to the U. S. government to take steps to make it possible for members of the Commission to do relief work among them.

Three hundred Americans, former service men, are incarcerated in French prisons.

There were not a score of Americans in Russian prisons, according to Mrs. Harrison, the first one released. The tales about their mistreatment were BARE-FACED LIES. The prisoners had considerable liberty. They were "confined" in an old boarding house, the only "abuse" consisting in their not receiving good or plentiful food. This was due to the food shortage from which all Russia is suffering at the present moment.

Of course, Russia is "barbarous", and nothing else can be expected of Communists. But France is a CAPITALIST COUNTRY: she is ruled by republicans, just as we are — which accounts for the similarity of conditions in French and American prisons.

So we shall raise no protest about the Americans in French prisons. They are being treated as "civilized" people treat prisoners.

Besides, France is "OUR" ally!

FRIENDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA

As a result of the crop failure, famine rules in large districts of Russia and is assuming alarming proportions. Under the stress of outside capitalist aggression and internal counter-revolutionary activity, Soviet Russia has only with difficulty been supplying the current needs of her population ever since the Revolution in 1917. And now some of the districts are facing acute starvation.

Statesmen in the capitalist countries and the counter-revolutionary forces are acclaiming this condition with fiendish glee. They are hoping that the famine will do what they have never been able to accomplish, despite the great means at their disposal in arms, men and money. They are hoping that the famine will spell the doom of the first Workers' Republic that the world has ever known. Already the would be hangmen of the Russian Revolution, the mensheviks and czarists, are weaving their dastardly plots from their secure haunts in Paris, the center of the world reaction. Already the French, British and American capitalists are again spewing forth their lying propaganda to prepare the nations for another attack upon Russia.

The first evidences of their work are now appearing with scare headlines in the world's capitalist press. The finance-capitalist of Great Britain are attempting to force England to break off trade relations with Soviet Russia. The imperialists of France are scheming to throw Poland into a new military venture against Soviet Russia.

Herbert Hoover, whose chief claim in support of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president was that "he never fed a red", promised relief to Russia only on condition that the representatives chosen by himself be permitted to enter and leave Soviet Russia at their will and be allowed freedom of movement inside of Russia. He promised that the American Relief Administration would not interfere with the internal political problems of Russia.

But the memory is all too fresh in our minds of how Mr. Hoover's representatives in Soviet Hungary conspired to overthrow the Hungarian government and when the Soviet was overthrown, how they stood by and watched the Rumanians and the White Terror slaughter every class conscious worker that could be found.

But Soviet Russia will survive this crisis. The magnificent courage, iron will and glorious spirit that have heretofore conquered the forces of the counter-revolution and overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties in reconstruction and reorganization in Soviet Russia, will not succumb to this catastrophe.

Soviet Russia is HERE TO STAY. She is only the first of the World's Workers' Republics.

Through four years of the fierce struggle of the Revolution, Russia has fought her battles practically alone. We could not help when the White Armies were attacking the Bolsheviks on three front. We could not help when the capitalist marauders sent their armies to crush the Revolution, rpr when Poland, with the aid of France, was waging war.

BUT NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY! Russia needs everything that we have to offer. She needs unlimited quantities of food, clothing, seeds and medicines. WE can give them to her.

The Friends of Soviet Russia calls upon every American worker to give to the limit of his ability.

Do not be deluded with blatant promises of Herbert Hoover and the American Relief Administration. It is controlled by those who hate the Soviet and the ideas for which the Soviet stands, and would stop at no means to crush it out of existence.

It is the Workers who must come to the relief!

The Friends of Soviet Russia is preparing to hold demonstrations in every industrial center in the country, to raise funds for the relief of the famine in Russia. Get in touch with its local representatives. If you do not know where to find them, write to the National Office at 201 West 13th Street, New York City, for information. You will be advised how to proceed. The Friends of Soviet Russia will supply speakers and literature.

Remember! This is our opportunity to show by our actions that we are with Soviet Russia, our opportunity to show our International Solidarity!

The reliable organization in this country is "The Friends of Soviet Russia", with headquarters at West 13th St., New York City, N. Y. Contributions may be sent there and you will know that what you give will go to the needy you intend to help.

JUST LIKE THE BOSSES

Samuel Gompers, friend of the capitalists and at the same time president of the A. F. L. is tuning his harp to the same strains as the bosses of the country.

"Unemployment has reached its peak", he said, addressing the convention of the International Typographical Union in Quebec. "We have experienced a most trying time, but there are now distinct indications that conditions are improving, and I think that already this fall, the result of this improvement will commence to make itself generally felt."

That no one got up in the hall and informed Gompers that he was sadly needed at a bankers' conference in New York where plans were being drafted to beat down labor, is remarkable.

How does it come that people stand such talk from a labor "leader"? How does it come that men whose wages have already been reduced and who are threatened with another cut in October; men who know that there is acute suffering in large sections of the working class; who know that there are more than 6,000,000 unemployed workers in the country, for whom there simply is no work; who know that the bosses are united in a drive to crush the unions, establish the open shop and lower the standard of living — how does it come that working men let a little impostor like Sam Gompers take the platform and talk to them just as a boss would?

This accounts for the fact that the recent A. F. of L. convention ignored the unemployment issue. It will all be over soon: if not this fall, then next spring, or the autumn of next year. That is the talk that bankers and big manufacturers — "industrial and financial experts" — have been giving us for two years, disregarding the actual fact that 6,000,000 people cannot find work.

As long as the workers leave labor leadership in the hands of people like Gompers and his satellites, labor will be a plaything in the hands of the capitalists. It is time for workers to reduce Gompers and his gang to the ranks and take control themselves. It is rotten-ripe time.

FORCE, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT

Former officers of the U. S. Army organized a company for the purchase of the harness that the government ordered during the war, but did not use: owing to the sudden ending of the war. These harnesses were handed over to the gentlemen for a mere song. It created a scandal — one of the numerous ones of the late war — and meant a loss of several million dollars to the government.

The government, to suppress the scandal, cancelled the contract.

Knowing what kind of people it had to deal with, the government did not rely on the courts. It sent a Lieut. Colonel and 700 men to the plant with orders to remove the goods.

During a pause in the work, a sheriff appeared on the scene armed with a machine gun. He closed the doors of the factory and ordered the Lieut. Colonel and his men to leave the place within 24 hours, claiming that the federal troops had no right in the State, not having been called by the governor of the State. The Lieut. Colonel complied.

What if these had been strikers!

The sheriff's machine gun and the rifles of the troopers would have popped at once, regardless of the jurisdiction or authority. There would have been rioting and bloodshed — and another red spot on the map.

But this is not the method of procedure among business men. Gentlemen always remain gentlemen, and do not shoot one another over such matters.

RED INTERNATIONAL AGAINST THE AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL

The Amsterdam International, the yellow labor international, is too revolutionary even for Sam Gompers, who prefers to have American workers isolate themselves and fight their LOSING battle alone. This international "claims" to have a membership of 25,000,000. But these claims have no basis, since most of the unions affiliated with the Amsterdam International are linked up with that international only through their officials.

This claim is further invalidated by the fact that several of the millions that Amsterdam pretends belong to it, international are ACTUALLY affiliated with the Red Trade Union International.

The Red Trade Union International, at its first congress, which took place in Moscow in July, was attended by delegates representing 16,830,000 workers in all parts of the world. Among the unions represented were 10 trade union federations, 18 national trade union organizations of revolutionary minorities organized on a national scale, shop committees, shop stewards, I. W. W. etc., 26 separate craft and industrial unions outside those enumerated above and 86 organizations comprising trade unions in large towns and minorities of craft and industrial unions.

This is the record of one year of propaganda and organization. This is the record of an international of action — or revolutionary action and not of words.

Next year will be the Waterloo of the Yellow International.

WHERE REDS ARE SAID TO CONTROL

The clothing trade of the United States is alleged by the employers to be in the hands of the Reds.

Although a few years ago, this trade was one of the worst paid in the country, the conditions obtaining being most shameful, today the clothing workers are excellently organized and are among the most militant in the country.

The workers are preponderantly of foreign birth. They still are regarded as "dirty foreigners" — but are setting the pace for the "native" worker.

The bosses, however, do not hesitate to use every method to stigmatize them; race antagonism, appeals to patriotism, and playing on the conservatism of the "American" worker are the favorite themes.

There are about 600,000 workers in the industry, more than 55 per cent of whom are organized. Most of the workers are employed in small factories, 86 per cent of the establishments employing less than 50 workers each. There is only a small proportion of highly skilled workers. More than 60 per cent of the Wage-earners are women and girls, chiefly of Jewish, Italian and Slavish extraction.

Through the agreements made with the employers, the workers are getting an insight into the managerial side of the industry, thus preparing themselves for the final control of the industry. The bosses have been fighting this tendency most bitterly, but the determination of the workers and their solidarity during strikes, have won for them this concession.

The rank and file of these unions are demanding control of all union and shop activities. When this has been achieved, there will be control as Reds understand it. Then the road to revolution will be open.

MARX AND BOLSHEVISM IN CHINA

Arthur Rugh, a Y. M. C. A. worker in China, told the Chicago Association of Commerce that 76 new American firms opened for business in the one city of Shanghai last year, and that American trade in that country had doubled over any previous similar period. To insure the redemption of China, he said, American business men must send religion to its people. Otherwise political corruption will render the country helpless.

Already American business is getting a good start in China, Rugh said. "I have had the pleasure of traveling through most of the provinces out in far distant places, and I have never yet got beyond the Standard Oil tin cans and the Chicago mail order house catalog."

However, it is urgent that more American business be inaugurated in the republic, for very good reason, according to Rugh.

"I want to read you some of the titles that I have gleaned out of the recent Chinese magazines so that you will get an idea of what is being discussed over there," he said. Here is the list:

"The Social Revolution."
"The Russian Revolution."
"New Theories of Economics."
"Introduction of the Proper Distribution of Wealth."
"The Foundation of Anarchism and the Society of Anarchists."
"Labor Problems in Europe and America."
"Welfare, Soviet, Communist, Labor Regulations."
"Study of Karl Marx' Life."

"BARBAROUS" MEXICO

There is no question that Mexico cannot be yet called a civilized nation. For that reason, it is quite logical for the American capitalist government to refuse to "recognize" the Mexican government.

Mexico refuses to hand over all her oil resources to greedy American capitalists! Therefore, she is not civilized. Mexico refuses to purchase any non-union goods! Therefore, she is not civilized. More than that: having discovered that certain goods to be forwarded to Mexico were made in open shops, the Mexican government has cancelled the contracts. Which proves conclusively that Mexico is absolutely barbarous.

The Mexican government intends placing large orders for farming machinery, carts, harness, tools for well drilling, automobiles, trucks, tractors and other goods. The goods, will be distributed to the farmer, who will receive a wage of one peso a day up through their first harvest and be permitted to pay back the cost of the machinery on long terms, with interest at 1%, to cover the cost of handling the goods.

Private importers must pay a duty of 35%; the government imposes no duty on the goods that it purchases itself. Hence, if the private purchasers order non-union goods, they will be at a decided disadvantage.

All of these acts prove that Mexico has not reached a stage of civilization meriting the recognition of her government by "our" government.

TRIES TO CONTEST PRATT

To the Editor of the Truth:—

James Pratt of Minneapolis gave my letter a respectful attention and that is worth something.

Now, I didn't say, "all we have to do is to go to the polls and vote". There is more work to do than just to vote, and I wish to call your attention to the fact that the privilege to vote is not such an au-factly "old notion" either. In fact, it is so young that it hasn't had a fair try-out yet.

Mr. Pratt says: "a friendly judge cannot be elected simply because the capitalist won't let it be done." I hope he won't say this same capitalist will let an I. W. W. class conscious government be established! The very fact that "they won't let it be done" is good reason that it must be done, and the Berger together with the New York socialist incident proves conclusively the worth of voting, only there was not enough voters or party strength to carry respect, thanks to the missing vote of the I. W. W. who, by the way, voted with the capitalist (the winning party) when he did not vote.

Yes, the German socialists fell down all right. They (not all) fell down when they voted the war credit which was the greatest blunder of the twentieth century, and it was the direct cause of the rest of all the misery of the last seven years.

But suppose the Montana farmers had refused to put in another crop because of the hailstorm and the grasshoppers? We cannot quit because of a failure here and there.

Sure, it is too bad that one lone man in Congress could not revolutionize industry before sun down.

The capitalists are willing to pay millions of dollars to elect their men to Congress in spite of the fact that they own the industry. They do this to retain their ownership. It is a fact that by legislation men can be deprived of their property, yes, even their life. The I. W. W.'s refuse to use this power and the worst of it is they donate it to the capitalists gratis.

"I know that the workers have to take up political action in the time of revolution." Good for Pratt! But if he is so blind that he can't see the revolution in progress now, it is useless to waste any more space.

Yes the voting power was obtained for the very purpose to take over the state by the worker whenever they felt like doing it.

T. G. LEE.

CALEB HARRISON

This splendid man is coming to Duluth and will speak in Workers Hall Tuesday, September 13. There will be further announcement of this. Do not let any other engagement allow you to miss hearing Caleb Harrison.

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TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY

You've left the flanks of Labor's ranks,
You've thrown away your false attire;
Your emblem once was Labor-red
Which gained respect and did inspire.
But now you've shown your inner-heart
Which Mammon claims of his is part.

Go aid the plute to get his loot
And take his ethics as your own.
Go kneel to Press and Profiteer—
But know you do it all alone.
Your traitorism, now revealed,
A scanty flock to you will yield.

No more a light in Labor's fight,
No more a herald of the New.
A force in Old Reaction's camp—
But thanks to earth—you are so few!
Farewell to you, new renegade,
We carry on the old plans laid.

To Freedom surges Toil of earth,
No group like yours can check its speed,
For hundreds join us every day
And new men come to take the lead.
We still stand firm, our power grows,
The day we'll rule there's none that knows.
—HAL BROMMELS.