

RUSSIAN REVOLTS LARGELY PRESS STORIES

Paris Newspapers Printing Stories Before Trouble Started

Kronstadt Trouble Result of French Con- spiracy

While the press propaganda on affairs in Soviet Russia has not been quite as startling during the past week as it was the week previous, yet it has followed the same lines. As an instance of press veracity the "news" items in the early part of the week were a fair sample. One newspaper carried on the front page two items, that to say the least were somewhat contradictory. One of these articles dealt with the internal difficulties that were having to be coped with, due to the counter revolution, and the other announced that some eighteen to twenty divisions of Bolshevik troops were advancing on Poland, a somewhat peculiar condition if the Soviet regime was facing a counter revolutionary movement, the following dispatch from the Federated Press will give some little light on the recent troubles in Soviet Russia, and will at the same time refute the press propaganda that has been carried on during the past two weeks:

(By the Federated Press
New York (N. Y. Bur.)—The "revolts mutinies and uprisings" which once more—in the columns of the anti-Soviet press of France, England and America—are bringing about the "collapse" of the Russian government, consisted in fact of czarist and foreign plots, plus an unsuccessful attempt to foster strikes in Moscow and Petrograd following an equalization of food rations which cut off extra rations to employees of the government-printing factory. The Petrograd and Moscow disturbances ended almost immediately. The Kronstadt revolt does not menace Petrograd, and dissension and fighting already is in progress among the mutineers.

These facts—the first complete and authentic ones describing this latest propaganda assault upon Russia—are set forth in detail by the Russian Telegraph Agency, the official Russian news bureau, in dispatches from Moscow. The news was given out by the Soviet Russia Bureau, which received the facts by Marconigram from Christiania. The dispatches add that the coun-

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JUGOSLAVS PUT UP GOOD SCRAP

Workers Struggle Against Government Brings Results

Vienna—From the mass of conflicting reports received here as to the status of the Labor movement in Yugoslavia, following the drastic measures of repression adopted by the government to crush the general strike called by the Communists at the end of the year, two features stand out. One is the fighting spirit of a large number of the Yugoslav workers, and the other is the determination of the business interests to take advantage of the reign of martial law to break up the unions at all costs.

In connection with the transportation through Croatia of some of the remnants of Baron Wrangel's counter-revolutionary troops, who had been landed in Dalmatia, there were hostile demonstrations at many of the railroad stations, and at Vokovar, Stephen Sponocer, a leader of the demonstrators, was shot and killed.

Hundreds of mine workers who resisted efforts to cut wages and increase working hours, have been thrown into jail and subjected to abuses. The Yugoslav government, however, does not feel any too confident in its strength, so it is now busily making promises of better treatment of the unions and a restoration of civic rights in the near future.

WE NEED IT NOW
While May Day has been set as the closing date for the raising of \$5,000 for the Federationist, it should be understood that we need it NOW.

Meetings in O. B. U. Hall

For the Coming Week

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SUNDAY—Irish Self Determination League.

MONDAY—Piledrivers.

WEDNESDAY—General Workers' Unit.

THURSDAY—Dance, 9 to 12.

FRIDAY—Whist Drive and Dance, 9 to 1.

SATURDAY—Dance, 9 to 12.

OLD CLOTHES FOR OUR HEROES

Willing to Work But Must Accept Charity

Ex-service men who were engaged on the fields of France and Flanders, making democracy safe for the ruling class, and who are now on the bread line and unable to secure the necessities of life, are learning a very valuable lesson these. The following item appeared in a local paper on Wednesday: "The clothing given to the Returned Soldiers Club in response to the recent appeal, has all been put to good use, and further supplies are now urgently needed. The returned men have without exception readily grasped all opportunities for work. Many of them are very badly off for clothes, and with the weather as it is they are suffering a good deal.

The business man is again asked to dig up some more suits, overcoats, boots, etc., and advise the club immediately.

Is every comfortable, well-fed, well-clothed civilian doing his bit in this little matter, asks the chairman of the finance committee. Poverty is usually attributed to idleness and lack of thrift on the part of the individual, in view of the statement that the returned men have "readily grasped all opportunities for work," the unemployed returned men are evidently not to blame for their poverty, which makes it necessary that old clothes be collected to protect them from the weather. No doubt the returned heroes are flattered by the news items that appear in the press from time to time along similar lines to the above, but they will have considerable to do before they attain that which they were supposed to fight for. Oh, where are those specious promises which were made when "our empire" was in danger? Are they concealed in the linings of old clothes?

SEND QUININE TO SOVIET RUSSIA

Millions Suffer From Malaria Without Neces- sary Medicines

A special dispatch has just been received from Moscow in which Prof. Martynovskiy advises that there are about ten million sufferers from malignant malaria in Russia at this time. The quinine on hand in all Russia with which to combat this pernicious disease amounts to about 5000 lbs. A mere drop in the bucket.

Immediately upon receipt of this dispatch, the Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee decided to use all the funds which it has on hand, about \$3000, for the purchase of quinine and other drugs to help relieve this deplorable situation. But this will not go very far in view of the great need.

The steamer Lackawanna Valley is now loading at pier 22, Brooklyn, with goods and medical supplies for Soviet Russia. It will sail about March 20.

The Indian Cove, Nova Scotia, miners have won their strike.

BRITISH FIRM GETS BIG ORDER

Twenty Locomotives Per Week for Soviet Russia

One of the biggest orders now being executed in Great Britain for Soviet Russia, owing to the signing of the trade agreement, is by the well-known firm of Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. This firm will immediately begin the shipping of Russian locomotives via the river Tyne at the rate of "over twenty a week." This contract is expected to run for several years.

Other contracts with various British firms include vast orders of clothing, foodstuffs, machinery, etc.

FED. DANCE
Don't forget the Federationist Dance on Friday, March 25, in the Pender Hall, Pender Street West. Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c. Tickets at Fed. office or any member of the Women's Auxiliary of the O. B. U.

Another Four Thousand Wanted and Wanted Quick

THE first thousand has been raised. But we need the other four thousand dollars, and need it quick. The price of paper is still high, and there is no sign of advertisers coming through. The boycott against this paper is evidently still on, and workers are still patronizing those who do not advertise in the Federationist. We must have the money and the active support of the workers or fail in our efforts to keep a real live working-class publication in existence. The appeal has been made and it is now up to the workers to deliver the goods.

One of the most encouraging features of the campaign is the support that is being given to the drive for funds by all kinds of working-class organizations. Many of the International unions have realized that without a paper such as the Federationist they are helpless when it comes to a struggle with the employers, and are giving both money and time in the effort to keep the Federationist in the field.

From far eastern Canada to Prince Rupert in the North, workers are rallying to the aid of the Federationist, but there seems to be some idea that it will do next week. This is not the attitude that will get results. Now is the time to get busy. Now is the time the money is needed.

RUSSIA LAUGHS AT REVOLT NEWS

Kronstadt Is the Only Re- bellious Spot in Country

The following cablegram has been received from Moscow in reference to newspaper stories: Moscow.—The fantastic stories abroad about revolutions, street fights and mutinies in Petrograd, Moscow and other cities are pure inventions. The Kronstadt affair is a separate incident without effect anywhere else.

A gang of Czarist generals and French spies took advantage of dissatisfaction among the Kronstadt sailors, whose extra rations were temporarily revoked; but now that the counter-revolutionary schemes of the plotters have been revealed, the sailors are deserting the generals and their gang. The reactionaries still control the battleship "Petropavlovsk," but our fortress guns are speedily ending the adventure. The reason this was not done earlier is that we wanted to spare the ship and the men imprisoned aboard her.

The Soviet forces, under the personal command of Trotsky and Tuchachevsky, have the situation well in hand. Moscow is as peaceful as a Sunday in a New England village. Mild excitement, not unaccompanied with movement, was caused by the receipt of wireless messages from abroad telling of bloody fights here. The alarmist reports are obviously aimed at preventing the attainment of peace between Russia and England and America.

"HELPING" THE UNEMPLOYED

Canadian Government Is Seeking Immigrants as Thousands Starve

While many thousands of workers in this country are unable to secure work, and face starvation, the Canadian government is carrying on an immigration policy in Great Britain, which if successful, will only swell the ranks of the jobless slaves of this country. The following item is taken from the Blackburn (England), Times of Feb. 19 of this year, and demonstrates the policy that the Canadian government is pursuing:

Canada's Call for Emigrants
In the Co-operative rooms, Northgate, last week, Mr. F. W. Kerr, Canadian government immigration agent, delivered a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on "Canada, an asset of Empire." The lecturer said that any man with grit and determination was assured of success in Canada, and if he sought advice from the Canadian government before emigrating, he could obtain employment at any time, except one or two months in the year, for which he should set aside enough money to keep himself. In Canada there was enough latent wealth to settle all the financial problems with which this country was confronted today. It was intimated that intending emigrants could obtain further information from the offices of the Canadian government, at 48 Lord Street, Liverpool.

BIG DAMAGE SUITS AGAINST U. S. UNION

Amalgamated Clothing Workers Being Sued for Million and Half Dollars

New York.—Filing of a sixth suit against the Amalgamated Clothing Workers by Frauhauf Bros. and Company brings the total of damages in suits pending against the union to \$1,500,000. The firms which now claim damages against the Amalgamated and the amounts which they claim are as follows: Michaels, Stern & Co., Rochester, \$100,000; Rogers, Peet & Co., \$200,000; J. Friedman Company, \$500,000; Joseph Skolny & Co., \$250,000; Heideberg, Wolff & Co., \$250,000; Frauhauf Bros. & Co., \$250,000.

There is too much canned fish in British Columbia and elsewhere, hence fishing will be largely abandoned this year!

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR SPRING DRIVE

But Only with An Army of Work- ers to Carry on Production of Commodities

Moscow.—The instructions of the last All-Russian congress have to a large extent been carried out. The peasants have already received their seed and the completion of the equipment necessary for the spring work. Three thousand steam plows and about 800,000 plows of every sort have been made available. Many of the minor manufacturing plants are being used for repairs of agricultural implements and for the manufacture of new tools.

ANOTHER DANCE ON APRIL 1

Junior Labor League Is Active These Days

The next two or three weeks will see plenty of things doing for the members of the Junior Labor League, of which one of the most important will be the dance on Friday, April 1, in Coddilion Hall, in aid of The B. C. Federationist Maintenance Fund. Tickets for this event can be obtained from members of the League, and at The Federationist office. Any one willing to assist the fund by selling these tickets, can obtain them at The Federationist office, Pender Street.

On Friday next, Good Friday, the majority of the members of the League will (weather permitting) climb Grouse Mountain, starting in the morning, and returning by way of Capilano Park to take in the picnic that is to be held there. But good weather or bad, climb or no climb, the young people intend to be on hand for the dance in Pender Hall for The Federationist Maintenance Fund on that night. For information regarding the climb, phone Fair, 3038L.

There will be no regular meeting of the League until the educational meeting on April 8, after the business meeting tonight, which will be held at 3343 Windsor street, half a block from Kingsway. Plans are being made to have a celebration on the second anniversary of the forming of the J. L. L. on April 9. All young people are invited to attend the economic class, held by the J. L. L. at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons in the F. L. P. hall, 148 Cordova street west.

C. N. U. X.
The Canadian National Union of ex-service men, has opened offices at 148 Cordova street west, in the Federated Labor Party hall. Any one wishing to join up or to seek information regarding the above union, the offices will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. daily.

WANTS POWERFUL BUILDING TRADE UNION

British Building Trades Are Con- tinuing Process of Forming One Big Union

Barrow.—At a gathering of members of the Building Trades Amalgamation, George Hicks, general secretary of the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives, strongly appealed for a solid backing of the national movement. He welcomed the combination already achieved, but he wanted to see the workers of the whole building industry in one great union, which could say, "That is our case," and have the power to win."—Daily Herald.

J. HARRINGTON AT THE EMPRESS

Will Speak on the Paris Commune of 1871

An audience of fully 1200 people awaited the rise of the curtain at the Empress last Sunday night. After a short talk by the chairman, the speaker of the evening, Comrade J. Harrington, was called upon. In the course of his address, which lasted one hour, the speaker made many telling points, which were well received.

Outlining the situation in Germany, and dealing with the question of indemnity payment by that narrow country, Comrade Kavanagh showed that it is but one of many problems with which the master class have to deal. A clever analysis of the Russian situation, with a speculation as to the possibility of a spring offensive against the Soviet government was also given.

Vigorously condemning the reactionary attitude of Kautsky, Snowden and Thomas towards the Russian dictatorship, the speaker stated that these individuals were supplying the most effective arguments used by the Allied statesmen against Soviet Russia. But the workers are at last beginning to open their eyes, after ages of slavery, and what is more significant, are beginning to talk and act. Russia is the one country in the world where the workers are in full control. He urged the audience to see to it that the magnificent effort of the Russian workers was supported both by word and deed. Briefly dealing with the local unemployed situation, and making humorous references to the Canadian navy in the harbor of Vancouver, the speaker pointed out that the only question worthy of serious consideration by the workers, was the question of their own emancipation from wage slavery.

Next Sunday, J. Harrington will lecture on "The Paris Commune" of 1871. A great meeting is anticipated.

DEMONSTRATION FOR PRITCHARD

Plans for Meetings, Etc., Will Be Announced Later

A large committee met on Friday last to consider ways and means of holding a demonstration on the return of W. A. Pritchard to Vancouver. It was decided to hold a mass meeting on the Cambie Street grounds and three meetings on Sunday, April 3, the date which Pritchard had stated he would be back. The arrangements are, however, likely to be upset somewhat owing to the fact that Pritchard is in ill health and has been forbidden by the doctor to speak. Latest advices are that he will arrive on the 24th or 27th, and final arrangements for the demonstration will be decided upon by the committee on Friday night at a meeting in Pender Hall. Full announcements will be made in the next issue of the Federationist and by whatever other methods are found to be necessary.

Revelstoke Helps

Comrade P. R. Johnson, Revelstoke, B. C., collected the sum of \$26 in that district for the Maintenance Fund. He turned this amount in to the Federationist office before he left for Europe.

WANTS TO BOOST FEDERATIONIST

Practical Sympathy Is Shown by Kamloops Secretary

Letters from all parts are daily being received, promising support to The Federationist. This is very gratifying, and in view of the idea that some people have about the Junior Workers in their attitude to The Federationist, the following letter will be enlightening:

A. S. Wells,
C/o B. C. Federationist,
342 Pender Street West,
Vancouver, B. C.
Fellow Worker:
Will you please furnish me with some subscription blanks for The Federationist as I believe that I can get quite a few subscribers in this city.

The Federationist is in growing demand here, and although we need, and are now getting out our own paper to specialize in the work of our industry, we will never be without lots of Federationists, both in the office and in the camps. I feel sure that The Federationist, and the Worker will work together for the common cause, and there is certainly plenty of work for both of them, and plenty of workers to support them both in good shape. I remain, yours for education,
W. S. KILNER,
Secretary-treasurer,
Kamloops District.

WORKERS WILL NOT ACCEPT WAGE CUT

Building Trade Workers Decide to Go into the Contract Business

St. Paul.—Plans for the establishment of a corporation composed entirely of workers to contract with prospective builders for the erection of buildings here are rapidly being completed by members of organized labor in this city. The corporation will operate in a co-operative manner, with each worker owning stock and having one vote in the determination of the policies of the company.

The project is the result of the breach between the employers and the workers in the building trades, the former having declared a wage reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent, to which the workers say they cannot agree.

Hand your neighbor this copy of The Federationist, and then call around next day for a subscription.

WON'T DO ANY MORE FIGHTING

Ex-Service Men See the Nature of Capital- istic Wars

A well attended meeting of the Canadian National Union of ex-service men, was held in the O. B. U. hall on Wednesday evening, when quite a number of new members joined the organization.

The more revolutionary portions of the preamble and objects were exceptionally well received by the audience, and the determination to never again be used in the fighting of battles for the preservation of capitalism was much in evidence.

Mrs. Rose Henderson addressed the meeting, and her remarks against war were well received. The membership is determined that no one of commissioned rank shall be admitted to membership.

Two clauses in the constitution display its working class character, and an understanding of the way, and the manner of obtaining a living affect their actions.

Sec. 3, Art. 1, reads: It shall at all times co-operate with Labor for the purpose of presenting a united front to the common enemy.

Sec. 1, Art. 2: No member of the Canadian National Union of ex-service men, who is a member of a fraternal order or other ex-service men's organization, or of the Dominion or Provincial civil service, or who holds an appointment under the Dominion or Provincial government, shall be eligible for election to an official position.

The office of the secretary is at 148 Cordova street west, F. L. P. hall. He will be there from 2 to 5 p.m. daily for the purpose of receiving applications for membership. The next meeting will be held in the Loggers hall, on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m.

Just a few copies of that remarkable book "Red Europe" left. Rush in your order. Fifty cents, post-paid from this office.

LETTS PROTEST AGAINST TERROR

Latvia Breaking Up the Meetings of Socialists

Stockholm.—Unless the reign of reactionary terrorism said to prevail in the Republic of Latvia is put an end to within a short time and the constitutional rights of free speech, press and assembly restored to the Lettish citizens, the Lettish labor unions will ask the International Federation of Trade Unions to rally the forces of the world against the government headed by President Ularis, says an appeal sent out by the Central Bureau of the Lettish Trade Union League and found in a recent issue of Arodecks.

The protests of the Lettish unionists against the breaking up of Socialist meetings in Libau have already caused the appointment of a parliamentary investigating committee, reports the Socialdemokrater. Early in January the reactionary minister of the interior forbade the observance of the anniversary of Red Sunday.

JOHN HOUSTON PASSES OUT

Veteran Propagandist Will Be Missed By Workers

John Houston, Socialist propagandist and editor of the O. B. U. Bulletin, has passed to the great beyond. Stricken at his post, John, who owed no allegiance to any, but the class to which he belonged, laid in the hospital for eight weeks, suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia, and on Friday last he expired. That Comrade Houston will be missed in the middle west there is no doubt, for he was well known in all the towns and cities from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw, at which places he has often expounded the working class philosophy.

Winnipeg, where the deceased made his home for many years, has lost a worthy stalwart of the working class movement, and the young men of that city have lost a teacher whose interest in the rising generation of workers was unlimited.

Whist Drive and Dance

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GERMAN WORKERS BATTLE AGAINST CAPITALISM

No Matter What Their Bosses' Nationality May Be

Ally to Use Germany as
Buffer Against
Russia

(Cable from Louis F. Lochner)
Berlin.—The workers of the Rhineland will continue their battle for better living conditions and the dethronement of capitalism whether their bosses be of German or Allied nationality. This they made clear in resolutions adopted at a meeting in Dueseldorf of trade union executives and delegates from the Central Federation of Labor.

"Our economic struggle is not for or against one or the other national groups, but against capitalist exploitation," said the resolution. The statement admonished the workers to be orderly and observant of regulations just as if German authorities were still in charge.

The Communist Party is planning to hold mass demonstrations to urge an alliance with Russia as Germany's only salvation. The Independent Socialists are planning to hold mass meetings all over the country in common with the adherents of the Vienna International to demand the revision of the peace treaty on the basis of self-determination of peoples, the abolition of militarism and the solution of the country's economic problems in accordance with the principles of international solidarity.

Later opinion here finds no convolt and the advance of the Allies upon the Rhineland. Wigdor Kopp, head of the Russian Soviet bureau in Berlin, declares categorically that the reports alleging Petrograd to be in the hands of counter-revolutionists are pure fiction. He admits that the city population was disintegrated because of the lack of food and fuel, but says that they were satisfied by the explanations offered by the government.

Nowhere, he says, were resolutions against the Soviet government adopted by the workers meetings. Only in Kronstadt did the counter-revolution meet with any success, but Kopp believes that this will be of short duration.

The attitude of the United Communist Party toward Allied aggression is expressed in the following manifesto addressed to the French workers, issued shortly

UNEMPLOYED TO MEET SUNDAY

Parade Will Be Held if the Weather Permits—Big Crowd Expected

Owing to the inclement weather prevailing last Sunday, the unemployed meeting, which was to have been held on the Cambie street grounds, was held in the Pender Hall. J. G. Smith was unanimously chosen as chairman. The report of the meeting of the week before, and the Tuesday evening meeting, with reference to the rock pile, was read and adopted.

It was moved and seconded: That the clothing donated by the relief committee for children, up to ten years old, be sent to Sam Guthrie, M. L. A. The motion was adopted.

It was also moved that the Council of Workers issue a letter calling on all Labor organizations to send delegates to the Council of Workers, the letter to be published in The Federationist.

J. Kavanagh and W. Blisset gave very interesting addresses on the working class position, pointing out that the wage workers were in a position where they could not help themselves under the present system of society, and urging education as one of the most potent factors in the working class movement. Another meeting will be held on Sunday, and if the weather is fine a parade and meeting on the Cambie street grounds.

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DR. BRETT ANDERSON, formerly member of the Faculty of the College of Dentistry, University of Southern California.

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JUDGE RECEIVES SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR

Refused to Betray the Confidence of a Boy in Court

Boy Helps to Acquit His Mother From Charge of Murder

The United States Supreme court has dismissed the appeal of Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, from the decision of the Colorado Supreme court, imposing a fine of \$500 or a year in jail for his refusal in the trial of a woman for murder, to give as testimony what her boy had told him in confidence, as judge of the juvenile court.

Judge Lindsey Tells the Story Successful work with children in juvenile courts depends not so much upon statute and law books—it depends upon understanding the psychology and physiology of child life; it depends upon knowing the causes of bad things of which lies are often the beginning.

I can say truly that in over 20 years as a juvenile judge, I have had very few, if any, children lie to me. The statement has been frequently made, for example, that girls are bigger liars than boys. During my work, in the war, in courts in foreign countries dealing with children, a common expression was: "These girls are such extraordinary liars." The girls were not liars, the children were not liars; the court was simply a stupid institution that promoted lies and perjury. Why? Because the foolish courts did not know how to lift the spell of fear which was the cause of the lies.

We have established a system in this court of lifting the spell of fear, and then the truth comes in practically every case. But you cannot lift the spell of fear in many cases unless you enter into confidential relations with the child. It is better to get the truth this way than not to get it at all, or to get what courts generally get—a miserable lie.

In the midst of this work there came a mysterious murder case in Denver. A woman was said to have murdered her husband. The woman's small son surprised the prosecuting officers by suddenly appearing one day and declaring that not his mother but he did it. They said the boy was a liar. They brought him to me, as an expert in truth and falsehood. I got the truth out of that boy by lifting the spell of fear by my promise that I would not betray his confidence. But a very able and a very worthy and well-meaning prosecuting attorney, in his zeal to prosecute the mother, called me as a witness to impeach the testimony of the boy which acquitted the mother of the charge of murder.

I refused to betray the boy's confidence. If I had said that he had told me the same story and the next time I was called in some other case I refused to testify, it would have been assumed that I had been told a different story, I could only claim in the interest of truth and justice, the privilege I contended for: That this confidence should be respected by the courts in the interests of truth and justice.

The lower court disagreed with me. I was found guilty of contempt and fined \$500 and costs, with the usual ruling, that unless I paid I should go to jail.

On appeal to the Supreme court of Colorado, four out of seven judges held that technically I should have betrayed the child. Three of the judges, in dissenting, held as I here contend. But one of the four judges was one of my bitter enemies—one of whose relatives had figured in the Beast and Jungle stories. This was the deciding vote.

I therefore say that the decision of the Supreme Court of Colorado is a biased and unjust one and a blow to the child welfare work of this state, which I shall oppose with all the strength of my soul. The Supreme Court of the United States, I understand has held upon some technicality that they could not review the decision—the very unjust decision of our Supreme court.

I would far rather go to jail—and rot in a cell—than to betray the confidence of a child and strike down the big principle we must stand for which makes for truth and justice as against the present one which makes only for lies and injustice. DENVER, BEN B. LINDSEY.

ANOTHER DANCE TO AID FEDERATIONIST

Finnish Workers of the One Big Union Put on Dance to Help Out Our Finances

A whist drive and dance will be held in the Finnish Hall, 2805 Pender Street East on Tuesday evening, March 22. This will be under the auspices of the Finnish Workers' Unit of the O. B. U. in aid of the B. C. Federationist. Tickets: Gents 50c, ladies 25c. Dancing 9 to 1.

Paris.—At a meeting of the former deputies who have decided to obey the edict of the Tours convention and form part of the Communist International it was resolved to organize a Communist group in the Chamber. At a meeting of the deputies who will remain in the old Socialist Party it was announced that 53 of the old 64 Socialist deputies had declared their intention of sticking to the old party.

Moscow.—At the peace negotiations in Riga between representatives of the Polish and Soviet governments the Poles agreed to include White Russians in the "rights of minorities" clause and refused to include Jews.

FORM WOMEN'S LABOR LEAGUE

South Vancouver Women Help the Federationist

On Monday, the 14th inst., the women of South Vancouver assembled in the rooms occupied by the unemployed committee. It had been mooted for some time past in the unemployed meetings that it would be a good thing if they formed themselves into an organization; they therefore proceeded to organize forthwith, naming themselves "The Women's Labor League."

Mrs. G. Corso of Vancouver gave a general explanation of how such bodies were organized elsewhere, and how they functioned and their general purpose. Following her talk officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Drummond; secretary, Miss P. Graham; treasurer, Mrs. D. Rees.

The ladies organized a splendid "Get Acquainted Social" and a most enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday night in the Fraser Hall. An excellent impromptu programme was arranged. Songs and recitations and instrumental numbers were rendered in excellent style.

Following a good supper those present played cards and danced until Sunday morning, dispersing with an enthusiastic rendering of the Red Flag. A collection was taken to defray expenses.

The ladies at their meeting, having a small cash surplus, decided to donate \$5.00 toward the Federationist Campaign Fund.

The next meeting of the Women's Labor League will be held on the corner of 43rd and Fraser on Monday next at 7:30 p.m. All working women are cordially invited.

"PUSH"

Tommy Roberts of Sandon forwards 22 subscriptions to the Federationist in spite of the fact that work is pretty scarce around his district.

And W. M. Chapman of Coleman, Alta., rustles up six subs. and says that he could do better if work was more plentiful.

Gus Larson of Eholt, B. C., appreciates the paper and shows it by adding four new names to our mailing list and collecting \$5.50 for the Maintenance fund.

Of course you cannot expect Tommy Barnard to let the weak go by without getting any new subscribers. He rustles up three more from Vancouver Island.

Carl Ekman of Van Ande joins the band of sub. hustlers this week by forwarding three subs. from his home town.

And here is a little band who have started in to spread the working-class message by forwarding two subs. apiece: L. Garner of Fort Moody, E. L. Johnson of Nelson, N. Cook of Union Bay, H. E. Foster of Powell River, C. B. Bennett of Bridesville.

You can do "your bit" by getting at least one sub. just the same as the following have during the past week: Geo. Dingwall, Jas Lawrie, Mrs. H. Carr, "Vapaus", S. Griffith, R. Lockhead, W. Myntil.

Timmins, Ont., Miners' Union increases its bundle order by 25 a week.

Victoria Longshoremen's Union also increases its bundle by 20 a week.

CAPITALISM IN ALL ITS GLORY

Ten in One Room While One Man Draws Ten Million in Rent

The following items appeared in a recent issue of the Washington Star, a stupid but consistent defender of things as they are:

RENTS for \$10,000,000 "Ten million dollars in rent from one building will be received by Capt. John Jacob Astor during the next 20 years, under the terms of a lease signed up last week in New York City. The property is the Hotel Astor. The block is part of the old Eden estate, which originally sold for \$34,000.

Ten Live in One Room "Ten persons were found living in one room by housing inspectors of Grand Rapids this week. They all eat standing and sleep in shifts. Occupants are a man and his wife, five children, the grandmother, grandfather and a boarder. Three small beds served the whole group."

Some wag of a printer, who had read "Progress and Poverty," might have placed the items together, so that the effect would not be lost on thinking readers. In no other way can we account for the appearance in a landlord's paper of such a powerful argument against capitalism.

MEXICAN WORKERS GIVEN BETTER TREATMENT

Ideal Factory Conditions Prevail in Govt.-Owned Plant

Labor Man Is Director of All Factories in the Country

(By Paul Hanna, Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Mexico City—In one of the long galleries of an ancient convent, I saw 400 Indian girls bending over electric-driven machines, which stitched together army uniforms at the respectable rate of 1000 per day.

In another long, sunny gallery of the same old convent I saw other girls bending before machines which turned out finished underwear for soldiers. In another, overcoats. In another, leggings.

More than 1200 women and men are employed in this, the strangest and most attractive manufacturing establishment I ever heard about. The average wage of the girls is six pesos daily, which is very good for Mexico. The work day is eight hours.

Some of the women employed here are married and have babies. In another cheerful gallery of the building I saw a score of these babies. They ranged in age from three months to three years. Some of them were asleep in spotless swinging cradles, while others played about upon a thick carpet laid over with a washable cover.

Three times a day the mothers of these babies are invited to leave their whirling machine and come to this restful nursery to feed their infants at the breast. Two mothers were so engaged as our party passed the scene while a third infant cried heartily for the mother who had already been sent for.

All the babies of women employed in this establishment are dressed at the expense of the government, which owns the factory. Every morning, as their mothers deposit them and depart for the sewing galleries, the babies are bathed, subjected to medical examination, weighed and dressed in fresh clothing. Food is supplied by the management to all those old enough to take "government rations."

Three months before her child is born an expectant mother drops her work and remains at home. Her normal wage continues to be paid, however. Such payments continue until the baby is three months old, at which time the mother is expected to resume work. Medical service is furnished the mother and child during those critical six months.

A small but impressively modern hospital, with physicians and nurses, is part of this factory's equipment. When the electric current is automatically cut off at noon the workers proceed to the factory restaurant to enjoy its cheap meals unless they choose to gather in one of the many sunlit courtyards and there dispose of the lunch they have brought from home.

In turning the old convent into a model factory, the present management has been careful to preserve its rare architectural beauty. Innumerable charming cloisters remain as they originally were, save for the scrupulous cleaning to which they have been subjected. One gallery is being converted into a motion picture theatre, and another into a night school for operatives.

The street approach to this factory is adorned by banks of bloom in flower, among which an American is pleased to find calendula panicles and something very like our wild daisy, in great abundance. Within two minutes after a woman in our party had remarked upon the beauty of these flowers, a smiling attendant had filled her arms with two bouquets of them.

Soldiers' uniforms are turned out at this government factory at a total cost to the taxpayer of \$3 each. And because the efficiency of the plant is being increased simultaneously with the rapid demobilization of the Mexican army, plans are being considered to make a part of its equipment available for supplying civilian needs. A shoe factory is being installed, and one section of the plant is already devoted to the manufacture of army bugles, which hitherto have been imported, to the delight of foreign profiteers.

Luis Morones, president of the Mexican Federation of Labor, and now director-general of all government factories, is primarily responsible for the social, mechanical and financial virtues which it displays. His immediate charge is Mr. Angel Zamora, aided by an enthusiastic corps of assistants. The factory is situated in the Tacubaya suburb of Mexico City.

Skeptical Americans, who are not impressed by the humanitarian phases of this extraordinary establishment, would do well to examine it at close range, to behold the speed and accuracy with which Mexican girls can work, the excellence of their output, the charm of their surroundings, the elaborate cost charts created by Manager Zamora, and finally, to discover that this demonstration of modern industrial efficiency is the exclusive accomplishment of Mexicans. No alien has contributed to its creation.

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MORE STRIKE LEADERS JAILED

Rumania Govt. Still After the Rebellious Workers

Vienna—The Roumanian courts continue working overtime in their efforts to hand out prison sentences to practically all the leaders of the general strike called last October in protest against the maintenance of military rule and the suppression of civic rights. A report just received here, via Sofia, says the Trajan Banat, a well known leader of the Banat, has been sentenced to serve ten years, and that some 90 of his comrades have received sentences of from five to ten years.

In an appeal to the workers of other countries sent out by the executive committee of the Communist group of the Roumanian Socialist Party, the Roumanian Bojars (agrarian aristocrats), are branded as the equals in ferocity of the Horthy White terrorists of Hungary.

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Camp Reports

KAMLOOPS BRANCH

The organizer has been to the eastern end of the district, and first took in the camps at Golden. From there he is working back along the main line and any branch lines where there are men working on in the bush. A partial report, covering his activities in the Golden camps is as follows: Receipts: Dues, \$147; sale of literature, \$2; total, \$149. Expenses—Transportation, \$18; postage and telegram, \$11; total \$29; remitted, \$100; on hand, \$48. The wages have not been deducted in this report, but will be figured when this trip is finished, and a summary of the trip will be given.

It is clearly shown here that an organizer was needed on the road. We will soon have to hire a truck, for the mailing list is growing every day. The office is getting into touch with all parts of the district, and the only way this could be brought about was by somebody getting in to these places and making things up. Things are going to be a little slow in some parts for a while, because of the snow going off and stopping the hauling, but if the camps that are working will stay on the job, and send in all the news they can, we will have a running start in this district when things do begin to pick up. Keep alive, fellow workers, and boost the L. W. I. U. every minute you are on the job. Once we get the real spirit of solidarity, there is nothing able to stop us from making our own conditions, and living a little more as men should live.

The organizers report shows poor conditions at Golden, as follows: Headquarters camp—This was a pretty nice camp when I was here two years ago. It was nice and clean, with single bunks, springs and mattresses. Now they have a few double-decked wooden bunks with hay in them, mixed in with the single bunks. The refuse from the kitchen is thrown behind the bunkhouse for the pigs, and they might as well put it in front of the kitchen for the pigs running loose, it could not be any dirtier than it is now.

Camp No. 4—Two bunkhouses, with 52 men to each house. No bath or dry-house, and an imitation wash house. There are cracks in the floor an inch wide. The meat is hung on a pole between two trees, with nothing over it but the trees and the blue sky. The meat is as black as a piece of coal, and all the rain and snow falls on it, and the bluejays, moose-birds and squirrels feed on it before the men get it.

Camp No. 5—Two bunk-houses, 26x20, with eight-foot pitch to the roof, both built into one building, with wash-house in between. Bunks for 56 men in each room. The wet clothes are hung on racks in the bunk-houses to dry the same, as it was 20 years ago. No springs or mattresses, and very little hay to sleep on. The kitchen is in fair condition.

There are a few good union men in these camps, and after the others have gone back to the prairie with a little hard work, we should be able to organize these camps 100 per cent. Come on, fellow workers, organize in the L. W. I. U. and stand solid as union men, and demand better sanitary and living conditions, and the eight-hour working day.

(Signed) Organizer No. 3571. All camp reports so far have shown that conditions on the whole are bad all over the district. There is just one sure way to remedy this. That is by organizing and acting on the job. If you believe in this organization, you can't do it all. We can only make a start, and then it is up to the men on the job to carry on the work, and make the camp 100 per cent.

The health inspector from Victoria was here this week, and I had quite a talk with him, and showed him a long list of camp reports which complained of poor conditions. I gathered from our talk that they are able and willing to do a certain amount of enforcing of the Health Act. The rest is up to us. There are clauses in the act that have loopholes in them that make it impossible for the inspectors to enforce them. If they cannot do so, we can, providing we organize and get a little more fight into us. If it's up to us, then let's go, and the sooner the better. The inspector has gone up the North Thompson.

Reports from Camps and from Other Branches
Cranbrook—A meeting was held at Cranbrook of the executive board. It was moved and carried that the membership take action to force the employers to furnish blankets, abolish the eight-hour working day (with a 14 minimum wage by June 1). A referendum ballot is being taken on these questions. Secretary Bidder reports things to be a little quiet in that country at present on account of no snow, and it being too wet to haul on trucks. Most of the sawmills will open this month, and times will be better by the 1st of May.

Prince George Branch—The strike at Swenney's camp has been settled. The P. G. E. Railway is trying to flood the country with men for the work that they are going to do this spring, so don't be in a hurry to go there for a job because it only means low wages and long hours.
Edmonton Branch—Things are quiet here owing to the spring break-up; wages offered for farmhands, \$35 to \$40 a month for good men. The miners at Brule are still fighting. The bosses have declared for an open shop, and are now backing the internationals, as well as the O. B. U.

cured, have shipped in a bunch of Japs and Hindoos. The business men of Merritt must be called as the switch or perhaps they think that the Orientals will be good spenders. When they get a town well filled up with Orientals, then we will make a whistling post of Merritt, and leave it all to them. If it is that class of workers they want, we will give them lots of them.

The North Thompson is getting pretty well finished for the season. A couple of weeks more will see most of the camp closed. Members who just come up from the Boundary country report that things are quiet there, too. The camp at Molson has closed. There are a few men working for Jippos along the Kettle River. Pentecost is quiet, but there will be quite a lot of ditch and road work there a little later on. The Summerland Lumber Co. has been working ten hours a day for \$4 to \$4.50 a day under rotten conditions; double bunks, no springs or mattresses; no ventilation and no toilet. The Okanagan Saw Mills are reported to be closing the camps at Mabel Lake.

It is easy to see that things are bound to be slow at this time of the season. Hang on to a few dollars when you come in, and you will be a little more independent when things open up again, as they are certain to do in a short time. Remember that we carry no blankets after May 1. Why not say that we won't sleep in top bunks. That is the only way we will ever get rid of them. Don't wait for the other fellow when the day comes.

There are some copies of the Brass Check, and 100 Per Cent, by Upton Sinclair on hand. These are books that everybody should read. Prince 55c mailed to you. The March number of the Industrial Pioneer is here and will be sent to you for 25c. Take up a little collection in the camp and get these books for the camp to read. Members who are on the mailing list, and who are leaving the camp or changing their address, should instruct somebody else to get the bundles or notify me if the camp is closing down, and no more papers are to be sent. They all cost money, and we don't want to waste it.

All bunks should be marked and sent in to this office or to headquarters as soon as possible now. W. S. KILNER, Secretary-treasurer, Kamloops District.

PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICT

Since the last District Bulletin, there has been no more camps opened up. Preparations are being made to start the coming camp of Whistler at the Treston Harbor, and by this boat the crews are expected to come up. A crew is also expected for Sedgwick Bay.

Jamieson's and Israel's camp at Port Clements has stopped operations, the equipment having been taken over by the owner, J. R. Morgan, who is running a camp at Surf Inlet.

No news has been heard from Kelly's camp at Cumbehead, nor from Thurston Harbor. While delegates were on the job in these camps, the office was always kept posted on happenings, but those delegates left, this office has not been informed. The necessity of maintaining the delegate system has been referred to before in this Bulletin, and the general convention drew to the attention of the membership the necessity of all camps maintaining delegates, no matter how small the camps might be. Good organization is impossible in the lumbering industry without them, and if the organization does not function in this respect, it will cease to be of value to the membership.

Camps that elect members should see that there is an alternate elected at the same time, so that if the acting delegate is fired or leaves the camp, there will be no delay in carrying on the work. To neglect this detail persistently will only result in the affairs of the organization drifting into the hands of the paid officials by default, and in process of time the membership may wake up and discover that they have a sorap on their hands to regain the power of controlling the activity and policy of their organization from entrenched officials.

The present period of unemployment is a testing time for our scheme of organization. If we can keep the camps organized until the worst over (and the worst is yet to come) we will be in the better shape to make gains to offset the losses we are forced to submit to now.

The L. W. I. U. headquarters and need to liquidate the debts of the organization and perfect it. No returns have been received to date. The sooner the money comes in, the sooner will we have the paper of our own. One hundred copies of the first issue, when ready, have been ordered for this district as a starter.

Copies of "Labor News of Soviet Russia," and "Marriage Laws of Soviet Russia," can be had at 25 cents each, from this office.

"The Brass Check," and "100 Per Cent," and "Profits of Religion," all by Upton Sinclair, will be available shortly. Price to be determined later.

THE REFERENDUM

Resolution by Crawford's Camp, Swanson's Bay

"We, the undersigned, have agreed not to pay any more money into the O. B. U. until we can see and understand what the result is in regard to the split; and furthermore, hear from other camps. You will find the names voted on this statement." (Signed) LOGAN HAZEL, Delegate.

There are 18 men in this camp, and all the members of the L. W. I. U. signed the above—15 in all.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEB., 1931

Dues	\$22.00
Sundries	2.95
Bal. Jan. 31	\$24.95
	\$39.90
Expenses	\$63.04
Hospital smokes, etc.	1.00
Soviet Russia, (Jan.)	20.00
O. B. U. Bulletins	7.50
Rent	12.75
Calendar	7.50
Stamps	4.50
	\$45.25
Bal. Feb. 28	\$16.79
	\$46.25

SUBURBY NEWS.

The unemployment situation is becoming tense, and is the question of the day here as well as in other parts of the country. Camps are closing up. Some of the mines are following suit; for instance, the Murray Mine here has been closed down, approximately 300 men being thrown out of work; and, therefore the army of the unemployed is growing day after day. The unemployed are getting restless, and many of them have no funds, no place to sleep and no food, and it has already occurred that some of them have gone into a restaurant, ordered a meal, but having no money to pay for same, were willing to be arrested, thereby getting a place to sleep and food of some kind. However, they were not arrested, and local "news" have not mentioned about it with even a line.

Some are returned soldiers, and are learning a lesson in "democracy" through bitter experience and hardships, but this may have an effect in bringing the gray matter to the top, so they will be able to understand what bourgeoisie delusion of democracy means, and when they once start to think they will soon start to act for an empty stomach is kind of an uncomfortable and untrusting customer ceaselessly making its demands. The workers have not forgotten the little story about the gypsy's horse; that is, when the horse learned to be with-out eating it—died; but still many of them seem to be willing to try if they couldn't do the same without the grave results that became the lot of the horse. Even horse-sense should be able to understand that the present form of society is not managed for the welfare of all, but only for the privileged few who control ("by divine right") the means of production and of distribution of natural resources which really should be the means of satisfying the wants of the whole society, the means to freedom and happiness, for it is not the brain of one individual that has made it possible for mankind to gain control over nature, and to use nature's forces for its own purposes. It has not been the brain of one man that has made it possible to always use more advanced methods in production as well as in distribution, because it is taking the co-operative activities of the millions of toiling masses, who, however, are always on the brink of want and misery and in times like at present, are compelled to go through great hardships. The "wage" of becoming increasing. Suicide is becoming the fashion of the day. 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Unity of Labor: The Hope of the World

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HISTORY is replete with instances of the ferocity of ruling classes whenever their power has been threatened by the slaves over which they ruled. From the days of the Roman Empire, to the present day, there are numerous examples of just how much credit the ruling powers place in constitutional or moral force, when it is a question of losing power over the slaves on which their wealth and power is based. When Spartacus and his fellow slaves revolted against the power of the Roman dominant class, the ruling class of that day did not rely on any moral suasion, but, as the slaughter of the Appian Way indicated, preferred to rely on force and repression. Spartacus himself was killed in the final battle, and the rest of the defeated slaves were either crucified or cut down without mercy, and the patricians gloated over their butchery. Such, even in the days before Christ, was the outlook and concept of ruling which the dominant class held.

March the 18th, 1871, saw the revolt of the Parisian proletariat, which finally ended in thousands of men, women and children being slain and many others deported to New Caledonia. Denied for many years the right to political activity, and while the enemy in the shape of the German forces were without the gates of Paris, the workers established the Commune. Stories of the alleged atrocities of the workers were circulated by the bourgeoisie, as is usual in all occasions when the slaves revolt against the tyrannies of their masters, but history proves that with the exception of a very few instances of individual activities, the workers' government of Paris was established without disturbance and little bloodshed. True only to its class interests, the bourgeoisie, with the aid of the enemy without the gates, regained power, but at what a cost. Twenty-five thousand men, women and children were slaughtered during the battle on the streets, or after. Thousands died in the prisons, and thousands were deported. Such was the sacrifice the Parisian workers paid for their heroic though futile effort to throw off the shackles of their rulers. This slaughter, however, did not appease the wrath of the bourgeoisie, for twenty-five years the persecution of the workers was carried on, and, as Lissagaray has said:

"What a lesson of revolutionary vigor given to the working men! The governing classes shoot in the lump without taking the trouble to select the hostages. Their vengeance lasts not an hour; neither years nor victims appease it; they make of it an administrative function, methodical and continuous."

While the French were still besieged by the German forces, the class nature of the ruling power was very distinctly brought out by the alliance of the French bourgeoisie with the foreign invader, to resist the proletarian movement which threatened the rule of the French propertied class, and once again proved, without question of doubt, that when class interests are threatened, the ruling classes of different countries are quite willing to drop their differences and fight the force that would appear to challenge their power to rule and rob. Karl Marx, on May 30, two days after the last remnants of the Commune had been destroyed, speaking to the General Council of the Working Men's International Association, of the part played by the Prussians, said:

"That after the most tremendous war of modern times, the conquering and the conquered hosts should fraternize for the common massacre of the proletariat—this unparalleled event does indicate, not, as Bismarck thinks, the final repression of a new society upheaving, but the crumbling into dust of bourgeois society. The highest heroic effort of which the old society is still capable is national war; and this is now proved to be a mere governmental humbug, intended to defer the struggle of the classes, and to be thrown aside as soon as that class struggle bursts in civil war. Class rule is no longer able to disguise itself in a national uniform; the national governments are one as against the proletariat!"

While the Parisian workers may not have had the amount of knowledge that they might have had, yet they were not without some understanding of the Socialist philosophy. They were, however, forced by the conditions that prevailed to make some effort to free themselves from the yoke of their oppressors. Today, however, the revolt of the workers is not confined to any city, nor to any country or continent; it is world wide; and many a lesson can be drawn from the experience of the French workers in those days half a century ago. But many events that are not so far distant, should also be of great value to the world's workers. It is not necessary to turn back the pages of history to those days of the Spartacans to realize just what a ruling

class will do when its power is threatened. There are numerous instances of master class atrocities much closer home than even the French bourgeoisie butcheries in the early seventies.

Class interests always dominate the rulers of any period. It matters not whether their power or their profits are assailed. The Belgian atrocities in the Congo demonstrate to what extent the profit-hungry class will go in order to secure their measure of spoils wrung from the workers of all nationalities, races and creeds. Later we find that when the power of the present rulers is threatened in any country, that all sections of the ruling class combine to resist the power that would appear to be a danger to their rule and domination. One only need to refer to the Finnish White terror, when 60,000 of the proletariat were slaughtered; to Horthy's reign of butchery and torture in Hungary, and to the inhuman blockade of Soviet Russia by the Allies, which has been the cause of the death of thousands and thousands of the Russian people, not to mention the counter-revolutionary forces that have been supported by the French, British and other capitalistic classes in the attempt to overthrow the Russian workers' regime. Countries that have not yet reached the revolutionary stage have also their ruling class atrocities. Only this week we have seen that Dublin was silent, while those who sought freedom from the domination of a class that has, both in India and Ireland, enslaved the people, were hung. The Amritsar massacre in India, and the operations of the Black and Tans in Ireland, all denote the tendencies of a panic-stricken master class, while American red raids a la Palmer, and the gaoling and deportation of thousands of reds, indicate to what length the powers that be will go, in order to retain their power.

Even Canada has not been without its eruptions and its manifestations of the class struggle that is going on. Winnipeg during the 1919 strike was mute witness to the fact that the rulers of this country would be no less arbitrary and repressive in the event of rebellious slaves challenging the authority of the ruling class. But all their struggles will avail the world's bourgeoisie nothing, for the forces of progress cannot be stemmed. They must ever move forward, and the Socialist movement, which was unknown in the days of Spartacus, and but of small moment in the days of the Paris Commune, is now the greatest force in the world, for it is founded on the history of the human race, which since the days when the first shackle was placed on a slave, has been struggling to secure economic freedom and emancipation. That day is now well within sight, and those forces that try to repress the ever-growing tide of protest from the proletariat against their slavery, might well consider the words of Marx with respect to the ruling class in those days following the slaughter of the French workers, when he said:

"Working men's Paris, with its Commune, will be for ever celebrated as the glorious harbinger of a new society. Its martyrs are enshrined in the great heart of the working class. Its exterminators, history has already nailed to that eternal pillory from which all the prayers of their priest will not avail to redeem them."

What can be said of the present dominant class. Is it one whit better than the one that was so ably condemned by Marx? Will its history not point it out for all time as the most merciless and diabolical that the world has ever known, and Russia, mighty Russia, with its martyrs and its heroic proletariat, does she not stand today as a flaming torch lighting the way of the workers of the world to that aim of all human endeavor, liberty, freedom and the right to live? May the lessons of the past be a guide to the workers in the future, and the experiences of our French and Russian comrades be of such value to the working-class movement that the new era may be ushered in by knowledge and an enlightened proletariat. For the prayers of priests, the use of force, or the lying of the capitalistic press, or all combined, cannot stave off the day of the workers' emancipation, but that day can be made easier by the workers if they have the knowledge that will enable them to direct the forces that are at work in society, and which are all working to bring about a new order of society in which only the forces of nature will come under the domination of man.

LIBERALISM has been held up to the workers as the only simon pure brand of politics. Time without end the Liberal party has posed as the friend of labor—at election times—during the late provincial election. The supporters of the present government were found in their proclamations as to what they would do for the workers if only the Oliver administration were returned to power; in fact some of them were so misguided as to pen their intentions with respect to amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act; but to date, and in face of the fact that the government has announced its intention to bring the present session to a close by Easter, no amendments have been introduced to this act. We suppose that the letters promising support to the amendments demanded by the workers are only scraps of paper.

Under the act as it stands at present the worker who is injured in industry is supposed to receive 65 per cent. of the average earnings while incapacitated. While the act specifies this amount it does not take much figuring to find that the workers only receive 46 per cent. of their average earnings, due to the fact that the

average period of incapacity amounts to 30.3 days, and as they are not compensated for the first three days they really only receive the 46 per cent. of their average earnings. The workers are asking for 75 per cent. of the average earnings, but unless those members of the legislature who have promised to support the amendments to the act which have been asked for, the injured workmen will have to grub along on 46 per cent. of \$22.16, which is the average earnings of the workers in this province, and which makes the pittance dole out but little better than the rock pile dole that is now being given to the unemployed.

Another question that has been promised attention by the government and members of the house is the question of company towns. Socialists are criticized for calling workers slaves, but in this province, of which so much is said about its prosperity, there are numerous slave encampments which preclude the workers having any say in the affairs of life, and which even prevent them from buying their hay and oats where and how they desire. One has only to understand just how the workers fare in such places as Ocean Falls, Anyox, Cassidy Siding, Swanson Bay, and many other of these company towns, to realize just how far this slave-town system has spread in British Columbia. So far as we have seen, however, Sam Guthrie is the only member of the House who has raised his voice in protest against the extension of this relic of the feudal system in this province.

If the workers of this particular neck of the woods have any hope of anything that will relieve their misery under the present system by the aid of Liberalism or any other political nostrum, a good dose of Liberalism as delivered by the present administration should cure them. Slaves they are even when living in those places that are not directly controlled by the companies carrying on industry for profit, but that slavery is only intensified in the slave encampments that are so prominent in B. C. While the present system lasts the workers must try and get all that is possible out of life; and while workmen's compensation acts will never remove slavery, and the abolition of company towns will not free the wage workers, yet only the supinest of slaves will kiss the hand that strikes them, be it Liberal or Tory.

Hardly any employing class gatherings are held without a discussion on Bolshevism being started. The Rotarians have been holding a session in Seattle, during the past week and of course the Soviet system was discussed. The remedy for Bolshevism advanced by one gentleman was "education." He suggested that a start might be made on the school children. From the beginning of public school education, it has been the purpose of the ruling class to get control of the minds of the children, but if the knowledge of Bolshevism displayed by the educationists, both of the public schools and the universities, is no greater than that exhibited in the history disseminated to the children in the public schools, we can only conclude that the minds of the rising generation will be overburdened by a further addition of piffle, lies and hypocrisy. Judging from the patriotic humbug and glorification of the most immoral rulers who have cumbered the pages of so-called British history, which most of our demagogues indulge in, we would suggest that those who are to educate the children should first see to it that they are fitted to teach. Parrotting ruling class historians is not, however, educational. All history which is taught in the schools is calculated to conceal the class nature of society and so prepare the child's mind for its future environment under capitalism, which must be wage slavery.

Well "Well" our own dear Harry, not Harry of the smiling face, but Harry Stevens, has come to the rescue. He wishes to offset the forces that are causing unrest, which he claims are a bunch of international spirits deliberately directing the world's unrest. Harry evidently has not yet realized that unrest comes out of conditions and not men's mouths. However, he must have been reading of "our navy" as he calls on the citizens to anchor themselves to those things that have for a thousand years enslaved the working class. It is rotten anchorage, Harry, and will not hold, so try again; you may yet achieve the impossible, but for heaven's sake look out for a "gale."

The United States is sending its fleet to the Pacific. Of course the usual disclaimers about any intimidation have been given out, but we wonder how seriously these apologies will be looked upon by the Japs.

Great Britain is now trading with Soviet Russia. The devil acquiring a taste for holy water would be nothing compared with the grimaces that the British statesmen must have made before swallowing this dose.

The Bishop of Birmingham is alarmed at the spread of Communism. Perhaps the bishop can eliminate the conditions that are responsible for this phenomena; if he can, his masters will reward him suitably.

Sir George Foster is afraid that the British Empire is threatened. Poor Sir George, if he but knew it all, empires that are built on slave labor are not only threatened but due for extinction.

Now that the Bolsheviks have "agreed" to cease their propaganda in the British Empire the made-at-home variety will have its opportunity.

They are still talking beer at Victoria, while society is tottering.

What the Workers Do Not Understand

(By Graham May)

THE AVERAGE working man obviously does not understand two vital factors of the system of society prevailing today. His conversation proclaims this; his replies, in debating on economic and political matters, prove this beyond dispute. Admittance facts daily stare him in the face, yet he does not perceive them.

The two all-important realities he is unaware of are: (1) The slave condition of the working class the world over, and (2) the way the wages system robs them of the greater part of the wealth they produce.

Let us deal with things as we find them. We will consider the first of the above statements.

The working class constitute the vast majority of the community. They must work to provide themselves and their dependents with the means necessary to sustain life. The only alternatives are existing on charity, stealing or starving.

They are propertyless—they own no land nor any means by which wealth can be made by the application of their socially-useful labor power. The only thing they do own is their labor-power—the ability, strength and faculties to work. That labor power has a value, for it has the magic quality of producing wealth when usefully exercised.

The capitalist class, owning all the natural sources of wealth and the means and instruments for its production, are thus intensely powerful through that ownership, and through their appropriation of the wealth as it is daily produced by those who toil for them.

The capitalists are an idle class. The workers' labor-power they make use of for themselves, and appropriate the fruits of labor for one purpose only—their own enrichment. Thus the sole function of the workers under the present system is to produce profit for the capitalist class.

From the time when they "go out to work" till the time when they can no longer toil they must continue to function as mere producers of capitalist wealth. They may change masters; they may suffer want and misery through enforced unemployment and consequent poverty; but they will always have to sell their labor-power (whenever and wherever they can) to a capitalist in order to exist at all. It is impossible, in practically every case, for themselves and that dire necessity. It is impossible to avoid their dependence on being employed by some member of the capitalist class. The latter own the very means of life; they control the conditions of getting a livelihood; the whole economic and political power exerted by them secures their position and maintains their privileged status. As a class they completely control the lives of the indispensable working class the world over. Thus working class will and desires are completely subjected to capitalist class will, interest and dominance.

What else is this but the slavery of the workers? You have today, on one hand, aristocratic and plutocratic dominance and privilege, combined with idleness and exploitation, class rule and social inequality. On the other hand you have a huge class of toilers who are propertyless and exploited wage slaves who produce the wealth of the world, and yet are robbed of the greater part of it in order that their masters may realize a profit out of it.

Now, secondly, it is observable that the average worker does not see how he, or his class, are robbed by capitalist exploitation through the wages system. "Robbed! How robbed? he will say when told of the fact. "I get my wages. I suppose the employer is entitled to make his bit out of it! How am I robbed?"

Possibly he recalls many kinds of robbery—Bribe-taking, piracy, burglary and Dick Turpinism suggest themselves to him. There is no parallel that can be cited he thinks to prove the contention. Well, let us consider wealth-production from its very basis. A worker tries for a job at a firm. He is willing to sell his labor power—his skill and strength—to be used in the production of wealth by applying it to nature-given material. The employer agrees to purchase that labor power for a given period under specified conditions, and for a stipulated sum—termed "wages."

Ascertained facts prove that, on the average, the worker is paid no more for his services than is barely sufficient to reproduce his labor power daily. This labor power has cost certain necessities to produce in the first instance. It has been developed; it must be sustained in a given degree of efficiency. But, in spite

of this, the human machine will and does wear out, just as the one of iron and steel does, and when no longer useful it will have to be replaced.

So not only is an amount of necessities required to maintain him, but an added amount is imperative to bring up children to serve in his stead as wage workers, and who, in their turn, will perpetuate the supply of labor power.

Labor power is really a commodity—bought and sold in the labor market like margarine, and with as little sentiment.

The value of every commodity is determined by the average quantity of labor required under the general conditions prevailing at any given time to produce it. Thus the value, in the form of wages, that is paid to the worker for his labor-power, represents the value of the necessities needed for its production, and therefore is determined by the amount of labor required for that purpose.

Being engaged to work for a stipulated wage the worker has also to labor for an agreed number of hours per day or per week, and under certain other restrictions. He thus sells his labor power for the whole of that time. In fact, the employer has bought it all for that period.

All the wealth the worker produces in that time is appropriated by the employer, and every means is used to extract the utmost value from the worker in the period during which he has sold his labor-power.

When the capitalist buys the worker's labor power he buys it for one special purpose—to get out of the toiler a greater total value than is represented by the worker's wages. If the worker did not produce this surplus value, the capitalist would make nothing by employing him, and would therefore have no inducement to do so.

This value produced by the worker in excess of that contained in his wages, this surplus value as we call it, is value for which the capitalist pays nothing whatever.

The worker thinks he has been paid for his labor. He has not; he has only been repaid the value of his labor-power. He has been paid what his labor-power cost to produce; but the value which that labor-power produces—a far greater quantity—belongs to the capitalist. This increase, this surplus value, which the employer pays nothing for, represents the robbery of the worker.

Thus the robbery of the worker is veiled by the wages system. The paid and unpaid portions of the labor are indistinguishable, and the worker appears to have been paid for the whole.

The process of exchange between capitalists and laborers, resulting in a systematic robbery of the working class, simply continues to keep the workers a wage-slave class in chronic state of poverty, and tends just as surely to enrich the idle capitalists, who exploit them.

We have seen from the first portion of the article that the working class are enslaved under capitalism; we see that labor alone of human factors produces social wealth, but that the greater part of the fruits of the workers' labor is stolen from them.

The only hope of the toilers, the only remedy for all the disastrous results of the slavery of their class, lies in Socialism. While the pernicious capitalist system continues their poverty and misery also will continue.

When the workers understand the real operations and effects of the wages system, and their own class slavery, they will see that no reforms or palliatives can affect their emancipation.

When they understand Marxian economics and Socialism, they will realize that only by their own class-conscious efforts will they free themselves and establish a new and sane social system.

Educated in these things, and organized on the industrial and political fields, they will seize political power and wield it and its forces for the paramount purpose—the establishment of the Socialist Commonwealth.

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DICTAPHONE USED ON DETROIT ELECTRICIANS

Enemies of Organized Labor Use Machine to Discover the Actions of Workers The unscrupulous tactics being employed by the enemies of labor, in their campaign to establish the American plan, are emphasized by the recent discovery of a dictaphone which had been placed in one of the rooms of the Electrical Workers Temple in Detroit. Electrical workers upon coming into the room discovered that the room had been entered and doors and desks had been jimmied, along with the disappearance of \$75 in cash, and scented something besides robbery, they soon found the dictaphone. Upon following up the trail one Rodman was found with the "bug" attached to his ear, taking notes of what was going on in the Electrical Workers rooms. Three other men were found to be involved in the spy system. They were Roll Newman, Louis Posner and Howard Slusser. Newman and Rodman are employees of the Turner Engineering Company and Slusser is an operative in the employ of the Metropolitan Detective Agency.

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OUR ANCESTORS OF STONE AGE Curry Lectures in Federated Labor Party Hall

The stone age, according to the records of the rocks, lasted nearly half a million years and it required the greatest part of that era. Man knew enough to polish his flint weapons. We think sometimes we are moving slowly, and yet in our conquest of natural forces and our understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live the last century has seen more progress than all the preceding ages. Last Monday some very interesting illustrations were thrown on the screen. There was first seen a beetle which had been caught in the soft sediment of the carboniferous age some four or five million years ago. The speaker stated that the science of biology and evolution rested on reason and on the changeless testimony of the rocks. The theological theory of creation rested on the myths of savagery, and the dreams of the childhood of our race, on blind faith in authority and priestcraft. We then saw some photos of the gorilla and gibbon, and either of these apes compared more favorably with the picture of "Julia Pastrons" the hairy ape girl monstrosity, the child of human parents, but representing an extreme "reversion of type," and in appearance more bestial than the average ape. Missing Links When Charles Darwin published his famous descent of man, he admitted there were many gaps or missing links essential to prove the continuity of life upward to man and many of his theological opponents cited this fact as proof that man was not a "modified monkey" and that it would require God to create mankind. Last Monday Dr. Curry described some of these links and compromises between the ape and man. In 1891 Dr. Eugene Dubois discovered on the island of Java a skull and bones representing an ape-like man or a man-like ape, which experts have declared to be in brain development half way between the gibbon and the Australian savage. This specimen Dubois termed Pithecanthropus or monkey man. This creature was about five feet tall, walked erect and probably used a club to defend himself, and was covered with long hair, the only clothing of that day. In 1855 another link was found but no one doubted this to be a man of the old stone age. This skull was discovered in Neander Valley in Rhineland, Germany. This skull was so unusual that its peculiarity was declared to be the result of disease or accident. Over each eye socket was seen a large bump, made more prominent by the low and receding forehead and the great protruding teeth. Thy type was extremely brutal, and ape-like. But this was no result of disease, for later other skulls of the same type were found in the same strata and in 1878 a whole group of these skeletons were exhumed, which had been the victims of a cannibal feast. This race was contemporary with the Mammoth and great cave bear. These skulls represented a brain capacity midway between the Java man and the lower savage. "Now then other relics of these ancient ancestors have been found, thus defeating the theological bats and owls who fear the light of biological research because it would destroy their economic basis. The evolution of man is no longer a theory, it is a fact established as well as the law of gravitation or of chemical affinity. A slide of special interest was one showing an embryo of a gibbon. The adult gibbon has enormously long arms and physically is more unlike man than either the gorilla, orang-outang or chimpanzee, but the prenatal gibbon of a certain age is extremely child-like in feature and proportion. The Biogenetic Law Now this points to our biogenetic law, which means that the individual in its physical and mental development passes in a general way through the same phases of life as the race has gone through in its struggle upward from the first cell or ovum. Applied to the gibbon this shows that the long arms and grotesque form of the gibbon is the result of tree dwelling and other special modes of life, but this also shows that the ancestor of the present gibbon was at one time much more human-like than that ape of today. The same may be said of the gorilla and other anthropoid apes. This fact with many others also shows us that the course of development is not always upward, judging from embryology it seems that the great majority of apes are degenerate rather than progressive and at one time were nearer the human type than they are today. Many varieties of life including apes and savage man are fixed or even going backward. The Pan-tagonian, the Bushman, and Australian savage started where we did; say a million years ago, and are still in the old stone age and will probably die out rather than advance. Man Arrived on a Very Filmy Ladder Out of millions of years of struggle and out of millions of varieties of life it is believed that but a single group of anthropoid apes at one time in one location comprised all there was which made it possible for man to appear on this planet. Two or three million years ago this group of apes came down from the trees, began to walk on their hind limbs having no fangs or claws fit to meet their carnivorous enemies they began to use clubs and to combine their forces. This necessity developed more brain and so we as men and women are here today. The speaker declared that the further evolution of man demand-

Mexico and American Property Rights

(By Arthur Thomson) ACCORDING to Washington dispatches, the Harding administration will not recognize the Obregon government unless it gives guarantees that the lives and property rights of American citizens in Mexico shall be respected. This is the same old story we have heard for some time. Because Mexico would not give special privileges to the petroleum interests, the Wilson administration withheld recognition and now it looks as if Mexico will be up against extreme pressure from the new administration. This cry of "guarantees for the respect of American lives and property rights" is plain hypocrisy. It is mere camouflage to hide the real issue. American property rights have been respected by Mexico. So have other foreign property rights. And as far as respect for lives goes, Mexico has a cleaner record than the United States border states have when it comes to balance up. Only recently law and order-loving mobs committed crimes against Mexican workers in Texas, that some of so many of the interventionists who want to take "law and order" and "freedom" to Mexico. The Harding administration will be guided by the Fall report on Mexico, it is reported. The Fall report is a mass of misrepresentation, and a brief for American imperialism. It means that if Mexico is to abide by this, it must sell out to Wall Street bankers, give special

UNEMPLOYED IN BRITAIN BOO KING

Interviewed By Unemployed But Unable to Offer Them Any Solution to Their Troubles London.—During a recent visit to Norwich the King and Queen had an unexpected interview with the unemployed of that city. Their visit had been kept private, but the men got wind of it, and the royal party thus became confronted with four of the leaders of the workless people there. One of the four was a member of the Norwich board of poor relief, but having been forced to apply for relief was now disqualified from serving on the board. The King was courteous and sympathetic, but not otherwise inspired in his reply to the men's spokesman. During the incident, which took place in a hall, there were sounds of booing from the unemployed crowds assembled outside. FED. DANCE Don't forget the Federationist Dance on Friday, March 25, in the Pender Hall, Pender Street West. Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c. Tickets at Fed. office or any member of the Women's Auxiliary of the O. B. U. Calgary school teachers go on strike today.

ed prompt action in the present economic crisis of the world, for the forces of darkness and death are with us. "Now," said he, "do you believe that man—the crowning product of these millions of years of struggle up through all the brute and savage forms of life, surviving the ice ages, the cruel fangs and claws of myriad monsters, the sudden blight of plague, the ravages of famine—is now going to perish in the midst of plenty? Is active, productive man the most truly brainy; the moral and strong type of man in this age going at this stage to lay down and die without a struggle just because the breed with the organized appetite, the big stomach and small brain has through fraud and force gained legal possession of the world's economic forces of its food, clothing and shelter? "Is this then the end of progress? Must man degenerate—or is humanity represented by the revolutionary workers wise enough and strong enough to meet the crisis and lift our race to a higher and happier stage of social existence?" Next Monday the subject will be: "The Origin of the Gods."

LETTERS TO THE FED.

Must Get Together Editor B. C. Federationist: Through the experience gained by many years of work for Socialism in this province, and after a survey of the situation in Vancouver and elsewhere, assisted by consultation, with the working class representatives in the local legislature, I have come to the conclusion that we are faced by two alternatives. We must either get together in a unified effort or else make up our minds to endure present conditions for some time to come. The value of united action has been clearly shown in the handling of the unemployed question and in the way in which all factions are rallying to the aid of our working-class paper, the Federationist. In connection with this I wish to endorse most heartily the forceful way in which the urgent necessity for re-ordination of our forces was stated by Comrade Kavanagh at the unemployed meeting on Sunday. My suggestion is that in every town or electoral district where more than one labor organization is functioning, we form a workers' council on which all elements can find representation. The duty of this council will be to deal with all questions arising out of the need for concerted action whether industrial or political. The labor movement is the biggest thing in the world today, and it would be strange if we could not find room for the utmost diversity of opinion as to tactics. In fact such extreme diversity is to be desired in order that every phase of thought should find due expression in the coming era. He would be a poor Marxian who would attempt to set down a hard and fast interpretation as to the exact trend of events, and for that reason, if for no other, we must exercise the widest tolerance for each other's views in this period of flux and flow. Now that Comrade Lenin has so ably probed some of our direct actionist bubbles the time seems most opportune for all factions to get together. We need to fight with every weapon at our disposal and I would like to point out to those who favor industrial action only, that Comrade Guthrie has been able to obtain from the floor of the Legislature more publicity in the press for the unemployed situation than all the parades and demonstrations held this winter. If labor is to rule labor men must be trained in every department of public life, and we might just as well begin now to build up our organization. If we leave this until the revolution is on us we will indeed be in a sorry plight, and the experience of our Russian comrades ought to show us the neces-

sity of technical and administrative training in every department of our activities. It is well to preserve the utmost fluidity of thought, but unless there is behind us a unified power to drive us in the direction of our evolutionary goal, we will keep on moving in circles and get nowhere. For that reason our solidarity must become an actual fact, and with all labor organizations working together for a common purpose while at the same time carrying on the special propaganda which appeals to each one, we can become a mighty power. With this idea accomplished we could set as our first objective the establishing of the Federationist on a solid basis, not only as a weekly but as a daily, carrying the gospel of economic freedom far and wide. Comrades, thousands have died for working-class solidarity. Isn't it about time that we began to live for it? Yours for Socialism as soon as possible, JACK LOGIE, Victoria, March 15, 1931. The Chiropractors Editor B. C. Federationist: We are still being persecuted by the B. C. Medical Association for practicing medicine, which we have denied scores of times; our last summons made No. 6. If this is not persecution, I would like to know what is. Their old stool pigeon is still on the job, and others as well. I would like every one who is in favor of medical freedom versus medical monopoly, to write our legislators expressing their views. It is only on a technicality they can get a conviction, and the professions that has to have recourse to law to force people to go to them, is surely scared stiff. It is the survival of the fittest, but no one need be astonished at their tactics. The greatest drugless healer the world has ever seen, Jesus Himself, was crucified by a close corporation, and on the evidence of stool pigeons. W. J. DOWNIE. A POINT TO REMEMBER Some merchants in town do not think your custom is much use to them, or they would advertise their wares in The Federationist to secure your trade. Remember this when you are about to make a purchase. Hamilton, Ont.—Pickets representing 1,100 striking members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers are stationed at nearly all the large shops here in an effort to resist an "open shop" declaration of clothing manufacturers, who refuse to arbitrate. Somebody complains about the high cost of meat in Vancouver as compared to other places. How can we expect the meat trust to keep meat in cold storage for three years and not make us pay for the storage?

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"Left Wing" Communism An Infantile Disorder

(Note by Editor)—The question of affiliation with the Third or Moscow International, is being discussed in Socialist circles throughout the world. The terms of affiliation have caused more than one split in Socialist parties. In view of these facts, and that Lenin is no doubt aware of all that these terms imply, and that he is a master of working-class tactics, we feel that a perusal of the latest work of the head of the Soviet regime in Russia, "Left Communism, An Infantile Disorder," will be of great assistance to our readers in arriving at definite conclusions as to the programme of the Third International. We therefore publish in serial form the work referred to, and publish the fifth instalment this week. This work was published in the Old Land by the British Communist Party.)

(By Nikolai Lenin) (Continued from last week)

"Left" Communism in Great Britain In Britain there is as yet no Communist Party, but there is a young, extensive, potent Communist movement, rapidly growing among the workers, which entitles one to entertain the brightest hope. There are, moreover, several political parties and organizations (the British Socialist Party, the Socialist Labor Party, the South Wales Socialist Society, and the Workers' Socialist Federation) which are desirous of forming a Communist Party and which are carrying on negotiations among themselves to that effect. In the Workers' Dreadnought (Vol. VI, No. 48, February 11, 1920), the weekly organ of the last of the above-named organizations, edited by Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst, she publishes an article "Towards the Communist Party." The article describes the course of negotiations between the four above-mentioned organizations regarding the formation of a single Communist Party on the basis of affiliation to the Third International, acknowledgment of the Soviet System instead of parliamentarism, and the dictatorship of the proletariat. It appears that one of the chief obstacles to the immediate creation of a single Communist Party is the difference of opinion on the question of participation in Parliament, and on the affiliation of the new Communist Party to the old professional Labor Party, composed of trades unions, opportunists, and social-chauvinists. The Workers' Socialist Federation, as well as the Socialist Labor Party, are against participation in Parliament and parliamentary elections; they are also against affiliation to the Labor Party, disagreeing in this respect with all, or a majority of, the members of the British Socialist Party—"the right wing of the Communist parties in England," according to the editor's way of looking at it.

Written before the formation of the Communist Party of Great Britain in August, 1920. "I believe this party (the S. L. P.) is against affiliation with the Labor Party but not all of its members oppose participation in Parliament.

Thus the principal division here is the same as in Germany, notwithstanding the enormous differences in the way in which these differences manifest themselves, and a whole series of other circumstances. In Germany this form much more nearly approaches the Russian than in England. Let us have a look at the arguments of the "Left."

On the question of participation in Parliament, Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst refers to an article of Comrade W. Gallacher, printed in the same issue, who writes in the name of the Scottish Workers' Committee of Glasgow: "This Committee (S.W.C.) is definitely anti-Parliamentarian, and has behind it the Left wing of the various political bodies.

"We represent the revolutionary movement in Scotland, striving continually to build up a revolutionary organization within the different branches of industry, and a Communist Party, based on social committees, throughout the country. For a considerable time we have been sparring with the official parliamentarians. We have not considered it necessary to declare open warfare on them, and they are afraid to open an attack on us.

"But this state of affairs cannot continue long. We are winning all along the line. The rank and file of the I. L. P. in Scotland is becoming more and more disgusted with the idea of Parliament, and the Soviets or Workers' Councils are being supported by almost every branch.

"This is very serious, of course, for the gentlemen who look to politics for a profession, and they are using any and every means to persuade their members to come back into the parliamentary fold. Revolutionary comrades must not give any support to this gang. Our fight is going to be a difficult one. One of the worst features of it will be the treachery of those whose personal ambition is a more compelling force than their regard for the revolution.

"Any support given to parliamentarism is simply helping to put power into the hands of our British Scheidemanns and Noskes. Henderson, Clynes and Co. are hopelessly reactionary. The official I. L. P. is more and more coming under the control of middle-class Liberals, who, since the rout of the Liberal Party, have found their 'spiritual home' in the camp of Messrs. MacDonald, Snowden and Co. The official I. L. P. is bitterly hostile to the Third International, the rank and file is for it. Any support to the Parliamentary opportunists is simply playing into the hands of the former.

"The B. S. P. here simply cuts no ice... "What is wanted here is a sound, revolutionary, industrial organization and a Communist Party working along clear, well-defined, scientific lines. If our comrades can assist us in building these, we will take their help gladly; if they cannot, for God's sake let them keep out altogether, lest they betray the Revolution by lending their support to the reactionaries, who are so eagerly clamoring for Parliamentary honors (?—the query belongs to the author of the letter), and who are so anxious to prove that they can rule as effectively as the 'Boss' class politicians themselves."

This letter to the editor splendidly expresses, in my opinion, the frame of mind and the viewpoint of young Communists, or of the rank and file of the workers who have just begun to arrive at Communism. This frame of mind is highly welcome and valuable; it is necessary to appreciate and support it, as, without it, the victory of the proletarian revolution in Britain, or in any other country, would be hopeless. People who are able to express such a disposition of the masses, who are able to awaken in them such a mood (which often lies dormant, unconscious, and unawakened) should be cared for attentively and every assistance rendered them. At the same time, they must be told, frankly and openly, that that mood alone is not sufficient to guide the masses in the great revolutionary struggle, and that people devoted to the cause of the revolution may make mistakes which do actual harm to that cause itself. Comrade Gallacher's letter to the editor reveals, without doubt, in embryo all the errors which are being made by the German "Left" Communists, and which were committed by the Russian "Left" Bolsheviks in the years 1908 and 1918.

The author of the letter is full of the noblest proletarian hate towards class politicians of the bourgeoisie; and his hate is comprehensible and dear, not only to the proletariat, but to all toilers, to all "little people," to use the German expression. This hatred of the representative of exploited masses is, indeed, "the beginning of all wisdom"; it is the basis of every Socialist and Communist movement and of its success. The author, however, evidently does not take into consideration the fact that politics is a science and an art which does not drop from the skies, and which cannot be obtained for nothing; and that the proletariat, if it wishes to overcome the bourgeoisie, must create for itself its own, proletarian, "class politicians," as capable as bourgeois politicians.

The author of the letter has understood excellently that not Parliament but Workers' Councils will be the way by which the proletariat will achieve its end; of course, those who have not yet understood this are the most vicious reactionaries, even though they be the most learned men, the most erudite Marxists, the most honest citizens and fathers of families. The author of the letter does not, however, even think of putting the question as to whether or not it is possible for the Soviets to vanquish Parliament without introducing "Soviet" workers into the latter, without disintegrating Parliament from within, without preparing inside Parliament the success of Soviets in the impending struggle for the dispersion of parliaments. At the same time, however, the author of the letter expresses the thoroughly right idea that the Communist Party in England must act upon a scientific basis. Science demands, in the first place, an evaluation of the experience of other countries, especially if those others are undergoing or have recently undergone a very similar experience; in the second place, it demands an evaluation of all forces, groups, parties, classes, masses, acting within the given country, and the determination of one's policy not merely according to the strength of the desires and views of one group or party, according to its degree of class consciousness and readiness for the struggle.

That the Hendersons, Clynes, MacDonalds and Snowdens are hopelessly reactionary is true. It is also true that they want to take the power into their own hands (preferring, however, a coalition with the bourgeoisie, and that they will inevitably behave, when in power, like the Scheidemann and the Noskes. All this is true, but it does not necessarily follow that to support them means treason to the revolution; on the contrary, in the interests of the revolution, the revolutionaries of the working class must render to these gentlemen a certain parliamentary support.

To make this thought clearer, I shall take two contemporary English political documents, (1) the speech of Lloyd George, on March 18, 1920, as published in the Manchester Guardian of the following day, and (2) the arguments of the "Left" Communist, Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst, in her above-mentioned article.

Lloyd George in his speech argued against Asquith (who was specially invited to the meeting, but refused to appear) and those Liberals who desire, not a coalition with the Conservatives, but a closer connection with the Labor Party. (In the letter of Comrade Gallacher we also find mention of the fact that Liberals are going over to the Independent Labor Party.) Lloyd George sought to prove that a coalition of the Liberals with the Conservatives, and a close one at that, was necessary, otherwise victory would be on the side of the Labor Party, which Lloyd George prefers to call "Socialist," and which strives towards collective ownership of the means of production. "In France it was known as Communism," the leader of the English bourgeoisie explained to his hearers (members of the Liberal Party who probably up to that time had been unaware of it). "In Germany it was known as Socialism, and in Russia it is known as Bolshevism." For the Liberals, explained Lloyd George, this is unacceptable on principle, as the Liberals on principle are for private property. "Civilisation is in jeopardy," declared the orator, and, therefore, the Liberals and Conservatives must unite.

"If you go to the agricultural areas," said Lloyd George, "I agree that you have the old party divisions as strong as ever; they are far removed from the danger. It does not walk in their lanes. But when they see it they will be as strong as some of these industrial constituents now are. Four-fifths of this country is industrial and commercial; hardly one-fifth is agricultural. It is one of the things I have constantly in my mind when I think of the dangers of the future here. In France the population is agricultural, and you have a solid body of opinion which does not move very rapidly, and which is not easily excited by revolutionary movements. This is not the case here. This country is more top-heavy than any country in the world, and if it begins to rock, the crash here, for that reason, will be greater than in any other land."

The reader sees from this that Mr. Lloyd George is not only a clever man, but that he has learned much from the Marxists. It would not be committing a sin for us to learn something from Mr. Lloyd George.

It is interesting to note the following question put after Mr. Lloyd George's speech—Mr. Wallace: "I should like to ask what the Prime Minister considers the effect might be in the industrial constituencies upon the industrial workers, so many of whom are Liberals at the present time and from whom we get so much support. Would not a possible result be to cause an immediate overwhelming accession of strength to the Labor Party from men who, at the present time, are our cordial supporters?" The Prime Minister: "I take a totally different view. The fact that Liberals are fighting among themselves undoubtedly drives a very considerable number of Liberals in despair to the Labor Party, where you get a considerable body of Liberals, very able men, whose business it is to discredit the government. The result is undoubtedly to bring a good accession of public sentiment to the Labor Party. It does not go to the Liberals who are outside, it goes to the Labor Party, the by-elections show that."

By way of remark this discussion specially shows how the cleverest of the bourgeoisie have got into a muddle, and cannot help committing irreparable blunders. It is from this that the bourgeoisie will perish. Our people may commit stupidities, it is true, but so long as these stupidities be not vital and be corrected in time, we shall none the less conquer in the end.

Another political document gives the following arguments of the "Left" Communist, Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst:—

Comrade Inkpin (secretary of the British Socialist Party) refers to the Labor Party as "the main body of the working-class movement." Another comrade of the B. S. P., at the conference of the Third International just held, put the B. S. P. position more strongly. He said: "We regard the Labor Party as the organized working class."

We do not take this view of the Labor Party. The Labor Party is very large numerically, though its membership is to a great extent quiescent and apathetic, consisting of men and women who have joined the Trade Unions because their workmates are Trade Unionists and to share the friendly benefits. But we recognize that the great size of the Labor Party is also due to the fact that it is the creation of a school of thought beyond which the majority of the British working class has not yet emerged, though great changes are at work in the minds of the people, which will presently alter this state of affairs. The British Labor Party, like the social-patriotic organizations of other countries, will, in the natural development of society, inevitably come into power. It is for the Communists to build up the forces which will overthrow the social-patriots, and in this country we must not delay or falter in that work.

We must not dissipate our energy in adding to the strength of the Labor Party; its rise to power is inevitable. We must concentrate on making a Communist movement that will vanquish it. The Labor Party will soon be forming a government; the revolutionary opposition must get ready to attack it.

And so, the Liberal bourgeoisie renounce the bi-party system of the exploiters—historically sanctified by centuries of experience, and highly profitable to the exploiters—finding it necessary to join their forces for the fight against the Labor Party. Part of the Liberals, like rats deserting a sinking ship, run over to the Labor Party. The Left Communists find it inevitable that the power will fall into the hands of the Labor Party, and admit that at the present time the latter is backed by a majority of working men. From this they draw the strange conclusion which Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst expresses as follows:—

A Communist Party must not enter into compromises... A Communist Party must keep its doctrine pure, and its independence of reformism inviolate; its mission is to lead the way, without stopping or turning by the direct road to the Communist revolution.

On the contrary, since the majority of the workers in Britain still support the British Scheidemanns and Kerenskys; since they have not yet experienced a government composed of such men, which experience was necessary in Russia and Germany before there was an exodus of the masses towards Communism, it follows without any doubt that the British Communists must participate in Parliament. They must from within Parliament help the workers to see in practice the results of the Henderson and Snowden government; they must help the Hendersons and Snowdens to vanquish Lloyd George and Churchill united. To act otherwise means to hamper the progress of the revolution; because, without an alteration in the views of the majority of the working class, revolution is impossible; and this change can be brought about by the political propaganda alone. If an indisputably weak minority of the workers say "Forward, without compromise, without stopping or turning," their slogan is, on the face of it, wrong. They know, or at least they should know, that the majority, in the event of Henderson's and Snowden's victory over Lloyd George and Churchill, will, after a short time, be disappointed in its leaders, and will come over to Communism—or at any rate to neutrality and, in most cases, to benevolent neutrality towards the Communists. It is as though ten thousand soldiers were to throw themselves into battle against fifty thousand of the enemy at a time when a reinforcement of one hundred thousand men is expected but not immediately available; obviously, it is necessary at such a moment to stop to turn even to effect a compromise. This compromise slogan is intellectual childishness, and not the serious tactics of the revolutionary class.

The fundamental law of revolution confirmed by all revolutions, and particularly by all three Russian revolutions of the twentieth century, is as follows: It is not sufficient for the revolution that the exploited and oppressed masses understand the impossibility of living in the old way and demand changes; for the revolution it is necessary that the exploiters should not be able to live and rule as of old. Only when the masses do not want the old regime, and when the rulers are unable to govern as of old, then only can the revolution succeed. This truth may be expressed in other words: revolution is impossible without an all-national crisis, affecting both the exploited and the exploiters. It follows that for the revolution it is essential, first, that a majority of the workers (or at least a majority of the conscious, thinking, politically active workers) should fully understand the necessity for a revolution, and be ready to sacrifice their lives for it; second, that the ruling class be in a state of governmental crisis which attracts even the most backward masses into politics. It is a sign of every real revolution, this rapid tenfold, or even hundredfold, increase in the number of representatives of the toiling and oppressed masses, heretofore apathetic, who are able to carry on a political fight which weakens the government and facilitates its overthrow by the revolutionaries.

In Britain, as is seen specifically from Lloyd George's speech, both conditions for a successful proletarian revolution are obviously developing. And mistakes on the part of the Left Communists are now all the more dangerous just because some revolutionaries show an insufficiently penetrating, insufficiently attentive, conscious and foreseeing attitude, towards each of these conditions. If we are not a revolutionary group, but a party of the revolutionary class, and wish to carry the masses with us (without which we run the risk of remaining mere babblers), we must first help Henderson and Snowden to defeat Lloyd George and Churchill; or, to be more explicit, we must compel the former to defeat the latter, for the former are afraid of their victory! Secondly, we must help the majority of the working class to convince themselves, through their own experience, that we are right; that is, they must convince themselves of the utter worthlessness of the Hendersons and Snowdens, of their petty-bourgeois and treacherous natures, of the inevitability of their bankruptcy. Thirdly, we must accelerate the moment when, through the disappointment of the majority of the workers with the Hendersons, it will be possible, with serious chances of success, to overthrow the Henderson government—which will most

NEW FORCES TO DEFEND ITALIANS

Five Lawyers Now Acting in Behalf of U. S. Labor Men

(By John Nicholas Boffe) (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Boston, Mass.—The forces defending Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Labor organizers, accused of murder at South Braintree, have been strengthened by the entrance into the case of Attorneys John W. Thomas F. and Jeremiah J. McAnarney, one of the leading law firms of Boston and Quincy.

Five lawyers now are acting in behalf of the defendants. Ever since last August, Attorneys Wm. J. Callahan of Brockton and Fred H. Moore of Los Angeles have been developing the case of the defense, which has involved a search for missing witnesses throughout Italy and all the Italian centres of the United States.

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Fred H. Moore has defended men and women in Labor trials in many parts of the United States. He was chief counsel for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and her fellow-defendants in the famous free speech fight at Spokane in 1909, when the authorities jailed 1600 industrialists. After months in the courts that battle was won by the defense.

In 1912 Moore was one of counsel for Ettore, Giovannitti and Caruso when those organizers were tried in a cage at Salem for the killing of Anna Lopiza in the Lawrence woolen strike. All three were acquitted. Nicola Sacco was an active worker in raising funds for the accused men.

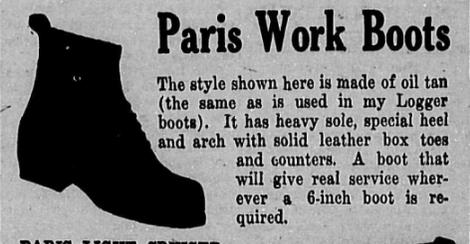
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Athena—A tragic fate has met three Greek Socialists who had visited Moscow. The representative of the Greek Socialist Party to the Third International, Demosthenes Lygopoulos, along with two comrades, was on his way to Athens when their ship was attacked in the Black Sea by Turco-Asian pirates, and all three were murdered. The Socialist Party here is commemorating their deaths by a public protest against the blockade of Russia.

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us, within whose bosom burns the spark Divine. For it is now written in the good book of Wisdom, to Eat, Drink and be merry today, for tomorrow we shall be on our way to (Emondale), (yes, verily it is so). So when the vast multitude didst gather in the very spacious grounds of Elysium, they didst select six men of very High mind to go and see him who is known as Harnett, knowing that he was the man before whom it was best to state their demand. And they did speak unto him, saying, "Tom, you have promised us three meals a day, but you gave us only two. What causeth thou to act in such a way to men who taketh up the sword against the Enemy, to so guard our land from pestilence?" And they did also say, when the Government asked us for milk we gave them milk, now when we ask for Gratuity, they give us more Mounted Police. So as empty belly maketh a loveless heart. And the chief of the six men of High mind did speak to the man known as Harnett, and said unto him: "Tom, it shall profit us nothing if we pass the whole day in speaking words, which are but words, for is it not written, 'a good bank account and a full belly, causes Deafness?' So in warning thereof, the danger that leth in waiting. The men you now behold within whose bosom's burn the spark Divine, will be changed unto Demons unless the stew and Bully is replenished at Mid-day."

And so it came to pass, that those six men of High Mind, did resume their journey back to the multitude to tell them of their sojourn and the fruits of their labor thereof, and some felt cheerful for one moment and hostile the next, until one man, tall and light of limb, didst get himself upon a soap box, and he did speak to the multitude in accents that were of a Rebel Nature. But is it not fully written that a man shall come among you and Restore peace and Happiness. And so it came to pass when the cries were at its Highest, there appeared a man small of stature, but of very High mind and he did speak to the multitude in tones that did hold weight for silence fell upon the throng, and their ears were very attentive to him whose Higher mind didst convey to them conditions as they really did exist. And the ones in the throng that were Hard-bodded, and had vengeance in their hearts, didst wipe tears from their wrinkled faces, and cry out for forgiveness to that Higher mind. For is it not written in the Scripture, Thrones may fall and Despots Bound before the might of mind, (and a little child shall lead them.) Then when the men were quieted down, and peace was again restored among its people, the ones who were known as Bohemia surrounded the little man of High mind to pay him homage, and they did go on their weary way Reluctant, singing praise to him and the Kitchen Staff who didsteth out the stew and the Bully. And so it is written, that gentle words do more to calm down the savage nature than harsh words. (Yes, verily it is so, very much so.)

Oakland, Cal.—An autopsy on the body of a high school instructor, who died in Berkeley suddenly, disclosed the fact that the teacher, Morris V. Cambell, had died of starvation, his salary not having been sufficient to maintain himself and his invalid wife. He was an instructor in chemistry and mathematics in the Oakland Vocational High School.

Philadelphia—Seven thousand shipyard workers have entered upon the sixth week of their strike against the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company here. Preservation of union conditions for 75,000 shipyard workers along the Atlantic coast is believed to be at stake in this strike.

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DUTCH WORKERS RESIST BOSSES

Wage Cutting Does Not Make Much Headway in Holland

(By Louis P. Lochner) (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Amsterdam—Despite the determined efforts of the bosses, all attempts thus far to lower the wages of the organized workers of Holland and to reduce them to pre-war levels, with but few exceptions, have failed. This is due to two facts, first, the solidarity of the workers, and second, the industrial "war chest" built up by the unions to supply their members with strike and unemployment benefits.

There are five general federations of Labor unions in Holland. The largest of these, the Netherlands Federation of Trade Unions, is Socialist in character, and has a membership of 220,000. Next comes the Federation of Catholic Trade Unions, with a membership of about 190,000. This federation is particularly strong in the southern sections of the country, where the railroad employees are the most powerful group among the organized workers. The Syndicalists, who number some 40,000, are members of the National Workers Syndicate. While theoretically they are opposed to political action, they have not hesitated to take part in parliamentary activity when the occasion demanded.

Then there are office workers, who are organized nationally in the Neutral Trade Union Federation. Their number is about 40,000. To them belong practically all the organized postal employees and clerks in commercial firms. Finally, there are the Christian Trade Unions, some 50,000 strong.

These five federations are in conflict with each other as to theory, tactics and degree of revolutionary action. But on any question of wage scales or even the question of a strike, they may be counted upon to act together.

"I do not believe that the attempt to force the workers to accept lower wages will succeed," said J. Oudegeest, secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions. "The Dutch trade unions have long ago prepared against the rainy day, and have built up vast financial reserves, out of which they can supply the strikers and unemployed. The employers know this, and are exceedingly cautious about starting something."

Of the 60,000 unemployed in Holland—they constitute one per cent of the population—the great majority belong to the diamond workers, cigarmakers and furniture and harbor workers.

Dutch workers declare that, so long as the countries that formerly formed the "hinterland" for Holland's trade, especially Germany, France and Belgium, remain virtually bankrupt, with foreign exchange heavily against them, there is little hope for Dutch industries.

1800 WORKERS IN PRAGUE JAILS

Are Jailed As the Result of the Suppression of General Strike

Berlin—More than 3000 Communists and Left Wing Socialists are still in jail in Czechoslovakia as the result of the government's violent suppression of the general strike of December, according to statements found in a heavily censored copy of the Prague Rude Pravo received here late in January. Rude Pravo, the leading organ of the Prague Communists, says that 1800 of the arrested men are held in the Prague jails.

It is asserted that they are being subjected to grave abuses, as many as 50 or 60 being confined in a single room and their food being of the poorest quality. Special courts have been set up to try these men, and the press of the republic is clamoring for drastic punishment.

"Left Wing" Communism —An Infantile Disorder

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certainly lose its head if the clever leader of, not the petty, but grand bourgeoisie, Lloyd George himself, loses his wits so completely and more weakens himself—and with himself the whole bourgeois party—yesterday through his "collations" with Churchill, today with his "collations" with Asquith.

Let me speak more concretely. The British Communists must, in my opinion, unite all their four parties and groups (all of them very weak, some very, very weak into one single Communist Party, on the platform of the principles of the Third International, with obligatory participation in Parliament. The Communist Party must offer to the Hendersons and Snowdens a compromise, an electoral understanding:—"Let us go together against the union of Lloyd George and Churchill; let us divide the seats in Parliament according to the number of votes cast by the workers for the Labor Party or the Communists (not in the elections but by a special poll), we to retain the fullest freedom of agitation, propaganda, and political activity." Without the latter condition there can, of course, be no bloc, for this would be treason; the British Communists must and will stand up for and maintain the fullest liberty in exposing the Hendersons and Snowdens, as did the Russian Bolsheviks for fifteen years (1903-1917) in relation to the Russian Hendersons and Snowdens, that is, the Mensheviks.

If the Hendersons and Snowdens accept the bloc on these conditions, then we are the gainers, for it is altogether immaterial how many seats in Parliament we get. On this point we shall make more concessions so long as the Hendersons, and especially their new friends (or should it be their new masters?) the Liberals, who have gone over to the Independent Labor Party—are keenest on this. We are the gainers, for we shall carry our propaganda into the masses the sooner to understand our Communist propaganda, which we shall carry on ceaselessly against the Hendersons, overlooking nothing.

If the Hendersons and Snowdens reject a bloc on these conditions, we shall still gain more. For we have at once thus shown to the masses that the Hendersons prefer their own narrowness to the capitalists to the unification of all the workers. In this connection it is to be noticed that even in purely Menshevik circles—i.e., the entirely opportunist Independent Labor Party—the rank and file are for Soviets. We have at once gained in the eyes of the masses; they, after the highly accurate exposure of Lloyd George—highly useful for Communists—will sympathize with the unification of all workers against the coalition of Lloyd George and Churchill. We score again in demonstrating that the Hendersons and Snowdens are afraid to defeat Lloyd George, are afraid to take the power alone, and are striving secretly to gain the support of Lloyd George, who is openly stretching a hand to Churchill against the Labor Party.

It should be noted that in Russia, after the revolution of February 27, 1917 (old style), the propaganda of the Bolsheviks against the Mensheviks and Socialist Revolutionaries (i.e., the Russian Hendersons and Snowdens) gained on account of precisely similar circumstances. We said to the Mensheviks and Socialist Revolutionaries: "Take the whole power without the bourgeoisie, for you have a majority in the Soviets." (At the First All-Russian Congress of Soviets, in June, 1917, the Bolsheviks had only 13 per cent. of votes.) But the Russian Hendersons and Snowdens feared to take the power without the bourgeoisie. Consequently, when the latter kept delaying the elections to the Constituent Assembly (knowing full well that the majority of votes would go to the Socialist Revolutionaries and the Mensheviks, which parties were in the closest political bloc and represented in fact one petty bourgeois democracy), they (the Socialist Revolutionaries and Mensheviks) were powerless to fight energetically against these delays.

The elections to the Constituent Assembly in Russia in November, 1917, on a poll comprising more than thirty-six million electors, gave 25 per cent. of the votes to the Bolsheviks, 18 per cent. to the various parties of landlords and bourgeois and 57 per cent. to petty-bourgeois democrats, i.e., to Socialist Revolutionaries and Mensheviks, together with small kindred groups.

Should the Hendersons and Snowdens refuse to form a bloc with the Communists, the latter would have at once gained in the work of obtaining the sympathies of the masses and of discrediting the Hendersons and Snowdens; and if, on that account, the Communists should lose a few seats in Parliament, it would not matter very much to them. We would put forward our candidates only in very insignificant numbers, and only in absolute safe districts, i.e., where our candidate would not help to elect a Liberal against a Labourite. We would carry on an election campaign, spreading literature in favor of Communism, and proposing in all districts where we have no candidates to vote for the Labourite against the bourgeois. Comrades Sylvia Pankhurst and Gallacher are mistaken if they think there is treason to Communism in this, or that it signifies the renunciation of the fight against social traitors. On the contrary, the cause of the Communist revolution could undoubtedly gain by this.

At present it is often difficult for the British Communists even to approach the masses, even to make themselves heard. But if I address the masses as a Communist, and invite them to vote for Henderson against Lloyd George, I most certainly will be listened to. And, being listened to, I shall be able to popularize the idea, not only that Soviets are better than Parliaments, and that the dictatorship of the proletariat is better than the dictatorship of Churchill (disguised under the name of bourgeois "democracy"), but also that I am prepared to support Henderson by my vote in just the same way as a rope supports a man who has hanged himself. And, as the Hendersons draw nearer to the formation of their own government, it will be proved that I am right, it will draw the masses to my side, and will facilitate the political death of the Hendersons and Snowdens, as happened in the case of their co-thinkers in Russia and Germany.

And if the objection be raised: "These are too cunning and intricate tactics; the masses won't understand them; they scatter and disintegrate our forces; they will interfere with concentration on the Soviet revolution, etc.," I shall reply to the "Left" critics: "Don't attribute your doctrinaireism to the masses!" It is a matter of fact that the masses in Russia are not more but less advanced than in England; nevertheless, the masses did understand the Bolsheviks, and the latter were helped, not hindered, by the circumstances that, on the eve of the Soviet Revolution, in September, 1917, lists of their candidates for the bourgeois parliament (Constituent Assembly) were being prepared, and that on the morrow of the Soviet Revolution, in November, 1917, they were taking part in elections to the very same Constituent Assembly which, on January 5, 1918, was dispersed by them.

I cannot dwell here on the second point at issue between the British Communists; that is, the question of affiliation or non-affiliation to the Labor Party. I have too little information on this question, which is especially complicated on account of the quite unique composition of the British Labor Party, which is so very unlike the composition of the usual political parties on the Continent.

I have no doubt, however, that, on this question as well, he would be mistaken who would be inclined to draw up the tactics of the revolutionary proletariat on the principle that "the Communist Party must maintain its doctrine pure and its freedom from reformism inviolate; its slogan must be to go forward without stopping or turning aside, to follow the straight road to the Communist revolution." For such principles only repeat the mistakes of the French Communist-Blanquists who, in the year 1874, proclaimed the "repudiation" of all compromises and of all intermediary positions. Secondly, it is beyond question that the problem, here as everywhere, consists in the ability to apply the general and fundamental principles of Communism to the specific relations between classes and parties, to the specific conditions in the objective development towards Communism—conditions which are peculiar to every separate country, and which one must be able to study, understand, and point out.

But of this we shall have to speak not only in connection with British Communism, but in connection with the general conclusions pertaining to the development of Communism in all capitalist countries. These we shall now take up.

The Army of Occupation and Morals

JUDGING from the information on the occupation of German territory by Allied troops, morals do not count very much. The following summary of cases supplied to the Nation by a mayor of one of the towns in the occupied area, is most illuminating:

1. The city of Kaiserslautern was ordered verbally and in writing, early in 1919, by the French military authorities (Major Deruelle) to establish a brothel for the occupation troops. The city put the execution of the order in the hands of a brothel-maintainer, who covered the costs by the profits.
2. The mayor of Landau was ordered, January 6, 1919, by Major Watrin and General Laroque of the Eighth army to establish a public house for the French troops of the Landau garrison. Shortly after the house at No. 7 Kaufhausgasse, belonging to the Schneider family, was seized. Three other families besides the Schneiders lived in the house; other homes had to be found for them on short notice. Up to April 21, 1920, the city had paid out 10,837.25 marks for equipping the house and for accessory costs.
3. A brothel was established in Ludwigshafen upon order of the French local commander early in 1919. Two houses were asked at first; but after negotiation this was reduced to one house. The city authorities bought two houses for 90,000 marks, and equipped one for 43,000 marks. The business was let out, and it is hoped to cover the costs by the rental.
4. In Mainz the French chef de du genie ordered the German military building office to establish a brothel in the Luettel Erbenheim for a battalion of Algerian tirailleurs. The rooms are no longer used as a brothel, but as a prison. The building costs amounted to 70,000 marks, paid by Germany.
5. At the Kothheim camp the same French authorities compelled the same German office to establish a brothel for Algerian tirailleurs. The brothel is occupied by Arab women. The building costs amounted to 109,802.76 marks.
6. At Fort Welsenau bei Mainz the municipal garrison authorities were ordered by the French chef de du genie to build a brothel. After four weeks the rooms were transformed into a dining-room for French officers. The building costs were 1500 marks.
7. In Bingen a brothel was established upon order and turned over to a private entrepreneur. The costs, 40,000 marks, are to be covered by interest at 5, and amortization at 2 1/2 per cent.
8. At Langenschwalbach the city turned over the establishment

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There is an absolute necessity for The B. C. Federationist in the Labor world, and its function in no way conflicts with that of The Worker. There is the need and scope for both, as The Worker will specialize in the class organization on industrial lines, with particular attention to the affairs of the workers in the lumber industry, and The Federationist will continue its present field of more general scope of world wide news of working class questions viewed from all angles.

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The first issue of The Worker is a creditable sheet. It is well written, and newsy, and while dealing mainly with the problems of the particular industry which it represents, it at the same time is of educational value, carrying as it does much propaganda matter. As an auxiliary of the Labor press, The Worker will be of assistance and with its already expressed attitude to the general Labor press, and The Federationist in particular, will, instead of being a knocker, be a booster of the real Labor publications that are worthy of the support of the workers.

BELGIAN WORKERS WITH FACTORY CONTROL

Shop Stewards Are in a Strong Position in the Factories

Owners Would Not Dare to Fire Stewards Off Jobs

(By the Federated Press)

Brussels, Belgium — "Belgian workmen are developing factory control as effective as the British shopsteward movement," declared Cornelius Mertens, head of the Belgian Federation of Labor, to a correspondent of the Federated Press. "These stewards are picked by the workmen themselves, and keep their posts as long as they have the legal status, but are none the less generally recognized by employers.

"They are the representatives of the workmen. As such, most of them are active in the trade unions movement and work in close harmony with the central syndicate bureau. This connection with the national bureau is now being increased by the trade union educational system. Stewards are given a chance to attend the union schools, and become familiar with general Labor and factory matters. Those who have had this experience go back as active organizers for the unions.

"At the same time that these stewards are in closest contact with the workmen and unions, they also work with the employers. In many big factories, notably the iron and steel works, employers have given the stewards a lot of social welfare problems to handle, and find this the most satisfactory way to avoid friction. Many stewards are now giving all their time to this work, but continue receiving full pay from the employers. At the same time they are entirely dependent upon the workmen for their posts, and can be removed on any step from the narrow path. This combination of control is far more satisfactory than either the one where poor unions are obliged to carry all the costs, or where there are simply so-called 'welfare engineers,' who depend on the good will of the employers for their jobs, and who have not the confidence of the workmen."

In answer to the question about how the status of these stewards compares with that of the heads of the workers' councils in Germany, Mertens replied:

"Although our stewards have no legal position, their actual one is even stronger than that of the workers' head in Germany. Belgian employers, for example, would not dare to fire stewards the way German factory owners dismiss them. In Germany the only recourse of the workmen is to the courts, and here the most favorable decision for them is that the leader receives an indemnification. He does not, however, get back on his job, and the workmen are left without a spokesman."

"We are not keen about bringing Labor disputes into the courts, whatever they are. Long experience shows us that here we usually come out the small end of the horn. The dismissal of a steward in Belgium therefore means a fight. Employers know that such moves are provocative and therefore go slower than in Germany in seeking to decapitate organized labor.

"About the origin of the shopstewards movement in Belgium, Henri DeMan, head of the Unions Educational Department made an interesting statement: "Before the war not only stewards, but even the union delegates were pretty generally disregarded by the employers. But then there were only some 150,000 organized workmen. Today, however, there are some 800,000, so that the stewards, like the unions, are a factor to be taken into account. They got a firm foothold in the period just after the armistice when manufacturers were ready to make any concessions to Labor to increase production, and they refuse to give it up now, despite the fact that employers are profiting from the crisis to tighten screws on their workmen."

"That the Belgian stewards system is in many ways similar to the British one is not at all a result of the English example. Belgian workmen know something of both French and German organization, but almost nothing of English conditions. There is, too, an essential difference in the development of the two movements," DeMan concluded.

ARIZONA WORKERS AFTER A.F. OF L.

Call Attention of Gompers to the State of Unemployment

The following resolution which is self explanatory has been passed by the Phoenix Arizona Central Labor Council and ordered sent to all Central Labor bodies and to Sam Gompers, president of the A. F. of L.:

"To Sammel Gompers,
"Whereas, we, members of the Phoenix Central Labor Union, after being connected with the A. F. of L. for many years, during which we have been schooled to expect a Moses to lead the hosts of labor forth from economic bondage, now realize that our A. F. of L. gods have feet of clay; that if these officials move in our interest, it is only after they have received a vigorous shove from the workers upon whose backs they so nonchalantly ride. Therefore, Mr. Gompers, we are constrained thus to address you.

"Do you realize that millions of men and their dependents face starvation in this country because of unemployment, because of stagnation in industry, because we now have a period of over-production—the ever-recurring phenomenon of the capitalist wage system for whose continued welfare and existence you have ever shown such tender solicitude.

"Do you know that in Russia, that country where today one finds the only government on earth conducted by and for the useful workers, millions of our brothers, after successfully defending their workers' republic from the treacherous assaults of international capitalism, now endure hardships, privations and want for lack of clothing and shoes, medical supplies and canned milk, paper and dishes, machinery and farm implements—in a word the varied products of our farms, mines, mills and factories, while their Soviet government stands ready to purchase these products with gold or exchangeable raw materials.

"Here is the Salt River Valley of Arizona. Our largest industry is the raising of long staple cotton, which Wall Street, because of no market, has forced out of the hands of the producers for a fraction of its value. Do you know that Russia has announced that she will purchase the entire world's surplus of cotton?

"Are you blind to the welfare of those you purport to serve that you cannot see your duty clear to demand in the name of the unemployed workers of this country that trade relations with the Russian Soviet Government be established?

"When the Jackals of capitalism demanded the life blood of the workers for the protection of their markets and credits, you dramatically announced that you were a living, breathing, fighting man, and behind the smoke screen of 'make the world safe for democracy' you valiantly led us to the slaughter. For that democracy we still fight, and, thanks to our Russian comrades, the plan of successful battle begins dimly to unfold. The workers of all countries can and will free themselves from wage slavery.

"How maliciously and cruelly were the workers seduced in the world war is now apparent to all. Can it be that you alone have not yet recovered from the poison gas attack of Wall Street, or are we to understand that your 'galvanic, dynamic energy' can be aroused only in the interest of the exploiters? The time is near at hand, Mr. Gompers, when you must speak out in the real interest of labor or make way for some one who can and will.

"For the present, Mr. Gompers, to the end of relieving immediate distress both at home and abroad, you are instructed to humbly supplicate the powers that temporarily—to lift the economic blockade against Soviet Russia.

"Resolved that these, our sentiments and views, after receiving the official endorsement of organizations composing this body, be forwarded to President Gompers and published in the labor press."

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Russian Revolts Largely Press Stories

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ter-revolutionists and Finnish White Guards, making up the principal forces in the Kronstadt adventure, already realize the hopelessness of their situation.

A further significant fact, the Moscow dispatches state, is that Paris newspapers printed stories of "revolts" in the Baltic fleet on February 13 and 14, before any signs of revolt occurred. "The whole affair," the Marconigram continues, "was a deliberate plot by French agents."

The first radio, dated Moscow, March 5, follows in full:

"In view of the persistent rumors abroad, alleging uprisings, mutinies, etc., the following are the facts: Moscow and Petrograd are now absolutely quiet. A week ago, on the insistence of the workers, the food rations were equalized, thereupon the workers of the government printing factory who had been getting extra rations, protested, sending delegates to different factories, unsuccessfully endeavoring to foster strikes. The workers in other factories, insisting that the government measures were right and justifiable, refused to join the dem-

onstrations which ended immediately.

Soldiers Protest

"The soldiers maintained that the strike was without justification and wanted to demonstrate their disapproval of it. This is the only foundation for stories of soldiers' mutiny. A similar incident occurred at Petrograd, where the workers in a factory who had been getting extra rations objected to the equalization; but that was also quited immediately.

"Kronstadt is a separate incident and the facts are as follows: The fortress of Krasnaya Gorka, which dominates Kronstadt from the land, is maintained in our hands. The garrison of Krasnaya Gorka is absolutely hostile to the mutineers, and is eager to fight them. In Kronstadt, in the forts of Peredovoi and Ustye, the same condition prevails. Until now the mutineers have not been dispersed only because the military authorities wish to spare the battleship Petropavlovsk; but if it should prove necessary, Krasnaya Gorka will force the mutineers to surrender.

"Disensions are breaking out among the mutineers, one faction supporting General Koslovsky, the other being against their officers and actually attacking them.

"In Petrograd there is complete quiet. Even in the two factories where food and fuel difficulties caused demonstrations by some, the men now understand that they were made tools of a capitalist conspiracy. Eight thousand Petrograd sailors have held a meeting, and unanimously passed resolutions supporting the government.

"At the meeting of the Petrograd Soviet, March 4, Zinoviev gave the following history of the Kronstadt events: On Feb. 13 the Paris Matin spoke of revolts in the Baltic fleet. The Echo de Paris, Feb. 14, had similar stories. As at that time no unrest whatever existed in Kronstadt, but later occurred, it is proof that the whole affair was a deliberate plot by French agents, which fact is confirmed by the activity in Finland, at that time of Czarist Russian officers and agents who managed to penetrate into Kronstadt, using the food difficulties as a basis. A few days later, when Kalinin, president of the All-Russian central executive committee, spoke at a large meeting at Kronstadt, the patrol of the battleship Petropavlovsk wanted to prevent his leaving, but sailors of that battleship interfered and apologized.

Conspirators at Work

"On Feb. 28, at a meeting on board the Petropavlovsk, a reac-

tionary resolution was adopted, but rescinded on demand of the ship's crew. On March 1 a new resolution was adopted, demanding the re-election of the Kronstadt Soviet, which was agreed to. The election thereupon began, but conspirators obstructed it, demanding that it be held on board the Petropavlovsk. On March 2 an actual mutiny commenced, the Mensheviks and Social Revolutionists taking an active part, calling themselves non-partisans. The nominal leaders were Petrichenko, former pursuer of the Petropavlovsk, and Turin; but the real leader is Capt. Burksar, one of the former Czarist officers. General Koslovsky is a person of lesser importance.

"Following upon the meeting came the inevitable disillusionment, in spite of the frantic efforts of the aforementioned officers to maintain the morale of the mutineers by holding out hope of Ethiopian help. In a military sense, Kronstadt was never for a moment in danger of coming in the control of the mutineers to the extent of menacing Petrograd, as it was constantly covered by the guns of Krasnaya Gorka. 'While mutiny now is no greater,' said Zinoviev in his address to the Petrograd Soviet, 'the time has come to completely liquidate this farce.'

Men Called to Duty

"Zinoviev was followed by other speakers, including Kalinin and a Kronstadt sailor, Feodorov, formerly under Burksar. The meeting then adopted a proclamation calling on the workers, sailors and soldiers in Kronstadt to divulge the real sources of the conspiracy, and stating that no attempts against Soviet power would be tolerated and calling the men back to duty, promising that those who had been misled would be distinguished from the real plotters, and would be treated conciliatorily. After the meeting, the situation eased as indicated above.

"In a recent speech Lenin explained the food situation, saying that large stores of food accumulated had been too confidentially distributed, instead of being stored for a possible emergency, and that when heavy snowstorms and temporary shortage of fuel brought down the train arrivals from 120 every five days to twenty, the consequent lessening of rations produced a protest. The usual number of trains are now bringing food and the shortage is over. It is obvious that foreign plotters are endeavoring to use the rumors of unrest to counteract possible trade relations with England and other countries. Nonsense is set here as the demonstrations proved that the great masses of the workers adhere firmly to the policy of the government, and the soldiers immediately rallied to its support."

A second radio, dated Moscow, March 6, stated that the "final stages of the Kronstadt adventure are marked by utter disillusionment among the participants of the mutiny." The mutineers were declared to be fighting among themselves. The arrival of Trotsky on the scene, and the fact that stores of food ran low after the first days of pillaging were declared to have led to a situation in which the whole affair was expected to dissolve at any moment.

The revolutionary military council of the Republic issued a proclamation signed by Trotsky, Kamenev, Tuchechevsky and Lebedev, ordering the immediate return of the mutinous ship into the hands of the Soviet Republic, and the cessation of hostilities on pain of armed intervention, the dispatch states.

News of American labor is being distributed to 72 daily papers in Germany through the Federated Press Berlin bureau. Through the Arbeldepress of Christiania, 42 Scandinavian papers are being reached by the Federated Press. In England, the London Daily Herald, the only labor daily in the country, and the Labor Party Research Department are receiving the service.

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The following dispatch appeared in a local paper on Wednesday:

London—The Bishop of Birmingham startled his audience at a meeting recently by announcing that there were in his knowledge 39 schools in London alone where Communism is taught.

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(Acts, Ch. 4, verse 32-35)

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

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GERMAN WORKERS BATTLE AGAINST CAPITALISM

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before the invasion of the Rhineland:

"The imperialists of the conquering states are lending themselves to an alliance with the imperialists and capitalists of conquered Germany. This explains the complacency of the Entente on the question of disarmament. There can be no doubt of this fact.

"The forces of the Oresch (the Bavarian guard organized by the imperialist forces of Germany) and of the other organizations for self-protection will one day form the ranks of a new imperial army. Their first task will be to annihilate themselves in the blood of the German proletarian revolution. That is why the Entente at Spa permitted so much delay in disarmament."

Not only do the Allied chiefs plan to reduce the German workers to slavery in order to keep gold flowing into their empty exchequers, but they intend to use Germany as a buffer against Soviet Russia, the manifesto charges. The fact that Generals Hoffman and Ludendorff offered their services to the Entente to aid in crushing the Soviet Republic is cited in this connection.

MRS. HENDERSON TO SPEAK

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