

Clothing Workers Back Communist Campaign

U. S. WAR LORD PREPARES TO TURN OVER COMMAND TO HIS SUCCESSOR



General John J. Pershing, or "Blackjack" as he is familiarly if not tenderly referred to by the privates in the regular army is about to surrender his post as Chief of Staff to Maj. Gen. John Hines (right) and retire from active duty. Pershing is credited with responsibility for the mobilization day plans which have caused so much excitement thruout the country.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE only way to restore the coal mining industry in the central competitive field to its former vigor, is to cut wages, declares the Chicago Journal of Commerce in a lengthy editorial. A Journal reporter, after making a study of the "black diamond" industry, very likely in the offices of the coal operators, shows that coal operators are deserting the unionized sections in favor of those fields where the United Mine Workers of America have not been able to make any inroads. This results in the closing down of mines in the organized regions, with the inevitable consequence of unemployment or part-time work and increasing production in those sections where the workers have not the protection of a union.

THE solution of the problem is not what the Journal of Commerce suggests. Granting that the Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania mines were silly enuf to accept the advice of the coal-operators, to take a wage cut bringing their pay to the level of the non-union miners in Kentucky and West Virginia, what is there to prevent the scab-operators of the non-union regions from handing their employees another cut, which would give the so-called union operators another excuse for demanding that their employees stand for another slash in wages? This is a vicious circle which the miners cannot afford to travel in.

FROM the point of view of the operators the suggestion of the Chicago Journal of Commerce is full of wisdom. Cut wages, cut wages! That is their cry. But from the workers' viewpoint there is another and a better way to meet the problem, and a serious problem it certainly is. It takes no genius to realize that the best way to solve the problem is to organize the unorganized fields, and establish the six-hour day thruout the entire industry. But John L. Lewis and the reactionary officials of the miners' union are working hand in

INVESTIGATION OF BOB'S CAMP REVEALS GRAFT

"Bob" Plays With Old Party Corruption

By JAY LOVESTONE.
(Fifth Article.)

In the course of the campaign the LaFollette forces will do much yelling about purity in government. The Wisconsin Senator will rail against the tyranny of political machines. Another one of those perennial "final" efforts will be made to elect only good, honest, progressive citizens to office.

It is on such a program and under precisely such slogans that LaFollette has captured Wisconsin.

Yet, the facts show conclusively that the Badger state senator has become the political boss only thru the organization of a powerful machine, of a machine as effective as those against which he is now fuming. More than that. LaFollette's machine in Wisconsin is not and has not been as free from graft and corruption as he would have the world believe. Bribery, secrecy of campaign funds, the support of fake progressives and crooked "honest" men have been part and parcel of the ideal "Wisconsin Plan" of good, clean government.

Handled With Silk Gloves.

The proof that the fundamental cause for corruption in government is to be found in the right-wing

SPRINGFIELD IS JOBLESS CITY, SURVEY SHOWS

Mine Barons Speed Up Few at Work

By KARL REEVE
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker.)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.

The street corners of Springfield are cluttered with idle miners who have long since given up the hopeless search for work.

Out of eleven thousand miners who have worked within a twenty mile radius of this town, fifty-five hundred are completely idle and the remaining miners are able to work only one or two days a week.

Production Speeded Up.

The mine owners in this district have taken the advice of Frank Farrington that the miners must speed up production, very seriously, and the few miners working are constantly threatened with discharge if they do not keep production above the non-union level.

The Illinois Mine Workers' Union no longer offers protection to the membership, and those who are able have drifted away to other industries or migrated to other cities, thus reducing the membership of the miners' organization. Letters are continually being sent to individual miners, over the heads of the union, by the mine owners, badgering the miners to keep up production under threat of dismissal.

Like Plague-Ridden Towns.

Nearby mining towns, Divernon, Thayer, Dawson, Riverton and others, present the aspect of plague-ridden towns.

The miners in these camps have been idle for eight months. Last year they were idle for a five months' stretch, and there is no work in the mines at present, with no prospect of the mines opening in the near future. The stores in these towns, dependent for their existence on the trade of the miners, are fast going to the wall and closing up.

They have extended credit to the miners out of necessity for the past eight months, and now, unable to meet their bills longer, are going bankrupt by the dozen. The miners, therefore, are finding it increasingly difficult to buy food on credit, and their destitution is critical.

John Watt, secretary-treasurer of the Springfield sub-district of the United Mine Workers of Illinois and candidate for lieutenant governor on the Workers Party ticket, told the DAILY WORKER: "I am glad to see the WORKERS PARTY taking measures to organize the unemployed. The Communists are the only ones who have a program which will solve the unemployment problem."

"The unemployment among the miners will be one of the big issues (Continued on page 2.)

ONE OF THE BYPRODUCTS OF FAMOUS EXCAVATION WHICH EXPOSED KING TUT



At last he has been discovered! Richard J. Powers, first president of the American Federation of Labor, considers Samuel Gompers a foe of law and order and a dangerous radical. What has Gompers to live for now since this fossil has burst into the limelight to boost "Silent Cal"?

INDICTMENT OF GARVEY BRINGS NEGRO PROTEST

By ROBERT MINOR.
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—An enormous crowd of Negro people gathered in Liberty Hall here this week as an expression of protest against the second effort of the federal authorities to send Marcus Garvey, president of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, to prison.

An indictment on a two-year-old income tax report, sprung on Garvey in the midst of the second annual convention of the large Negro organization, seems to have been intended to throw a wet blanket on the convention.

It is known that the main business of the convention is the formation of an international "Negro Political Union" of Negroes of the United States, the West Indies, other black-populated islands and the African colonies where the French, British and Belgian governments are anxious to avoid political agitation among the natives.

Garvey Meets Attack.

Garvey met the attack by appealing to the masses of the Negroes of New York's Harlem to come to his support. (Continued on page 3)

I. W. W. FIGHT BRINGS OUT BIG DIFFERENCES

Issues in Court Fight Beginning Tomorrow

Issues between the contending factions in the Industrial Workers of the World are gradually being brought to light in the various documents being issued on either side.

The DAILY WORKER is in receipt of copies of a circular issued by the splitting group, the one that took the quarrel into the capitalist courts, in which the administration is denounced as leaning toward revolutionary affiliations, and the injunction is defended as necessary to avoid the charges of the capitalist press that the Industrial Workers of the World is revolutionary.

Rank and File Speaks.

The charges of use of "gunmen and gangmen," as well as the deeper issues involved, are dealt with in a statement issued by the "Rank and File Committee." Knowing that many of our readers are interested in this important controversy these documents are reproduced.

The statement of the secession group, claiming to be the General Executive Board, is as follows:

Statement of Secessionists.

"The General Executive Board have applied for an injunction restraining Tom Doyle, Joe Fisher and James Morris from continuing to hold the funds and property of the I. W. W."

"This action was decided upon by the General Executive Board after very careful consideration. We were confronted with a condition of affairs that would very seriously affect the general organization, if action had not been taken at once."

"Since the election of Doyle and Fisher, General Headquarters has been in the hands of men with little judgment and who by their actions have shown that they have not the slightest consideration for the membership or the future welfare of the I. W. W. as an organization."

"Their actions, since they have been in office, betrays them as followers of the Communists. The more we study them, the more we are convinced that they are working hand in hand with the 'liquidators' whose program is to control or dissolve the I. W. W."

"They have devoted their entire time to peanut politics and building up a machine with which they hope to control the organization from the top. These men have for years practically dictated the policy of I. U. No. 110. Today they control all offices of importance in General Headquarters. "So arrogant have they become that (Continued on page 2)

SOCIETY FOR TECH AID SENDS FOURTH GROUP TO ODESSA, RUSSIA

Another group of the Agricultural Commune "Red Ray" left for Russia. It is the fourth group of the same commune to leave from Chicago. A veterinary went along with the last group to take care of the live stock which is rapidly increasing in number.

The commune is a part of the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia. It was granted land by the Soviet government in the Odessa district.

A group of the Dairy and Poultry Commune "Herald" is preparing to leave Chicago soon for Cherson, Ukraine, where land was granted this commune by the Soviet government.

CHICAGO LABOR BODY EATS BIG DISH OF CROW

Lines Up With Gompers For Small and "Bob"

In spite of an heroic struggle on the part of its Communist delegates, the Chicago Federation of Labor, at its meeting Sunday, deserted the class struggle in the political field and went over to the LaFollette-Len Small camp by a vote of 132 to 18.

It was by this vote that the federation adopted the recommendation of the resolutions committee that the organization endorse the stand of the executive board of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, taken last week, in support of the LaFollette-Wheeler-Small ticket.

Three Wise Men.

The members of the resolutions committee are Anton Johannsen, John C. Flora, a Socialist, and Charles F. Wills, circulation manager of "The Federation News," formerly the New Majority.

In order to get the issue squarely before the federation meeting, Delegate Jack Johnstone, of the Painters' Union, demanded that the whole declaration be read. This was done.

Delegate Johnstone then got the floor and pointed out that several years ago, when the National Farmer-Labor Party was organized, that President John Fitzpatrick had declared that the two old parties were rotten to the core.

"In approving this declaration," said Johnstone, "you are going right down into that rotten core."

Dodged Negro Issue.

Johnstone then attacked LaFollette's labor record and his attitude towards the Farmer-Labor Party. He also pointed out how he had dodged the Negro question, showing how a Negro delegate had come to the Cleveland conference but had been refused an opportunity to be heard.

Johnstone showed that LaFollette had not attended any of the conferences that had endorsed him, that his (Continued on page 2)

RANK AND FILE AGAINST 'BOB', FAVOR FOSTER

Amalgamated Members in Opposition to G. E. B.

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

Reports are beginning to come in which show that while the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has committed the organization to the broom and flag of '76 which is being lugged around the country by LaFollette, the rank and file is taking an entirely different stand.

Accustomed to working class independent action on all fields, the membership of the organization is repudiating the tin Jesus from Wisconsin and is aligning its forces with the candidates of the Workers Party of America, William Z. Foster for president and Benjamin Gitlow for vice-president.

Already a number of locals which have had the opportunity to discuss and take action upon the call of the Workers Party to the rank and file to repudiate the position of the general executive board, have followed the Communist lead, and done their share towards erasing the stain of LaFolletteism from the escutcheon of a working class organization which has a fighting record behind it.

Rank and File for Foster.

In Chicago, Local 269, a unit of 1,500 members, went on record against LaFollette and indorsed the candidacy of Foster and Gitlow with but one dissenting vote. In New York city, the executive committee of the Italian Pajts Makers' Local 63, with a membership of 7,000, at its last meeting voted unconditional support to the Workers Party candidates, rejecting the stand of the national executive body.

In Rochester, the Farmer-Labor party of the city, which includes in its affiliated bodies the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, went on record in support of Foster and Gitlow. In Chicago, at a conference of the Illinois Labor party, the Communist candidates were indorsed by all the delegates present, among whom were representatives of Local 269 (which, as stated above, later ratified this action), and Local 39, one of the largest unions in the organization. This latter local has not yet taken up the question of indorsement of candidates, but the militants stand an excellent chance of reaffirming the principle of the class struggle by rejecting the "fighting faker" from Wisconsin and points east.

Schlossberg Kicking, Too.

It should not be thought that this wave of dissent is entirely confined to the rank and file, altho it receives its backbone and spirit therefrom. The latest news is that Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated, has declined to be a part to this betrayal of the idea of the class struggle upon which the union has always stood. A clean bill of health to LaFollette (Continued on page 2.)

LABOR TROUBLES IN HONDURAS BRING DOWN AN AMERICAN WARSHIP

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Send-

Miners! Send in

RANK AND FILE IS FOR FOSTER

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and his platform have been too much of a bone to swallow. Therefore, the G. E. B. indorsed LaFollette with the specious plea that while the candidates for president and vice president do not come from the ranks of the trade unions, and while "we" cannot accept the conomic implications of those elements of the platform which are designed to restore competitive industry, still LaFollette and Wheeler have been outstanding public (!) servants, fighting consistently for the public (!) welfare.

Against this indorsement Schlossberg voted and promised to make public a statement on the subject.

It will be recalled that Schlossberg was the author of an article showing the difference between the third party and the labor party, an article which was widely read.

The rest of the members of the general executive board, who voted the indorsement to LaFollette, know that even if the senator should finally decide in January, 1925, that the time had come for the formation of a new party, it would not be a labor party, but a third party, a party which would

be a melange of petty-bourgeoisie, labor fakers, rubber-tired farmers and jobless officeholders. The labor party, they know, can only be achieved over the dead political body of LaFolletteism, of petty-bourgeois leadership of the political labor movement.

By the indorement of LaFollette, the national officials of the Amalgamated have dealt another blow to those militants who are doing all in their power to destroy the illusion of LaFolletteism and build the movement for class political action. Instead of helping to do this, they have succeeded in helping to nurture this danger to the American workers, and have greatly harmed the coming of the labor party.

Let the Members Speak.

The rank and file always has the last word to say, in the last analysis. In this case, it must stand plainly before its national officialdom and flatly repudiate the shameful indorsement of LaFollette. The issue in the labor movement is clear. Either Foster or LaFollette.

The militant worker will choose, unhesitatingly, the candidates of the Workers Party.