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PENNING MINERS FIGHT WAGE CUT

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THERE is no prospect of peace between France and England. There can be no peace between those nations. Not because of temperamental differences, but because of clashing interests. When war breaks out between France and England—unless the war between the United States and England comes first, or the one between the U. S. and Japan—our ears will be assaulted with British propaganda about the decadence of France and by French propaganda about the greed and avarice of John Bull.

IN the event of a war between England and France it is quite possible that Wall Street may wink at the French debt, as Britain is America's most formidable foe among the capitalist nations, and France is passing out of the picture as an imperialist power. It does not matter if we have organizations in existence designed to cement the friendly relations between the two "English-speaking nations." Oil is more powerful than blood nowadays. Oil was a favorite antidote for troubled waters in other days, but today it is our greatest troublemaker.

EVEN the pacifists no longer hope to avert war. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," said the bible or one of the prophets. There is a mouthful of wisdom in the old saying. The late war took all the wind out of the sails of pacifism. They are now flapping against the masts. But Rear Admiral Fiske, "views with alarm" the extent of the pacifist menace in the United States, and his speech is not calculated to strew the already thorny path of Calvin Coolidge with roses.

THERE are more harmless diversions than tickling the thyroid of a sleeping dog with a red hot poker. But a retired admiral, full of Dutch courage,

Battle Reaction in Amalgamated

SEATTLE LABOR UNIONS PROTEST EXPULSIONS AS COMMUNISTS IN STATEMENT CHALLENGE ACCUSERS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—Deep protest developed at the meeting of the Central Labor Council here at its last meeting, when the strike and grievance committee, which constitutes the trial board of the council, rendered their report, which recommended that Delegates Joe Havel, Price and Jones be expelled, and that Delegates Mohr, Hansen and Carlson be exonerated.

Profound admiration of the stand taken by the group of six, all members of the Workers (Communist) Party, was shown when Joe Havel read to the council the statement of the six Communists.

In the debate on committee report, James A. Duncan, of the machinists' union and ex-secretary of the council, together with "Tex" Phillips of Painters' Local No. 300, took strenuous exception to the expulsions.

See Blow to Organized Labor.

Phillips declared that such action would seriously weaken the organized labor movement, and Duncan protested that if those in authority proceed to expel all Communists from the American labor movement, such action would ultimately wreck the unions. Duncan stated that the Workers (Communist) Party is destined completely to supplant the moribund socialist party, and he affirmed that the radicals were the life of the labor movement.

Adjournment came at the statutory time, 11 p. m., with an extension of time being demanded by Levine, the prosecutor against the Communists. It was denied, however, and the matter will come up at the next meeting on Wednesday.

The statement of the Communists, read by Joe Havel, is a document which is the talk of the unions of Seattle and marks a new stage in the

ELEVEN UNION MINERS FRAMED UP FOR MURDER

W. Va. Coal Barons Use
State Police

GRANT TOWN, W. Va., March 22—

The W. Va. county and local officials, many of whom are directly employed by the coal operators of this section, increased their persecution of union miners when they arrested eleven officers and members of the United

Digging in the Ruins



All That Storm Left of Miners' Home.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID APPEALS FOR HELP TO WORKING CLASS VICTIMS OF THE TORNADO

Knowing that the working class is always the greatest sufferer in any calamity, and asserting that those whose daily business it is to rob and exploit the workers are scarcely to be expected to give the working class victims of the tornado in southern Illinois more than superficial attention, and will not do anything to strengthen the miners' union whose members have suffered the greatest disaster, the International Workers' Aid has issued an appeal for strictly proletarian aid to be given to aid the bereaved and suffering workers who are victims of the storm. The appeal follows:

LIPTZIN, OF N. Y. LOCAL NO. 5, TO SPEAK TONIGHT

Protest Outrages of Manager Levin

Sam Liptzin, of the famous Local 5, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, suspended by President Sidney Hillman from the joint board, will speak at the great mass protest meeting of Amalgamated members tonight at 8 o'clock, at Temple Hall, corner of Van Buren street and Marshfield Ave.

The meeting is to protest against the outrageous action of Sam Levin, manager of the Chicago joint board, in taking members of the union off their jobs and thus depriving them of a chance to earn a livelihood, merely for distributing a leaflet issued by Local 5 of the A. C. W. of New York City.

Predict Huge Demonstration.

Judging by the sentiment prevailing in the shops, this meeting is expected to be a huge demonstration against the Hillman-Levin machine for trying to drive members out of the trade, reduce them to starvation or compel them to obey the autocratic orders and follow the class collaborationist policy of the machine.

The inference can be drawn that the Hillman-Levin machine is picking this particular time to throw the best militant workers out of the shops, because thereby the machine will be

COKE MINERS IN REVOLT AGAINST BIG WAGE CUT

Operators Slash Pay
\$2.25 per Day

By ARNE SWABECK.

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 22.—Coming out to a man five thousand miners of the unorganized territory, Fayette County, Pa., which was so shamefully betrayed by John L. Lewis and his gang in 1922, have struck work in protest of a wage cut scheduled to take effect immediately and to lop off one third of the present scale of wages, making a cut of \$2.25 a day.

A goodly part of the strikers are Negroes, and all stand solid refusing to go back to the 1917 scale. The strike is spreading through the county.

Against Steel Trust and Subsidiaries.

The strike is complete in the following camps: Tower Hill No. 1 and No. 2, Allison, Mount Braddock, Royal and Orient, the latter place having just been bought by the Byers Iron and Steel Rod company. These camps are located in the heart of the Fayette county coal and coke region.

The mines are owned by the H. C. Frick Coal and Coke company, the Hillman Co., and the Reiney Co. So far the strike is on only the mines of the two latter companies, the H. C. Frick Co. having not as yet posted notices of wage cuts, evidently holding off to see how well this first rebellion turns out.

Immediate Eviction Notice Served.

A wage cut took place in these mines last year in June but the pres-

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sure of work again forced restoration of the old scale.

These camps are completely company owned. The miners live in company houses and buy their necessities in company stores. Immediately at the beginning of the strike, a ten days' eviction notice was given to each striker and the credit in the company stores ceased. Whatever indebtedness the striking miners may have to the store will be balanced against their next pay.

State Police Install Martial Law.

The coal and iron police, which is a special privilege in the state of Pennsylvania, giving owners of coal mines and steel mills the right to deputize such special police, have taken possession of the territory.

During the 1922 general coal mine strike the 40,000 unorganized miners of Fayette county came out and made common cause with their organized fellow workers. They were organized into the U. M. W. of A. when at the settlement of the strike Lewis and the officials of District No. 5 left them all in the lurch and they were finally forced to go back to work completely unorganized, that is at least those that were not victimized by the coal barons.

Lewis Wrecks and Betrays Union.

Special organizers and stool pigeons dispatched by John L. Lewis have since been busy in that territory, not to organize, but to steal all the charters they could get hold of the locals which were organized during the strike, believing that thereby the officials would be absolved from any responsibility for the miserable conditions of the workers.

The Hillman company, whose mines have been struck some time ago, was permitted by President Fagan and the rest of the District No. 5 machine to sign an agreement covering its mines within District No. 5 but exempting those in Fayette county, altho Hines and O'Leary, two of the machine, had originally voted against it.

Want Rank and File Control.

Since then they have both come out and explained that action as a perfectly good union principle in their opinion. Naturally the miners in the struck region and throughout Fayette county are bitter at the betrayals of the officialdom of the U. M. W. of A. but at any and all times are ready to join hands with the rank and file members of the union.

As fast as wage cuts notices are made, the strike is spreading and strike committees to take charge of the situation are rapidly being organized.

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Shut Down in West Virginia.

MORGANTOWN, West Va., March 22.—Every union mine now operating in Northern West Virginia will be closed by April 1st, if the present wage scale is in operation at that time, according to a statement issued by the Consolidation Coal Company, one of the biggest coal combines in the world.

This mighty industrial octopus has mines in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia in addition to the pits it operates in this state. It has already suspended operations in twenty two mines in this field and the remaining six are expected to cease operations on April 1.

It was stated unofficially that many Morgantown operators who have contracts with the union will shut down on April 1st. While no statement was made officially, that the mines would open non-union after April 1st, it is hinted that this will be the strategy of the coal operators not only in West Virginia but thruout the country. The coal barons believe it is easier to fight the union by shutting down the mines and letting the scab pits take care of the market until the hungry workers come to terms.

While this danger threatens the United Mine Workers of America John L. Lewis is doing nothing to prepare for the inevitable struggle with the operators but is busy as usual fighting the radicals.