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AS WE
BY T. J. OPI

SHOULD all the maimed, crippled and paralyzed war veterans of Italy who fought an bloody for King Emmanuel, follows the example of Giovanni Pirolli, his majesty might have to take an organ around the streets and grind it for a living. It is not a little more than what he would be getting for his rank and would be more fitting to his rank and perfectly satisfactory to us. What Pirolli did was to appear before the king's cabinet and demand that a mutilated wreck of what was once a man.

PIROLLI asked to see the king, and unless we are being spoofed by a cab reporter, the game was unacceptably obliging. He hid forth to Emmanuel and told him what he saw of the world. The next reel brought the crippled relic of humanity to the king's presence. The hero told his king what had happened and then made the polite suggestion that compensation for his valor was in order. He hinted that an iron cross or a new pair of Boston garters would not all the bill.

THE best is yet to come. After Pirolli returned from the king and told all that was left of him, a greedy landlord came along and evicted him from his cottage. It appears that the landlord was selling hot dogs on the market place in Rome while the hero was ducking Austrian bullets. While the hero was away fighting for his king, the landlord was getting drunk but remained sober long enough to purchase the cottage in which the hero was born. There is a moral here if you are not a fool or otherwise adorn it. Evidence that a man may accumulate wealth does not mean that he is a capitalist. It is an occasional skill at a game, while many strict vegetarians die with dry whistles because they each lack the price of a glass of wine.

WHEN the hero returned he was so sick that he could not marry a woman who's daughter or wife was a red cross nurse. In fact, this was his only pain from the war. The landlord forgot about the cottage for the war which he celebrated the victor's return by having to get out of the neighborhood to collect his rent. The sight of a person who had been almost killed and who had another in trembling voice that Pirolli had no money, nothing to kill his tenant, but evicted him to that the landlord had a lot of patience.

THE landlord, regarding his constitutional right as an S. L. P. man would say, refrained from reverting to barbarism and realized that he was on the civilized plane. He did not kill his tenant, but evicted him without further discussion. Attempts of the tenant to point out that he was a wounded patriot kept the landlord's temper at the boiling point. Whoever heard of a patriot getting his reward anywhere but in the neck and Pirolli got it twice in many different places.

SO much for the landlord. The curtain falls for a moment. Pirolli is advertising his sovereign after having told his tale. "What can I do for you?" said the sovereign in a way that would be a decent fellow and ask for a drink and a Camel cigarette. But when the monarch was hit up for the (Continued on page 3)

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
WRECKED ERIC TRAIN,
KILLING THE FIREMAN

GREAT LEHIGH, Pa., April 6.—J. K. Boehm, fireman, was killed and William McGill, engineer, was injured, and passengers in a wrecked train were thrown from their seats here today when the locomotive plowed thru two cars that jumped the track on an east-bound freight in front of the passenger train.

A broken brake beam caused the two freight cars to leap into the path of the passing train.

LEFT WINGER, TAKEN FROM JOB BY LEVIN, STUMPS AMALGAMATED OFFICIALS IN HOT CATECHISM

(By a Member Taken Off the Job.)
The reactionary officials of the Amalgamated in Chicago are making a hollow pretense of democratic and legitimate procedure in dealing with the militants taken off the job for having distributed the manifesto issued by Local 5 of New York. They are calling in the militants one by one, cross-examining them and scare them into promising to "behave"; they are to quit fighting against the class-collaborationist policy of the Hillman-Levin machine.

This week I received a communication from the union notifying me to appear before the directors of my local union. On arriving at the (Continued on page 3)

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COMMUNIST IN TOUCHING STORY OF IRISH FAMINE

Peasants Dying for Want of Food

Robert Stewart, a leading member of the British Communist Party, and now secretary of the Workers' International Relief in Ireland has written the following story of conditions in the famine region in that country which shows the necessity for immediate action on the part of the American workers if thousands of poor peasants and workers are to be saved from death thru starvation and disease caused by hunger.

THE DAILY WORKER urges its readers to get busy at once and send in contributions to the Irish Workers' Peasants' Famine Relief Committee with headquarters at 118 S. Lincoln St., Chicago.

By ROBERT STEWART
Thanks to the Workers' International Relief and their effective relief on the west coast of Donegal, many families face a better future with a little more hope in their hearts. I have just returned from a survey which included the area from Teelin to Dungloe, a stretch of mountainous rugged miles or more and taking in the villages and towns of Teelin, Killybegs, Aghara, Letterkenny, Dungloe, etc. Personal observation confirms the reports of our committees throughout the area. The people have been taught to hide their misery and veil their poverty as a thing to be ashamed of or to fortify beseech their "betters" for a moiety of their charity.

The meeting of the W. I. R. has changed that attitude. The surprising fact that people like themselves in other lands have sent food, fuel and clothing to them, has awakened not only hope but courage, where only despair had reigned.

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RUMOR PERSHING SLATED AS NEXT WAR SECRETARY

Weeks to Be Out by Mid-Summer

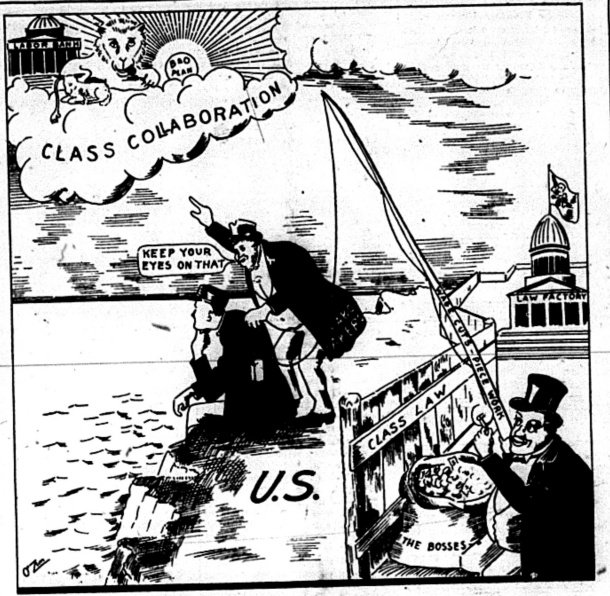
WASHINGTON, April 7.—Rumors that Pershing would be named as the next secretary of war, to stimulate a fascist "loyal" spirit through the country, were afloat in Washington last night. The rumor is being spread by one of the army officers, known as John W. Weeks, present head of the war department, had suffered an attack of thrombosis (paralysis) and would probably soon resign.

Later news of Weeks' condition indicated that he would be only a poorly crippled, and that he might be strong enough to serve out the present year, but it was admitted that he probably would be out of the cabinet by mid-summer.

Pershing has been ordered to Peru to have charge of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite, in case the Peruvian protest at the Hughes-Coolidge award in that land-grabbing case does not become a flat rejection of the plebiscite plan. His selection to head the war department would require the appointment of another man for the South American job.

France Coming Under Dawes Plan

"IN THE SWEET BY AND BY"



Capitalist's Mirage.

CONSPIRACY BETWEEN LOS ANGELES POLICE AND THE YELLOW SOCIALISTS FAILS; SO DID RAFAEL ABRAMOVICH

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
LOS ANGELES.—(By Mail.)—Rafael Abramovich had a strong understanding with the police force of this city, but that did not save him from having his anti-Soviet lies stick in his throat when he took the platform at a meeting in the Central Labor Temple to slander the workers and peasants of the first workers' and peasants' government in history.

WOMAN SLUGGED AND DRUGGED IN TRACTION VOTE

Gunmen Active in Car Steal Election

A woman election worker was slugged, bound, gagged and drugged, several alleged gunmen, said to have been creating a reign of terror in various districts where bitter contests had been waged, were arrested, and some cases of ballot stealing and lesser fighting were reported today as Chicago, in general, went lethargically to the polls to cast its vote on its much-heralded traction ordinance.

From the time Abramovich started out midnight, he was not able to make himself heard beyond the second row of seats. The police and the club freely and were kept busy ejecting men and women from the hall who were pointed out by the socialists. One officer was heard to remark (Continued on page 2)

Carpenters' Locals of Philadelphia Endorse Detroit

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—At the last meeting of Carpenters' Locals Nos. 1075 and 1088 both these unions endorsed the resolution sent out by the Detroit Local No. 2140, condemning the expulsion policy of the Hutcheson administration, and demanding the reinstatement of the expelled.

BRITAIN PUTS PRESSURE OF GREED AND FRENCH SECURITY ON HERriot

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
LONDON, April 7.—The French cabinet crisis today was holding up negotiations toward a security pact, as well as negotiations toward settlement of the French debt.

WHITE HOWAT TO SPRINGFIELD MINERS' PROTEST

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 7.—Alexander Howat, veteran leader of the Kansas coal miners, has been invited to speak at the protest meeting of the Springfield Miners' Union, which is to be held at the Reserve Park, to protest against the effort of the Farrington-Lewis regime in the United Mine Workers' Union to break the power of the opposition in the district.

Kansas Fighter Ruled Off Ballot by Machine

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CAPITALIST PRESS USING CRIPPLES TO BOOST SALES

Park Cork Legs Until Day's Work Is Done

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
TOLEDO, Ohio, April 7.—An instance has just come to my notice, where a one-legged cripple can be made to produce more profits than a man who has two legs.

IF GERMANY PAYS WE ARE RUINED, SAYS FRENCHMAN

Dawes Plan Strangles French Industry

(Special to The Daily Worker.)
PARIS, April 7.—The impossibility of making the Dawes' plan work is beginning to dawn upon the manufacturing interests of France. The latest completed declaration of the syndicate of French manufacturers of rolling stock sums up the whole situation in the phrase: "If Germany pays we are ruined."

COMRADE RADWANSKI WILL MAKE FIRST SPEECH ON TOUR TO AID POLISH PRISONERS NEXT SUNDAY

The first meeting arranged by the International Red Aid and its Polish section, the Conference to Aid Political Prisoners in Poland, at which Comrade Radwanski will speak, will be held Sunday, April 12, 7 p. m., at International Workers' Home, 204 Yemans St., Hamtramck, Mich.

There will also be English, Ukrainian and Russian speakers.

CONFERENCE FOR SACCO-VANZETTI IS SUCCESSFUL

Workers Party Enlists Unions' Co-operation

(Special to The Daily Worker.) NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 7.—A well attended Sacco-Vanzetti conference was held at Trades Council Hall, 215 Meadow St., last night. Eighteen organizations were represented by 22 delegates. Among the organizations represented were the Workers Party, New Haven Trades Council, Workmen's Circle branches 16 (Lena) and 585, Sons of Italy, Painters' Local 4, Typographical Union Local 41, Tobacco Strippers' Local.

Previously, the work for Sacco and Vanzetti had been carried on by the radical organizations alone. The Workers Party called a preliminary conference of the anarchists, syndicalists and Communists, where plans were laid for the larger conference. District Organizer Simons of the Workers Party was delegated to appear before the New Haven Trades Council, which resulted favorably. A larger conference will be called for April 30.

Executive Committee Elected. 1. Speeches on the work of the conference were made by William Simons in English and Angelo Crisaf in Italian. Comrade Ide Rothstein was the presiding officer. On the executive committee are P. Altano, Y. A. Maslow, Margaret Probel, R. S. King, M. Puglia, A. Crisaf, and William Simons.

F. Altano, secretary of Barbieri's Local 115, and a delegate from the Trades Council, was elected chairman, and Angelo Crisaf, 639 Chapel Street, the Workers Party, secretary-treasurer. Socialists Absent. Just as in the anti-fascist movement in Italy, the socialists were conspicuous by their absence. At that time they were too busy campaigning for little business agent Bob. Now they are too busy arranging for a meeting for traitor Abramovitch. The Jewish branch of the socialist party of New Haven (that's all there is of them) and the "Workers' Circle" of the Workmen's Circle were invited but did not show up.

Eye Witness Story to Action

NATIONAL OFFICE OF LABOR DEFENSE COUNCIL NOW AT 19 S. LINCOLN ST.

The Labor Defense Council, national office has moved to 19 South Lincoln street, Chicago, Illinois, and all communications should be sent there. The change was made April 1st. The phone number is Seely 3563.

Bunco Steers Keep Away from YWL Bunco Party Next Saturday

There is no bunco about the Young Workers League, but there is a lot of bunco in it, according to a red ticket bearing on its face an invitation to participate in the festivities next Saturday night, April 11, at 1902 West Division St. For the small sum of 25 cents, old and young will have the time of their lives.

The youths organizing the affair call it a bunco party and dance, but they assure us that there will be plenty of dancing. Where the bunco comes in we have been unable to learn. The Little Yowlies who dances with you, may explain the difference between a shop nuclei, street nuclei, and area branch as you trip the light fantastic with the aid of snappy music. Branch area No. 5 plays the host.

Philadelphia Social and Banquet Comes Off Saturday Night

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 7.—On Saturday night, April 11th, the Central English branch of the Workers Party will give a banquet and dance at 521 York Ave. Excellent entertainment will be given and speaker announced by the arrangement committee. All class conscious workers should seize this opportunity to become acquainted with the Philadelphia comrades. The small admission fee of 60 cents includes entry to a luxurious banquet, with entertaining and interesting speeches as well as good music and dancing.

GET A SUB AND GIVE ONE!

DENNIS BATT, EX-PROLETARIAN CHIEF, FIGHTS ORGANIZATION OF THE DETROIT STREET CARMEN ON INDUSTRIAL BASIS

(Special to The Daily Worker.) DETROIT, April 7.—At the last meeting of the Detroit Federation of Labor President Herbert Meeker of the local Street Car men's Union brought in the report that his local was contemplating a general organization campaign in Detroit. Meeker's report pointed out in his report that the initial steps of organizing these men had already been taken and that of course they would not interfere with the trades already organized.

The present city administration is a somewhat friendly one and the street carmen who have had considerable trouble in the past with the municipally-owned lines of Detroit, naturally want to strengthen their position while conditions are favorable.

This report was commented upon favorably and otherwise by a number of delegates and finally a motion was made by Jimmy Carroll, the reactionary business agent of the machinists' union "to hold the matter in abeyance until the meeting of the business agents of the various Detroit unions could get together and discuss the matter." Dennis B. Batt, editor of the Detroit Labor News, delegate from Machinists No. 12 and ex-arch revolutionary arose to speak for the motion and against the proposition of allowing the street carmen to organize all Detroit street railway employees.

Speaks For Craft Unionism. After his customary alibi, that "in industrial" was still an industrial unionist, he proceeded to tell the delegates that the Detroit Federation of Labor and all those affiliated with it were operating under the constitution of the American Federation of Labor, which was opposed to industrial unionism and stood for craft unions. He also pointed out that in some cities there are organizations which are called Street Car men's Union, the same plan as that under discussion. (Note Batt's consistency) the machinists were getting a lower rate than the non-unionists who got it organized in the machinists' union. He said a good deal more all of which went to show how low this man has sunk who once accused the Workers' Party of being a centrist party and posed as a pure and undiluted Marxist and revolutionist.

He got himself very honorable. "Dinny" is sure slipping fast down the toboggan slide of fakery.

LOS ANGELES, NOTICE! SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Junior Section, Young Workers League of America SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 7:30 P. M. at the CO-OPERATIVE CENTER, 2706 Brooklyn Avenue. PROGRAM: "Happy Prince," play in 3 scenes; "Labor Defense," Operetta in 4 scenes; "Spirit of Communism," Ballet. Auspices, Arrangements and Talent, entirely by the Junior Section. Y. W. L. of Los Angeles.

STANLEY CLARK ON FREE SPEECH IN PORTLAND, ORE.

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 7.—A lecture was delivered on Sunday. The speaker was Stanley Clark before a large membership of the Arts and Science Club.

Comrade Clark spoke on the question of free speech and censorship. With keen and charming style the speaker pointed out the purpose of Communism, and the position of Communists under capitalism. The address was received by eager listeners, loud applause marking appreciation as the speaker drove home point after point, showing the inevitable collapse of capitalism.

Workers Party-Local Chicago Activities

Wednesday, April 8. Douglas Park Jewish, 3115 W. Roosevelt Road. Englishwood English, 6922 Park Ave. Czech-Slovak No. 3, 2327 S. Cornell Ave. Czech-Slovak No. 1, 1523 W. 19th St.

Thursday, April 9. Russian, 1902 W. Division St. Czech-Slovak N. Beryva, Sokole Oak Park, Roosevelt and Scoville Ave. Lithuanian No. 2, 1400 S. Union Ave. Mid-City English, 722 Blue Island Ave. Eleventh Ward Italian, 2439 S. Oakley St. Scandinavian Lake View, 3206 N. Wilton St. Scandinavian Larik Marx, 2713 Hirsch Blvd.

Friday, April 10. Lettish Branch, 4159 Thomas St. extend the area of the struggle beyond local boundaries.

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE LOCAL CHICAGO

Wednesday, April 8. City Central Committee meeting, 2613 Hirsch Blvd., 8 p. m. Special order of business: "Shop Nuclei." Organization and functioning of existing nuclei, issuing of factory bulletins, etc., will be taken up.

Thursday, April 9. Area Branch No. 4, 3118 W. Roosevelt Road.—Class in A. B. C. of Communism.

Friday, April 10. Area Branch No. 1, Room 506, 166 W. Washington St.—Class in A. B. C. of Communism. Area Branch No. 3—3201 South Wabash Ave.

Area Branch No. 5. Area Branch No. 6—2613 Hirsch Blvd.

Saturday, April 11. Meeting of all comrades working in the needle trades, 2613 Hirsch Blvd., 10 p. m.

Bunco party and dance, 1902 West Division St. Auspices of Area Branch No. 5.

Notice Following Dates. The following dates have been taken by the Young Workers League, Local Chicago. Workers Party branches and other organizations please do not arrange conflicting affairs.

Bunco party and dance, Saturday, April 11, 1902 W. Division St. Auspices of Area Branch No. 5.

Spring dance, Workers Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., Saturday, April 18. Auspices of J. P. C.

First hike, end of Grand Avenue, Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a. m. Membership meeting, Tuesday, April 21, at 722 Blue Island Ave.

Dance on Sunday, April 24, 8 p. m. Folkets ämna, 2732 Hirsch Boulevard. Auspices of Area Branch No. 2 and Mid-City Branch of the party.

W. L. City dance, Saturday, May 9, 1925, Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.

Saturday, May 16, is reserved for an affair by Area Branch No. 1.

RUSSIAN EXPORTS TO DENMARK WERE DOUBLED SINCE TRADE TREATY

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Danish trade with Soviet Russia in 1924 was between 66,000,000 and 67,000,000 crowns, or 100 per cent more than in 1922, when the trade treaty between the two countries was negotiated, according to a report by the Danish Industrial Ass'n., received by the department of commerce.

Party Activities of District No. 12

That District 12 of the Workers (Communist) Party under the direction of Organizer Norman Tallentire, is carrying on a vigorous campaign to bring the Communist message to the workers and for farmers of that state is shown by the following schedule of meetings from March 29 to May 2, some of which have been held already. The principal speakers at those meetings are Stanley Clark and Tallentire, two of the best campaigners in our party.

April 10, Friday, probably Sun Yat Sen memorial, Seattle, Clark.

April 10, Friday, Everett, public meeting, 8 p. m., Tallentire.

April 11, Saturday, Seattle, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 12, Sunday, Seattle, debate Labor College, 8 p. m., Tallentire, Lane.

April 12, Sunday, Tacoma, Sun Yat Sen memorial, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 13, Monday. April 14, Tuesday. April 15, Wednesday. April 16, Thursday, Tacoma, So. Slav, Clark.

April 17, Friday, Tacoma, English branch, Clark.

April 17, Friday, Seattle, public meeting, 8 p. m., Tallentire.

April 18, Saturday, Hopewell, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 19, Sunday, Bellingham, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 20, Monday, Bayview, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 21, Tuesday, LaConner, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 22, Wednesday, Concrete, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 23, Thursday, Vernum, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

April 24, Friday, Seattle, public meeting, 8 p. m., Tallentire.

April 24, Sunday, Anacortes, public meeting, 8 p. m., Clark.

Expelled Communists to Speak at the Seattle Forum Meeting, Apr. 11

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—The delegates who were expelled from the Seattle Labor Council are holding a series of Labor Council meetings every Saturday night in the Painters' Hall, Union Record Building, 1915 First Ave. Stanley J. Clark of Texas spoke at the first meeting, held Saturday on the subject of the Red International of Labor Unions and the Industrial Workers of the World.

The next meeting to be held on April 11th will be addressed by all six defendants who will discuss the significance of these expulsions in view of the union heading open shop drive being engineered against the unions by big business in the United States at the present time.

All workers are extended a hearty welcome to attend the series of meetings. And the members of organized labor are particularly urged to come out in order to hear these fighting members of the trade union defend their ideas and opinions.

Comradship Instead of Nationalism to Reign at Bronx Ball

NEW YORK, April 7.—There may be nothing to the name "toss, which smells" as it does. But the name anti-nationalistic has a significant meaning for all internationalists. And many cannot substitute any other in order for it to have the same meaning.

Anti-nationalistic to internationalists means the opposition to the local patriotism imposed upon all in their resident nation. We internationalists are opposed to this imposition.

We have therefore arranged a special anti-nationalistic concert and ball in order to express our feelings. At this affair which is under the auspices of the Bronx English Branch One of the Workers Party, to take place on Saturday April 11 at 1347 Boston Road, Bronx, N. Y., only a comradely internationalistic spirit will reign.

We invite you to come and help make this affair a mass spirit.

Organizers Are Not Born They Are Made!

We Quote Wm. Z. Foster:

"... it is particularly appropriate to point out the field opened up to us by our English language daily paper for the development of organizers and for the organization of our party.

"Obviously one of the best ways to build the membership of the party is by building the circulation of the DAILY WORKER. In fact it is so obvious that in all too many instances this way of making the party grow has been overlooked altogether.

"But, although it is quite generally understood that by building the DAILY WORKER we are also building the Workers Party, it is not so generally understood that in extending the circulation of the DAILY WORKER there is an open road to the development of organizers for our party.

"Organizers are not born. They are made. They are products of active participation in the daily struggle. They are made in the process of doing real organization work.

"In our party we will develop the necessary organizers by putting the membership, so far as possible, systematically to work upon organizational tasks. There is no better school for organizers than in the building of the DAILY WORKER.

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and bullion one-half is in this country. It carries with it a constant danger of inflation and calls constantly for reinvestment. Since the first of the year huge loans have been made, but these in turn have created new spheres of exploitation from which increasing profits are derived. The increasing amount of foreign loans force the American government more and more to make foreign policy its only policy.

The extension of the power of the United States increases the rivalry between it and Japan, and Great Britain. World politics for American imperialism takes on more and more the character of a war for the extermination of competitors. War is politics carried to its logical and inevitable conclusion.

What is the task of the working class movement and especially of its most conscious section—the Communist Party? It is to utilize every opportunity to arouse the masses of workers and farmers of America to the danger and to establish and maintain the closest connections with the working class of the nations threatened by American imperialism for joint action against the enemy—the robbers and war mongers.

Texas Is Typical

The fight of the Negroes in Texas for the right to vote in the primaries preceding elections, the story of which we carried yesterday, is not a very clear one, but is indicative of the feudal status of the race in the south. A Texas primary election in which but one Negro votes is by that fact illegal. This puts it up to the authorities to use their best judgment, as the saying goes. It means that no Negro will be allowed within gunshot of the polling places.

The rights as elsewhere in the former slave states of the right of Negroes to vote is purely theoretical. They are completely disfranchised and consequently unable to take any advantage whatever of such privileges as the franchise gives. Southern politicians therefore felt it necessary to do anything for the Negro masses. The mild reforms that the white workers have been able to force affect the Negro not at all.

In spite of this the Negroes, by mass migration to the north, have been able lately to secure slightly more consideration from the southern landlords and capitalists. Not all of them can migrate, however, and at best the cessation of some of the worst forms of persecution forced by this method is only temporary.

Like the white workers were forced to do, the Negroes must organize in the north and south. They must establish in one form or another a centralized body to combat all kinds of racial persecutions. Their first task must be to force from the white working class a recognition of the Negro as an equal and an ally in all struggles of the working class.

A struggle like that in Texas must be broadened out and given a national character, the isolated efforts made by the Negroes must be connected up into one mass movement in which the class interests of the great majority of the Negroes, workers and farmers, are recognized as such and made the basis for the program of struggle.

The leaders in such a movement, indications of which are already to be seen, will come from the class-conscious section of the Negro masses—they will be Negro workers who know that neither their race nor the white workers can never be really free while capitalism lasts.

Get a member for the Workers Party and a new subscription for the DAILY WORKER.

The Thompson Case

Constitutions and by-laws, precedents and decisions, mean nothing to the labor leaders of the Farrington type when it is a question of crushing the left wing to prevent its interference with the plans of the officialdom which in the United Mine Workers include a scheme worked in conjunction with the coal owners to drive 200,000 miners out of the industry.

The attempted ousting of Freeman Thompson, president of Sub-District 4 of District 12, by Farrington cannot be justified by any law or precedent established in the union. On the contrary, decisions on similar cases uphold Thompson and not Farrington.

Two decisions by Farrington and one by Wright, executive board member, made on March 12, 1922, April 21, 1923, and April 20, 1923, are specific in stating that the district office is without power to decide controversies arising out of sub-district elections. Yet Farrington rules that Thompson is not entitled to hold office in the district.

Accustomed to official corruption for years, the miners have become cynical, but this last instance is a little too raw. Even the local to which Walker, the Farrington choice for Thompson's office, belongs has unanimously repudiated this action.

The Thompson case is one on which the membership will fight. It is so easily seen that behind Farrington are the coal operators who have not only been able to head Thompson from their will that the question is really one of the life of the union in Sub-District 4.

We do not believe that the rank and file of the miners in this sub-district, the most militant in Illinois, are going to let Farrington or anyone else wreck their organization. The Thompson fight is a fight of the whole left wing.

The Australian workers are threatening to boycott the American fleet when it reaches there as a protest against the criminal syndicalism and sedition laws in the United States. World solidarity of the working class is not such a utopian desire after all.

Every day get a "sub" for the DAILY WORKER and a member for the Workers Party.

British Leaders Urge Trade Union Unity

(Concluded from last issue.)

What Happened at Amsterdam

Meeting of the I. F. T. U. General Council, Feb. 5 to 7.

We have now taken up the story at the point where the official letter of the Trade Union Congress had also before it, at this meeting of February 5 to 7, 1925, a telegram from the All-Russian Council of Trade Unions and a similar proposal. The members of the general council who had to reach a decision on these proposals were as follows:

- Bureau: A. A. Purcell, Great Britain, president; I. F. T. U. (in the chair); L. Jouhaux, France, Th. Lejart, Germany, C. Mertens, Belgium, vice-presidents; J. Oudegeest, Johann Saenenbach, John W. Brown, secretaries. General Committee: F. Bramley, Great Britain. M. Saveland, Amsterdam. R. Stelnhuus, Holland. L. D'Aragnoa, Italy. L. L. Caballero, Spain. M. Saveland, Amsterdam. P. Grassmann, Germany. R. Taysir, Czechoslovakia. C. Madson, Denmark. J. Oudegeest, Belgium. Z. Zulawski, Poland.

International Trade Secretaries: A. J. Cook, International Miners' Federation. E. Fineman, International Transport Workers' Federation. G. J. A. Smit, International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, and Technical Workers.

The discussion on unity in the international trade union movement was opened by a speech from Oudegeest who put forward the following resolution on behalf of the bureau:

The general council regrets that the Russian trade unions are not prepared to accept the invitation of the I. F. T. U. congress to affiliate with the I. F. T. U.

The general council regrets that the Russian organizations keep up their hostile attitude towards the I. F. T. U. and its affiliated bodies. The general council is of the opinion that everything possible has been done on the part of the I. F. T. U. to induce the Russians to come in; and that the bureau should be instructed to notify the Russian trade union center that we regard the whole question as finished; and that we should refrain from any further correspondence.

This rather wild proposal, which we have already mentioned in our article against any further attempts at international unity, was not, it appears probable from subsequent events, put forward as a walking-horse resolution. It carried both the resolutions or amendments of the right wing of the meeting to take on the appearance of a midway course by contrast with the wild proposal which had been put to the vote.

After Oudegeest had spoken, Fred Bradley, secretary of the I. F. T. U., spoke, put forward the British proposal for an unconditional immediate conference.

After long discussion a new resolution was put forward by Oudegeest and Smit, which ran as follows:

Stelnhuus-Smit Resolution.

The general council of the I. F. T. U., after having examined the correspondence between the I. F. T. U. and the All-Russian Council of Trade Unions instructs the executive committee to inform the I. F. T. U. of the All-Russian Council of Trade Unions that the I. F. T. U. is prepared to admit the All-Russian Federation of Trade Unions, when they express their desire to this effect.

The I. F. T. U. also declares itself prepared to convene a conference in London at the end of the month. All the principals are to be invited to be admitted to the I. F. T. U.

The British delegation strongly opposed this resolution, and pressed forward the I. F. T. U. policy, which was supported by Oudegeest, Fineman, Cook, and Bramley in his reply. The British proposal was then voted on and defeated by 13 votes to 6. The six votes were cast by Fineman, Brown, Pimmen and Madson. A similar resolution moved by Durr met with a similar fate. The Stelnhuus-Smit resolution was then carried by 14 votes to 5. Madson voting with the majority.

The British delegation, making the best of a bad job, then moved that the resolution be referred to the general council under the terms of the resolution that was agreed to, and the bureau, together with Bramley, Fineman, Grassmann and Zulawski, were thus appointed.

It should be noted that the press correspondents' letters dealing with the meeting (noted in the Master Guardian) were tendentious, and in some cases the correspondents had

FOR WORLD TRADE UNION UNITY

We publish herewith the last installment of extracts from the Special Supplement to the Monthly Circular of the Labor Research Department of the British Trade Union Congress devoted to furthering world trade union unity.

The Special Supplement began with a preface by A. A. Purcell, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions (Amsterdam) and composed largely of original documents; correspondence between the Red International of Labor Unions and the Amsterdam rights of union, reports of conferences, etc.

The publication of this Special Supplement of the very frank and militant announcement of its purposes by the president of the Amsterdam International, the complete exposure of the treacherous and disruptive tactics of the right wing which it contains, all are indicative of the tremendous hold that the slogan of World Trade Union Unity has gained upon the British trade union movement, the most powerful section of the Amsterdam International.—Ed. Note.

clearly been supplied with misleading accounts of what happened. Thus much publicity was given to the story that Purcell had replied to the case of a world congress. Mertens at the close of the discussion proposed that this alleged "repudiation" be recorded on the minutes of the Amsterdam Congress, but simply were against it being called immediately.

The Meaning of Amsterdam.

What exactly is the effect of the Stelnhuus-Smit resolution, carried against the opposition of the British delegates? Its tone has nothing of the blue hostility of the Oudegeest bureau resolution. What of its substance? It drops the previous stipulation as to formal acceptance of rules and the matter of the conference, "the expression of a desire" as a sufficient preliminary for admission of the Russians to the I. F. T. U. More, it says that since this desire is expressed, they are bound to meet in London in conference. That is all.

But, to speak paradoxically, its substance is found rather in the things it omits. Thus it makes no mention of the world labor congress, it leaves out a significant omission—any reference to the declaration of principles and policy set by Tomsky at the I. F. T. U. congress. It is on the question of Anglo-Russian relations (a matter on which Mr. Stelnhuus had been sufficiently vocal), and most important of all, it quietly ignores the repeated references to the R. I. L. U. and the known public attitude of the Russian Trade Union Congress in support of the Russian proposal, which by this sudden omission of the central issues of the controversy, and by its bland acceptance of a conference provision, it is not to be denied, the situation of the I. F. T. U. There are differences, differences only

of wording perhaps, possibly differences of emphasis and meaning. But the extent to which the position is really altered in any way from that of June last depends on the weight given to these subtle differences by those concerned, by the trade union leaders of Europe. That is to say, the distance traveled since June is not a fixed measurement, it is a question of interpretation.

How do they interpret it? Pimmen considers it to be a trap for Moscow, a resolution which under a specious appearance is really a wrecking motion, not a "compromise," but a defeat of the Russian proposal. On the other hand, a more favorable opinion has been expressed on this side, that it is really a half-way house resolution.

The Right Wing Interpretation.

In such a case it is best to turn to those who backed the motion, who carried it, and who presumably were really sincere of their convictions. Here we find at once that the right wing of Amsterdam had treated the resolution as a very smart piece of leadership, a general conference, which gives them a victory over the Russian trade unions. Vorwärts, for instance, contained an article on Feb. 11, in which under the checking headline, "Moscow's Turn to Speak," they forward the following interpretation:

The decision of the general council of the I. F. T. U. to invite the Russians to a general conference, which they previously are ready to join the I. F. T. U. is a shrewd blow at the Bolshevik split-brains. The entry of the Russian trade unions into the Amsterdam International must be preceded by their exit from the R. I. L. U.—which means the end of that body.

How do the French look upon it? Here we find that Jouhaux, chairman of one—and not the largest one—of the French Trade Union Confederations, which divide the allegiance of the French workers, takes up a similar line to Vorwärts. In the course of a long article in which he repeats the report of the I. F. T. U. (with a slight attitude towards a world congress) he says:

"The Russian trade unions have the opportunity to say in a concrete way whether or not they wish to

of four-and-three-quarter-foot Sibelii it did not look funny. Marie Vallo, a baritone with a voice that shakes buildings, made Valentine a man and not a woman. Great work! Demetrio Oprel, who is a gifted tenor, somewhat over idealized the role of Faust.

It seems as if Gounod could not contain it of two principal tenors on the stage at the same time, made the part of Sibelii, Faust's rival for Marguerite, a contralto role. Now let us ever fool into believing that Sibelii is a boy. Marie Vallo, who did the part Sunday, looked like a nice, pretty, little girl, and her singing of the flower song in the second act, next to Blasi's rendition of the "Song of the Golden Call" was the best individual performance of the whole show.

There were some remarkable things!

WOMAN'S PLACE WITH COMMUNISTS

By LEO KAMENEV.

enter the I. F. T. U.; they insist that they must get out of the door of the R. I. L. U., and the question of a world congress is a mere camouflage of the proposed world congress on unity cannot be raised.

This attitude is still more plainly in the curt stipulation of Oudegeest (as reported in Vorwärts of Feb. 9): If they join the I. F. T. U., they must renounce their membership in the R. I. L. U. Even more explicit is the intervention given by Oudegeest to Hot York on Feb. 9, where he sets forth his interpretation of the "compromise" resolution as the general council. His intention as follows in favor of the Stelnhuus proposal because the only alternative is the acceptance would make to the position would be to STRENGTHEN THE RESOLUTION OF THE VIENNA CONGRESS by the general council. He ordered us to enter into negotiations with the Russians on the basis of our statutes and principles. This, however, has been refused by the Russian trade unions. The Russian trade unions, with the backing of the English delegation—have an unconditional conference. The answer given to that by the general council is, in short, the same as what has been proclaimed by us for years in speech and in writing, and what has been proclaimed by the general council of the American Trade Union, namely, if you declare yourselves ready to affiliate with the I. F. T. U., then discuss with us the possibility of DISCUSSING WITH US THE REGULATING OF POSSIBLE POINTS OF DETAIL.

So the general council has not only approved of the attitude of the bureau. It has taken a further move; either to reach unity THROUGH THE RUSSIAN TRADE UNION, or to reach unity THROUGH THE RUSSIAN TRADE UNIONS.

The whole situation had to be discussed by the general council of the Russian Trade Union Congress at its meeting on Feb. 15 and 16. Various resolutions were voted upon. Their own basic policy was clear. It had been laid down in Mr. Bramley's letter (quoted above) on November 17. There was no need of a resolution. The question was simply that of choosing the immediate steps that would eventually lead to the fulfillment in the most fruitful way of that basic policy.

After full discussion it was resolved to remit the whole question to the standing international committee of the general council, whose duty it would be to meet the representatives of the Russian Trades Union Congress, and discuss with them the difficulties arising out of the Stelnhuus-Smit resolution.

Up to September, when the Trades Union Congress will be held, and the standing international committee, whose course of the unity negotiations since the Hull Congress will come under review, the progress of relations between Moscow and Amsterdam will now depend upon the attitude of the Russian workers and the policy pursued by the ten representatives of the general council who, together with its officers, make up the international committee.

Well, the San Carlo is gone. Their performances are good. Their singers are good. Let us hope that when they return next year they stay longer and play to better houses.

Gale Injures Ten. PLYMOUTH, England, April 7.—The Cunard liner Antonia, arriving here today, with 11 dead and 100 injured passengers was slightly injured during a fierce gale.

Get a sub—make another Communist!

To be truly free, women must first of all be free from the trammels of household drudgery.

It is only as a full-fledged producer and fellow fighter within the ranks of the workers' army that women will win their complete emancipation. Therefore, women's place is in the only revolutionary party—the Communist Party.

Dawes Plan for France

We have been saying that a Dawes plan for France was in preparation and the latest news confirms this. Under-secretary Winston of the government debt funding commission has sailed for France, and de Monzie, the new finance minister, has already proposed that the railroads and the telegraph and telephone service, which in France is part of the postoffice department, become private concerns.

Taxes also are to be increased on many staple commodities if the de Monzie plan is accepted. These two measures are characteristic of the Dawes plan and it matters little by what name the scheme is called in France.

The pressure by the House of Morgan is applied relentlessly. The French ruling class may complain, but they are learning the old, old proverb to the effect that he who plays the paper calls the tune.

The French capitalist class are now or soon will be, vassals of American finance-capital. They in turn have their own sphere of influence in Poland and Roumania, but the circle in which they can operate becomes narrower. French foreign policy will now become the foreign policy of the House of Morgan. The job of the French rulers now is to placate the masses, to prevent revolt against the new rulers—the American plunderer.

It is always harder to rule for an overlord than to be in one's own right and for this reason the extension of American imperialist hegemony over France creates new and great possibilities for the French Communist Party.

Help the Irish Famine Victims

The article by Comrade Robert Stewart, secretary of the Irish section of the Workers' International Relief, which appears in another column should convince the most skeptical that the need for help to the famine situation in Ireland is more than serious and that it is the duty of the class-conscious workers of the United States to do something, and that immediately, in order to save thousands of working class lives that are threatened by one of the greatest disasters that ever visited a country referred to by August Bebel as the "class-land of oppression."

The DAILY WORKER has kept the famine situation in Ireland before its readers since news of the distress first reached us. We have given publicity to the work of the Irish Workers' and Peasants' Famine Relief Committee. We have done this not alone because we want to see the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in Ireland alleviated but more important still, because we want to see the workers of all lands get into the habit of helping each other instead of allowing the robber capitalists to pose as saviors in the eyes of their victims with their cautious and degrading charity.

No reader of this paper, and particularly no Communist, needs to be convinced there is no better way of bringing the message of international solidarity home to the Irish workers than by coming to their assistance in their hour of trial, particularly as the capitalist class and their agents in the press are in no pulpits ignoring the agony of the famine-stricken. Let the workers of all lands help each other! When they learn to do this, they will also learn to fight on behalf of each other.

Money, Munitions and War

What manufacturer of steel products but is for bigger, better, bloodier and more expensive wars when he is shown figures giving the approximate cost of munitions in the next gigantic conflict?

The list of heads of heavy industries acting as an advisory ordnance board in cooperation with the war department includes such well-known patriots as Gary and Schwab, Tripp of the Westinghouse concern and Woodin of the American Car and Foundry company.

Coupled with the need for markets and military protection for the exploiters is the assurance that contracts in war time means at war prices will more than make up for any temporary depression of business. Then there are the loans for the finance-capitalists under whose terms the cash advanced is used largely for the purchase of goods from the imperialist nation. With an enormous navy and surplus of goods at home, enormous quantities of liquid capital and complete control of the national government, our robber class plots and dreams of conquest.

That the Pacific cruise of the navy is more than mere show is obvious when we connect it up with the militarist propaganda of the capitalist press, the howling of the admirals and generals, the trial mobilizations and training camps and the meeting of the ordnance advisory board with its personnel chosen from heavy industry.

The finance-capitalists have not yet succeeded in stopping the flow of gold into the United States from every corner of the capitalist world. Out of a total of approximately \$9,000,000.00 in gold