

GASTONIA GRAND JURY INDICTS 16 ON MURDER CHARGE

Arrests By Hundreds, Police Attacks, Massing of Troops, Fail to Stop Aug. 1 Plans

10 NEW YORK MASS MEETINGS ON EVE OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-WAR DAY RALLY LABOR

Felony Charges on Demonstrators 'Frisco; Latin Workers Wire T.U.E.L They'll Strike National Miners Union Conducts Thru Locals August 1 Demonstrations in Coal Fields

NEW YORK LABOR SHANGHAI STRIKE PREPARES STRIKE STILL GOING ON

That the overwhelmingly successful open air meetings of a week ago, which mustered 25,000 workers against the imperialist war mongers and for the defense of the Soviet Union, will be far surpassed by the series of similar mass demonstrations planned for the evening of Wednesday, July 31, is the prediction of the Workers Action Committee elected at the Anti-Imperialist War Conference in Irving Plaza Thursday night. Ten Meetings. These meetings, taking place on the eve of International Red Day, will serve as final recruiting rallies for the general strike and the colossal demonstration in Union Square on August 1. They will be held at the following points, coming to order at 8 p. m.: 10th St. and Second Ave.; 110th St. and Fifth Ave.; Intervale and Wilkins Aves.; Grand Street Extension; Stone and Pitkin Aves.; 13th Ave. and 43rd St.; Steinway and Jamaica Aves., Astoria, L. I.; foot of Whitehall St. and South Ferry. There will also be an additional meeting in the Harlem section and one on Coney Island, the exact places to be announced later. Conference in Call. The New York Workers Conference Against Imperialist War and For the Defense of the Soviet Union, the permanent organization into which the Thursday conference resolved itself, was instructed, by unanimous decision of the delegates, to issue a call to all shops, trade unions, workers' fraternal bodies, etc., to form anti-war committees which shall affiliate with the Conference. The body also decided to further (Continued on Page Five)

As August First, International Red Day, for the Defense of the Soviet Union and Against Imperialist War, approaches, news arrives of demonstrations and strikes arranged in many cities, both in the United States and abroad. Fifty thousand troops are massed in Paris by the imperial government of France, to try and stop the strike movement and the huge demonstrations which are being arranged in spite of attempts to prevent them by arrest of approximately a hundred leading Communist Party and trade union leaders. Shanghai Strike. The City of Shanghai is practically in a state of siege, with Chiang Kai-shek's police and soldiery trying to stop demonstration after demonstration, and the White Guard Russians trying to make the water works run, after the Chinese employees walked out on strike. Felony Charge in Frisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—Charges of felony, "carrying signs in opposition to the U. S. government" were placed against Nagura, Japanese speaker at the Anti-War and Defend the Soviet Union demonstration before the Chinese consulate Saturday, when the cases of those arrested were called in Judge O'Brian's court today. Nagura's bail was raised from \$1,000 to \$2,500. This was also done to Nadel, another speaker. Anita Whitney, District Organizer Gardos of the Communist Party, Daniels, Legin, Lans, Vasil, Manus and Mo-Lotti are all charged with the same offense, and are also Nagura and Nadel, with disturbance of the peace, and "distributing hand-bills." They will have a jury trial; the penalty is five years. PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 29.—The national headquarters of the National Miners Union, at 119 Federal St., today announced that a tremendous number of mass meetings and demonstrations will be held on August 1st by local unions and district organizations of the N. M. U. demonstrating against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Local union 601, Bicknell, Indiana, with a membership of 600 will demonstrate on August 1st. Central Pennsylvania will hold meetings in Portage, Hastings, and a number of other towns. The Hastings meeting, called for August 4, (Continued on Page Three)

DRESSMAKERS TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

I.L.G.W. Bails Out Its Pet Thugs

I leaders of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union will speak at a mass meeting of dressmakers to be held tonight in Webster Hall, 119 East 11th St., at 7 o'clock. The meeting is part of an intensive organization drive now being planned by the Industrial Union, and plans for carrying on this campaign will be considered there. Following the taking over of the entire assets and liabilities of the International Garment Workers by the manufacturers, and its establishment as a full-blown company union, the Schlesinger outfit is now prattling about an "organization drive." This, it is expected, will be (Continued on Page Five)

SECT. 2 MEET TONIGHT

There will be a very important meeting in Section Two, New York, of the Communist Party, right after work, tonight, on the fifth floor of the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. This is for mobilization for the August 1 demonstration.

Fight All Imperialist Wars! Defend Soviet Union-- Socialist Fatherland! Down Tools August First, At Four P. M.! Demonstrate in Union Square!

In the course of the last two weeks the workers of the entire world have had a lesson on the nearness of a new imperialistic world war. Without the slightest provocation the Chinese war lords—hirelings of world imperialism, seized the Chinese Eastern Railroad, maltreated and deported Soviet citizens, and committed a series of provocative acts of war against the Soviet Union. At this moment the war clouds hang heavily over the Chinese-Soviet borders. The Nanking government, that has butchered tens of thousands of Chinese workers and peasants, would never dare to raise its bloody hand against the Workers' Republic, were it not assured of the support of the Imperialist powers. The blood hounds of the capitalist class, the bourgeois press, has been howling against the Soviet Union, raising the cry of the "Red Menace," the cover under which the capitalists intend to invade the Soviet Union and destroy the first Workers' and Peasants' Republic. There is no doubt that the Imperialists, which have been encircling the Soviets for years, await the slightest pretext upon which to get into motion the great war machines for the destruction of the working class fatherland. At this moment they are making further moves for common action against the Soviet Union and at the same time to deceive them by pacifist phrases to put the masses of toilers off their guard. THE WORKING CLASS MUST BE PREPARED TO FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF THEIR FATHERLAND—THE SOVIET UNION—THEY MUST NOT BE CAUGHT UN-AWARES. Imperialist war with its bloody destruction of the lives of millions of toilers is now on the order of the day. From day to day the competition between the great powers is sharpening; the attacks of the imperialists upon the colonies are becoming more brutal. The United States and Britain are arming to the teeth for the inevitable war between them, which as each day passes grows ever nearer. The imperialists will not and cannot disarm. The imperialist politicians are preparing for war with ferocious speed. They are preparing for a world war, under a cloak of lying and bombastic phrases of "world peace." The more furious the armament race becomes, the more energetic become the official and unofficial agents of imperialism in their howls of "peace," in the production of "peace pacts" and in the organization of projects and proposals for "peace." That is the meaning of the hullabaloo of the Hoover government about the Kellogg Peace Pact, of the MacDonald government, of the reduction of the Navy. It is all intended to deceive the workers. It only shows that war is coming ever nearer. (Continued on Page Three)

SAY COMMUNISTS LEAD REVOLT IN COLOMBIA TOWNS

Railroad Workers Win Victories BOGOTA, Colombia, July 29.—The wave of revolution in Colombia, reported to be led by Communists, broke at several widely-separated points over the week end, with casualties among the revolting workers and government forces still uncertain, but with a rapidly mounting toll. Following the alleged repulse of revolutionary railroad workers at La Gomez station on the Puerto Wilches railway, the workers besieged the police barracks where the government forces had barricaded themselves. The government reports state that the revolutionists at La Gomez were under the leadership of Benigno Arciniegas and that they tried to seize the dynamite stores there. Though armed only with clubs and revolvers, the workers appear to have succeeded in obtaining possession of the dynamite and routing the government forces since they later barricaded themselves. Luis Umana Rivas, chief engineer, and a number of other railroad (Continued on Page Three)

The "Daily" Appears Today Because of Last-Minute Aid

For hours yesterday it looked as though the Daily Worker would not be able to appear today. It was only because a number of workers who could be reached quit their work and made loans to place at the disposal of the paper that you are reading the Daily now. Surely at this time, when the war clouds hang heavily over the Siberian-Manchurian border, when the imperialist powers, through the hireling government of China, is waging war against the Soviet Union, when the Gastonia prisoners face trial for their lives, when the new mass strikes are developing as in the textile mills of Britain, when the shameful trial at Meirut, India, is going on; when martial law is declared in Paris for August 1st because of fear of working class strikes and demonstrations against war, when Communists are being murdered in the streets of many European cities, the Daily Worker must not be permitted to suspend publication. If all our readers and sympathizers will rally to our support we will be able to survive and continue the fight. To be forced now to suspend would mean a defeat for the whole working class of the United States and a blow at the revolutionary movement of the world. Communists! Meet your one day's assessment by at once securing the money and paying it to your unit and seeing that it is sent to the National Office of the Communist Party, 43 E. 125th St. Readers! Sympathizers! Send donations at once to the Daily Worker, 26 Union Square, New York City.

WORKERS SIGN GASTONIA ROLL

While the textile bosses of the South are trying to railroad 15 members of the National Textile Workers Union to the chair at the trial which began yesterday, the International Labor Defense announces thousands of signatures on the mass protest petition have already poured in from all sections of the country. Gastonia Defense and Relief Week, July 27th to August 3rd, which began in New York with a gigantic Solidarity Festival at Pleasant Bay Park at which thousands of workers were present, is the cause of tremendous activity proletarian today. Requests are being made both at the national offices of the I. L. D. (Continued on Page Three)

SING SING ASKS ARMED CRUISER

BULLETIN. AUBURN, N. Y., July 29.—Howling and hissing at the guards and shouting angry demands for food, the 1,700 prisoners who staged yesterday's prison revolt remained defiant within their crowded quarters tonight. Only four of the hundreds who had tried to win their freedom by setting fire to the prison and overpowering the guards remained at large. Ossining, N. Y., July 29.—Officials of Sing Sing prison, declaring that they fear "rioting" at this institution, following the mutiny in (Continued on Page Five)

500,000 STRIKE; TIE UP BRITISH COTTON INDUSTRY

LONDON, England, July 29.—Over 1,800 cotton mills (the whole industry) are idle today, and 500,000 workers are on strike in Lancashire, in the biggest industrial battle since the general strike. The workers have refused every effort of the MacDonald cabinet to compel them to compromise with the employers on a wage cut. The bosses demand they sacrifice an eighth of their daily wages. Margaret Bondfield, minister of labor, has been trying to get them to take an eight or ten per cent cut instead. In a statement today, Bondfield declared the government was "anxiously watching" the strike. No strikebreakers were reported today, and the numbers on strike are so large it is not believed that scabbing will be an important item, at least until much later.

CALL WORKERS TO DEFEND USSR

"Defend the Soviet Union from imperialist attack" is the keynote of a statement just released by the National Office of the United States Section of the All America Anti-Imperialist League, at 799 Broadway, room 433. William Simons, National Secretary, called attention to the Second World Congress of the Anti-Imperialist League, now meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, which has appealed to anti-imperialists throughout the world to come to the defense of the Soviet Union. "In carrying out the instructions of the World League," says Simons, "we are calling on the working masses, organized and unorganized, agricultural workers and poor farm- (Continued on Page Three)

CLARENCE MILLER, FIRST CHARGE ASSAULT, NOW ON LIST SLATED FOR CHAIR

Prosecutor Announces Plan To Pick Out One of Defendants as Man Who Shot Aderholt

Business of Indicting 7 Others on Assault Charges Goes on as Trial Starts

BULLETIN. GASTONIA, N. C., July 29.—Court adjourned today until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow to hear the remainder of the argument on change of venue. Judge Barnhill stated that the defendants would not be tried before a Gaston county jury, but whether this was his opinion or meant that the jury would be summoned from outside the county (which is sometimes done in North Carolina) or that the trial would move to another county, was not made clear. Solicitor Carpenter stated that a verdict of first degree murder would be sought against the men whom the prosecution claims shot Aderholt, and that the others would get from four months to ten years on the conspiracy charge. The indictments of conspiracy are so drawn, however, that the death penalty can be inflicted on any of those so charged. GASTONIA, N. C., July 29.—Any doubt as to the murderous efficiency of the property-owner grand jury of Gaston county disappeared this morning when the jury met, and at the demand of the prosecution, without any serious investigation whatever, indicted all 15 of those textile strikers and organizers held in Gastonia jail after the habeas corpus hearings in Charlotte a month ago. The indictments are for conspiracy to commit murder, which in North Carolina carries the death penalty. In addition to this, the grand jury indicted on the "conspiracy to commit murder" charge, Clarence Miller, an organizer, who was hitherto held on a charge of "secret assault with a deadly weapon," a much less serious charge, making 16 in all whom the mill owners' prosecution is now trying its best to send to the electric chair.

BIG CONFERENCE SPEEDS DRIVE TO UNIONIZE MILLS

227 Delegates Return as Organizers. By BILL DUNNE. GASTONIA, N. C., July 29.—Southern textile workers, meeting in the Southern Textile Workers Conference yesterday at Bessemer City under leadership of National Textile Workers Union, drafted a stern reply to the murder campaign of the textile mill owners on the Gastonia front and to the cautious conference of the United Textile Workers misleaders held in Rye, N. Y., seven hundred miles from the battle field where underpaid and pellagra-ridden textile workers are struggling against the worst living and working conditions in the United States. This convention, developed out of the struggle for the 8-hour day, a minimum wage of \$20 per week, abolition of night work, especially for women and children, and equal pay for equal work, will in its turn both stimulate and give definite organizational form to the growing mass drive for the unionization of the textile industry on a militant program. Two hundred twenty-seven delegates from five states: North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee, wrote a new page in American labor history. They represent directly 40,000 textile workers and indirectly represented 35,000 more through representation from mill committees and organization committees in mill centers. The resolution authorizing the Charlotte convention, as well as the official call which will go out in a few days, emphasizes the necessity for all textile workers, organized and unorganized, to take part in the prep- (Continued on Page Three)

FINAL MOBILIZATION FOR THURSDAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEMONSTRATE! AUGUST 1, 4 P.M.

Last Friday night we mobilized 25,000 workers in demonstration against the attacks on the Soviet Union instigated through the Nanking butchers, by the United States and other imperialist powers. There are only three days left until the big demonstration in Union Square on Thursday, August 1, at four o'clock. On Wednesday night we will carry through the FINAL MOBILIZATION MEETINGS FOR Thursday's demonstration. IF WE COULD RALLY 25,000 WORKERS LAST FRIDAY NIGHT WE SHOULD RALLY TEN THOUSAND MORE THAN THAT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY! Despite the attempt of the bourgeois press to hide the facts, to pre-tend that everything is quiet in connection with the attack of the Chinese hirelings on the Soviet Union, news comes of increased preparation for war. The Manchurian war lords have already dug trenches, have massed many tens of thousands of troops, and are conducting discussions with the imperialists with a view to coming to an agreement as to how to carry through the war on the Soviet Union. Just because the danger exists that the bourgeois press will put large masses of workers to sleep, we must double and treble our energies in mobilizing them. WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE MUST GATHER 35,000 as final mobilization for Thursday afternoon.

- AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES AT 8 P. M. 10th St. and 2nd Ave., Manhattan. Intervale and Wilkins Aves., Bronx. 163rd St. and Prospect Ave. Astoria, L. I. 138th St. and 7th Ave., Manhattan. 149th between 3rd and Bergen. 25th St. and Mermaid Ave., C. I. Columbus Circle and 59th St., Manhattan. Whitehall St. and South Ferry, Manhattan. 39th St. and 9th Ave., Manhattan. Stone and Pitkin Aves., Brooklyn. 14th St. and University Pl.

MILITANTS IN NATIONAL SILK MEET AUGUST 25th

Nat'l. Textile Union Backs Conference

PATERSON, N. J., July 29.—A National Silk Conference, being organized by the National Textile Workers Union, will be held here on August 25 in the N. T. W. U. Hall, 205 Paterson street.

Delegates will be present from six different states having silk centers: Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

In all these states the National Textile Workers Union has been organizing, and in all these states there have been strikes and movements among the silk workers during the past six months.

The conference will attempt to unite all these movements through one common center. The chief work of the center will be to set up a program of uniform national demands for the whole industry and to elect a national silk strike committee whose task will be to prepare definite preparatory work for a national silk strike.

In the campaign for the conference, the N. T. W. U. is laying special emphasis on the four major silk centers: the dye houses in Paterson, where 90 per cent of all the silk made in the United States is dyed; the anthracite in Pennsylvania, where most of the silk throwing is done, and Pawtucket, R. I., and Allentown, Pa., where the biggest silk weaving mills are located. Into all these centers, organizers have now been sent by the N. T. W. U., to push the campaign.

WORKERS FACE FIRE HAZARD OURAY, Col., July 29.—As the result of cloudbursts on three successive days, which contributed to the demolition of the waterworks system, Ouray is confronted with a serious fire hazard. Drinking water is a luxury. Parts of the town are under water; 80 workers' houses have been damaged.

The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but conservative.—Karl Marx

Innocence Is Not Enough --- The Case of Mooney and Billings

By VERN SMITH. ARTICLE 9.

None of the famous frame-up cases in history have ever collapsed more completely, thoroughly, with more discredit to those who built them, than has the Mooney and Billings case. In no case has the absolute and overwhelming proof that a frame-up was committed had less effect on the results to the victims, except, of course, the Sacco and Vanzetti case.

Every witness used against Mooney and Billings has been discredited. Most of them have confessed their perjury, and told who suborned them to perjury. The trial judge (still on the bench) has denounced the conviction to three successive governors of California, and appealed for a pardon or a new trial. All ten surviving jurors have stated formally that they are sure they were tricked at the trial, and that Mooney and Billings did not have a fair trial.

**They're Still There.** All of this has not saved Mooney and Billings from going right on serving their life sentences, Billings in Poleson prison and Mooney in San Quentin.

The reason is that labor has not yet made that determined, and massive protest that crashes the prison gates and releases class war prisoners. Proof that it can be done is to be seen in the saving of Mooney's life. He was originally sentenced to the gallows, but the workers of Leningrad (then Petrograd) said in so menacing a manner he should not be hanged that his sentence was commuted.

The facts of the case are these. An open shop drive was going on in the Pacific coast cities in 1916. It was also a period of war preparations, like the present. The "Preparedness Movement" was being inspired through the country by big business, already determined on entering the world war on the Allies' side. A preliminary stage was to crush militant labor, just as now we see Hoover's law enforcement maneuver, his concentration of power policies, the proposed anti-strike bill, the scheme to apply a Watson Parker bill to the coal fields, and the use of all governmental machinery, especially the post office, against the Gastonia frame-up victims. Federal injunctions are being used to crush real labor organizations—in this pre-war period, as in 1916.

Mooney, especially, and also Billings, Weinberg, Nolan and Rena Mooney were interfering considerably with the war program.

**They Organized.** Tom and Rena Mooney were organizing labor. They were particularly active among the street carmen. They had built a card catalog of all street car workers, and were conducting systematic, personal agitation. They led a street car strike just before the preparedness parade in San Francisco, July 22, 1916. Labor opposition, fighting the employers' orders to their workers to parade or be fired, had cut the numbers predicted for the parade to one-fifth. The employers were wild about it.

This was only the culmination of a long period of strikes, many of them resulting in clashes of more or less violence, in which the united bosses, the chamber of commerce, had raised a fund of a million dollars to bring about the open shop.

The C. of C. had made several attempts to "get" Mooney. They had indicted both Mooney and Billings for blowing up an electric power transmission tower 10 miles from San Francisco. At that time, Martin Swanson, ex-Pinkerton man, and chief detective for the United Railroads of San Francisco, offered Billings immunity and \$5,000 to help frame Mooney in this case. He made an offer of \$5,000 to Israel Weinberg to testify that he had driven Mooney to the scene of the explosion in his taxi cab.

The refusal of these two insured that they would be included in the next frame-up against Mooney.

**Fickert a Company Man.** During the preparedness parade, an explosion at Stuart and Market streets, probably by a provocateur, killed ten persons and wounded forty more.

The district attorney, Charles M. Fickert, himself a United Railroad's man, elected to dismiss graft indictments against Pat Calhoun and other heads of the company, turned the whole case over to Swanson, placing Captain Duncan Matheson, chief of the city detectives and his whole department at Swanson's disposal.

No attempt was made to find out who committed the crime; all clues at the scene were destroyed by the police, and Tom and Rena Mooney, Israel Weinberg, Warren K. Billings and Edward Nolan were arrested and charged with murder.

The trial of Billings came first. The only valuable evidence against

him was that of Jack McDonald, a dope fiend; Estelle Smith, another morphine maniac and a former prostitute whom the police had told they would send to prison if she did not identify Mooney and Billings; Mollie and Sadie Edeau, against whom the police had records. The Edeaus' evidence was that Billings stood on a roof above a dentist's office at 721 Market street, a mile from the scene of the explosion, preparing to throw the bomb from it at the parade, with the two Mooneys standing on the sidewalk below, in the area of explosion to direct the act. They then said the Mooneys and Billings went down towards Stuart and Market streets where the explosion really took place.

Billings got life imprisonment. Evidence wouldn't have mattered; the jury was made up of police stool pigeons, selected by tampering with the wheel of chance by which jurors were drawn from the venire.

**Tampered With Evidence.** Before Mooney's trial, which was next, it was discovered that Tom, original negatives of a picture taken during the parade, showing Tom and Rena Mooney on the roof above San Francisco, could be forced away from the prosecution files. These originals showed a street clock with the time 1:58 to 2:04. In the Billings case McDonald had placed Mooney at the scene of the explosion from 1:42 to 2:04. No matter the useful McDonald testified against Mooney in the Mooney trial and put the time of Mooney's presence at Stuart and Market streets at much earlier—earlier than he could have arrived if the Edeaus saw him at 721 Market street when they first said they did.

But a new witness appeared—"the honest cattleman" Oxman from Oregon appeared on the scene and became the star witness against Mooney. He testified he saw Weinberg drive Mooney, Billings and Nolan to the scene of the explosion, and saw them place a suitcase there and drive away, the suitcase of course being the deadly bomb. This testimony dovetailed with the Edeaus, after they changed the time of seeing Mooney and Billings, but contradicted McDonald's in the Billings case, for he said something about a car, and reported the two victims as walking up the street with the suitcase.

Mooney was convicted February 9, 1917, and sentenced to be hanged May 17. Rena Mooney was acquitted July 26, Israel Weinberg on October 27, and indictments against Nolan, held nine months in jail, were dropped, over two years after his arrest. The evidence against Mooney and Billings was evidence against all of these or none; if one was guilty all were guilty; if one was innocent all were. But logic means little in a frame-up: the United Railroads wanted to hang Tom Mooney.

**Perjury Exposed.** Exposures of the perjury committed by the witnesses began before the Mooney trial and caused some of the Billings case witnesses to drop out. On February 7, McDonald voluntarily made affidavit his entire testimony was false and that he committed perjury out of fear of the police. When the United States entered the war, Wilson and the state department were very anxious to have Russia keep up the fight. A giant demonstration of workers in Petrograd (now Leningrad) besieged the American ambassador in his palace, demanding the release of Mooney, and the provisional government ruling in the spring of 1917 also anxious to make Russian workers fight the Germans, appealed to Wilson to remove this irritation. Labor all over the world was beginning to do the same. Wilson sent a commission to investigate, which reported that Mooney, Billings and the others were undoubtedly innocent. The extradition was postponed until August 23, then to December 13, and eventually commuted to life imprisonment. The Chamber of Commerce couldn't bring itself to actually set free these strike leaders, no matter what international or war policies were imperilled.

SECOND INT'L IN DEFENSE OF IMPERIAL RULE

"Annoyed" by Reports of Cruelty in Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, July 29.—The treacherous, reformist role of the international socialists is given further emphasis by a statement recently issued by the Amsterdam Bureau of the Federation of Trade Unions, an organization under the domination of the socialists.

The statement is an attempt to defend the imperialist oppressors of Africa against the accusation, well authenticated and given publicity by the International League Against Imperialism, of the revolting brutality to which the black miners of southwest Africa are being subjected to by the British and Boer imperialists of the Union of South Africa, which has a mandate over this former German territory. The statement says that "The Labor Union of Southwest Africa is much annoyed by these reports" and that on the whole "the blacks are humanely treated in Southwest Africa."

Native leaders here are not surprised at this attitude of the Amsterdam crew of labor fakery, but point to the fact that socialists are following a consistent role of treachery to the working class and opposition to the first workers republic, Soviet Russia, and that in all countries the working class is faced with the necessity of advancing to the final goal of proletarian dictatorship over the dead bodies of the socialist traitors.

RAILROAD ON BLOCK

ST. ALBANS, Vt., July 29.—The Central Vermont Railroad, which was swept into receivership when floods two years ago destroyed 250 miles of its lines, was gobbled up at public auction today by the Canadian National. The purchase price was \$22,000,000.

The Gastonia Textile Workers' trial began July 29! Twenty-three workers face electrocution or prison terms! Rally all forces to save them. Defense and Relief Week July 27-August 3! Sign the Protest Roll! Rush funds to International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, New York.

Suborning To Perjury.

Letters written from Oxman to a friend of his, Ed Rigall, of Grayville, Ill., were turned over to the defense by Rigall after he got scared. They were a proposition that Rigall come out to San Francisco, be coached by the police and Oxman, and testify against the rest of the defendants. Rigall swore that Oxman confessed to him that the latter was not in San Francisco at the time of the parade. He was not useful against the other defendants.

Oxman's history, probed into, was one of crime.

Estelle Smith, the principal witness against Billings, has this year (1929) made affidavit that she falsely identified the defendants out of fear of the police who had her record as a woman of the underworld.

The case against the five arrested thus completely collapses.

The case against Mooney was absolutely smashed the year he was

Jersey City Mayor to Army Heads Go Thru Shield Fellow Grafters

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 29.—Mayor Frank Hague, notorious grafter, today instructed corporation counsel T. J. Brogan to institute court action against the New Jersey civil service commission to test its power to remove from the city payroll the names of 50 political hacks who had been on an extended "sick leave."

The commission recently "discovered" that the payroll is padded with hundreds of jobholders who have been on "leave" for five to ten years and drawing juicy salaries all the while.

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convicted. But preparations for Mooney's execution went right on, until the revolutionary workers of Russia took a hand.

Since then the history of the Mooney-Billings case has been one of sporadic attempts to release him. Judge Griffin's appeal for freedom or a new trial for these two workers has been ignored by three successive governors of California. The present governor is reading a several hundred page book giving all details.

He will order the release if he thinks enough workers are determined enough to have it. The mere fact that Mooney and Billings are a thousand times proved innocent of the crime with which they were charged, has had and will have little to do with it. There's a conviction, and the law does not have to release its victims merely because the conviction was the result of a frame-up, a proven frame-up, blasted with the indignation of all who have investigated it.

In the Gastonia case, we must not have a conviction, or if one is brought about, there must be no slackening in the increasing drive against the death penalty, and for unconditional release. These 23 textile workers are as innocent as Mooney—but look where Mooney is!

What You Must Do to Save the



One month ago, June 21. The Daily Worker did not appear for lack of funds. This was the first time that this suspension occurred since the founding of The Daily Worker five and one-half years ago.

We resumed publication the next day. A few comrades and friends in New York pooled their resources to save the Daily, and give it a chance to appeal to the readers and loyal supporters.

The campaign for funds is now five weeks old, and yet the Daily is in the same precarious condition it has been in at the beginning. The money coming in is too slow to cover the deficit, and give the Daily a breathing spell.

Ten thousand dollars has been collected, when at least \$1,000 per day is needed to pull the Daily out of its present crisis.

Will the Daily get this money? The next few weeks will decide the fate of the Daily.

The readers will have to decide— Shall the Daily live—or shall it suspend? Shall the Daily suspend—with the danger of war looming in the immediate present?

Shall the Daily suspend—in the face of the attempt to railroad 15 workers in Gastonia to the electric chair?

Shall the Daily suspend—at a time when the workers are facing ever increasing attacks by the bosses, their police and gunmen, and their Right Wing Allies?

UPON YOU DEVOLVES THE ANSWER.

Publication of the paper means increasing sacrifices on the part of all members and sympathizers of the Party and Daily.

The minimum of one day's wage for members of the Party and substantial contribution at least equivalent to a day's wage must be forwarded immediately.

The next few days are crucial. The next few days will settle the fate of the Daily.

WILL YOU ANSWER?

Do not wait for another suspension. Enclose your check or money order immediately. Wire it or rush by air mail to THE DAILY WORKER, 26 Union Square, New York, N. Y.

The Daily must increase its circulation to reach ever wider circles of workers. A large circulation will reduce the huge deficit.

We have a number of ways for increasing the circulation, which are enumerated below.

The Sustaining Fund must be established immediately. Our readers and friends should not only send their immediate contribution, but pledge themselves to give a definite sum monthly or weekly. This will help the Daily avoid such crises as now exist.

READ THE SERIAL

"I SAW IT MYSELF"

By HENRY BARBUSSE.—Author of 'Under Fire,' 'Chains,' and Other Great Novels.

It is a story of white terror and workers persecution that is full of harrowing details. The Daily Worker is fortunate in being able to present this story to its readers for the first time.

This brilliant novel has been tabooed by the ruling class press the world over. In America it is hardly known.

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2.—Send it the first of the month regularly.
3.—Get your union or organization to contribute regularly.
4.—Get a co-worker to do the same.

- 1.—Read the Daily.
2.—Buy a copy for a friend or shopmate.
3.—Get a bundle for distribution.
4.—Insist that your standkeeper carries the Daily.
5.—Insist that he displays it.
6.—Buy a copy to start off the standkeeper's sales.
7.—Keep this up for a few weeks.







