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"Your paper is the best way
to educate the people. Let
them read the truth and
facts," says W. R. Miller, of
Twin Falls County, Idaho.

U. S. NAVY WILL SPEND ANOTHER \$77,000,000 IN WAR PREPARATION

PUBLIC WORKS

Latest Program Additional
to \$238,000,000 Already
Appropriated

PREPARE FOR WAR

'Modernize' Battleships Re- gardless of Naval Treaty Provisions

Washington, July 5.—Additional naval expenditures of \$77,000,000 are called for under a plan which Secretary of Navy Swanson has submitted to President Roosevelt. This huge sum is in addition to the \$238,000,000 already granted to the navy for the construction of 32 new units during the next three years.

These hundreds of millions in war preparations will come out of the Industrial Recovery Act appropriations for "public works."

MODERNIZE BATTLESHIPS
The new proposal includes the modernization of the battleships California, Colorado, Maryland, Tennessee and West Virginia, in addition to the Idaho, Mississippi and New Mexico, which are already being modernized.

Cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines will be included in the modernization program as well as the above battleships.

The fleet is being modernized according to Swanson to be prepared for any emergency—another imperialist war, which looms larger with the breakdown of the World Economic Conference.

TREATY THROWN ON SCRAP HEAP

Among the ships to be reworked is the New York. When the ship was previously "modernized" its gun elevation was not raised because the Department of State thought there would be some protest from the other imperialist powers since it would infringe on the provisions of the London Naval Treaty. The Navy has demanded that the gun elevation be carried through regardless of the London Treaty or any protests which might be based on it. The Department if State has come to the Navy's way of thinking and the New York will be improved as a mass murder machine.

NEW DEAL WAR PRO- GRAM

The public works program of the New Deal is here revealed as a continuation of the war program of Wall Street, partially concealed by "forgotten man" phrases.

RADICAL PHRASES TO CATCH VOTERS

Farm-Labor Party Used Anti-Banker Phrases But Aids Them

(BY A FARMER)

Minnetonka, Minn., July 5.—In the 1932-33 Farmer-Labor platform of Minnesota the preamble read in part as follows:

"The capitalist system is on trial for its life; common people must work out a new order; set up a New Social System; agriculture is entitled to as much consideration as banking groups."

Here in Minnesota during the winter of 1933 our banks were closing right and left. The capitalist system was cracking. What did our Minnesota Farmer-Labor party and Governor Olson do?

PASS HOLIDAY LAW

They went before the state legislature and passed a bankers' state holiday law. The governor signed the bill. Under this law our banks can close, get the depositors to sign off fifty per cent of their deposits, open up again and loan to these depositors their own money at so much per cent interest per year.

This is a fine thing for Mr. Banker but how about Mr. Common People?

Is the Farmer Labor party of Minnesota living up to its 1932-33 preamble or can it be all these fine words and phrases were written and printed to catch votes?

10,000,000 BALES OF COTTON STORED IN WAREHOUSES

Washington, D. C.—The apparent supply of American cotton in the United States on June 1 was 10,739,000 bales. This was only a slight reduction from the 11,296,000 bales on hand June 1, 1932, and almost forty per cent greater than the supply of 7,800,000 bales on hand two years ago.

While this huge supply lies in warehouses, compresses and elsewhere the new deal administration can find no way to make this huge supply available to the ragged millions of workers and farmers. Its only solution is to turn 10,000,000 acres of this year's crop into the ground—to stabilize destitution.

SLAVE DRIVER



George A. Sloan, head of the Cotton Textile Institute, tried to get a minimum wage of \$10 per week inserted into the textile code under the National Recovery Act. The reactionary union leaders made a pretense at disagreement only to compromise on a \$12 rate starvation level.

GROSS INCOME TAX STARTS IN S. DAK.

Will Relieve Rich Land Owners at Expense of Working People

(BY E. P.)

Hecla, S. D., July 7.—South Dakota's gross income tax law went into effect July 1 after the state supreme court had ruled by a 3 to 2 decision that it was not subject to a referendum by the people. In this they reversed the position they took a few years ago in a similar case.

The gross income tax law is to be a replacement tax, that is, it is going to replace some of the tax on property, most of which is owned by wealthy men living outside of South Dakota, well-to-do business men in the state, and our kulak (rich) farmers.

Its deliberate purpose is to squeeze more out of the man who has nothing but his bare hands with which to make a living.

MASS RECRUITING INTENSIFIED THRU FORESTRY CAMPS

Washington, D. C.—The chief result of the mobilization of the forest chain gangs has been the experience gained by the War Department in the recruiting of workers and farmers on a mass scale. All war time records were surpassed by the War Department in recruiting 274,375 jobless young workers into the forced forest camps in a three month period ending July 1, according to a report to Roosevelt by Robert Fehmer, director of the forest brigades.

In a supplement to the report Colonel Duncan K. Major pointed out that this was the most valuable experience for the General Staff of the Army since the World War. It has been able to speed up conscription tremendously and will utilize this experience in the next imperialist war for which the forest camps are a preparation.

S. DAK. LEAGUE HALT EVICTION OF POOR WIDOW

Lawyer Told Mother and
Five Children to Sleep
Outside

UNEMPLOYED RALLY

Big Committee Convinces
Mayor Who Orders Stay
of Eviction

(BY JOHN SOLTIS)

Hettinger, N. D., July 8.—An eviction order against Mrs. Meisner, ordering her and her five children out of the house and into the street was halted here yesterday by the united front mass action of the farmers and workers.

A strong committee of the UFL and a committee of unemployed workers visited the mayor and demanded that the eviction order be cancelled. During the winter Mrs. Meisner was getting a widow's pension of \$16 per month, all of which she turned over monthly for rent.

SERVED WITH NOTICE TO VACATE

A few days ago Mrs. Meisner, who is a widow, was served with the last notice to vacate the house by Lawyer Thomas. Thomas informed this widow that she had to get out of the house at once. She asked where she and her five children would live.

The lawyer promptly replied: "The weather is warm now and you can sleep outside."

In her desperation the widow turned to the United Farmers League for protection against the rapacity of the lawyer. The UFL committee got busy at once and rallied several unemployed workers of Hettinger and, 25 strong, marched to the mayor's office in defense of the widow and her five children.

TAKE DETERMINED STAND

They informed the mayor of the facts in the case, through the chairman of the committee, Tobie Koch, the fighting little farmer of Bucyrus, North Dakota. The committee declared, moreover, that if anyone was going to be sleeping outside it was not going to be the widow Meisner and her five children, but rather Lawyer Thomas whose home could then be used to house Mrs. Meisner and her children.

The mayor ordered the suspension of the eviction order and told the widow to remain in the house. This is a distinct victory through the United Front action of the farmers and workers here.

SPIRIT OF REVOLT IN HITLER'S RANKS

Working Class Supporters of Fascism Demand Concrete Results

The demand for real action by the Hitler government has become so insistent among the fascist storm troops and Hitler supporters that Hitler has been forced to take notice of it.

"I will crush brutally and ruthlessly every attempt made by reactionary or other circles to overthrow the present order. I will turn equally ruthlessly against the so-called second revolution because

that can have only chaotic consequences. Whoever rises in opposition to the National Socialist State will be hit hard wherever he is," was the keynote of Hitler's three hour speech at Bad Reichenhall, on July 1.

The "second revolution" is the movement developing among the working class and middle class supporters of Hitler for real results from fascism instead of parasites, music, speeches, and benefits for the capitalists. Hitler's answer to these demands is a threat of terrorism within his own ranks.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY—\$2 a year.

LOCALS HAVE BEEN PASSIVE

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The question of building the U. F. L. into a close-knit functioning dues paying organization of a state scale will be taken up concretely. Our attitude and our part in any impending farmers' strike movement or other struggles on a regional or national scale will be dealt with in the conference.

The State Conference will be

WORKERS FAMILY DEPORTED



This family on Ellis Island, New York, is to be deported because the father a worker, had been previously deported. Hundreds of workers have been deported because they are militant fighters, and their families have been left to starve.

Wallace Aids Baking Trust In Price Rise

UNDER NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT TRUST WILL RAISE PRICE OF BREAD "LEGALLY"

Washington, D. C., July 5.—Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, has come to the aid of the profiteering baking trust with advice as to how they can "legally" increase the bread prices beyond the increase in the price of wheat flour. The baking trust, advised Wallace, will be able to increase its prices, without fear of government action, as soon as they have formulated marketing agreements and codes under the National Recovery Act.

This is the answer of the New Deal to the outrageous increase in the price of bread throughout the country since the tax on wheat and flour went into effect.

PLAN SIXTY PER CENT INCREASE

Secretary Wallace was forced to make some public statement when it became known that the Iowa Bakers' Association planned to increase the price of a loaf of bread from five cents to eight cents on July 5, an increase of SIXTY PER CENT.

For the time being the price increase in Iowa has been held in abeyance until this profiteering will have the legal sanction of the National Recovery Act, when the American Bakers' Association, part of the food trust, formulates its marketing program.

In answer to Wallace's statement the president of the Iowa Bakers' Association said he would try to keep the price increases within the actual increases in the price of flour. In reply to this meaningless promise Wallace "expressed his appreciation."

WILL PASS COSTS ON TO WORKERS

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held at Victor Engman's farm in Crosby, beginning at 10 a. m. on August 19. Incoming delegates can receive directions to Engman's farm at 680 Erie Ave., or at the home of May Nygard at 502 Erie Ave., Crosby.

ONE DELEGATE FOR 20 MEMBERS

Delegates to the conference are to be elected on the basis of one delegate for every 20 members or fraction thereof. Only bona fide members of the UFL, having their 1933 membership cards, shall be elected as delegates. However, all dirt farmers are invited to attend or to send representatives to attend the conference in a consultative capacity.

To meet the expenses of the conference a 50 cent registration fee per delegate will be charged. All delegates should bring blankets for bedding, also bread, butter, meat, canned fruits or other food stuffs that will keep.

WHOLE STATE SHOULD BE
REPRESENTED

In localities where UFL locals have ceased to function, or where no local as yet has been set up, immediate steps should be taken to revive or to establish a local so that representation for every territory will be obtained at the conference.

The Provisional Committee calling the conference consists of Alfred Tiala, Reno Tantilla, Harvey Cartwright, Clifford Logan, and James Flower, National Secretary.

Holiday Farmers Applaud Sharp Denunciation of Misleaders by Taylor, Harris, Lux at Picnic

HIGHER PRICES THRU STRUGGLE

Washington Farmer Should
Elect Delegates to State
Conference

(BY C. B.)

Eatonville, Wash., June 30.—The farmers in the West are busy cultivating their crops. They still believe, many of them, that conditions are getting better.

A few weeks ago, for example, I met a southern Oregon worker looking for a job here. My neighbor on the other hand, went south to Bend, Oregon where he thought the mills were going full speed. His wife and babies are hungry and he feels driven to get work. This is the way they keep us moving.

CLEANING SEWERS FOR A NEW DEAL

Work is given to the unemployed here cleaning sewers for a back full of groceries. This is part of the industrial program we hear so much about. The workers are refusing to do this work and are beginning to organize.

Raspberry growers in the same town received 2 cents a pound last year because they were not organized. This year the farmers began to organize. The boxes, seeing this, offered them 4 cents a pound. Through united action they are getting 6 cents a pound.

ORGANIZE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Unorganized farmers, do as the farmers of Sumas, Washington, did. Organize. Get a neighborhood committee of farmers, discuss your own problems. You can get better prices for your products, not at the expense of the consumer, but from the profits of the middlemen and moneyed interests.

Discuss the United Front Conference to be held in Yakima, Washington, August 27-28. Hold mass meetings to elect delegates to this conference. For information about the conference write to Casey Boskalkon, Route 1, Box 289, Eatonville, Washington.

Keep posted on the farm movement, read the Producers News. It does not tell how much you can raise on your land but what you should receive for it.

TUGWELL ADMITS NO CONSUMPTION RISE VISIBLE IN FUTURE

"A rapid enough increase in consumption to bring down the towering surplus (of cotton) is hardly conceivable either at home or abroad," said E. G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and a member of the brain trust, over the radio recently.

On this basis the New Deal proposes—Not to provide the working people with the part of the "towering surplus" they need so desperately—but to destroy the present and future crops until we are on a basis of production fitting the Chinese coolie levels to which the American people are rapidly being reduced.

WORLD CARRYOVER OF WHEAT GREATER THAN IN PAST YEAR

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(BY M. K.)

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NINE PEASANTS ARE KILLED IN POLAND IN POLICE ATTACK

Warsaw, Poland, June 21.—Nine peasants and one policeman were killed and 23 peasants and five policemen were injured at Grabina and two other villages near Crows, Southern Poland, when police attacked the peasants who refused to pay the outrageous taxes.

The peasants are so destitute that they have been unable to buy wood. They have taken it from the forests owned by the rich landlords. About 100 peasants have been arrested by the police.

FORCED SALE IS STOPPED TWICE

Fifty Determined Farmers Defeat Actions of Mortgage Holder

(BY E. P.)

Hecla, S. D., July 7.—Fifty determined farmers recently stopped the mortgage sale of W. E. Briggs' farm near Ipswich, southwest of here in Edmunds county.

The mortgage is held by McKirney and Allen of Sioux Falls. This is the second time in two weeks that the farmers there have used mass pressure to stop the sale of this farm. The last time an agreement was made whereby the mortgage was to be renewed for six years at three and one-half per cent interest.

ATTACK ON MINN. MARCHERS IS HIT

Working Class Conference Passes UFL Resolution Unanimously

Minneapolis, Minn., July 8.—A motion of the United Farmers League protesting the Farmer-Labor police terror against the hunger marchers last November was passed unanimously at a conference of workers organizations last night. Forty organizations were represented, including five locals of the American Federation of Labor.

The supreme court has upheld the conviction of the 18 workers who were arrested before the court house on Nov. 21, 1932, when Mayor Anderson's police attempted to stop the National Hunger March. Each of the convicted workers must serve from 20 to 60 days or the work farm.

Among those arrested and sentenced are Reno Tantilla, St. Louis County Secretary of the United Farmers League, and Arthur Bolke, of Little Fork, Minn.

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RENO EXPOSED

Taylor, National Chairman
of League Demolishes
New Deal Burjium

TREACHERY PROVED

Leaders Attempt to Disrupt
Meeting; Fear for Power
Before Real Program

(By Special Correspondent)

Sioux City, Iowa, July 8.—Overcoming every obstacle put in their path by the high salaried leaders of the Farmers Holiday Assn., Charles E. Taylor, Lem Harris, Harry Lux, brought the message of militant struggle to the thousands of farmers who attended the Tri-State Holiday picnic yesterday in Riverside park. (The Sioux City Journal reports 8,000 present at the meeting.—Ed.)

In the arrangements for the picnic only the Holiday leaders were given the right to speak although Taylor had asked for an opportunity to address the audience.

Milo Reno, high salaried leader of the National Holiday Assn., was the headline speaker. He was followed by Glen Miller, president of the Iowa Farmers Union. John Simpson, National President of the Farmers Union, who was scheduled to speak, did not appear.

RENO'S HODGE PODGE

Reno's speech was a long hodge podge dealing almost entirely with the past. He attempted thru out to be very radical, even speaking in a restrained way about the Communists.

He tried to defend his high salary as an insurance president. His defense was that he gets "less than a fourth of what the average life insurance president gets." He did not go any further into the question of how much he gets but he did mention that many life insurance presidents get \$100,000.

PRaises ROOSEVELT

Then he turned to Roosevelt. The president had done more since March 4 than all other presidents since Abraham Lincoln. If Hoover had been elected we would have had a dictatorship, he added, not going into the question of how much of a dictatorship we already have under the New Deal.

He declared it to be the duty of

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FARMERS HEAR OF SOVIET CONDITIONS

1,000 Present at Holiday Picnic Ask Mother Bloor to Talk on U. S. S. R.

BY CARL WICKLUND
Vice President, Holiday Assn.
of Nebraska

Loup City, July 4.—The Holiday convention went over very successfully. The old timers said it was one of the best conventions they have attended for years. We had some real resolutions passed.

Everybody took an active part. Twenty-two counties were represented with 129 voting delegates and 13 fraternal delegates.

On July 1 we had a big picnic with close to a thousand people. We all wanted to hear something about Russia so Mother Bloor asked all who wanted to hear to raise a hand. All hands went up and we had a very satisfactory speech. Mother Bloor got all kinds of hand-clapping.

TAYLOR AND LUX SPEAK

The main speakers were Mother Bloor, Harry Lux, and Charles E. Taylor, National Chairman of the United Farmers League. Many delegates also spoke. I spoke on the prices of farm machinery and our manufacture in 1912.

We also had a Holiday dance at night. Mother Bloor spoke for 15 minutes at midnight. She is sure a willing worker and should have the support of all workers and farmers. Greetings to Mother Bloor on her birthday, July 8.

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FORCE THE REPEAL OF RULING TO LOOT FARM ACT PAYMENTS

The Agricultural Administration has just issued a ruling by which the interests of the mortgage holders in the south under the cotton destruction program will be completely protected.

The ruling provides that checks for payments under the cotton reduction program will be issued jointly to the small farmer and to the mortgage or note holder.

This means that payments under the cotton cutting program will go, not to the small farmers, but to the landlords, the fertilizer trust, the bankers or any of the other leeches who have a lien on the farmer's crops.

It is almost a certainty that the same ruling will be followed in the payments to the wheat farmers. Farmers everywhere should protest the decision made to rob the southern Negro and white poor farmers of the benefit payment and should demand that this ruling be repealed and that no similar rulings be made elsewhere. Send your protests to President Roosevelt, to the secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, and to the Senators and Representatives from your state in Congress.

Only by a nationwide protest on the part of the small farmers can this new plundering under the New Deal be prevented.

THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEES MUST BE MADE TO SERVE YOU

Throughout the wheat belt county committees are to be set up under the direction of the Department of Agriculture to carry through the program of the New Deal administration. The task for these committees, as laid down by the Department of Agriculture, is supposedly to divide the county allotments among the farmers. Actually these county outfits are designed to be stool pigeon outfits, to set off one farmer against his neighbors and to split up the militant front of the impoverished farmers.

In North Dakota the Farmers Union leaders have already taken steps to lend every possible aid to the New Deal administration in putting across this program. At a meeting of such leaders in Fargo on July 8, Charley Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union offered M. L. Wilson, adjustment administrator, the full facilities of the Farmers Union to put this program across on the farmers.

In making his bid Talbott described the Farmers Union as "an organization that is complete and ready to function . . . that will put this job across for you."

The Farmers Union leaders have made this offer with one purpose in view—to bolster up their falling prestige through the power of the Department of Agriculture and the New Deal Adjustment Administration. They want to have a legal stranglehold on the farmers of the Northwest.

There is only one way by which we can prevent these county set-ups from becoming organizations against the interests of the farmers. We must elect into them militant rank and file farmers. We must elect into them impoverished farmers like ourselves. And, lastly, we must insist that any member who ceases to perform the will of his neighbors on the committee should immediately resign and be replaced by a rank and file farmer who will.

The United Farmers League urges the farmers in every county to elect their most militant battlers to these committees, farmers who have been in the forefront in the fight for relief and against evictions and foreclosures. We call on all United Farmers League members to take an active part in the struggle for control of these committees and for their proper functioning.

The proper functioning of these committees IN THE INTEREST OF THE FARMERS will not be to "put the job across" for the Roosevelt administration, as the \$5,000 a year head of the North Dakota Farmers Union proposes.

Only if these committees fight to the last ditch against the collectors and bankers, despite the rules and regulations handed out from Washington, will they serve the farmers.

Farmers, elect your best fighters to the county allotment organization.

PRODUCTION RISES IN SOVIET PLANTS

Stalingrad Tractor Plant
Delivers 16,000 Tractors
in 5 Months of 1933

Moscow, June 18.—In the first three years of its existence the Stalingrad Tractor Works have turned out 66,000 tractors. At present the daily output of tractors is 144. In 1930 only 1,000 tractors were delivered, in 1931 the output has reached 18,500, and in 1932 it had reached 29,000. During the first five months of 1933 16,000 tractors were delivered. The rate of production has increased twelve-fold.

OTHER PRODUCTS

During this year the works have also delivered many pieces for repair to the value of several million rubles for Soviet farms and machine tractor stations. Every month 120 mowers and threshing machines are produced. In the construction department a new lighting system for tractors was invented, enabling the tractors to work day and night. The Stalingrad Works are now turning out a special type of caterpillar tractors of 60 hp with a speed of 45 kilometers per hour.

These figures give the lie direct to the bourgeois and capitalist press who owing to the difficulties of the first months, had declared the Stalingrad workers were a complete failure.

Thousands Attend Holiday Picnic

(BY CHARLES E. TAYLOR,
National Chairman)

Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—Between three and four thousand folk from the farms of the state of Nebraska attended the "old fashioned" Fourth of July picnic at the beautiful Niobrara State Park Independence day, sponsored by the Farmers Holiday Association of Nebraska (Mason Co. Plan) of Knox County.

Al Broberg and Ernest Hanner of Lindsay, Madison county, farmers who have played a big part in the organization of the Holiday Association of Nebraska; Dr. Hall of Neale, Harry Lux of Lancaster county, State Organizer of the Holiday Assn., Charles E. Taylor, National Chairman of the United Farmers League of Montana; and Lem Harris of the National Committee of Action of Washington, D. C., spoke.

The Niobrara band played and Holiday songs were sung between the talks. Jim Ryan, Knox coun-

Harry Lux and Other Militant Organizers Given Great Ovation By Farmers as They Tell of Need for Fight to Finish

ty Holiday leader, was chairman of the day and introduced speakers.

GREET HARRY LUX

Harry Lux who had "gone time" in the Saline county jail for leading protests against the foreclosure and robbery of farmers, and Al Broberg and "Shorty" Hanner, all active Holiday organizers, were given an ovation when they appeared on and left the platform. They did not flinch, but told the farmers they were in the battle to the finish regardless of courts and jails, that the Holiday Association was organized to keep the farmers on the farm, to stop foreclosures and evictions and that now was a good time for those who had no

stomach for fray to retire to the safety of the old arm chair behind the stove, but as for them, the "wives and children have the first mortgage."

APPLAUD RANK AND FILE SPEAKERS

After the program was over these farmers and Lem Harris were called back by the farmers and their wives who displayed a keen interest in the Holiday program, to tell them more about mass action under the direction of the Holiday Association as the means of keeping the farmers on the farms and in stopping sales and evictions. These farmers realizing that another collection and foreclosure drive is already at the

*door. These rank and file speakers were soundly applauded again and again while the host of farmers sang "Solidarity," "Farmers Union," and "Hard Times in Nebraska."

MANY MORE BIG PICNICS

The picnic, excepting the State Holiday convention held last week at Loup City, was the midsummer event of the Holiday Association, and the first of a series of huge Holiday picnics planned in Nebraska. This picnic was reminiscent of the old Non Partisan League days both in the point of number and the enthusiasm of the farmers attending. Credit for the success of the picnic is due to Louis W. Larsen of Niobrara, Alvert Vakoc and Jim Ryan of Verdigris, the Holiday picnic committee, who left no stone unturned that might contribute to making the picnic the success that it was.

RELEASE NEGRO TENANT IN ALA.

Brewer Finley's Freedom Won as Result of Mass Pressure

Dadeville, Ala. — Brewer Finley, Negro tenant farmer, has been released from the county jail at Lafayette after having been held there incommunicado several weeks. His release is the result of mass pressure aroused by the International Labor Defense.

The trial was conducted in an atmosphere of lynch terror, but it lasted less than 30 minutes. The judge of the landlords' court was afraid to convict Finley because of the presence of throngs of Negro and white croppers and tenants, the majority of them members of the Share Croppers Union.

In order to conceal his real desires the judge had a lawyer say a few words supposedly in Finley's defense. Finley was then turned loose.

Finley's arrest came after he had been evicted from his home. His friends and neighbors put back his furniture into the house. He is still there and will remain there.

GORKI DISTRICT IN SOVIET UNION HAS FULFILLED PROGRAM

Moscow, June 6.—(by mail)—The Gorki district has completed its sowing plan. In cereals and leguminous plants 103 per cent of the plan was completed and 107 per cent of the wheat sowing plan was accomplished.

In the preparatory work for the sowing campaign 124,000 individual farms entered into the collective farms. The quality of tilling and sowing has been raised considerably this year.

Negro Sharecropper Is Fraternal Delegate at Nebraska Convention

One of the speakers at the Nebraska Holiday convention held in Loup City two weeks ago was a Negro Sharecropper from Arkansas who came as a fraternal delegate. He spoke also at the huge Holiday picnic at Niobrara, Neb., where his story of the oppression of the share croppers in the South made a deep impression on the farmers. Below we print a letter from this Negro farm organizer:

Dear Editor:

As a Negro share cropper from the South I had the privilege to visit the Holiday convention at Loup City, Nebraska. There I was greeted by an audience of about 300 farmers, of which there was some (of) the best people in America.

VINYARD WORKERS PREPARE A STRIKE

Won Strike Against Wage Cut; Demand Release of Imprisoned Comrades

Paris, June 16.—The small vineyard workers of Capestane and some other villages in the Beziere district have just won a complete victory in their strike against the wage cuts.

They are continuing their struggle for the release of 20 of their comrades who have been sentenced to imprisonment for their strike activity. A conference of delegates of small vineyard workers and the collective farms. The quality of tilling and sowing has been raised considerably this year.

300 STRIKE ON I.A. RELIEF JOBS

Workers Demand Cash Be Paid and Hourly Rate Be Raised to 45 cents

Sioux City, Iowa, July 6.—Three hundred men working on Highway 75 for relief went on strike Monday, July 3, demanding that they be paid in cash and that the wage rate be increased from 35 cents and hour to 45 cents. Fifty policemen, who were off duty on Monday, were sent out to the relief job on their day off to prevent any demonstration of the strikers.

County attorney Duckworth admitted "it might be better in some localities if the men could be paid in cash," but gave as an excuse for not doing so, that the rules were laid down by the federal government.

GERMAN WORKERS PROTEST FASCIST REGIME OF HITLER

Berlin, June 12.—On June 9 about 500-600 workers demonstrated in the streets of East Berlin. Shortly before 7 o'clock a bugle call was sounded and the workers assembled in the Eldenaehers trasse. The workers marched down the street singing the "International" and shouting "Long Live the Communist Party. Down with the Hitler government."

STRIKE OF 50,000 FARM WORKERS IN SPAIN GROWS DAILY

Madrid, Spain, June 7.—The strike of farm workers which was organized during the past week has broken out and is spreading every day. In the province of Seville 50,000 farm workers from 70 villages are on strike.

Farmers Applaud Exposure of Misleaders

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the Holiday Assn. to cooperate closely with the national administration.

NO MENTION OF STRIKE

This was Reno's closest reference to the strike. He never mentioned Townley, the leader of the strike committee, and ex-ol operator. Later when the Holiday News was being pushed Reno was mentioned as the editor-in-chief, although at the National Holiday convention it was decided that Townley be put in charge.

Mother Bloor, secretary of the Regional Committee for Action, due to pressure of the farmers around Sioux City, had been invited to speak at this picnic. She had asked the committee to put Charles Taylor, National Chairman of United Farmers League in her place. The farmer-chairman of the Woodbury County Holiday Assn. urged the committee to schedule Taylor. (Sioux City is located in Woodbury county.) This the committee refused to do.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN DISREGARDED

The Woodbury county chairman came out of the committee pretty mad and stated that the only way Taylor could get the floor would be through mass pressure from the audience.

When the scheduled speakers had finished the Holiday leaders tried to ring in the mayor of Sioux City. A great cry went up for Taylor, instead. The cry was taken up all through the audience. Taylor went up to the speaker's stand and was told that he would be scheduled after the mayor. While the mayor was speaking Taylor could hear the chairman, and others on the platform whispering about taking out the microphone.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN HASTE

After the mayor was finished the chairman hastily declared the meeting adjourned, although he had publicly announced that he would call on Taylor. He then ordered the loud speaker turned off.

The platform was left empty except for Taylor who had a broad smile on his face. When the microphone was turned off the crowd pressed forward into a compact mass. Taylor boomed out, "We can get along without the machinery since I am a pretty good loudspeaker myself."

TEARS APART RENO'S SPEECH

Taylor demolished Reno's speech. He picked out the main point on which Reno had been trying to make—hope in the New Deal—and blasted it completely. Hardly had he got started when the blare of the calliope broke out to drown his voice. A "clown band" took up the attempt to disrupt the meeting. Taylor's speech rumbled out over all the noise of the disrupters, and the audience crowded in still closer. The previous speakers had met no enthusiastic response from the audience. Taylor was applauded at each point he made.

While Taylor was speaking of Nile Cochran, militant Iowa Holiday farmer who has been railroaded to jail in South Dakota for picket duty, a man broke in to say that he had been thrown into jail at the same time Cochran was framed and had been left there for six months.

"Did Reno or any officer of the National Holiday Assn. come to see you there?" asked Taylor from the platform. "Not a damned one," was the answer.

HERO OF NEBRASKA

When he was through, a cry went up for Harry Lux, fighting State Organizer of the Farmers Holiday Assn. of Nebraska (Madison county plan). The hero of Nebraska went up and tore into the sell-out leaders of the Holiday Assn. who had permitted Nile Cochran to be framed up and railroaded, and had led the LeMars Holiday farmers to plead guilty in the struggle against the insurance companies.

Lem Harris, Secretary of the National Committee for Action, was called for by the crowd when Lux had finished. He pointed out that the actions of Reno and

Singler in the Holiday were treacherous to the impoverished farmers. Though they were both on the National Holiday board they had held back the strike in Iowa even after it had broken out in Wisconsin. The farmers cheered this exposure of the misleaders.

SINGLER HID FROM POLICE DURING STRIKE

Harris related a conversation he had had with Singler in Washington where the latter had told how he had hidden from the police during the strike. After the strike was over he had his salary, as the president of Wisconsin Milk Pool, doubled.

While Reno had no plan hundreds of thousands of farmers in Iowa and many other states were joining together on a program of ACTION, Harris stated.

At this point some uniformed police came in and asked Lux to inform Harris that the time was up for the public meeting and that it would have to stop. Harris finished his talk before Lux had time to deliver the message.

CHALMERS DEFENDS RENO

Then up got Chalmers, president of the Iowa Holiday Assn. and declared that this attack was

"unsportsmanlike" because the speakers could have asked Reno any question while he was there. Harris pointed out to the audience that Taylor had been deliberately excluded from the program and no one had asked Reno or the other high salaried leaders to leave. The farmers remained even though the leaders had decamped.

Chalmers also took issue with Harris' suggestion that the farmers needed rank and file leaders, without pushing past the butler as in Reno's swell home in Des Moines.

MILK TRUST PRESS DEFENDS RENO

In the evening edition of the Sioux City Tribune there was a scare headline "Farmers Out-tempted to Muscle In." This deliberate falsehood was not even substantiated in their own story. This paper which did everything in its power to break the militancy of the strike around Sioux City a year ago, lines up, now as then, with the misleaders of the farmers, and against the rank and file Holiday members.

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Doings of the Advance Guard

Our list is longer this week than it has been for some time. This is not due to any New Deal. It is due to the splendid response our friends have given to our cry for help. It does us good to see how many of our friends have dug deep into their pockets and given us the last cent they had in order to keep the paper going.

It isn't that we enjoy squeezing the last penny out of anybody, but we do think that the best investment that any farmer can make today is to keep the paper going that fights for him.

Last week we said we had eight friends. We spoke too soon. We are finding friends bobbing up all over these prairies. Hands from California to New York are stretching out to lift us from the quicksands of debt. This week 22 more friends have shown themselves to be our friends in time of need. Here they are:

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We now have \$45.29 to apply on the \$100 we need for our next ton of paper. We still need \$54.71 and we need it bad. Thirty of the 100 friends we asked for \$1 each have done more than their share. There are still 70 to be heard from. If you want to be among those who are helping to raise \$100 for our next ton of paper, send us two 50-cent subs or \$1, mark your letter "for paper fund," and send it today.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Fred Radons, Montana, renews.
Soren Kristensen, Westby, Mont. renews.
H. M. LaVadure, Comertown, Mont., renews.
John. Hetis, Marshall Co., Wis. sends two subs and pays for a bundle.
D. G. Johnson, Kenosha Co. Wis. sends stamps for a bundle.

R. W. Dziziel, Ward Co., N. D. renews for six months. "I appreciate your good work and wish you good health, lots of courage and success."

Emil Loine, Idaho Co., Idaho, renews and sends one sub.
Hans Englund, Wells Co., N. D. subscribes.

Matt Haugen, Adams Co., N. D. orders a bundle of 100 papers for meeting.

EAGER FOR PAPER

Ruth Bert sold 21 sub cards and three 50 cent sub cards at the North Dakota Holiday Convention last week. "The farmers were eager to read the Producers News," she says, "and 69 U. F. L. Programs were sold by others in our group."

Fred Anderson, Yellowstone Co.

SOVIET REPUBLIC TOPS SOWING PLAN IN QUICKER TIME

Moscow, June 18.—The White Russian Soviet Republic has finished its sowing plan twenty days earlier than last year. About 6,750 acres were sown as against 6,000 acres last year. The sowing plan has been completed 105 per cent.

Compared with the steady decline of Polish farming, only a few miles across the border, this flourishing of socialist agriculture is a convincing proof of the superiority of socialist economy.

Mont., sends one sub.

Lugwig Larson, Lyon Co., Minn. renews.
W. A. Harris, Burleigh Co., N. D. sends another three subs.
August Berg, Itasca Co., Minn. renews.
U. F. L. Minneapolis, Minn. sends \$2 for Farmers Programs.

B. A. Faulkner, Kent Co., Minn., pays for bundle of 50 to be used at meeting.
P. R. Paulsen, Dagmar, Mont. renews.

Art Skreberg, Chippewa Co., Minn., says: "I will send you every cent I have (35 cents). With the grain crops all shot for the first time in the history of this locality, with pastures all dried up, money will be very scarce."

DOING WONDERFULLY WELL

Lars Bolland, Marshall Co., N. D., in response to our letter dug deep into his own pocket. He renews for a year and gives four 50 cent subs to his former friends, besides getting a friend from Minnesota to take the paper for a year. Thanks Lars, with live ones like you, we are bound to go ahead.

Theo. Bilagejs, Bay Co., Mich., renews for a year and writes: "I had a hard time scraping up this money, but I couldn't be without the paper. Under the New Deal my brother and I get \$1 a day and 2 to 3 days a week, no work at all in the winter."

CLOSE TO HOME
Mrs. O. B. Snuggins, working in Daniels county, Montana, sends us 14 renewals and new subs.—Navajo: F. N. Jensen, Fred Halvorson, G. B. Gunderson, C. H. Gunderson, C. N. Gibbs, Matt Hatfield, H. K. Jaeger, Flaxville: C. Cray, Geo. Korschue, Nick Neber, Pete Karlson, J. C. Sparling, Herman Nakken, John Krasine.

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After the Economic Conference

The fifth week of the World Economic Conference finds the parley a wreck. The conference has gone to smash on the contradictions between the leading capitalist powers. The United States delegates refuse to consider stabilization of world currencies because Roosevelt plans a new world struggle for trade through inflation. The French capitalists refuse to discuss any other economic questions until the dollar is stabilized because inflation in the United States means an attack on the gold standard where it still exists—primarily in France. With the conference a wreck the imperialist powers are now intensifying the preparations for the second stage of the struggle—imperialist war.

Veterans Defeat Forced Labor

Portland, Oregon.—Two hours of mass picketing at the local Red Cross by unemployed veterans has defeated the program of forced labor. The veterans have been getting grocery orders on relief.

Jobless Workers Burn Slave Contracts

Muskegon Heights, Mich.—More than 800 working men and women assembled before the city Hall and burned the slave contracts which the local relief agency tried to enforce. The contract authorized officials to search the homes of any workers getting relief.

Dollar Falls Below 70 Cents

New York, July 11.—As a result of the inflation program of the New Deal the dollar has fallen below 70 cents on the world gold exchange markets. This inflation means also continuously rising prices to the working people for the goods they have to buy.

Jimmie Mattern Found in Siberia

Moscow, July 11.—After wandering 16 days in the wilderness of Siberia, Jimmie Mattern, Texas flyer engaged in a solo flight around the world, is safe at Anadirsk, Siberia. His plane was so badly damaged by a forced landing that it will have to be abandoned and Mattern will probably make the trip to Nome, Alaska, as a passenger in a Soviet seaplane.

Committee to Study Trade With Soviet Union

New York.—The American Federation has announced the formation of a committee to investigate possibilities of trade with Soviet Union. Committees consist of bankers, lawyers, professors, industrialists. They are reported to be favorable to recognition of the Soviet Union, because of the huge trade that can be developed.

4,000 Federal Employees Fired

Washington, July 4.—More than 4,000 government workers have been thrown out of their jobs and thousands of others face loss of their jobs under the New Deal. In the War department, however, every effort is being made to keep the full complement of help on hand—for war.

Crooked Banker Is "Mentally Unfit"

New York, July 7.—Joseph Harriman, ex-president of the Harriman Trust Co., who robbed millions from the depositors of the bank in order to play the stock market was declared by his doctor to be mentally unfit. This is another way to get Harriman out of the trial he is facing.

Million in New York Told to Starve

New York, July 7.—Relief for 210,000 families, representing over 1,000,000 persons has been halted in the city as the result of the failure of the Board of Estimate to appropriate the necessary funds. The Home Welfare Bureau is receiving new applications for relief from 4,000 persons a week. During June 19,000 applied, most of whom had never had relief before in their lives.

Convicts Revolt

Brooksville, Fla.—National Guards have been rushed to the Tooke Lake prison camp in a determined offensive to smash a mutiny of 30 prisoners. The striking convicts are barricaded in the stockade and are in revolt against insanitary conditions, inhuman treatment, and bad food.

Texas Hurricane Threatens

Brownsville, Texas, July 6.—A tropical hurricane struck Port Isabel late today and in its path lay the rich Rio Grande citrus fruit growing valley and clusters of farm houses. Loss of life and crop was feared as mountainous waves rolled in from the Gulf of Mexico.

Lynch Carolina Negro

Clinton, S. C.—Four white men dragged Harrie Bandy, 35 year old Negro from the small Clinton jail early today and a few hours later his beaten and strangled body was found in a churchyard near here. No attempt was made by the sheriff to stop this outrage.

Low Demand for Wheat

Washington, July 6.—Grain exports last week from the United States amounted to 430,000 bushels against 2,070,000 bushels during the corresponding week of last year.

Labor Leader Sells out to Chase Bank

Cleveland, Ohio, July 4.—The banking committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers charged at the Triennial meeting of the organization that Grand Chief Johnston agreed with the Chase Bank to put across a ten per cent cut to bolster up railroad bonds. The Chase Bank has a strange hold on the Standard Trust Co. which is connected with the union, having loaned the trust company \$400,000.

BANKER IS CAUGHT IN NASTY ROBBERY

Used Funds of Irrigation District While Workers Got Wage Cut

(BY M. W.)

Torrington, Wyo., June 28.—The local banker, R. F. Tibbitts, has recently been caught in a nasty deal with the other commissioners of the Goshute Irrigation District. He used over \$11,000 of District funds for ten years or at least long enough to save himself \$11,000 in interest. One of the other Commissioners, Leamer, was until the last election, representative at the State capital.

This exposure explains one reason for the fact that the workers of this irrigation have been given a cut of 30 cents per hour, why the water rates for the farmers are so high and why the banker can drive a fine car.

TRIED TO INTIMIDATE HOLIDAY FARMERS

This same banker let it be known that members of the Holiday movement could not get loans from his bank. This was easily showed up to be merely intimidation because every farmer knew he would be glad to loan money to any farmer who had anything to put a plaster on.

The above case is now in the hands of the government officials but we have little faith that the banker will get what he deserves. He will no doubt be cleared of all blame just as most other bankers are.

UNIVERSITIES GIVE GRAFTERS HONORS

Woodin and Davis, Mordan Favorites, Get Honorary Degrees

The university commencement programs this year have provided honors to two of those on the Morgan "preferred" lists. The universities and colleges of the country are run primarily through the donations from the rich and pay them back with honorary degrees.

Secretary Woodin, of the Treasury, who was on Morgan's lists to receive stocks at half price was given the degree of Doctor of Music by Syracuse University. Norman H. Davis, Roosevelt's ambassador-at-large, delegate to the Disarmament Conference and on the organizing committee of the World Economic Conference was given the degree of Doctor of Laws by Columbia University on June 7.

"Now our (Morgan's, that is—Ed) Ambassador at Large on the front line of battle for the peace and prosperity of the world (fighting for Wall Street's interests against the other capitalist rascals) Ed a master builder of that House of Peace (House of Morgan—Ed) which is to displace the modern Tower of Babel that obstructs those forward-looking and conservative policies of international understanding and international cooperation upon which our national satisfaction and our national happiness depend (all referring to the services of Davis in the international economic and political struggle.—Ed.)"

HIDE A. C. TOWNLEY IN HOLIDAY NEWS

Milo Reno Gets Glory and Keeps Oil Operator Out of Sight and Sound

Some months ago Milo Reno, president of the National Farmers Holiday Association, and A. C. Townley, one time Nonpartisan League and oil company operator, consulted with an important farm leader as to the advisability of starting a paper.

Reno was fearful because there was no money to begin with. Townley who has started on a shoe string many times, saw this as a hindrance but an advantage. So the Farm Holiday News was born.

"Beginning with the May issue of Farm Holiday News, the National Holiday Association through a Board of Governors, has had full charge of the paper" according to the June 25 issue of the paper. The Board of Governors, whose names appear on the mast head of the paper include: Milo Reno, Alvin A. Handrich, Wisconsin, Emil Loriks, South Dakota, and Richard Bosch, Minnesota. Jesse D. Slicker is circulation manager. Nowhere is there any mention of Townley, the power behind the throne, probably because Reno secretly fears that Townley is after his job and doesn't want to help him by giving him any aid.

All communications to the paper should be addressed to Lock Box 44, St. Paul, Minn., the paper tells us. It is our guess that Lock Box is the redoubtable Townley, hidden under a bushel basket by Mr. Reno.

Policy of "Navy Second to None" Proclaims War Plan

SECRETARY SWANSON ISSUES STATEMENT ON POLICY AS WORLD IMPERIALIST CONFLICT BECOMES MORE ACUTE; BREAKDOWN OF LONDON CONFERENCE IS WAR SIGNAL

The war policy of the Roosevelt New Deal administration was proclaimed by Secretary of Navy Swanson when he called for a "navy second to none" in a statement of naval policy made on June 29.

The "big navy" policy has created "elation among high naval officers" according to the capitalist press, for they know it is a war policy, and war is their profession.

The general navy policy is to "create, maintain and operate a navy second to none, and in conformity with treaty provisions." The insertion of the "treaty provisions" in Swanson's declaration of policy is only a hypocritical formality to maintain the faith of the American working people in the "peace" efforts of the government.

Millions will be ground out of the American people to "develop the navy to a maximum in battle strength and ability to control the sea in defense of the nation and its interests." The navy will be put on a war basis so that "expansion only will be necessary in the event of war."

The Marine corps will be developed to "provide expeditionary forces in immediate readiness."

The aim is a "fleet of all classes of fighting ships of the maximum war efficiency . . . to replace over-age ships under continuing programs." The "maximum effective tonnage" of aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines is to be constructed.

The 290 airplanes that are already planned for construction during the next three years are part of the program "to build and maintain airplanes to the full complements authorized for aircraft carriers, and tenders, battleships, cruisers, marine expeditionary forces."

The New Deal naval policy calls not only for the readiness of the navy for imperialist war but for the maintenance of "detailed plans for rapid acquisition and conversion of merchant vessels to naval use in time of emergency." In other words the trade fleet is to be prepared for war.

The United States fleet is to be as-

sembled "for a period of not less than two months once a year." "Fully manned ships and . . . a maximum number of fighting ships" are to be kept in commission. In order to be able to expand the navy when war breaks out there is to be retained "a reasonable excess of petty officers over those necessary for peacetime operations of the navy." The naval communication system is to be "based on war requirements."

War efficiency, according to Secretary of Navy Swanson, is to be the "object of all development and training" and the policy is to "maintain that efficiency at all times."

This war program is being carried through under the New Deal to "protect American lives and property" and to "support American interests, especially the development of American foreign commerce and the merchant marine."

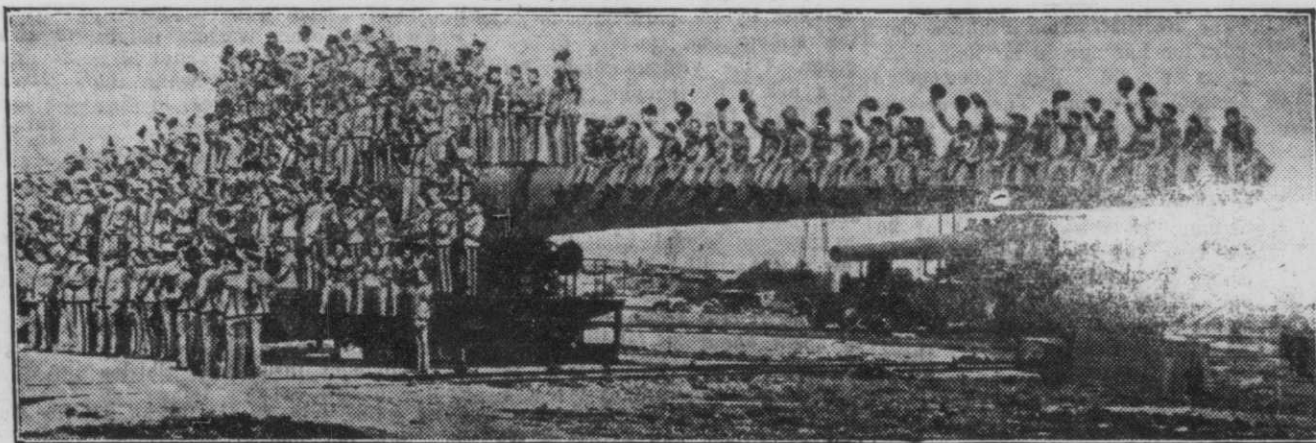
The "American property and interests" which are to be "protected" are the foreign investments of Wall Street and the foreign markets of American capitalism.

Those farmers who have doubted the imminence of war, and who have had faith in the proclamations of "peace" by Roosevelt and by the American statesmen at the World Economic Conference in London can see behind all these statements the real program of Roosevelt—WAR.

While the disarmament and economic conferences are taking place the American capitalist class is preparing to throw the lives of American workers and farmers into the breach of capitalist profits. The statement of navy policy by Swanson admits this is clear cut language.

Against this program we must build up a solid resistance of American farmers to another bloody slaughter, a determination that they will not fight in Wall Street's war and that if they fight it will be in the interests of the working class.

THE VOICE OF WALL STREET IS HEARD FROM THE NEW DEALERS



One of the naval railway guns used to supplement the navy "second to none" which Secretary Swanson has proclaimed as the naval policy of the Roosevelt administration. Roosevelt's peace speeches are but a smoke screen to cover the preparations for mass murder that are being made under Wall Street's orders.

Swedish Farmers are In Desperate Straits

SMALL FARMERS BURDENED WITH HIGH TAX FACE LOSS OF HOMES THROUGH FORCED SALE

(BY CARL JOHANSSON, Stockholm)

The position of the toiling population in the farming districts of Sweden is even worse than that of the industrial workers. The agricultural crisis has assumed enormous proportions and has plunged the toiling masses of the village into indescribable want and misery.

Before the crisis the wages paid to the farm workers was wretched. The landlords are anxious to cut the wages still further.

On October 24 of this year the wage agreement of the farm workers expires and then they will have to defend their present starvation wages against the attacks of the landlords.

Another group of workers in the rural districts is formed by the lumber workers. These are generally recruited from among the small farmers, the farm workers, and their families. The daily wage of the forest workers is 3 to 4 crowns, or 5 to 6 crowns if they transport the wood. In the course of the past year these starvation wages have been cut by 10 to 20 per cent.

The situation of the small farmers is catastrophic. The prices of farm products are 10 per cent lower than in 1913. Up to 80 per cent of the value of their property is mortgaged.

The burden of taxation is great. In those districts in which the greater part of the population consists of small holders. The interest due on the debts of the small holders amounts to a total of 250

million crown yearly (\$66,750,000). New taxes have been imposed. In 1932 parliament put through a special tax on milk.

In the farming districts the number of forced sales of small farms has increased steadily—1914: 157, 1927: 157, 1927: 349, and 1929: 399.

A letter sent to the king by 30 peasants from Oesteröland, in July 1932, is typical of the position of the small farmers.

"Thirty peasants in Oesteröland are confronted with the immediate danger of being driven from their farms, which are to be seized for debt . . . We, therefore, beg that the state power intervene to prevent these attacks on the property of the small and middle farmers."

The small fishermen on the west coast have been reduced to such a state of poverty that school meals have had to be introduced, as the children came to school without having eaten anything.

The hunger for land is very great. Last summer a "Royal" commission instituted an inquiry into this question, and came to the conclusion that there are a large number of small farmers and lumber workers who should have more land if they are not to starve. But they have no money and can buy none, for their yearly income amounts to 500 crowns (\$133) at most.

One of the reports on housing conditions in the districts, included in the inquiry states: "We visited a forest work-

ers' family with 5 children, living in a tumble down hut of two small rooms. The ladder was perfectly empty and there were only a few sticks of furniture in the place. In another village we found a family living in the cow shed with the cattle.

This is the situation of the toiling farmers in Sweden. The increasing acuteness of the crisis will render this situation even more disastrous.

A NEW PAMPHLET ON CHILD LABOR

The story giving the background of such conditions as those leading up to the recent strike of child workers in the sweatshops of Allentown, Pa., and the consequent campaign of the labor movement against child misery are outlined in "Children Under Capitalism" by Grace Hutchins, just issued by International Pamphlet, as No. 33 in its series.

Nearly 3½ million children of school age, between 7 and 17, the author writes, are out of school. And with schools being closed and the budgets for education being constantly reduced, increasing numbers of youngsters are added to the ranks of the exploited—and jobless—workers. And of the nearly 2½ million young workers under 17, there were, according to the census of 1930, some 667,000 between 10 and 15 years of age employed as farm labor, in the textile, clothing, food and transportation industries, as well as in trade, domestic and clerical occupations.

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Examples of earnings of child laborers are given. A little girl earns \$1.50 weekly at shucking oysters, 12 hours a day. "In Pennsylvania clothing factories," writes Grace Hutchins, "most of the 14 and 15 year old children are working 51 hours a week and about half of them are receiving

SOUTH DAKOTA TO NEED MORE RELIEF

Farmer Won't Get Enough Out of Crop to Buy Coal This Winter

Hecla, S. D., June 28.—The main thing that is happening here now is that Nature is working hand in glove with Roosevelt in seeing to it that there will not be too much wheat to spare for those without any purchasing power. Old Sol is burning up the wheat and other grain and taking the gardens for good measure.

I understand there were about eight hundred families on relief in this county last winter and it is a paradise compared with some of the other counties. It is safe to say that this number will be doubled or trebled next winter—and a large number of the new ones on the relief rolls will be farmers.

Last winter the farmers burned corn for fuel but this year when it is the only crop there is any hope of saving it can not be used for that purpose. It's a cinch there won't be any cash with which to buy coal either, except in the case of a few kulak farmers.

Editor's Note: This is the outlook under the New Deal in Brown county, South Dakota. Roosevelt's acreage reduction plan is being carried through with a vengeance and farmers will have to live off of relief next winter.

What have you had from the New Deal? Millions of farmers have been fooled by Roosevelt. Many still are. The only way we can convince them is to show them what conditions are all over the country under the New Deal and to explain to them how they can improve their conditions—by mass action. Tell us what is going on in your county since the new dealer came into the chair.

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