

THERE ARE A FEW WORKERS who are so stupid that they would rather have their boss take \$10 a week out of their pay envelope than pay 50 cents union dues. Such workers will be fooled by the owners' last-minute propaganda. . . . But most workers are sensible. They know that Reading's mill owners (most of whom were "broke" a generation ago) got their millions by deceiving and exploiting their work. They are organizing now to MAKE PROFIT DOLLARS BECOME WAGE DOLLARS. . . . That's why the owners hate and resist the Union. . . . And that is why INTELLIGENT WORKERS WILL VOTE UNION!

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# UNION CONFIDENT AS VOTE LOOMS SOCIALISTS READY TO BATTLE FUSION SLATE

## REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

MORE AND MORE the ballyhoo which one hears about the National Recovery Administration sounds to me like "old stuff." To the younger generation, whose memory of wartime hokey is fading, it may appear new. But the whole thing has a familiar ring to me.

My recollection of the War Labor Board's activities are too vivid to permit me to have an easy mind. I recall how that great national agency operated to keep workers on the job—for wages which were ridiculously low when compared to the monster rake-offs which big business patriots were being permitted to grab at the public's expense. And today I sometimes find myself saying "War Labor Board" when what I intended to say was "National Labor Board." That's how strongly the new device resembles the old.

BACK IN THE war days the workers snapped at the bait as vividly as they appear to be doing today. It wasn't until after the war that some of them awoke to the fact that they are being skillfully handled in order that the game of Slaughter and Profits might not be hampered by revolts of industry's human tools. Some few had their eyes opened when the signing of the armistice was closely followed by the bosses' "American Plan" drive against such labor organizations as had been fostered and encouraged by the War Labor Board. Others, alas! simply couldn't see what had been happening during those four bloody years until after the weight of war debts and the increasing exploitation of la-

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## WINDOW CLEANERS STRIKE AGAINST "NATIONAL" FIRM

A strike was voted and declared by the Office, House and Window Cleaners, Local Union No. 1, of Reading and Berks County at their meeting at 804 Franklin st., against the National Window Cleaning Co., 528 1/2 Penn st., as a result of the proprietor, Sam Brown, refusing to sign the union agreement on Friday, after three weeks' effort and negotiations by union officials and representatives of the Federated Trades Council.

The Berkshire, Wyomissing, American and International window cleaners are signed up and operating under union contractual relationship with their employees and are now sending members of the Window Cleaners Union on all jobs they are called to do.

The Reading Window Cleaning Co., operated by Mr. J. F. Bellemere remains unsigned, because of his absence from the city. Upon his return next week it is expected he too will agree to the pact.

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## BOSSSES LAUNCH PROPAGANDA DRIVE AS HOSE STRIKERS GET SET FOR ORGANIZATION

Intimidation Tactics In Some Mills Being Checked by Shop Committees For Future Action

### TO APPEAL TO LABOR BOARD

Union Sentiment Running Strong as Balloting Under Government Supervision Promises Complete Victory

By John W. Edelman

Research Director A. E. F. H. W. The hosiery workers of Reading and Berks county are returning to work this week under the terms of the strike settlement with the National Labor Board at Washington last week.

Balloting on the question of Union recognition will begin on Monday and should be completed within two or three days after that.

The mills have evidently resumed operation as rapidly as possible and fewer cases of discrimination have occurred than had been anticipated.

Several flagrant cases of injustice towards the more active strikers have taken place and these are being taken up at

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## HDWE STRIKE AT CHANTREL TOOL

Protest of 150 Workers Against Starvation Pay May Spread To Other Local Hardware Plants

Wage rates as low as 18 1/2 cents per hour for adult male skilled labor resulted in a strike of approximately 150 workers at the Chantrel Tool Works yesterday morning when, after a conference with the firm, a committee of workers gave the signal for a general walkout.

As a result of the action taken by the Chantrel employees, about 15 of whom are girls and women, the entire plant will be tied up after a skeleton force, which it was agreed should remain to finish uncompleted work, cleans up its task.

May Bring Other Strikes The Chantrel walkout is the first of what may soon be a general strike in all the building hardware industries of this city. For several weeks the employees of the Reading, Penn. and Earl Hardware companies have been holding meetings and considering ways and means of protesting against the low wages which have been established in the industry by a succession of deep wage slashes which have cut earnings to half and less than half of what was being paid a few years ago.

Now that the Chantrel workers (Continued on Page Six)

## BIGONY CALLS ON WORKERS TO REGISTER FOR CONTEST WITH BOSS-OWNED PARTIES

Same Interests Who Used Bertolet Machine Two Years Ago Will Again Control Anti-Socialist Combine, Party Organizer Warns—Financial Sacrifice of Paying County Tax Will be Good Investment If City and Schools Can be Won For Workers

Answering what stands revealed as a preliminary to outright fusion of Democratic and Republican forces to fuse in an effort to defeat the Socialists for city offices in November, Ralph O. Bigony, organizer for Local Berks Socialist Party, has issued a call to all workers to register on one of the three days set for that purpose. The days on which citizens may register to vote in the general election are: Thursday, August 31; Tuesday, September 5, and Saturday, September 16, from 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, from 1 to 6 p. m., and from 7 to 10 p. m., standard time.

## GILES 'NOT INTERESTED' IN FUEL FOR JOBLESS, OFFERS CLUBS AND GAS

"What about the unemployed and their children in homes which have no fuel?" "I am not interested in that," answered Reading's florist-police commissioner, J. Stanley Giles.

The above dialogue was reported by Harry Alexander, organizer for the Taxpayers' Protective League, this week.

Alexander, together with Irvin Weber, Harry Gross and two members of the Shillington-Mohnton branch of the T. P. L., interviewed Giles as a committee to inform the police commissioner of their intention to picket relief headquarters at the old city hall building to call attention to the lack of fuel in many homes. The committee wished to ask police protection for their pickets.

Before hearing their full story, Giles gruffly vetoed the plan. "We'll club your heads and give you all the gas you are looking for," is what Alexander reports the Fusion police head as shouting.

After leaving police headquarters the committee interviewed Dr. M. W. Bamford, head of work relief. Bamford first declined to recognize the League or its committee, Alexander states, but later relented and promised to co-operate in supplying fuel to those in need.

## ONE SWIFT HAIRCUT FOR HOSEIERY STRIKER

"Justice" is both swift and merciless in Reading's police court—when striking hosiery workers are before the bar.

An example of how ruthlessly old party officials proceed against prisoners who are out of favor with the erstwhile backers of the Fusion campaign was furnished at yesterday morning's police court when Leon Reider, 27, of Muhlenberg Township, answered a summons on a traffic violation.

Lacking immediate possession of \$11.25, fine and costs imposed by Alderman Marvin Springer, Reider was hustled to the county jail and

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## PICNIC SUNDAY

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## BERKS HOSEIERY WORKERS, DON'T MUFF THIS CHANCE!

HOSEIERY WORKERS OF READING AND BERKS COUNTY:

It has always been the policy of the Reading Labor Advocate to refrain from offering advice to striking workers. We aimed to be helpful. But the manner in which we helped depended upon the strikers themselves. If they wished publicity they received it. If they desired to follow a policy of silence that was our policy. For, after all, it was THEIR fight. They, the strikers themselves, had everything to lose or win. So, because there was so much at stake for others and so little risk for us, we aimed always to give our service, but never to offer suggestions as to the manner in which the battle should be waged.

But now the battle is over. After eight weeks of intense struggle against most unscrupulous, the most arrogant, the most stubborn exploiters of labor in the hosiery industry, the strikers are going back to work. But whether they have won or lost still remains a question. And now that the strike is ended, we will state our own opinions of the matter.

Within a few days you workers of the hosiery industry will have an opportunity to render your own verdict. You are being given a chance to vote on the question of a union. If you want to deal with the boss collectively, if you see the necessity of joining yourselves together for your mutual protection and advantage, then you will VOTE FOR THE UNION. If you think that your own puny strength is sufficient to win future concessions from the Berks County bosses, then you will vote against the union.

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## What Reading Folks Are Talking About

ALL STRIKES ARE NOT OVER IN READING

The settlement of the Hosiery Workers' strike has not brought industrial peace to Reading. On the contrary, other workers are fighting and planning to fight the same battle which the hosiery workers have so gloriously waged.

Next in importance and size to the hosiery campaign is the strike which is now being waged in Reading's shoe industries. Approximately 800 men and women are still on strike with unionism in the shoe industry as their major demand.

Mohn's hat factory workers are making a similar demand. So are the Wilhelm paint workers. So are the underpaid and overworked employees of the Penn Pans Co. in West Reading.

While the number of strikers in the Reading and Wilkinson laundries is insufficient to make these strikes of major importance as yet, discontent is brewing and the laundry strike situation may break into active revolt at any time.

In the pretzel industry the Bachman plant is still holding out against union recognition and the fight against that firm is being taken up by organized workers here and throughout the nation.

We mention these strikes for two reasons: First, to keep the record complete and, second, to ask why the federal authorities are not displaying the same interest in the smaller strikes as they did in the hosiery situation.

The above question should convince all thoughtful workers that POWER and NOT JUSTICE is still the most important factor in industrial relationships. The authorities would have permitted the hosiery strikers to be beaten. It was only when the strikers demonstrated their ability to win that the government took action in that industry. The same government officials are permitting things to drift in the other strikes because they are not yet convinced.

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## BEG PARDON!

Last Week's Liebovitz Shirt Story Was Just "All Wrong"

In publishing a story about the Liebovitz shirt factory at Tenth and Spring streets last week the Advocate acted upon faulty and incomplete information.

It was stated that a Mrs. Gertrude Ramsey, of 1146 Mulberry street, had been paid 60 cents for one-and-a-half days' work. The 60-cent pay was correct. However, the person who received this amount was another Mrs. Gertrude Ramsey, of Laureldale.

Upon investigation this week we also learn that Mrs. Ramsey, of Laureldale, was paid as a learner and not as an experienced operator. Experienced shirt operators at the Liebovitz plant are now receiving minimum wages of \$13.00 per week.

The Advocate regrets its misstatements and offers its apologies.

Truck Drivers, Chauffeurs and Teamsters will meet at Building Trades Hall, 4th floor, at 29 Reed St. SUNDAY, AUG. 20, 3 P. M. Union Charter has been applied for and is expected Sunday

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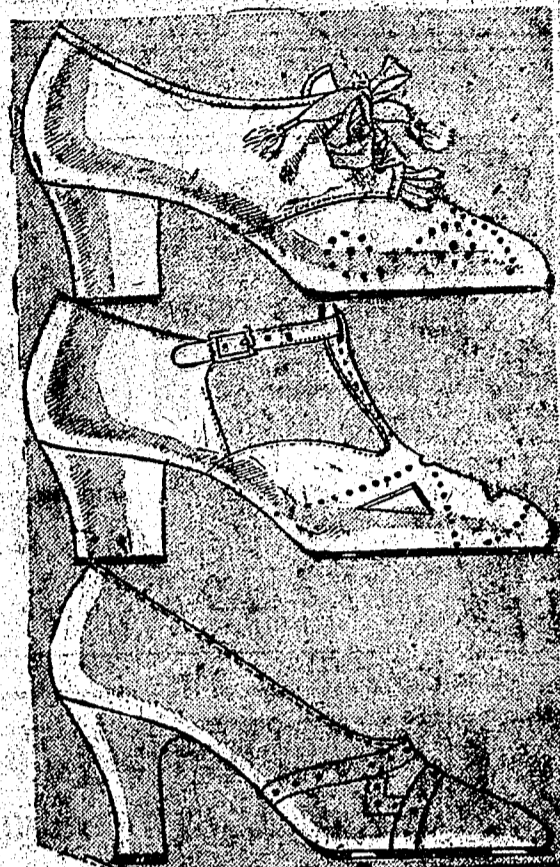


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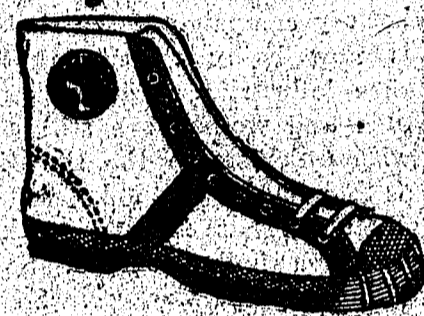
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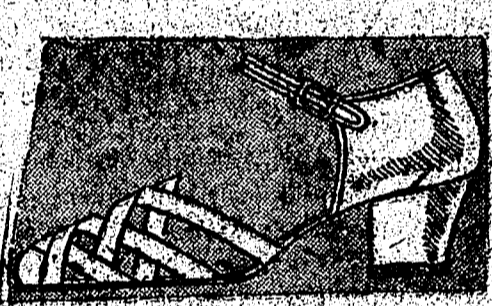


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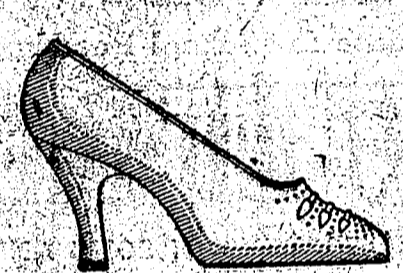
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WAVE OF ORGANIZATION SHOWS PRODUCERS READY TO FIGHT FOR 'NEW DEAL'

Nation's Toolers Recognize That Employers Must Be Forced to Observe Provisions of NRA Agreement. Membership in Unions Grows Throughout U. S.

(By FRANK L. PALMER)

NEW YORK (FP).—Unexpectedly aggressive support for the National Recovery Administration—or at least for that part of it which truly wants to raise wages, shorten hours, bring back prosperity and freedom to American workers—is being given by the workers of the nation in a tremendous wave of organization drives and strikes against sweatshop conditions.

The fear that workers would think the NRA was going to hand them high wages on a silver platter and that therefore organization was unnecessary—thereby destroying the value of the program—seems dispelled by reports from all parts of the country. The workers are sweeping into the unions in a flood. And new unionists and old are equally determined on cutting hours and increasing wages at once so that the surplus of goods, which President Roosevelt fears, may be purchased and consumed so that the upward trend of business and employment may continue.

Active Throughout Nation. Reports from Chicago, Cleveland, Tacoma, Denver, Philadelphia, the coal fields of Pennsylvania, St. Louis and Kansas City within a few days show that the workers are determined to build their unions and fight for the 30-hour week, decent pay and a square deal. Pennsylvania miners refused to go back to work after President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America had agreed to a truce until they were assured by Edward F. McGrady, assistant NRA administrator, that they would get the right to choose their own checkweighman—which means fair play and the union to them. Strikers at the Container Corp. plant in Chicago booted the minimum pay from 20 cents an hour to 40 cents, as did the workers at the Coleman Bronze plant in the same city.

In Cleveland workers who have been getting from 8-cents to 10 cents an hour at the Murray-Ohio Mfg. Co. have struck for a minimum of 40 cents an hour for the unskilled and 50 cents for the skilled workers. Some 1,500 garment workers have been on strike there in an attempt to drive sweatshops from the industry and to bring back decent hours and wages.

Battle in Philadelphia. Philadelphia hosiery workers have been battling the Cambria Hosiery Co., which displays the Blue Eagle but cuts wages, and tangling with strikebreaking cops in the process. Two hundred women strikers battled the same police to block the sending to homes of work by the Novelty Buttonhole Mfg. Co.—and succeeded. Striking neckwear workers have offered to leave their \$17.50 minimum wage for a 35-hour week to arbitration if the bosses agree to observe the union clause in the NRA. Getting no response, they fight on.

Tacoma reports the greatest influx into the American Federation of Labor unions since the war days, with old unions gaining membership rapidly and new ones being formed and defunct locals revived. The big packing plants are readily being unionized with hundreds of workers joining the Butcher Workmen in a new local; the upholsterers are reviving a dead local into a very live one; the Timber Workers Union is active and the retail clerks are on the move. The Labor Temple is one of the busiest places in Tacoma.

Booses Evade Signing. Denver reports the employers reluctant to sign the President's blanket code but the workers are rushing into the unions. The Gates Rubber Co. has been one of the worst scab concerns, with low pay and long hours the pride of the management, but the workers are organizing and 125 signed up at the first meeting. One new union got its first test the morning after it was formed, when the newly elected secretary was fired. A special meeting of the union held that night sent a committee to the manager and the next morning the secretary was back on the job. More than 100 auto mechanics have signed up; the brick and clay workers have a new charter; 250 have joined the dyers and cleaners. Best of all, the railroad shopmen, who made up such an important part in the Denver movement prior to 1922, are coming back with a rush.

St. Louis and Kansas City report similar experiences, as do other cities from coast to coast. The workers seem to have caught the idea. They can get the 30-hour week, decent wages and a union—if they will fight for them.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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vinced that the workers are strong enough to win their point. MORAL: If you want the government to do something FOR you, you must demonstrate your readiness to DO SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF.

AN EXAMPLE OF FUSION PROGRESSIVENESS

Reading's Fusion government is planning to take a step back to the old horse-car days by taking North Ninth and Tenth streets off the one-way traffic schedule.

For more than four years traffic conditions on these streets have been made as safe as possible by a one-way traffic rule, similar to that enforced by other large cities. The rule itself was inaugurated by the Socialist administration after careful study and against the opposition of a number of merchants who feared that business would be hampered by this progressive step.

The Socialists did not heed the pleas of the merchants because they thought that public safety was more important than private profits and because they did not believe that even the profits of the merchants would suffer as a consequence of progress.

For the past four years these two streets have been fairly safe for traffic. Many school children crossed and recrossed them without the necessity of looking both ways for safety.

But the Fusionists now plan an advance—to the rear—by adopting a borough code for two of Reading's busiest thoroughfares. Perhaps this is just another way of "Saving Reading From Ridicule."

IS COUNCILMAN GEORGE THE 'MOTH BALL' KING?

A. would-be candidate for councilman honors, whose name need not be mentioned because it will not figure prominently in the next election anyway—has rushed into print to accuse Socialist Councilman George of supplying moth balls to strikers who were gassed by the Fusion police. This, the gentleman declares, was a terrible thing for a city official to do and merely goes to show that George is not upholding the constitution.

After Jesse was able to control his laughter he denied the article. However, we as members of the working class, have an opinion of our own on such things.

As far as we are concerned, we would rather supply men and women with moth balls to offset the evil effects of gas than supply them with the gas. That may not be good Fusion reasoning, but if it is unconstitutional Fusionists and others have to make the most of it.

Condemning Jesse George as a "Moth Ball King" simply shows the difference in viewpoint between Socialists and Fusionists. Socialists are FOR the workers; non-Socialists are AGAINST the workers. Socialists want to give the workers the good things of life. Fusionists and others who would be Fusionists think poison gas is the proper dose for producers who rebel against inhuman industrial conditions.

Three cheers for moth balls!

Labor Organizing in Clinton

CLINTON, Ia.—All trades not now organized will be attacked by the Tri-City Labor Congress and the workers enrolled in American Federation of Labor unions, it is announced. At a mass meeting in the Labor Temple which was jammed to the door 64 union applications were signed.

Secretary George C. Campbell served notice on employers that the minimum wages prescribed in the various codes are not to be regarded as maximum rates and that the labor movement is ready to enforce higher rates where these are justified.

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Butte Miners' Union Enrolls Six Thousand

BUTTE, Mont.—When the bargain terms of enrollment in the Butte local of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers closed August 1 a count showed 6,000 members. A few months ago the membership was less than 500 in good standing.

While retail stores and factories in Butte are profusely displaying the blue eagle the Montana Labor News complains that "to date there has been little to show that any places of Butte are fulfilling the stipulations of the code."

CAN'T SAVE PROFITS AND RESTORE PROSPERITY

WASHINGTON (FP).—"Long before snow flies," says the People's Lobby in a statement issued August 3, "the American people will realize the futility of the Roosevelt effort to save every major special privilege, and to coerce labor into accepting a low wage to enable it to carry land owners, profiteers, and interest gatherers."

"Not a single wage scale approved by the great humanitarian in the White House affords anything ap-

proximating a fair standard of living. "While wages paid in 1932 were about \$14,000,000,000 less than the 1929 total, and that fell \$8,000,000,000 short of the consumption that year, the total wage increases prescribed and that will be prescribed under state capitalism a la Roosevelt will not equal almost certain increases in living costs, and consumption taxes."

Marshall Field Speeds Up Retail Clerks

CHICAGO.—Marshall Field & Co., retail and wholesale departments, has accepted the blanket code and clerks in the State street are being speeded up, according to information obtained there. The lunch hour is being stretched out so that the workers will have to put in a longer day away from home and they are given hours that will put them on duty when there will be a maximum of customers to serve.

Oppose University Goose-Step

NEW YORK.—Veto of the bill restoring compulsory military training in the University of Wisconsin has been urged on Gov. A. G. Schmedeman in a wire by the executive board of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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**YIPSELS PLAN**

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held on Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday night, a mass meeting will be held at the park to greet the Yipsel delegates on their arrival. During the next day, a parade will be held through the streets of Reading with a colorful display of Socialist banners and slogans. In the course of the parade, an airplane will fly over the route dropping Socialist leaflets and appeals to young workers and students to join the Y. P. S. L.

**Banquet Scheduled**

A banquet is being prepared for Saturday night, after which several plays and skits will be presented by Yipsel groups from Los Angeles,

Reading, New York and other parts of the country.

Traveling organizers and city officers will discuss their problems on Monday, August 28, and improvements in League procedure will be developed. The first convention of Red Falcoln Guides, the leaders' group of youngsters between the ages of 8 to 15, will be held between the sessions on Saturday.

According to the statement from the National Office of the Young People's Socialist League, the young Socialists approach the forthcoming National Convention with the hope that it will serve to consolidate the Socialist youth of this country into a solid army of young men and women, prepared to battle in behalf of the working class with all the vigour and energy that the class struggle requires. This convention will give an estimate of young Socialist strength. From year to year there is an increase in the quality of its membership and in its activities. The reports of the industrial director presented to the convention will demonstrate the importance of the Young People's Socialist League in the educational and industrial life of the young workers and students of America.

If foreign enemies wished to escape detection, they might slip in disguise as kidnapers.

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**STARVATION IN LAUNDRY CODE**

Approval of Hunger, Long Hours, Low Wages Seen as Surrender to Employing Class

WASHINGTON (FP). — Women and girls will be worked 45 hours a week in the laundry industry, Recovery Administrator Johnson announced August 3, and in the South they will get a minimum wage of \$6.30 a week, under a modification of the President's blanket code for employers. This is the most complete surrender yet disclosed, in the list of concessions by Roosevelt and Johnson to the demands of employers that the original scheme of forcing American industries to pay a decent living wage and to absorb the unemployed be abandoned.

Johnson declared that "approximately \$35,000,000 will be added to the payroll of the laundry industry, which pays an average annual wage of about \$700 a year. He said the minimum rates of pay in the South "will increase from 100 to 150 per cent" when the women and girls get \$6.30 a week and men get \$9; that minimum rates in the North will be \$10.12 a week for women and girls, and \$15.75 for men, this representing an increase of 30 per cent. This means that wages of female labor in Southern laundries have been from \$2.52 to \$3.15 a week, and \$3.60 to \$4.50 a week for men, in the lower grades. Minima in the East are \$11.25 for females and \$18 for men.

In the Southwest a minimum wage of \$9 a week for females and of \$14.40 for men is allowed. Engineers, firemen and maintenance employes will be worked 50 hours a week for minimum wages of \$17.50 in the South, \$20 in the Southwest, \$22.50 in the North and \$25 in the East.

**Lower Wage in Zinc**

Johnson announced at the same time a reduction in the President's minimum wage rates for the zinc industry, as follows: Mining—35 cents per hour in the eastern and northwestern districts, and 30 cents per hour in the southern, Mississippi Valley and southwestern districts. In the prime western smelting division the minimum is established at 30 cents an hour for unskilled labor and at the rate of \$2.75 per shift of not more than 8 hours for all other labor.

In the high grade zinc division the minimum rate is fixed at 39 cents an hour. In the secondary zinc division it is 35 cents, with 30 cents an hour for cleaners and outside labor. Mini-



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We invite you, "our friends" and "our neighbors" from Reading and from Berks county, to help us to support our President in his drive to restore prosperity to our "Fair City," our one and only "Berks County" and to our State and Nation. This you can do by pledging your support to those merchants who display the "Blue Eagle."

Come in—sign your pledge and receive FREE your NRA button which we all should be proud to wear.

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...mum rates in the rolled zinc division are 35 and 30 cents, as in the secondary zinc division. In the zinc oxide and lithopone divisions the minimum will be 35 cents; in sulphuric acid division the minimum is 35 cents, with 30 cents for cleaners and outside labor.

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within ten minutes of his arrival there, was treated to a free hair cut by the officials there.

At police court Reider asked for time to get the money. A companion was on hand to go out for the necessary cash, but the city police refused to wait and transported him to the county prison. At the latter institution the officials showed the same impatience. Despite Reider's protests that he would be released within a few hours, the jail officials insisted upon running the clippers through his hair a-la-Sing Sing.

That is the way Fascist treat workers—especially striking workers. But is there anybody who believes that such scant courtesy would be extended to a mill owner?

Reider will wear his hair cut at union meetings over the week end as a badge of honor—and probably as an argument for the election of Socialists to the Prison Board.

Music has power. Nothing else attached to an idiotic poem could make it popular.

**REFLECTIONS**

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bor caused the Capitalist system to crash. And even now, for the most part, the people still fail to suspect that "Industrial Recovery" means nothing more than a successful method of continuing the game of making most of us work for the profit of an owning class.

NORMAN THOMAS WARNS that either Socialism, Fascism or Collapse of the NIRA scheme of industrial control lies just ahead. And I can not believe that Thomas is so glibly as to think that those in power will turn to Socialism.

There are reasons for sharing Thomas' fears. For one thing, I see no good reason why a sincere administration would force workers to fight employers in order to gain the right to organize which NIRA theoretically gives them. If those in the seats of power are sincere, I utterly fail to understand why the employers of the nation are not given definite and emphatic notice that the law means exactly what it says. Why make workers fight and sacrifice and even starve in order to call attention to the law-evasion tactics of the exploiters of labor?

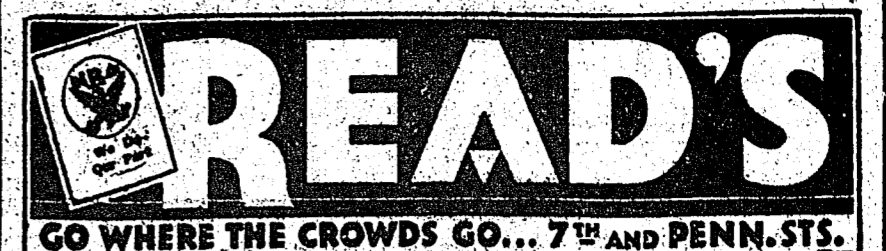
IN THE LIGHT of the government's reluctance to bring the owning class to terms, I find it impossible to be thrilled when Hugh S. Johnson threatens to take off the glove and display the iron hand. It may tickle some workers to believe that Johnson is threatening such big combinations of wealth as the auto, steel and oil corporations. But I am distrustful of that iron hand. History is likely to repeat itself once more—and if it does the masses and not the classes are the ones who will get slapped.

JUST THIS WEEK the NRA mailed out a press release which leads me to believe that Fascism will be tried before either Socialism or failure will be permitted.

Under the heading, "TEN COMMANDMENTS OF NRA (Not Official)," was a series of "thou shalt's," of which number three was significant. It read: "Thou shalt not speak irreverently concerning the Government for the Government will not hold him blameless that findeth fault."

That passage sounded to me like the dictum of a Mussolini or a Hitler, and although marked "not of-

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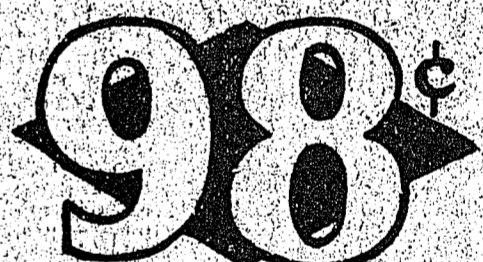
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It seems that Jimmy Mattern came down among a poor people so primitive they aren't having any depression.

OF COURSE, I'M only reflecting. Whatever happens, however, I do know that no "New Deal" is going to succeed unless the people are placed under a new discipline. That matter of discipline is important, because no plan is possible without it. The chief question in my mind is whether the people are going to discipline themselves or whether they are going to wait until discipline is imposed upon them. By uniting their political power and imposing self-discipline the workers can bring about Socialism. But if they wait for the masters to lay down the rules—well, then the rules will be the rules best suited to the masters' purposes. And that will be Fascism—a Fascism which will use velvet gloves or naked fists as the masters' interests require.

Yet every platitude was a brilliant new idea to the man who first thought it up.

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## QUITS U.S. POST IN PROTEST OF 'FORCED PEACE'

Mary Van Kleec Sees Danger in Special Committee to Curtail Workers' Right to Strike

## HITS COMPANY UNIONISM

Research Worker Sees Failure of NIRA if Employers Have Free Hand and Unions Hampered

NEW YORK (FP). — Disagreeing with the Washington attitude that the appointment of the Industrial Board of Arbitration by the National Recovery Administration was a victory for labor, Miss Mary Van Kleec, director of industrial studies for the Russell Sage Foundation, resigned a position with the Department of Labor which she had accepted the day before the board was announced.

This action was necessary, she wired Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, because of her "interpretation of dangers to real recovery through implications surrounding the appointment" of the board and through "the closely related efforts of the administration to terminate the Pennsylvania miners' struggle for collective bargaining through trade unions without having first given assurance that the administration will rule that company unions are not collective bargaining as defined in the act."

This issue was evaded at the steel hearings, Miss Van Kleec adds, by the subterfuge of the employers withdrawing the company union clause while announcing they were continuing the policy. Later, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor was not allowed to speak on the company union issue because it was not written into the code.

**States Objections**  
"The danger in this threatened nullification of the law's provision for collective bargaining is greatly magnified by the president's announcement of the Industrial Mediation Board, calling for avoidance of strikes or any aggressive action during the recovery program." Moreover, the board's employer members are all officers of corporations having company unions and only two of the seven members are elected representatives of labor," said Miss Van Kleec in her wire to Secretary Perkins.

"Several years' investigations of industrial relations including both company unions and trade unions in coal mines and other industries together with my experience as a member of War Labor Policies Board of federal government during world war have led me to conclusion that only genuine collective bargaining through trade unions with right to strike preserved and not discouraged can insure the self-government in industry necessary to stabilize employment and raise wages.

**Active Unions Needed**  
"Such self-government in industry has been put forward as justifying release of industry from restraints imposed by Sherman anti-trust act. Monopolies unrestrained by government or by effective workers' organizations will inevitably seek to raise prices through restricted production and lower wages while only hope for recovery program lies in higher wages to raise living standards which in turn alone can utilize full production. Moreover, enforcement of labor provisions in codes accepted by federal government requires active trade unions in addition to any administrative machinery which may be developed.

"While wholly in accord with law for Federal Employment Service, my acceptance of place on advisory council of that service is rendered impossible by my fundamental disagreement with principles and procedures of National Recovery Administration as finally clarified by administration's announcement. Federal Employment Service cannot function effectively in its re-employment program if industry is released from governmental restraint against unjustified rise in price while labor unions are weakened in their efforts to raise wages. Because of great importance of clarifying this issue in advance of hearings this week on two principal codes offered by coal industry I am taking liberty of making this communication public."  
Miss Van Kleec was one of the

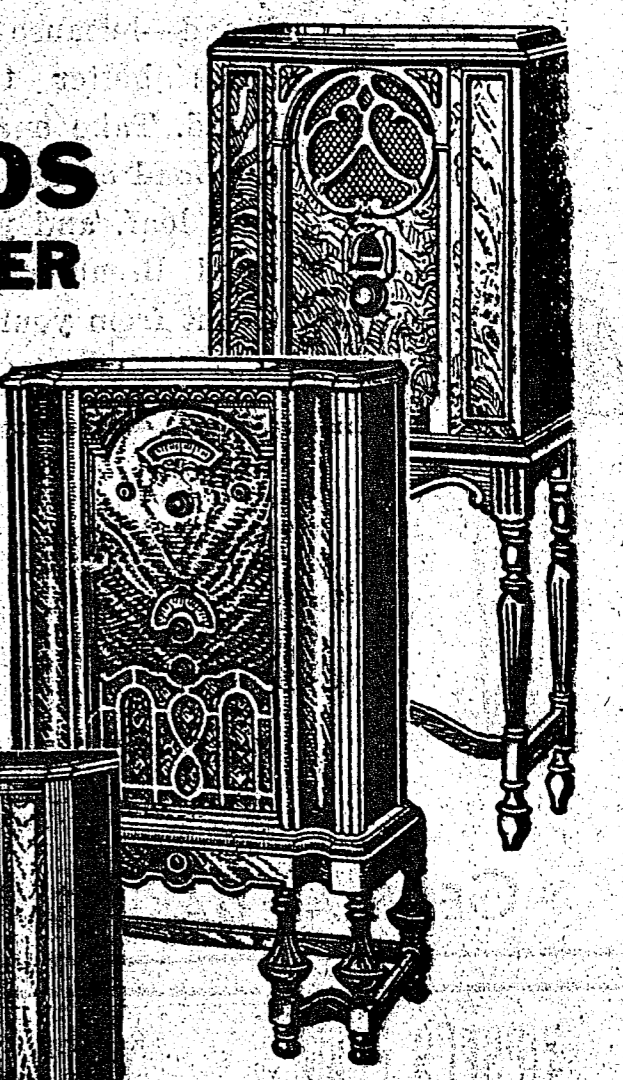
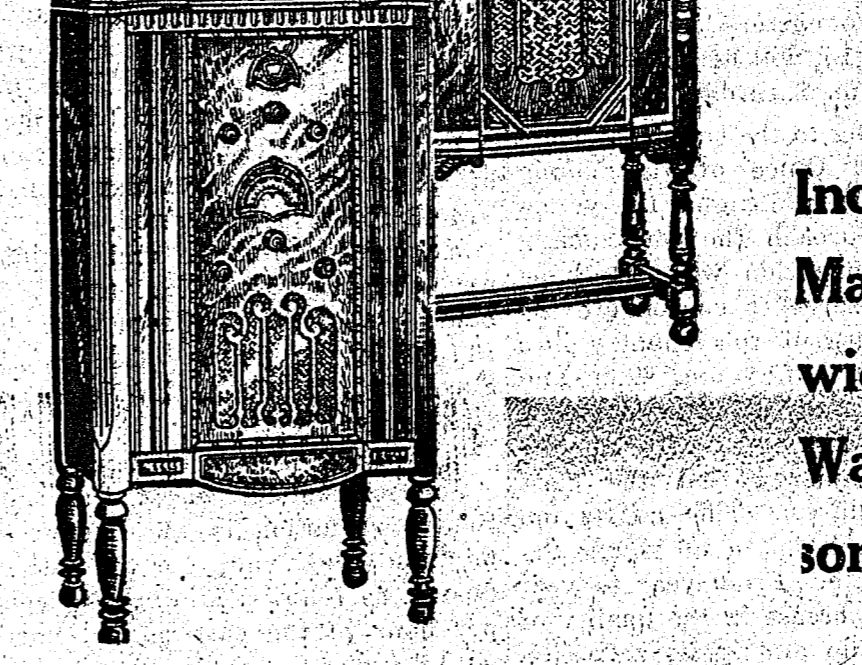
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investigators of the company union plan of John D. Rockefeller's now defunct Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., one of the first company unions in America. She is looked upon as an outstanding student of labor affairs and her resignation is seen as a blow at the open shop boss domination of the National Recovery Administration. Her statement that there are only two elected officials of labor among seven is based on the fact that Dr. Leo Wolman, chairman of the Labor Advisory Board of the NRA, is an economist hired by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. There has also been severe criticism of the appointment of John L. Lewis because of the widespread rebellion against his leadership within his own union.

**BIGONY**  
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manufacturers, the same politicians and the same racketeers who, two years ago, under the leadership of Wellington Bertolet, flouted the spirit of primary elections and formed a Fusion slate with the slogan, "Anything to beat the Socialists."

**Bosses Fear Socialism**  
"That there is a plan behind the councilmanic nominations is seen in the fact that the same thing happened in the case of the School Board candidates. Mrs. Alice H. Fox, Luther C. Schmehl and Rev. A. O. Eschelman have placed themselves in line for the nomination of both old parties. In this way they permit themselves to be used by the manufacturers and big employing interests who fear that the workers will rise to political power by a Socialist victory.  
"With the issue thus clearly drawn, the plain people of Reading, who have had an opportunity to see Fusion government in action during the recent strike of the hosiery workers, should have no trouble in making their selection.  
"If the workers vote the way they strike, if they follow up their industrial struggles by striking at the ballot box, Fusion will fail this year. I believe the people of this city have learned a lesson in the need for political power. No longer are they going to be led astray by false promises, no longer will they be fright-

years ago the leaders of both old parties were driven into the same camp by the strength of the Socialist party. Their campaign of slander, deception and deliberate lies, financed by contributions from wage-slashing employers in and out of Reading, enabled them to oust the Socialists from power. Since then thousands of voters have lived to be sorry that Fusion was successful. It will not succeed this year.

**Will Carry Fight to County**  
"We are not going to confine our efforts to defeating whatever combine may be effected in Reading this year. We will also carry the fight to rural Berks and, unless the two parties fuse outside of Reading, we will drive them from the courthouse. Workers can no longer afford to permit such powers as rest in the hands of a sheriff, for example, to be controlled by private parties which are the willing tools of a few big employers.

"The political battle of 1933 has begun and new history is in the making. Never before has the issue been so clear. If the plain people register and vote the hopes of Fusion will be doomed."

**Funny man.** He can't manage things wisely while he's here, yet he leaves a will to manage them after he's dead.

**Ready to Fight Fusion**  
Bigony termed the uniting of the Democratic and Republican political gangs as the most logical thing which they could do, since both serve the same masters.  
"Socialists are not complaining about Fusion," he continued. "That is as it should be. Workers should know that they are either voting for themselves by casting Socialist ballots or for the bosses by voting either of the old parties, both of which share responsibility for the plight into which this entire nation has fallen.  
"We are ready to fight it out on that issue. Voters are either voting for themselves or against themselves. That is all there is to it. For many years the people were fooled by the two Capitalist political twins. However, years of Socialist educational work have produced results. Two

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JOINT PICNIC BY BRANCHES OF EXETER AND JACKSONWALD The Exeter and Jacksonwald branches will hold a picnic at Golf Club's swimming pool...

Y. P. S. L. NOTES Due to the Convention, all meetings of Circles during the week of August 20 (next week) will be postponed...

Teachers' Pay Threatened AUSTIN, Tex.—School teachers in Texas who have signed contracts for this year may have to wait for their salaries...

ANTI-WAR BOOK FOR SALE "The Horror Of It," by Frederick A. Barber, a volume which contains 75 photographs...

programs of activity for each Circle to the member of the organizer's committee assigned to the Circle as soon as the Circle accepts the program...

All Yipsels who do not have convention, banquet and dance tickets get them from the county chairman, Robert Seiders, or your CEG representative...

All housing accommodations should be given to the housing committee by those holding such or those able to give accommodations no later than Friday night, Aug. 25th.

The YPSL general meeting will be held on August 19 (Saturday night) at the Labor Lyceum. All members of the YPSL in good standing are requested to be there...

All Yipsels report to the Labor Lyceum Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and Thursday evening at 7:30 to distribute flyers about the mass meeting Saturday afternoon...

All Yipsels and sympathizers are to report to the Labor Lyceum at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26, to participate in the parade and mass meeting...

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FRIEHOFFER WORKER QUILTS WHEN PAY DROPS TO \$11.99

Because Friehofer's Bakery paid him only \$11.99 for a full week's work, Michael Sanders, 31, of 439 South Seventh street, quit the bakery this week and decided he would do just as well on relief.

Sanders "pushed bread" at the Friehofer plant, Walnut and Moss streets. Up to about a year ago, he explains, he was getting \$30 for a week of 60 hours. Then came a series of cuts until finally the job paid \$15 for a 54-hour week.

About a week ago the hours were reduced to approximately 44. Last Tuesday was pay day and Sanders was handed \$11.99 in an envelope which displayed a local bank's advice to "start an interest-bearing account for the baby."

When he complained that it was impossible to support a wife and four children on such wages he was told that "we can get plenty of men to do your job." He took the hint and quit.

Sanders declares that the wages of other workers at the plant were not reduced as his had been. He explains that he was known as an advocate of union organization, and that he was penalized for his efforts in that direction.

Up to the present time the bakery workers of Reading have not taken advantage of their right to organize. As a consequence the bosses have things all their own way.

Teachers' Pay Threatened AUSTIN, Tex.—School teachers in Texas who have signed contracts for this year may have to wait for their salaries in order that those who did not get paid in full last year can first draw what is due them.

The latter averaged three months of unpaid work.

All Circle program committee chairmen or educational directors will please give all of September's

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CLARENCE CAKE SPOKE over radio station WEEU last Friday morning. Elery Ocksider, Jr., will speak on Friday morning at 10:45

o'clock on "Unemployment, Its Cause and Cure."

ANOTHER RALLY will be held at 17th and Cotton streets August 30, in the afternoon, starting at 2:30 and lasting until 5 o'clock.

HYDE PARK BRANCH will hold a picnic and carnival in the Bern Church Grove, Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 9. The Arcadia Band and entertainers will be on from 8 to 12 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

The Socialist Party of Lebanon held its weekly meeting at the home of Comrade Harry Hower, on Route 2, at which the petition for our ticket were ready to be filed. The candidates whose names will be on the ballot are: Wilson Burkholder, Newmans town, for sheriff; John P. Kline, Cleona, for probonotary; George H. Heverling, 1st Ward (West), for city councilman; Paul H. Lindenmuth, 9th Ward, for city councilman; James J. Bender, 3rd Ward, for school director; Robert W. Reiber, 2nd Ward, for school director.

At this meeting a Labor Lyceum Committee was elected, consisting of John P. Kline, Paul H. Lindenmuth and James J. Bender. The committee is drawing up plans and by-laws much on the same plan as the Labor Lyceum Association of Reading. The purchase of a home in the near future is also being planned.

The Lebanon Socialists want to have a large party to motor to the Socialist Park at Sinking Spring on Sunday, August 20th. The next meeting of the party will be held at Comrade Kline's home,

Cleona, three miles west of Lebanon. A large number of comrades are expected at this meeting as invitations were sent to Newmans town and Reading comrades. All comrades are invited to attend this meeting.

SOCIALISTS OBJECT TO ALDERMANIC PETITIONS

Edward A. Yoe, County Chairman of the Socialist Party, said last evening that he will file objections to the Socialist nomination petitions of Paul O. Wolf and John E. Brown, candidates for Aldermen in the Second and Fifth wards, respectively. Yoe stated that these candidates were not Socialists and have filed petitions on all three tickets, and that a number of the signers on their Socialist petitions had withdrawn their signatures when they discovered that the candidate was not a Socialist and that other signers were not registered Socialists.

His statement in full is as follows: "The Socialist County Committee at its meeting Thursday evening directed me to file objections to Socialist nomination petitions filed by Paul O. Wolf and John E. Brown, candidates for Aldermen in the Second and Fifth wards, respectively. These men are not Socialists but are old party nominees attempting to steal the Socialist nominations in order that they may benefit by the large straight Socialist vote in their wards, and a number of the signers on their Socialist petitions withdrew when they discovered that the candidate was not a Socialist and the other signers were not registered Socialists.

"This has been the practice of old party politicians for several years. Neither of these men are Socialists. They do not believe in Socialist principles and are bitterly hostile to

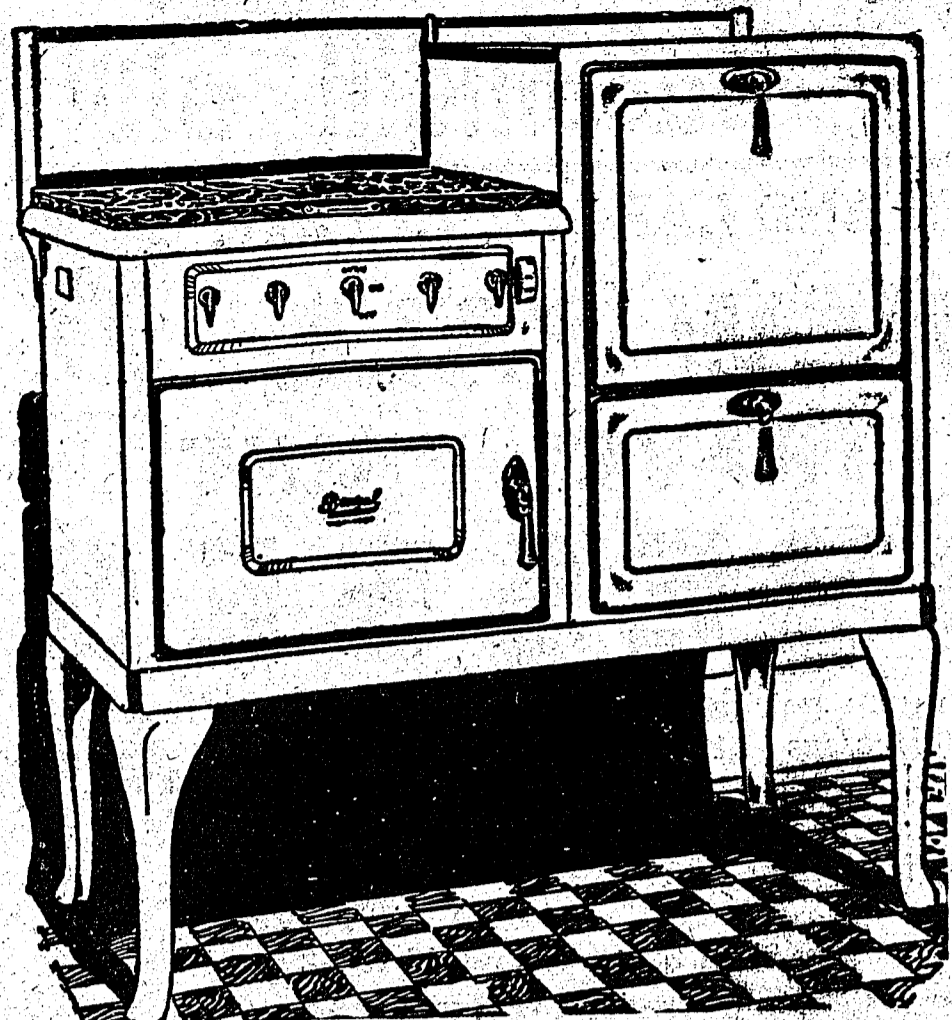
everything for which we stand. However in their desire to obtain office by any method they are willing to deceive the voters and obtain votes from Socialists. This is a pernicious practice and really amounts to a fraud upon the people.

"The Socialist Party has a definite program and we propose that no candidates shall run on this ticket who do not believe in that program and pledge themselves to work for its adoption. We are filing these objections as notice to Republican and Democratic politicians that in the future they must run under their true colors and that they will not be permitted to pose as Socialists in order to get votes on election day."

French Writer And Orator To Speak Against War

CHICAGO.—Henri Barbusse, author of Under Fire, former soldier and now leading French radical and anti-war writer and speaker, will speak in Chicago under the auspices of the Chicago Committee for Struggle Against War, according to Robert Morris Lovett, chairman of the committee. The meeting will be held in September, after the U. S. congress against war which sits in New York Sept. 1-4.

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**U.S. DENIES AID TO OHIO NEEDY**

**Administrator Hopkins Rules That Insufficient State Funds Have Been Appropriated For Jobless**

CLEVELAND (FP)—Unemployed of Ohio are literally facing starvation because of the refusal of Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, to grant federal funds for unemployment relief in this state. Hopkins claimed that Ohio had not gone far enough in taking care of the unemployed, although two weeks previously he had listed Ohio as one of the three states that had taken the necessary to meet requirements of the federal relief administration. What caused him to change his mind is not known.

Speaking to the Cleveland delegation to the state legislature on the necessity of the state raising funds immediately, A. V. Cannon, chairman of the county relief administration, said "The fact that prosperity seems to be on the way back has created a serious situation, because thousands of people still without jobs are becoming restive and discontented as they read every day of others getting jobs. When they come to the Associated Charities and can't get enough to eat, that doesn't help.

**Fears Results of Hunger**  
 "I think you gentlemen must realize what it would be like in Cleveland if 180,000 men, women and children were told they must obtain their food as best they could."

A similar note was struck by J. T. Sweeney, county budget commissioner, who said that because of the delay in getting relief for disabled veterans, "I have had committees of these soldiers coming to my office in increasing numbers in the last few days and they are not in any mood to be played with."

The plight of the unemployed who are ill was portrayed by Rev. Le-Blond, director of the Catholic Charities. "Since February," he said, "only emergency cases have been received in the charity wards, which means that there are now hundreds of sick people who have no way of obtaining medical care."

**3,000 Children Menaced**  
 "There are 3,000 children who have no homes and who are being boarded in foster homes who will be turned out in the streets if we don't get money in a few days to pay for their care," he said.

As the funds for relief grow less, the cost of relief is jumping with the increase in living costs. During June the number of families on Cleveland relief lists dropped 3.18%, but the cost rose 4.9%. This will be increased even more with the latest jacking up of bread and milk prices by another cent on top of previous increases.

The number of families on relief lists in June totaled 39,319—nearly double the June, 1931, total of 20,081. The drop from the May figure was accounted for mostly by taking unemployed off city relief lists and putting them to work on road projects. The men get \$2.50 a day, three day's work a week—and regular workers at \$4.50 a day have lost their jobs.

**BOSSSES LAUNCH**

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once for readjustment with the National Labor Board.

Some instances of intimidation and coercion by employers have been reported but these are being corrected and checked by the independent and courageous action of the shop committees who were developed during the weeks of the strike.

**Bosses Circulate Propaganda**

Towards the end of the week the employers circulated some anonymous propaganda of a most offensive and misleading character in an effort to influence workers not to vote for the union. Union workers had up to that time used only one piece of booster propaganda. The words "Vote Union" were placarded on the bumpers of the hosiery workers' autos but nothing actually controversial had been issued. The manufacturers' propaganda obliged the local union officials to get out circulars to offset the ugly and vicious misstatements put about in a number of the mills.

All arrangements and regulations for taking the secret ballot required by the settlement were made by a committee of union leaders and hosiery manufacturers who were called together by Fred M. Wilcox of Wisconsin, sent here by the National Labor Board to act on behalf of the Administration.

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sion and has had long experience in adjusting and mediating strike situations.

**How Ballots Will Be Cast**

The principal points in the agreement reached for the balloting are these: 1.—The election for each mill, which will take place outside the plant, will be supervised by a board of three composed as follows: an impartial person selected by the Judge of the County Court and the National Labor Board representative, a representative of the strikers and a representative of the employer.

2.—Arrangements are being made to have the payroll records of each mill available for the Board of Elections and a check is to be made of the records to see to it that all those entitled to vote are properly notified.

3.—Voting will take place away from mill property in some public building nearby—a school, church, fire hall, hotel, or lodge room. The polls will be open all day in the case of the big mills and lesser number of hours in the case of the smaller plants.

4.—The ballot will be in two parts, union and non-union. The workers will be required to vote for two representatives and a shop chairman. The representatives will be the same in all mills and naturally the shop chairmen will vary from mill to mill. The names of Emil Rieve and Luther D. (Fat) Adams, chairman of the Reading Local Union, will appear on all ballots as representatives of the workers.

The various shops have nominated their chairmen at meetings of their respective plants.

Workers will be permitted to write in additional names in the ballots or paste in stickers provided that not more than three names are voted for.

5.—In the non-union side of the ballots, the names of three individuals nominated by the management will appear. These will undoubtedly be "straw men" picked for their pliability, and will of course not be representatives of anyone but the employers. In some mills, the manufacturers are unable to find any non-union workers in their plant at all or those who are found refuse to permit their names to be used on the ballot.

6.—The election will be conducted with all the secrecy and care that is exercised in an honestly-conducted legal election. It is expected that regular ballot boxes will be borrowed from the local election boards and used in each voting place.

**Strikers Confident**

The overwhelming mass of the Reading strikers, both fashioned and seamless, willingly accepted the strike settlement made with the National Labor Board and are returning to work in the best of spirits. There was widespread resentment over the fact that a secret ballot had to be taken to substantiate the signatures which the workers had willingly affixed to union application cards and special petition forms. It was explained, however, that the union leaders accepted the compromise of a secret ballot as the best way to bring about a speedy settlement and a compromise which sacrificed no essential point or principle. In view of the fact that the manufacturers obligate themselves to abide by the results of the ballot and to immediately enter into negotiations for a union agreement if the vote is in favor of the union, the workers were satisfied to go along on this basis.

The secret ballot was accepted as

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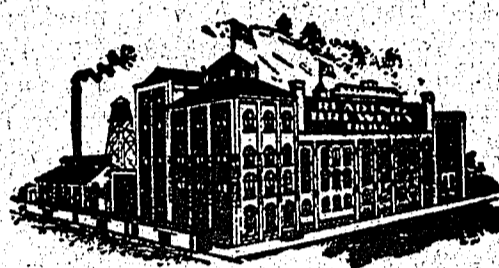


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a harmless and not too annoying concession to enable the employers to save their faces. Furthermore, this was the only type of settlement which the National Labor Board was prepared to throw its weight back of. The Reading workers felt that it was most important to have the authority of the NRA labor tribunal on the side of labor so as to prevent sidestepping or treachery in the employers' group.

**Union Spirit Growing**  
 The suspension of the strike has increased rather than diminished union activities. Already, the job of building a solid union begins. Virtually every shop group has drafted a definite plan of organization and a committee of the best men in the entire industry here are at work on special setups for the conduct of the local union.

Veteran members of the hosiery workers' federation are amazed at the speed with which the Reading boys and girls are "catching on" to the ways by which a union must be run and made to grow.

Meetings of all mills are being held daily in the great majority of shops as was the case when the strike was on. In this way, it is possible to know just who is returning to work and whether the employers are living up to the letter and spirit of the agreement. The prompt and intelligent manner in which grievances and discriminations are reported to union headquarters is an evidence that the active men of the union in each mill are determined not to be intimidated or diverted from their purpose of establishing solid and useful organization.

**Code Causing Confusion**

So far, the only difficulties which have presented themselves in the local situation are actually not the result of the strike situation at all, but due to the fact that in the Reading mills the provisional code is now going into effect for the first time. Three shifts being prohibited by the code, a number of layoffs are taking place in those shops where this system was applied. It has been possible to already place a number of these workers in union mills away from Reading where a shortage of help has again become noticeable as a result of the trade boom following the general reduction of hours and price boosting in the trade.

**Confident of Outcome**

The greatest enthusiasm and confidence is being displayed by all workers over the outcome of the balloting. It is regarded as possible that in one or two outlying mills there may be some voting against the union. In the vast majority of the Reading mills, the only question is whether the union vote will be ninety or a hundred per cent.

Union sentiment is running stronger than ever and whatever obstacles may arise in the course of the negotiations leading up to formal recognition will be overcome by the insist-

ent, clear-headed and determined demand for unionization.

Capable and courageous young men are being selected as shop chairmen and leadership is forging to the front in every plant. Really progressive and new ideas for the government of local unions have been expressed by the committees who are drawing up plans for the conduct of the organization.

All those connected with the union are inspired by the sober sense of victory and solid achievement.

**GOVERNMENT WON'T HELP JOBLESS WHO GET SICK**

CHICAGO (FP)—The American Hospital Association, with headquarters in Chicago, complains that the government under Roosevelt's emergency welfare relief act will do nothing for those unemployed who are unlucky enough to get sick and in need of hospital care. The decreased resistance to disease caused by almost four years of semi-starvation of millions of unemployed and their families is no responsibility of the government, according to Director Harry L. Hopkins of the relief administration when he was interviewed by a committee of the hospital association and other bodies.

If a hospital accepts an indigent patient that is its own responsibility, Hopkins told the committee, saying, "the government will assist the unemployed or the indigent so long as he is well and able to carry on until he is fortunate enough to secure employment and the government assumes responsibility for the care of the indigent and unemployed person until he becomes sick and enters the hospital as a patient and then—the burden of the cost of his care becomes the responsibility of the hospital."

If the government spent \$40,000,000 to provide a million hospital days a month, or 12 million a year for the sick indigent or jobless, Hopkins further told the association, that would be only a drop in the bucket of what is actually needed to give hospital care to the unemployed in real need of it. There would be no money under the Roosevelt relief appropriations for the jobless who are well if the government takes care of the

sick in need of hospital care, he concluded.

**Funeral Chauffeurs Get 20% Hours Cut**

CINCINNATI.—Union funeral chauffeurs have obtained by negotiation a cut in hours from 60 a week to 48 without any reduction in the week's wage. A strike was threatened at one time but unions demands were trimmed down somewhat and funeral directors agreed in the spirit of the recovery act to shorten the week without reducing the total pay. The victory represents a 20% raise in the hourly rate of pay.

**Lawyers Volunteer To Aid Continental Congress**

CHICAGO.—Over a dozen Illinois lawyers will assist workers' organizations in legal work, the Illinois Congress of the Continental Congress announces. They will appear in court in defense actions, injunction proceedings, assist in drawing up union agreements, etc. Application for legal help is to be made through N. Lerner, 426 Surf. St., Suite 711, Chicago.

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have taken decisive action, it is probable that the other mills in the same line will be faced with strikes before the end of a week.

**Piece Work Prevails**  
 The strikers declare that the firm, of which Robert Harbster, candidate for School Director, is the Superintendent, has not posted the NRA Blue Eagle and has given no sign of its intention of living up to the blanket code proposed by President Roosevelt. On the contrary, they

state, piece work is the general rule at the plant and speed-ups are continuous.

In addition to low piece rates, which run earnings for skilled workers as low as 18½ cents per hour for male workers; there are girls and women at the plant who receive as low as \$3 for a full week of 50 hours' labor.

As proof of the niggardly wages paid, the strikers point to one job which they describe as "a government order for the postal department," on which skilled men are earning 28 cents per hour. This, they assert, is a high rate for the Chantrel at the present time.

When interviewed by a committee, the management declared that it is not making money and is therefore unable to pay more than the starvation rates which caused the strike, the strikers report.

**Meet In Fire Hall**

A code has been prepared by the strikers in which they are asking adoption of the following wage schedule: Common labor, 50 cents per hour; semi-skilled labor, 60 cents per hour; skilled labor, 75 cents per hour.

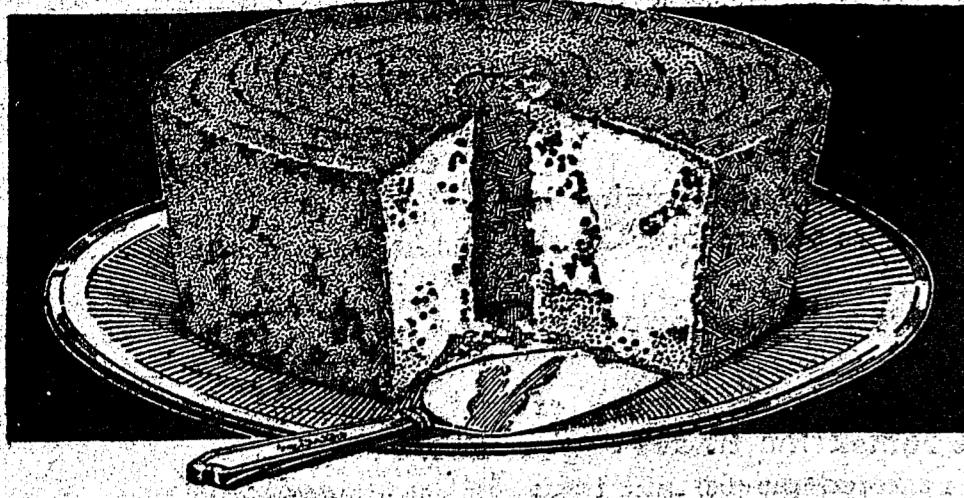
The Chantrel strikers have been holding meetings in the Oakbrook Fire Company hall and are planning to continue to do so until their present grievances are adjusted. In the formation of a permanent organization they are receiving the assistance of Stewart Tomlinson and Earl White of the Federated Trades Council.

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## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

### PRODUCTION AND WAGES

So far as the physical volume of production is concerned, the depression is almost over. In the month of June, according to figures released by the Federal Reserve Board, industrial production in the United States increased from 77% to 89% of the 1923-1925 average.

During the same period, however, factory employment advanced from 61% to only 66% of the 1923-1925 average. Though only 11% under the former production figures, mechanization has increased to such an extent that less than two-thirds of the former number of employees are required. To increase 12% in production only 4% more employees are required.

In the comparison of wages the figures are even more significant, for in June total factory payrolls amounted to only 46% of the 1923-1925 average. To produce an amount only one-ninth under the former figures, we need but two-thirds the number of workmen, and pay them less than half the former wages. There, in cold figures, is the cause, and likewise the effect, of the depression.

In the light of these facts the inadequacy of the wage and hour adjustments now being made at Washington is more clearly apparent. If mechanization has made one-fourth of our workmen unnecessary, then hours of labor must be reduced in that proportion to provide employment for all. If wages are half their former level, then they must be more than doubled, since the mass purchasing power existing ten years ago was not sufficiently large to prevent the depression. Here allowances must be made for existing differences in the general level of prices, but since it is the intention of the Administration to raise prices to the pre-depression level it is necessary that wages be restored at least to the former level as well.

**THE PASSING OF MACHADO**  
It is cause for rejoicing that the bloody and reactionary rule of President Machado of Cuba is no more. Particularly it is pleasant for Americans to know that this country played an important part in his downfall, for it was long accepted that former Ambassador Guggenheim was an ardent supporter of his, and that it was only the fear of American intervention under the Platt Amendment that prevented a revolutionary uprising.

It is of little advantage, however, to replace one governmental head by another unless reforms of a more fundamental nature are made as well. Cuba for many years has suffered from wretched economic conditions that will not be remedied by the passing of the dictator. It is important for the Cubans to realize that political reforms, however valuable and necessary, are not enough, and that wages must also be raised, hours of work shortened, and basic industries socialized.

**AGRICULTURAL RELIEF**  
Now it is a surplus of pork that is claiming the attention of the Federal government, and since millions of the unemployed can afford to purchase little or no meat, the remedy should be to give the meat to those who are in need. But this is at once too simple and too radical to arouse much support in Washington, and instead a remedy more in line with the New Deal economics is advanced. This remedy is to kill 4,000,000 pigs weighing less than a hundred pounds, or kill 1,000,000 farrow sows, or both. For thus reducing the amount of ham and bacon in the country, the farmers are to be re-

warded out of the proceeds of a tax to be levied on all pork products. The tax, like those on grain and cotton, will be collected from a processor, but the sum will be merely added to the prices paid by the consumer for ham, bacon, etc. Thus, instead of using our extra food to feed the hungry, we reduce the quantity of food produced and make the consumers bear the burden in the form of increased prices. The Roosevelt regime has indeed brought national planning into the foreground, but instead of the planned plenty of Socialism all that we have in the planned scarcity of capitalism.

**N. R. A. VIOLATIONS**  
From every side come reports of business men who have signed the blanket code and failed to live up to it. Every employee should be on the watch for violations, and report the offender to the recovery administration.

From the South comes the report of a cotton mill which increased wages under the code, and then reduced their workers' incomes an equal amount by raising rents and charging more for electricity. Business men, however, can be blamed little for not observing the codes when the government is unwilling to establish in its own service the conditions that it imposes upon private business. Government employees are having their wages reduced while wages elsewhere are being raised, and substitute post office clerks are still making four dollars or less per week in many cities. The government should be forced to sign the blanket code also.

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The dissatisfaction with the Consumers' Advisory Board, based largely on the fact that real consumer organizations are unrepresented, flamed when Prof. William F. Ogburn of the University of Chicago quit, sending a scorching letter to General Johnson. He warned that no protection is now seen against unfairly boosted prices; that an adequate index of purchasing power and

costs is necessary; and that "standards as to quality, the second greatest interest of consumers," should be developed. He did not mention the fact, well known here, that Technical Director Frederick J. Schlink of Consumers' Research, Inc., a consumer organization of 50,000 members studying quality, was pointedly kept off the Consumers' Advisory Board.

The generally held impression that many codes have been approved is incorrect. Up to August 14, seven had been signed by the President. Hundreds have been submitted, many with a flourish—as the newspaper publishers', for example, with widespread announcement that the papers were joining—but they have not been approved. The blanket code and temporary presidential agreements are stop-gaps. Talk of 10 million workers under some kind of agreement cannot hide the fact that codes are not being signed.

With the business index turning downward, wages only rising slowly, prices rising rapidly, the Mellon-Rockefeller-Morgan powers threatening sabotage, the zero hour is rapidly approaching for the Blue Eagle. On the other side of the picture is the most rapid unionization of the workers in our history and a tremendous, growing demand for the 30-hour week, decent pay and unions—a power which the billionaire trio may not be able to thwart, with all their control of government.

**Wood Cutters Paid 7c An Hour**  
MONTEAGLE, Tenn.—Cutters interviewed by striking bug-wood cutters around Monteagle were found to be working for 75 cents a day, and not one could be discovered earning more than \$1. Most of the cutters voiced their determination of joining the union. Bug-wood is used for its chemical ingredients.

One woman and her husband, working long hours, cut a carload of wood in a week. When they got their check they estimated that they had earned 7c an hour.

**WASHINGTON GOSSIP**  
WASHINGTON (FP).—Nature and the open shop bosses seem to be conspiring to make it difficult for the NRA to carry out the Roosevelt program. Trouble within the administration adds more sand to the bearings.

That employers by the thousands are signing the temporary agreements and even the permanent codes and then ignoring important provisions seems certain as hundreds of complaints pour into the NRA offices. George L. Googe, American Federation of Labor organizer in the South, commented that he did not know of one cotton mill living up to the code signed by the President, and presented Assistant Administrator Edward F. McGrady with 500 complaints of textile code violations. From the U. S. district attorney in Denver came the names of 20 firms violating agreements or codes. And so it goes. The test looms soon as to whether the Blue Eagle has claws.

Meanwhile the Rockefeller, Mellon and Morgan interests block action on codes in the basic industries of steel, coal and oil. After a session with the President, General Johnson talked with the heads of U. S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel—but what he actually said remained unknown.

Johnson told newspapermen on August 1 that the steel code would be rushed through and would be ready in "four or five days," he thought. Two weeks later he had no code approved. Whether the issue of unionism is the only question—steel has agreed to cut out the company union code provision but promises to fight trade unions—or the low wages and long hours proposed, "no one knows. Whether other clauses, such as the one demanded by all unions that industrial spying be outlawed, are being fought for in secret session or ignored, only the few know. But the issues press ever more strongly for decision. Heavy industry must soon line up or fight.

Even worse is the blow that nature struck at the cotton program in the agricultural plan. After the destruction of 10 million acres of growing crop, the production of more than 12 million bales still looms—a normally large crop. The hot weather, which helped the Roosevelt program by burning up millions of bushels of wheat, hurt the destruction plan by adding many bales of cotton, a hot weather crop. Much of the reward promised the farmers was in high prices and prices are steadily going downward. Half of the gain in cotton from 6c a pound when Roosevelt took control to 12c has been lost and the prospect looks dark.

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