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By Norman Thomas

...in the Name of Unemployment Relief—Senator Norris Refuses to Lead a Third Party—Tammany and Racketeering

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Socialist Asks Industry On State Pay Unemployment Insurance

Dewey's Bid To Norris Is Criticized

Socialists Attack Move—Muste Resigns—Dewey Attacks "Insurgents"

THE bid made by John Dewey, chairman of the League for Independent Political Action, to Senator George W. Norris that he take the leadership in forming a third party brought forth some reactions from Socialist circles and closed this week with a criticism of Norris by Dewey himself. The Socialist convention in New York City disapproved Dewey's suggestion to Norris. Harry W. Laidler criticized it at a dinner of the League for Industrial Democracy, as did Norman Thomas in a letter to the league. A. J. Muste resigned from the League in disagreement over the Dewey letter to Norris.

Dewey wrote to Norris, saying: "Millions of progressives over the United States are disgusted with the old parties and are longing for a new political alignment. At this Christmas season you will not renounce both of these old parties and help give birth to a new party based upon the principle of planning and control for the purpose of building happier lives, a more just society and that peaceful world which was in the dream of him whose birthday we celebrate this Christmas day. The terrible suffering in this unemployment crisis, the increasing fear of insecurity, the exploitation by public utility companies, and other monopolies resulting in our unjust distribution of wealth and the nationalism and militarism which brought on the World War will be repeated under the present political leadership. A new party with your philosophy of life could stop these evils."

Norris says No

Norris immediately rejected the suggestion, saying he intended to remain in the Republican party. On Friday, Dec. 26th, Thomas wrote to Howard V. Williams, secretary of the Dewey League:

"We must be careful not to tie the third party wagon to any one man's fortunes or one man's leadership at this stage of proceedings. Good man that Senator Norris is I somewhat fear that his age, his health and still more his hitherto invincible faith in non-party action will keep him from leading the sort of movement which we want."

"In this week's New Leader I state in general my own position as a Socialist on this matter. You know that I have always wished that the men who made the L. I. P. A. movement could have come into the Socialist Party to work through it. Their own psychology and the psychology, perhaps, of the country at large frustrated that wish. The L. I. P. A. as organized was the next best thing and it has been a good thing. It has loyally kept clear of both old parties, it has advanced a Socialist program, and it was of great aid to Socialists in the Congressional campaign."

"As you know, I am not able to attend its executive committee meetings regularly and some months ago I informally offered to resign. The fact that I cannot be regular at meetings, plus my position in the party, may make it mutually advisable in all friendliness for me to insist on my resignation. I do not think the time has come yet but I simply want to

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Waldman Opposes B. M. T. Running Transit in N. Y. C.

Louis Waldman, chairman of the public affairs committee of the Socialist Party, this week announced the opposition of his party to having the city engage in a contract with the Brooklyn - Manhattan Transit Company for management of the proposed city-owned unified N. Y. C. transit system. Mr. Waldman declared that negotiations between the city and the B. M. T. have been under way for a year and a half and that now "the cat is out of the bag."

"The B. M. T., Mr. Waldman asserted, has obstructed the city's efforts to obtain the facts of the ownership of its stock and has a very bad record in its relationship with the city. The high price which Samuel Untermyer proposes the city pay the B. M. T. lines could only be justified if the city intends to take the unified system and operate it itself, the Socialist leader said. Mr. Waldman declared that technical experts now working for the B. M. T. could be employed by the city to run the subways."

L. I. D. Marks 25 Years of Its Work

Hillquit and Russell in Debate—Laidler Tells of League's Growth

A QUARTER century of hard work for industrial democracy by college students and radical intellectuals was commemorated by the League for Industrial Democracy Sunday, Dec. 28, in New York City. The celebration was in two parts, an afternoon and an evening session. In reality perhaps it was the afternoon session that especially signified the twenty-five years of progress, because the L. I. D. dinner has been an annual feature for some time now.

The afternoon session took place, very inappropriately, it seemed to many there, in the assembly hall of the Standard Oil Church on Riverside Drive. Fortunately, however, the place of meeting did not affect the tone of the speeches. Quite a good sized crowd was present to hear the first speaker, Professor Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary, vigorously denounce the present political and economic repression. He cited repeated refusals to allow radicals to use street corners and the undoubted existence of blacklists, welded against the professors and lecturers throughout the country. He urged the necessity of more organizations like the L. I. D. to fight against this condition and to spread radical propaganda.

Have Students Changed?

For the next half hour Norman Thomas, Paul Blanshard and Heywood Broun carried on a spirited conversation for the benefit of an invisible radio audience. The topic was whether or not the college student had changed during the last twenty five years. Mr. Broun lamented the fact that all the sport and enthusiasm expended on football should not be transferred to a healthy desire to reshape our present world. Mr. Blanshard was optimistic in his report and said that the college student of today is more socially and economically minded than the student of 1905. Mr. Thomas regretted that there were not many concrete suggestions to be made to the college graduate who is eager to do something definite in reshaping the world. But there is a big field open for those who are willing to enter the various industries and organize labor—which is sorely in need of organization.

Much more was said about labor by William Pickens, Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, in his talk on the changing attitude toward colored people. His talk was vivid and to the point. He said that the sooner we regard each other as rivals and work together, the sooner economic and individual equality can be attained. Jessie Wallace Hughan, also spoke. Her important points were those concerning the attitude

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Dividends Rise Though Wages Drop

Depression Works No Hardship for Owners, Labor Legislation Conference Told

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CLEVELAND — Evans Clark, director of the Twentieth Century Fund, Boston, declared before a joint session of the American Association for Labor Legislation and the American Economic Association held in Cleveland, that continuity of income is essential to the system of installment buying.

Mr. Clark considered that the individual in financing his personal life has adopted the methods of business in assuming that the purchases of today can be paid for tomorrow. However, business has a decided advantage in such a process.

"The continuity of income from property and from the processes of manufacture," said Mr. Clark, "has been stabilized to an extent yet unknown in the case of income from personal services. No more dramatic evidence of this is needed than the fact that dividend distributions during the first three-quarters of the current year of depression have been larger than for the same period of the previous year in which the business boom had just reached its peak."

Dr. Isador Lubin, economist of the Brookings Institution of Washington, declared that "a considerable fraction of the unemployed are destined to remain without jobs, due to technical improvements which have increased the efficiency of labor in the manufacturing industries by 45 per cent during the past ten years, with the consequence that some 900,000 fewer workers were employed in 1929 than in 1919. At the present moment, when public opinion is alert provision should be made for those without work because of conditions other than business depression." Dr. Lubin recommended unemployment insurance to take care temporarily of these workers displaced from industry because of technical changes.

Miss Thorne Hits Govt.

Florence C. Thorne of the American Federation of Labor and Professor Elizabeth F. Baker of Barnard College scored the government for its neglect to establish an adequate public employment service.

"It is nothing short of a public scandal," said Professor Baker, "that this country which has enabled banks to help themselves by establishing the Federal Reserve System, which has set up a Federal Board for the aid of farmers which has nursed infant industries into manhood and old age by tariffs, has made no systematic effort to help self-respecting men and women to find work. Had the em-

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N. Y. Socialists Approve Model Bill; Unions Dismissed

See Failure of Chicago Jobless Fund Campaign

CHICAGO—(FP)—Failure of the Chicago campaign to raise a \$5,000,000 fund for unemployment relief is being predicted. In numerous cases employed workers are being forced to contribute, but after five weeks of intensive rallying, more than half of the fund remains to be raised. Philip R. Clarke, president of the Central Trust Co., the Dawes bank, is issuing frantic appeals to the public as chairman of the campaign committee.

The feeling among workers that they are being asked to shoulder an unfairly large part of the unemployment problem, whereas it should be industry's concern, is held chiefly responsible for the difficulty being encountered by the campaign collectors.

Party Policy Aired in Series of Debates at Two-Day Session in Rand School

By Edward Levinson

A MODEL unemployment insurance bill providing for payment of an indemnity of 50 per cent of a worker's average wage—the funds to be raised through contributions by industry and the state—was adopted by the New York Socialist convention last week-end. Approval of the plan, as presented by a sub-committee of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee headed by Morris Hillquit, was the signal for a concentrated campaign by the party on the unemployment issue.

Discussion on the unemployment insurance bill led by Mr. Hillquit and Louis Waldman, co-chairman of the party's public affairs committee and discussion of two resolutions on trade union policy occupied much of the time of the convention. The problem of advancing the program of the party among trade unionists and winning the union membership to a more advanced position, two resolutions were in. One was sponsored by Ed. Levinson and James O'Neal and the other by Louis Stanley. The Stanley resolution represented the group which has come to be known as the "militants," though in discussion, O'Neal disputed the claim to the title "militant," claiming it for himself. The resolution were similar in commenting on the backward state of trade unionism. The O'Neal resolution proposed educational work by the party with emphasis on propaganda in the party's unemployment insurance bill. The Stanley resolution proposed detailed specific activity, particularly the bringing of an organization to concentrate on work with trade unions and unionists. The O'Neal resolution received 62 votes, while the Stanley substitute was given 42.

Party Policies

A third matter that provoked discussion was a resolution on party policy and campaign. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the agenda committee comprising Hillquit, Lee, O'Neal and Stanley. The resolution congratulated the leadership of the party in recent campaigns on having brought to the New York movement a new spirit or success and accomplishment. It then proceeded to reiterate party policy. Where there was no disagreement on the resolution as presented, discussion deviated somewhat from the main issue. Hillquit discussed the development of a good sign indicating growth of the party and the effort to clarify and search problems, but declared that "militants" should not devote themselves into believing they were radical. Rather their views represented a "middle class radicalism," he said. Theodore Shapiro, speaking for the "militants" declared the movement was an effort to determine the possibility of hastening Socialist reorganization and combat "the inevitability of capitalism." In this connection, he said, the effort of the Soviet government to hasten industrial development through its five-year plan and the "failure of the German Social-Democracy during election periods should be carefully examined, he said.

A statement of Policy

The original draft of the resolution on party policy contained some reference to mistakes in recent campaigns. Though the paragraphs were dropped in the resolution which Lee finally presented Waldman referred to them in a talk toward the close of the debate. He referred to the leadership of the last state campaign and a stirring talk declared campaign had been along these lines through accord with Socialist policy. He challenged any statement to the contrary. A motion of amendment was given Waldman, which the delegates rejected. It is expected that on the open

Power Board Fires 2 Foes Of the Trust

Action of Recent Hoover Appointees Arouses Some Members of Senate

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Progressive senators will move to reconsider the confirmation of George Otis Smith, Garsaud, Draper and possibly Williamson and McNinch, members of the new Federal Power Commission who were confirmed Dec. 20, when the Senate reconvenes on Jan. 5. Senators Brookhart, Walsh of Montana, Wheeler and Norris have protested the first action of Smith, Garsaud and Draper—the only ones thus far sworn in—who dismissed William V. King, chief accountant, and Charles E. Russell, solicitor, as punishment for their "conflict" with F. E. Bonner, the dismissed executive secretary.

Bonner was an unashamed partisan of the power trust; King and Russell fought for enforcement of the Federal Water Power Act which safeguards public interest in power sites and in fair valuation of power plants.

Walsh wrote Smith a letter, Dec. 23, declaring that he was "amazed" that the new commissioners had begun by dismissing "two devoted public servants" such as King and Russell. He said it was a matter of profound regret to him that his confidence in the new commission should be "so early and so rudely" withdrawn.

Norris remarked that Smith and his associates stood condemned by their first official act, and that "if it had been known in advance that they would let out the only men who had defended the public interest, these commissioners would not have got within 40 miles of confirmation."

Brookhart said he would move reconsideration of the man for whom he voted, and he thought other senators who supported others of the five would move reconsideration of their names, also. Borah said he would support the motion to reconsider, if it were made.

King, after 20 years of hard continuous work for the government, was let go by Smith without a word of appreciation. He says he will defend his rights as a civil service employee, after taking a rest. Russell, a Montana lawyer who has served on the legal staff of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and has been dismissed at the moment when he is defending the government in the Clarion River suit to test the Federal Water Power Act, will probably be employed by the Senate public lands committee in oil shale investigation.

Capmakers Union Assails Crain On Racketeering

Crain On Racketeering

THE letter follows: "I am sorry that your office of attempting to 'still public clamor' and to cover up its 'inefficiency and ineffectiveness' by harassing labor unions of good repute. Real racketeers in the meanwhile are allowed to continue their practices unhampered, the letter states."

The letter follows: Honorable Thomas C. T. Crain, District Attorney:

"On Tuesday, December 23rd, the manager of our Millinery Workers Union, Local No. 24, Mr. N. Spector, received a special summons to appear 'forthwith' before the grand jury of the county. Upon his arrival there, instead of finding a grand jury in session he was confronted by four assistant district attorneys. He was informed that he was charged with 'racketeering' upon the complaint of Mr. Morris Schachter, manufacturer of ladies' hats, of 65 W. 39th Street, New York City. The details of Mr. Schachter's complaint and our reply to same are contained in the resolution attached hereto."

Union Reveals Tammany District Attorney's Attack on Organized Labor

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CHARGES of insincerity and spurious activity in the drive against racketeers proclaimed by District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain of New York County, are contained in a letter by Max Zerk, president of the Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, addressed to the district attorney last Saturday.

The letter follows a large meeting of millinery workers at Bryant Hall which unanimously adopted a resolution of protest against the district attorney's action, after the manager of the local union, Nathaniel Spector, had been summoned on charges of racketeering. No indictment has as yet been issued against Mr. Spector or other officials of the millinery union and

Meetings Are Arranged

Reorganization of the literature brigade, which has been accomplished at the request of many members who have insisted that the educational and propaganda activities of the party be continued through the entire year, marks the party's return to a method which made possible the previous growth of the party, and which in other cities has been credited with having brought notable Socialist victories. This program, and other features of it which were called to the attention of the special municipal convention last Saturday and Sunday by Executive Secretary Max Lewis, received the unanimous approval of the delegates.

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N. Y. Socialists Call Meeting To Aid Danville

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The Women's Section of the N. Y. Socialist Party is holding a mass meeting for Danville strikers at the Community Church Auditorium next Thursday evening, January 8th, at 8:30.

Norman Thomas, Heywood Broun, Fannie Hurst, strikers directed from the picket line, U. T. W. organizers and Matilda Lindsey, from the Women's Trade Union League, are some of the speakers who will tell of the cruel privations strikers suffer at the hands of the bosses and the militia.

Come and do your share to save the Danville strikers from starvation.

TAMMANY AND RACKETEERING

ANYONE can show me a single case of a banking or racketeering investigation or an investigation into any governmental proceeding conducted by District Attorney Crain, his Tammany pressor, or his Tammany associates in other counties has been than a whitewash or an attempt to allay suspicion by finding minimum number of scapegoats, I'll offer him as a prize the name of Tammany Hall. Max Zaritsky, President of the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union has written a very challenge to Crain on his effort to put racketeering off on us which tried to bring about the union principle of division of labor. So far as the Bank of United States is concerned, even if Crain wanted to, he could not by criminal prosecution find all we need to know about that bank or the banking system. The possible criminals will slip through his fingers because he operated in several counties and he operates in one. The young energetic Attorney-General is not likely to do a much better job Judge Crain. We need a Moreland Act investigation and then send to use the facts that come out in helping to work out a plan for the socialization of banking.

CITY CONVENTION

WITH some hesitation I am using this column to thank friends, some of them anonymous, who sent me holiday greetings. I have so piled up that I have been way behind on the personal I should like to write or to have written.

Work—in this case a definite conflict of dates with the L.I.D. anniversary—kept me from the second day of the important City convention of the party. I rejoice in the support given to the ad-hoc Hillquit model unemployment insurance bill. Now we want behind and push the bill. We ought to draw up other resolutions and principles along Socialist lines to bring to the attention of National convention to be held next spring.

Trade unions the city convention adopted a sound statement. I think might have been more vigorous. I recognize the force of the argument against the interesting proposal to have a organizer for labor activities. We do not want to seem to side with the unions or to prescribe the acts of Socialists as trade unionists. On the other hand I think the right sort of man in this new office might be so useful in bringing help in time of need in giving friendly aid in organizing campaigns and as a safe house on tactics, that he would make his own way and set aside fear of any attempt at party dictatorship over unions. I think, a matter for further careful constructive thought and discussion.

Generally all of us recognize two principles: (1) The party is a labor union: it must not seek to dictate to labor unions or to under close discipline the actions of Socialist Party movements in the unions. (2) There can be no really vital Socialist movement that has not the support, official or unofficial, of labor. There cannot be indifferent to the acts of its members in unions that are not only non-Socialist but sometimes anti-Socialist. There has a definite interest in the organization of the unorganized and directly the party has been responsible in years gone by in significant organizing work on the union field. How to reconcile two principles is not easy. In recent years we have been bent to the first principle, to the hurt of the second and have maintained an attitude of neutrality, indifference or obsequiousness to the hierarchy of labor matters of great consequence to the Socialist and labor movement. I think the present discussion matter is wholesome and should lead to desirable action. On the party does, effective action must begin by the parties in the unions.

Roads Fight Train Limit Law

PHOENIX, Ariz. (FP)—A long hearing in the joint appeal of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads is in progress in federal court in Phoenix in an attempt on the part of the carriers to have the Arizona train limit law set aside. The law is the most efficient

The resolution could be approved... the original resolution... the elimination of...

A resolution proposed by Onal... the League for Independent Political Action... the Socialist Party...

Immediately following roll call... Saturday afternoon, Hillquit... reported the unemployment insurance...

On trade unionism Lee read the following resolution: "Considering the less advanced status of American trade unions..."

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soon be resented by the unions... the party in all its history has never employed a special organizer...

Julius Gerber, August Claessens, Joseph Tuvin and Morris Hillquit spoke for the resolution in the discussion that followed...

Stanley Resolution on Trade Unions - "This convention of the Socialist Party of New York City is deeply concerned by two major developments in the trade union situation..."

Party Policy Considered - The trade union resolution proposed, Lee presented the following: "On Campaign Methods and Propaganda..."

ACADEMY Multiphotograph Co. Max Eastman, critic and essayist, will deliver an address on "Russia vs. America..."

West Side Branch Shows Fine Activity

Three Organizers on the Job - Mimeographed Paper Goes to All Members

THE Upper West Side Branch of the Socialist Party, with headquarters at 100 West 72nd Street, is setting the pace in all-round activities...

As a means of keeping in contact with the members and keeping interest at a high tempo the branch issues a mimeographed bulletin of four pages, "The Comrade..."

With this staff in competition with The New Leader it is likely that "The Comrade" will score some scoops over its "rival..."

Other branches that may be interested in "The Comrade" will no doubt be favored with a sample copy upon receipt of a request at the headquarters...

Darrow at the Group

Clarence Darrow, nationally famous lawyer and lecturer, will speak under the auspices of "The Group..."

Socialist 400 Entertains For Marx Lewis at Gala Fete

At a farewell dinner given in his honor by Mr. and Mrs. George Steinhart, Marx Lewis, retiring secretary of the New York Socialist organization...

L. I. D. Student Conference Discusses Unemployment Cause And Relief Steps

By Lawrence Rogin

OVER 200 students from 43 colleges and universities in the east gathered at the Union Theological Seminary Monday, December 29th...

Benjamin Marsh, executive director of the Peoples Lobby, of Washington, D. C., addressed the students on the extent and effects of unemployment...

Mr. Marsh, who was the next speaker, said that the most important social effect of the serious unemployment condition was that it had scared government into a sense of responsibility...

Mr. Blanshard also pointed out that the evil of the machine was not that the machine itself was bad but that the machine was used by one class to oppress another...

During the night Lewis left for Washington plentifully loaded with baggage. A check up shows that the train reached Washington and then continued on South...

Julius Gerber Given Dinner On Birthday

200 Socialists Surprised - Newly-Elected N. A. Secretary on 60th Anniversary

UNAWARE of the elaborate arrangements which friends and associates in the socialist movement were making many weeks past to fittingly commemorate his sixtieth birthday anniversary, Julius Gerber...

The celebration assumed a folk character, since it was Gerber's arrival at the sixtieth milestone and also his return to the executive head of the New York City Socialist organization...

Each spoke feelingly of Gerber's loyal and unselfish devotion to the Socialist movement, periods as well as in the day...

While it was in progress, Orens spoke of the service of the retiring executive secretary in the work of building the local Socialist organization...

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4 Danville Families Put Out in Snow

Owners' Predictions of Workers Return Turns Out to Be False

DANVILLE, Va.—(FP)—Eviction of 14 families of the most active unionists into the snow this morning after Christmas...

The city is all agog over the speech of Pres. William Green of the A. F. of L. scheduled for Dec. 29...

Interviewed about how the strikers feel about the outcome of the strike, chief organizer C. W. Pollock said: "If there was not a practically unanimous opinion among the strikers that we can win this strike, we could never have held out as long as we have..."

Referring to the claim of the company that there are 2,000 people working in the mills, Pollock said, "the presence of 5,000 strikers in these mills would not change the attitude. The companies can't secure a balanced operation of various departments of the mills without skilled operatives..."

Headlined by newspapers as "the victim of the strike" Lieut. Robert F. Johnson of the military police Dec. 27 of toxemia after being struck by a streetcar. "The strike took its first life here today," runs the lead even in the local Raleigh News and Observer.

Later it is explained that the lieutenant was marching with a mounted squad near the mill gates, and he was brought in to do by the management and anti-unionism men of Danville. Because a nearby train's noise he failed to hear the car. Nothing is said the motorman who hit him, an emphasis being laid on calling him "strike victim."

Italian Liberals to Celebrate Birth of First Parliament

What promises to be a great demonstration in favor of Democracy will take place Sunday, Jan. 4, when Professor Gaspare Nicotri, a well known anti-fascist, residing in the United States, will speak in Webster Hall, N. Y.

Mr. Nicotri was Professor of Minology at the University of Palermo and a well known leader of the Socialist movement. In 1924 he was elected Deputy to the Italian Parliament, but on account of his outspoken opposition to the fascist methods, his election was declared null.

Large committee for the success of the lecture has been formed by Mr. Philip Bongiorno, President of the Italian Hospital of New York City, is the chairman of the Italian Pharmaceutical Association, and Mr. John Sala, general organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, are respectively Secretary and Treasurer of the committee.

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Pioneer Youth And Others Give Party For Children Of Danville Strikers



After the Danville Strikers' Christmas Party

Individuals Help Bolster Morale of Strikers Army

By WALTER LUDWIG

DANVILLE, Va.—Driven by a foot of snow and freezing weather from the city park to a cavernous tobacco warehouse, a battery of union Santa Clauses replaced droning auctioneers and knocked down huge stacks of toys, oranges and candy to 4,100 union kids at the "best Christmas party ever" held here Dec. 23rd.

The children had trudged from all over Danville and had been nauded by the hundreds from the rural routes in the union's wood trucks. With the grown-ups a crowd of more than 9,000 persons thronged the old Piedmont warehouse which became a focus of their holiday solidarity as Danville has for thirteen weeks been a focus for contributions from friends everywhere.

Two-year-olds, held high so they could see and clinging to the strap of daddy's overalls, received woolly animals; older boys, airplanes, tops and mechanical toys. The girls were satisfied with nothing but dolls. One seven-year-old wormed her way back to the ropes to return a game. "I wanted doll," she said—and got one. Every child under twelve received a plaything, an orange and a bag of candy.

Everywhere we heard that this party had greatly bolstered the morale of the strikers. Shops in Danville were displaying tantalizing holiday knick-knacks which for the first time these workers could not buy for their children.

"Seems like it was more than we could stand," one worker said. "Then the union said we was going to have a party; and you folks began to send things in. Everyone's smilin' now."

Another communication to the Danville children was sent from Marion and children of the strikers' families, send greetings to you today. Exactly one year ago we were having a party just like the one you are having this year.

"Listen little children to what I say

Greensboro, N. C., Mill Throws Workers Into the Streets

Blacklist Part of Bosses Campaign Against Organization Efforts

GREENSBORO, N. C.—(FP)—Unemployment is severe in Greensboro, home of the giant Cone denim mills, Proximity and Revolution, employing normally over 4,000. The Cone management, which evicted 80 active unionists in the fall, is now working employees only two or three days a week, and is forced to hand out food baskets more and more frequently from its welfare department to keep workers from actually starving.

The Federal Council of Churches has been sending relief to the unionists, through the Rev. Ronald J. Tamblin. Twenty-six families who have been unable to find jobs are still being supported.

The Greensboro employment commission, headed by Herman Cone of the Proximity Mfg. Co., is urging all employers not to lay off men and women but to stagger employment, leaving no one entirely jobless.

The evicted unionists are blacklisted and can only get work by concealing their origin or in other lines. An undercover agency calling itself "The State Investigating Agency" is circulating a blacklist in a covert form, which reads: "Before employing any of the following men, please notify us."

I wish you all a happy Christmas day. To your mothers and fathers be brave and true and put this union right on through. If you don't you will be made slaves and that will hurt you to your graves."

Support for the party came from many sources. Candy was bought with a collection which Annabell Glenn, children's worker in Danville, took up in the A. F. of L. Building in Washington, D. C.

Capmakers Union Attacks CRAIN Move

(Continued from Page One) fore not elaborate upon them in this communication. However, I wish to register my protest against the methods and tactics employed by your assistants when examining the manager of our local union.

"A glaring example of extortion and heartless exploitation of the misery of the workers can be found among the employment agencies that are permitted to rob the unemployed without hindrance by your office. The unemployment agency racket has been exposed in the newspapers, yet to our knowledge your office has done very little to prosecute those who do not hesitate to rob the jobless of their last dollar by false promises of employment.

Morrison Sees Conditions for Affiliation as Distinctly Favorable

WASHINGTON — (FP)—Conditions were never so favorable as now for the affiliation of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen with the American Federation of Labor, in the opinion of Frank Morrison, secretary, and Arthur O. Wharton, vice-president of the Federation. Discussing with The Federated Press, Dec. 23, the recent declaration by A. F. Whitney, president of the Trainmen, in favor of early affiliation, the two Federation officials said that the chance of adjustment of jurisdictional claims which have prevented the union of the two bodies thus far is excellent.

In past years the application of the Locomotive Engineers and that of the Railway Conductors for membership in the Federation was met by a veto from the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employees. The street car men claim jurisdiction over all electrically driven cars, both in city and in suburban and interurban travel. They also claim jurisdiction over bus lines. Many street railways operate electric trams in suburban service, and some operate buses, on which members of the independent transportation brotherhoods are employed.

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One of the factors in Whitney's policy is the recent weakening of mutual ties among the Big Four independent brotherhoods in rail transportation. Due to steady reduction in the number of employees, members of the Trainmen's organization are being laid off and men from the Conductors' order are being demoted to jobs as trainmen. In the same way, thousands of members of the Locomotive Firemen's Brotherhood have been let out, while veteran members of the Locomotive Engineers' organization have gone back to firing, under the established rule of seniority. So long as men are being dropped from the rolls, this process will create ill-feeling between those who lose out and those who stay, unless possibly a merger of the two brotherhoods concerned would remove this feeling.

Another possible obstacle to harmony in the A. F. of L. as to receiving the Trainmen, in case the Street and Electric Railway Employees settle their differences with the Trainmen, may arise from the direction of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. This overlapping of jurisdictional claims as to work in terminals has never been the subject of formal complaint by the Railway Clerks, who cooperate with the Trainmen in the Association of Rail Labor Executives, but it may be brought out when the application of the Trainmen for a Federation charter comes up in a Federation convention.

People. Any prosecutor or public official who seriously wants to attack the problem of racketeering ought to invite the assistance of the labor movement and not attack it by such methods as your office has adopted in the case of our organization. I wish, further, to protest against the subterfuge of a grand jury summons to inveigle our representative to your office. It was not at all necessary for your assistants to use underhand methods since we are always ready to comply with any reasonable request of a district attorney or other officer of the law and have never refused an invitation to visit your office. I believe that it demonstrates only further the attitude of contempt that your assistants bear toward labor. However, should your office at any time decide to make a really sincere effort to rid the city of extortionists

Rail Unions Joining A.F.L. Seen as Likely

L. I. D. Marks 25 Years Of Educational Work (Continued from Page One) towards war and the absolute necessity for pacifism. Mrs. Agnes Laidler sang.

The dinner in the evening took place at the Level Club, 253 West 73d Street. Some 300 persons were present to hear Mr. Thomas open the meeting by reading telegrams of congratulation from the Socialist Party, the British Labor Party, The Group, Bertrand Russell, Charles Edward Russell, Upson Sinclair and various old members of the L. I. D. and the S. S., who were unable to be present.

The meeting closed with a discussion and agricultural, A. E. (Geo. W. Russell) and the American Socialist leader, Morris Hillquit, on the merits of "Our Machine Civilization—What Next?" Their speeches will be found in other columns of The New Leader.

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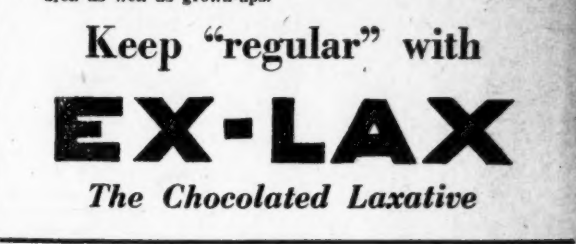
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Our Machine Civilization - What Next?

"A. E." And Morris Hillquit Urban And Rural Prospects At Dinner of League For Industrial Democracy

By A. E. George W. Russell

From my country to yours, I have been frightened by a human being by the exodus of rural population to the cities which have sprung up so magically in half a century. There was nothing like the modern city in the ancient world.

States, 19,000,000 acres have gone out of cultivation and 78,000 farms have ceased to exist as farms. One of your economists, Mr. McMillan, says 20 per cent of your population are now on the farms, 15 per cent is enough to produce all the food that is required, 10 per cent properly educated could do it.

about whom so many prophecies were made, could retrograde to the brute in footed slums, or mirky alley where the devil hath his many mansions, where thousands of families live each in one room, where no function of the body can be concealed, and modesty and delicacy are creatures ere they are born.

ment. The very perfecting of the industrial system is bringing this about. Will not these unemployed gather in dark slums and in one room as they do in Europe, so that life will fester into rotteness.

her terms, or to be content and full. Whom they take, they take into space to behold the birth of stars, to learn one of the meanings, to launch off with absolute faith, to sweep through the ceaseless rings and never be quiet again."

I saw this happen in my own country. Before we began to organize the farmer, hundreds of thousands of small men ran their business fearfully among a crowd of dealers and jobbers who preyed on them.

The parish is the cradle of the nation, and the feeling for mutual aid, the sense of identity of interest would overflow into local government and at last into the national assembly.

centration and organization manufacture, commerce and banking, the department and chain stores and the mail order houses all have changed the civilized position of the world as if by magic.

Social Changes Since War Prof. Slosson's Survey Holds Out Hope For New Advances In Years Ahead

By James Oneal Social and economic change in the United States since 1914 brought significant shifts in economic classes and a "new capitalism" that still awaits an interpretation by Socialist economists.

feece was as white as snow. Teacher took it to Pittsburgh one day and now look at the damn thing.

Like the aftermath of the Civil War with its spawn of Jim Fisk, Daniel Drew, and other successful swindlers, crooks and grafters, Forbes, Daugherty, Sinclair, Doehny and their ilk swined to the front dripping with swill.

inished and that one reason for this was the policy of corporations selling stock to employees. We doubt this interpretation. Stuart Chase estimates that in 1926 the share of the working class in corporation stocks was less than 1 per cent.

ing prices, and turning to political revolt through the Nonpartisan League. One wonders why these farmers, skinned to the bone in the nineties and again in the post-war period, always return to the G. O. P. for another round trashing.

Dewey Bid to Norris Brings Criticism (Continued from Page One) go on record with the committee that of course I shall act and think from the Socialist standpoint and that while I want a third party, not any kind of a third party movement will do."

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man street. Auspices, Socialist Party, 23rd A. D. Branch. Friday, Jan. 2, 9 p. m., William Karlin, "Labor and the Law," 308 East Third Street, Auspices, Socialist Party, Brighton Beach Branch.

The Subs Keep Rolling In

WELL, boys and girls, as Mac Coleman would say, that book offered as a premium for every new yearly subscriber sent us is still being mailed out.

paper with regret. That is the penalty many good Socialists pay for the unintelligent voting by millions of workers.

This is the time for making pledges for the New Year. The best that we can make is one we recall in a speech by Ben Hanford many years ago when he declared, "So long as time lasts and I live I shall work for Socialism."

That is a good sentiment for The New Year. Make it effective by increasing the circulation of The New Leader. Use the coupon below.

The changing South is given an interesting chapter and just as interesting is another chapter on the Business of Sport which is becoming a capitalistic enterprise that may now be classed with big business.

"A party that cannot be launched unless some U. S. Senator waves his magic wand is hardly worth launching and has no assurance of permanency or of helping in fundamental change."

Lecture Calendar MANHATTAN Sunday, Jan. 4, 8:30 p. m., August Classen, "The Biological Basis of Human Nature," 96 Avenue C.

COMPANY OFFERS FAKE PROFIT SCHEM KANSAS CITY (FP) - The Kansas Public Service Co. has voted to give its employees 25 per cent of its profits, without affecting the wage scale.

Wages Rise Though Wages Drop

Wages in the clothing industry have risen in some cities and dropped in others, according to a survey by the American Sociological Society.

ated Clothing Workers, who declared there is abundant information now available in this country upon which to base sound legislation in the various states this winter.

"prosperity reserves" of public works and better employment statistics. "We in America have overlooked the social menace of unemployment," declared Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland.

B. C. Seiple, superintendent of the city-state employment service of Cleveland, charged that most of the private fee-charging employment agencies now in existence fail to meet the requirements of adequate placement work.

cial legislation. Whereas the basic motive of opposition of workmen's accident compensation and unemployment insurance, he said, has been a fear of lessened profits, this usually disguised with such slogans as "It is better to prevent accidents than to compensate for them," and "American workmen want jobs, not doles."

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Book Notes

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Dean Gauss presents with rare sympathy and understanding the relation of the college student...

traceable to their parents. The ways in which parents can be responsible for their children's failures...

There is strong—almost violent—stimulation in John Cowper Powys' "In Defence of Sensuality"...

DEPARTED GLORY

Edwin Arlington Robinson (like Shakespeare) continues to give us melodramatic themes...

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N. Y. Socialists Prepare For Leaflet Distribution

(Continued from Page One) there will be no less than 500 participants...

In Brownsville, Bensonhurst, Borough Park, the Bronx, some part of Manhattan...

Plans for the unemployment conference to be held in the Irving Plaza on Wednesday evening...

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It is expected that when all the responses are in, more than 50 trade union and Socialist speakers...

The measures to be employed to insure the success of the campaign will be determined upon at the conference...

Books Received

Rueben Lurie, The Challenge of the Forum Richard G. Badger, Florence B. Boeckel, The Turn...

have just emerged from the shouting and tumult of one of the liveliest Socialist meetings we've been to for years.

us right. We don't for one moment think because we happen just now to be living and working in New York...

it was more of a clearing-house than a salon, a clearing-house for ideas and policies which have been floating round Socialist circles...

two opposing philosophies may, I think, be summed up as these of reliance upon economic forecasts of Marx, a new social order...

these views are not irreconcilable is a compact which was brought out in the course of the various resolutions...

all important questions are left over for future action within a month.

to be hoped that those who speak on these matters will be better informed than the comrades to whom we have been forced to listen...

as is always the case, pretty nearly all the speakers at the convention had to preface their remarks with a long account of his years of work in the movement...

to take a long breath and go headlong into the conventional time for prophecies of the future.

prophecy we bat around 150. Everything predicted has come out the opposite, if not the reverse.

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The Chatter Box

SINCE I have made a promise to Mac my sister in penitence across the columns of this page...

Needless to say, I have radio-ed Joe via the best pathic route to that effect.

However, it would not be amiss to muse a bit over the entire situation as it affects our emotional militants and our over-logical Marxists.

In the first place, I write poetry of mediocre indifferent quality; I have a mortgage, a wife, children, and two unremovable dental bridges.

And while it may sound terribly clever and wise because of the paradox, one of the prime reasons why I wouldn't ever dream of being a Communist here is, because I sincerely believe that the best horsemen of Union Square have done more to insure the success of the Russian program than any other single element I can think of.

To me, as to thousands of our good comrades over the land, Russia promises a practical application of what we are all dreaming and striving for.

Surely we cannot agree that our own comrades have to suffer because of their dissemination of theory and tactics.

Surely the capitalist world does not want Russia to succeed. And for the simple reason that its ultimate and openly obvious purpose is to establish a land where the worker and farmer will get the full product of his toil.

But if I'm right, then what business have we issue dreadful pronouncements on the ultimate failure of the Five Year Plan, as if the wish were parent to the prophecy?

I somehow feel that our personal feelings are of such small consequence against the future of 1,200,000,000 earthwise slaves.

For my part and from my years of intimate knowledge with industrial methods and equipment, all I ask is that you set me in deepest Africa with enough pigmies or Hottentots to man the machinery I would select and have shipped over there.

And from here, I cannot see why the Russian Soviets will fail to accomplish their task. It is too bad that Marx, big boys of the fifties had to take a post-graduate course and a production...

NEW LEADER MAIL BAG

RUSSIA AND SOCIALISM Editor, The New Leader: I welcome the editorial invitation...

There are aspects of the Russian experience which, with many other Socialists, I do not like—particularly the ruthless denial of liberty...

In this early stage of Russia's industrialization men are hungry, but not in the midst of riotous waste.

Inhumanities are deplorable but relative. The Soviet has had its share. Acknowledges them; even then these facts remain in Russia as in no other country...

Those Socialists, then, who permit legitimate objections to certain aspects of Russian Communism to lead them into an alignment with those who would overthrow the Soviet incur a grave responsibility.

At the last meeting of Circle One, Comrade Umanzky delivered a talk on some of the aspects of war.

Soviet in the Socialist movement. Indeed, we cannot approve in all respects the conduct of some of those parties who adhere to the same internationalist-for instance, the British Labor Party's distressing record in India...

Specifically, I should like to see The New Leader present more articles on the industrialization of Russia, such as those by Anna Louise Strong...

Chicago, Ill. PAUL PORTER. The party has time after time taken its position in favor of recognition of Russia and The New Leader has not neglected to deal editorially with these questions...

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listen to a new philosophy which shall teach them the value that lies in their own strength for curing the world's ills.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION Editor, The New Leader: Will you be good enough to grant me the opportunity to let the members of the Socialist Party know...

THE YIPSELS Editor, The New Leader: I take the disagreeable role of a complainant. When I first went to join the Y. P. S. L., I expected to find groups of serious-minded young persons.

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Ruth Draper's Annual Treat At The Comedy

The Stage

The Movies

Music

Authors of New Guild Play

'Sous Les Toits de Paris' Continues at the Little Carnegie Playhouse

'Sous Les Toits De Paris' ("Under the Roofs of Paris"), enters upon its fourth week at the Little Carnegie Playhouse at West 57th Street. This French dialogue picture, directed by Rene Clair, has been playing to capacity audiences ever since its opening and will be kept indefinitely. The principal players are Albert Prejean, Fola Ilbery, Edmond Greville and Gaston Modot.

A Stage Child Grows Older

Frank Craven, star and author of "That's Gratitude!" now at the Golden Theatre is a true child of the theatre. Generations of Cravens behind him were on the stage. It is said his lineage can be traced direct to that eighteenth-century giant of the English stage, who, after his retirement, set up the Craven's Head Inn in Covent Garden. Both his father and mother were players, the former with the famous Boston Opera Company in the latter days of that well-remembered organization.

Young Craven was carried on in his mother's arms for his first public appearance and his first "walking part" was in "The Silver King" when he was just able to toddle. He continued his "career" until his parents finally and wisely thought it best to send him into the country, where he would live and grow up in a normal boyhood and go to a normal boy's school. He managed to stay there through his high school years, but then the call of the blood became too strong. He was off and away to new pastures, where he learned his business professionally with several famous stock companies.

At eighteen, his mother lying ill in New York, he joined her in her little apartment in a 48th Street house. He sat by her bedside one day and they both looked out of a window and down on a playhouse that was being built. "Perhaps you'll play there when it's finished, Frank," his mother said hopefully. He hoped so, too, but it seemed a vague and distant thing. But, as those things sometimes happen, he was engaged to play Jimmy Gilley in "Bought and Paid For," the first production to be housed in the new theatre.

After that, the road was not so hard. "Too Many Cooks" soon established him as an author-star and then his "First Year" swept him to the head of the ranks of our American playwrights. Since then he has given us the charming "New Brooms," "The 19th Hole," "Salt Water" and now his own favorite—"That's Gratitude!"

"Kiss Me Again" Premiere January 7

"Kiss Me Again," the First National and Vitaphone production of Victor Herbert's immortal romance, "Mlle. Modiste," will have its world premiere next Wednesday evening, January 7, at Warner Bros. Theatre, it was announced today.

The cast is headed by Bernice Claire and Walter Pidgeon and includes June Collyer, Edward Everett Horton, Judith Vosselli, Albert Gran, Claude Gillingwater and Frank McHugh. William A. Selter directed.

To Open a New Arty Cinema



The President Theatre on West 47th Street will reopen as an arty cinema with the German version of "Anna Christie." Glamorous Greta Garbo is the star of this picture.

"Part Time Wife" on Fox B'klyn Screen; Big Fanchon-Marco Revue

The Fox Brooklyn Theatre starts the New Year right by presenting a cheerful and pleasing program all the way through its first 1831 bill.

Edmund Lowe in a brand new characterization as a nervous young husband driven to distraction through misplaced doubts of his pretty wife, is the star of the screen attraction, "Part Time Wife" which lately graced the Roxy's silver sheet under the title of "The Shepper-Newfounder."

"Part Time Wife" introduces to movie fans a gift widower and exposes the ills of a wife trying to manage the marital bark and at the same time compete in amateur golf tournaments. On the stage Fanchon and Marco present their highly entertaining "Victor Herbert" Idea, a dedication to America's famous melody master and his undying melodies. In it are seen Buddy Howe in "Sopping Along"; Walter Powell, "Loca Boy Makes Good"; Electric Duo nimble beauties; the Victor Herbert Trio, and the Ernest Feicher dancers.

Joe West, whose followers seem to increase weekly, reigns over the Wurlitzer, while Jack Roth and his Fox Symphonettes complete the program.

Alton Jones, Famous Pianist, to Broadcast

Alton Jones, one of America's pianists will participate in the N. B. C. Artists Service Hour Program presented by the National Broadcasting Company over WEAF, Sunday afternoon, January 4, at 2:30. His program includes: "Evening in Seville," (Prelude), Walter Niemann; "Etude in F Sharp Minor", Op. 15 No. 9, Serge Bortkiewicz; "Etude in E Minor", Op. 15 No. 10, Serge Bortkiewicz.

"The Lash" Starts Run at the Winter Garden; "Today" at the Beacon

"The Lash," starring Richard Barthelmess, is the new picture at the Winter Garden Theatre, having replaced "Mothers Cry" Tuesday night. Mary Astor and James Rennie support the star in this romance of old California. Frank Lloyd directed.

At the Beacon Theatre, "Today" will open with a preview showing Thursday night. Conrad Nagel and Catherine Dale Owen are featured. William Nigh directed. Will Osborn and his radio band continue on the stage by popular demand, although originally their engagement was to have ended Christmas night.

"Viennese Nights" Stays On at the Warner Thea.

"Viennese Nights" shows little dropping off at the Warner Theatre. At the Brooklyn Strand the new attraction is "Sunny," starring Marilyn Miller.

Holiday Program at The Paramount

To usher in the New Year, the New York and Brooklyn Paramount Theatres will present the world premiere of Ruth Chatterton's new starring picture, "The Right to Love." Based on Susan Glaspell's famous novel, "Brook Evans," the picture tells a story of romantic repressions through two generations, and the tragic events born of a secret trust. Zoe Akins wrote the screen play, which was directed by Richard Wallace.

This is the first picture ever filmed with the new Western Electric system of noiseless recording. Val and Ernie Stanton make their return to Broadway at the New York Paramount in the new Harry Gourfain stage production, "Miniatures," featuring Julia Curtis, Blanche and Elliott, The Three Jacks, The Morrie Abbott Girls and Frank Jenks with the Paramount stage band. Three complete de luxe performances have been scheduled at the Paramount for New Year's Eve.

"Parlor Comedy Can Be Perilous," Says March, Now in "Royal Family"

When Fredric March undertook the role of Tony Cavendish in the Paramount picture, "The Royal Family of Broadway," now at the Rivoli, there was every reason to believe that he would have smooth sailing in this smart sophisticated comedy. After indulging in brawls and battles as the hard-loving god in "True to the Navy" opposite Clara Bow, and the young composer who crawled through windows in "Laughter" opposite Nancy Carroll, there was every reason to believe that he could take it easy in a comedy which passed primarily in a drawing room. March, however, knew better. He had played the role of the temperamental scion of the mythical Cavendish family of theatrical fame in the stage comedy by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman on which "The Royal Family of Broadway" is based. So he wasn't surprised when he found that in the screen version he

Starts Run at the Winter Garden



Richard Barthelmess in his newest picture "The Lash" is at the Winter Garden. It was at this theatre that Barthelmess' "The Dawn Patrol" broke all records for the house. Mary and Marion Nixon are to be seen opposite the star.

would be expected to slide down a long winding balustrade; go through a fencing scene without mask or chest protector; lead around a couple of police dogs who could have done plenty of damage if they didn't like him, and finally, run the risk of being scalded.

He managed to rehearse the slide down the balustrade perfectly. When it came to taking the first act, he tripped at the bottom and picked himself up with a badly sprained ankle. Then he undertook the fencing scene. Here he was not only in danger of getting scratched, but ran the risk of scratching an actress whose duty it is to walk under the folds which March and his fencing partner are slashing wildly in the air. March got a few scratches, but managed to go through this scene without mortal injury.

The part of Tony Cavendish, in this and other ways, proved quite a drain on March's vitality, for he had to portray the character as an exuberant, excitable personality at all times. This is easy enough for one performance, but

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the great range of persons and sides of places and characters Draper commands, permits this season to change her program nightly; so that the details one sketch will not enlighten readers as to the ones they will see when it's their good luck to see, but, whether in dialect or in the flower of the Queen's English, in high society, whether clad in formal (figuratively) or ragged rags, Miss Draper will wear the flower of her smiles, or the tear of sympathy from the reluctant eye. And a rich and less sentimental visitor, she ever less readily succumb.

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Welcome News

OF the forecast by Edward F. McGrady, American
Federation of Labor representative, is correct the
Executive Council will recommend approval of un-
employment insurance legislation by Congress. Even
his tardy action, if taken, will be welcomed as it
will bring the whole labor movement behind the
proposal. It would have been better if the Federa-
tion had led in this matter rather than followed as
it is no secret among the informed that the unem-
ployment situation is much worse than is officially ad-
mitted at Washington.

The fact is that the prostration of American cap-
italism is so severe that it has frightened many bank-
ers and their politicians. The reports
received by the Federation at Washington
throughout the country also reveal a
picture. In the face of hideous facts the theory
of individualism will have to be dumped and social
isolationism will emerge as an important factor in
the future history of the United States.

McGrady forecast is verified the Federa-
tion take the second step in abandoning an
outdated philosophy that belongs to the age of ox-
en, the hand-loom, and the spinning wheel. At
this point it came out for old age pensions and in
January this month it is expected to approve legis-
lation for unemployment insurance. In the face
of the trend it would be absurd for the A. F. of L.
to send out any more editorials stress-
ing "individualism" as the philosophy of the or-
ganization.

It is due to intelligent criticism of the old
philosophy as well as the stark facts which are con-
fronting us. We hope that the McGrady fore-
cast is verified by action and that the whole work-
ing class movement will be enlisted in behalf of unem-
ployment insurance. A hell of suffering faces
unemployed today. We should not face another
winter like it.

The Rand School

OUR party in New York is experiencing a real
revival, not only in the growth of its voting
strength, but in the influx of new members, in the
tone and tempo of its activity, and in the earnest-
ness of the discussion of principles and policies
which is going on. Conscious of the responsibility
which face them, the members are concerned
with the best ways to carry on the great work-
ing class as this spirit prevails, differences of opin-
ion are to be welcomed rather than deprecated, be-
cause they are signs of life and latent power.

At such a time it is in order to call attention
to the opportunities for self-education offered by
the Rand School, whose winter term begins next
month. In the fall term the school had more than
thirty registered students, about one-seventh of whom
were members of the Workers' Training Class and
the rest on the average four class sessions a week.
Organized membership was not so well repre-
sented as it should have been, only one-third of
the training class consisting of party members or
sympathizers. The fact that the term began in the heat
of the campaign is perhaps a reason why the
membership was not larger. That reason does not now
apply. It is to be hoped that both the party and
the Rand organization will be much more largely
represented in the classes that are now being
organized.

The program is extraordinarily rich and varied.
Theoretical and the practical approach
is neglected; there are courses suited to
the needs of the masses, and others which are advanced
to command the interest of even seasoned
workers and students of social questions; the
social and industrial aspects of the working-class
movement both receive ample attention; nor are
subjects such as literature, art, and music
neglected. Best of all, the aim of the school
is to provide ready-made opinions and pre-
formed information, but to stimulate and assist
the student in thinking things out for themselves.

The number of members
in the Rand

through the remainder of the winter and spring
will certainly redound to the benefit of the move-
ment in many ways. The branch organizations
ought to exert themselves to bring this about at
this time.

That "Progressive" Party

FROM the point of view of a labor party that
would include political and economic organi-
zations of the workers Professor John Dewey was
ill-advised in making his proposal to Senator Norris
that the latter take the leadership in organizing a
third party. Dewey's idea is to detach the so-called
"progressives" from the Republican and Democratic
parties and assume the leadership in political or-
ganization of the masses.

No one will question the sincerity of John Dewey
but Socialist and labor men who want to build on
secure foundations are unable to support the propo-
sal. Senator Norris has declined to act upon the
suggestion but he is apparently in a mood of "watch-
ful waiting" until 1932. But even in that year So-
cialists and labor men are not likely to place them-
selves in the hands of these leaders as voting stock
to be invested as these leaders decide.

We recall the Progressive Party led by Roosevelt
in 1912 and secretly financed by George Perkins
and other millionaires. That party also grew out
of a quarrel within the G. O. P. It had no labor
basis whatever but it adopted a program intended
to appeal to the workers. Having used it as a club
to beat President Taft, Roosevelt and the dominant
leaders sold it at auction to the Republican con-
vention which nominated Hughes in 1916.

Almost Pinchot revealed the inner history of this
"progressive" party about the time it was scuttled.
Donald G. Richberg in his recent book, "The
Tents of the Mighty," added some interesting de-
tails. McCormick of Chicago, one of the progres-
sive nobles, cynically declared that Roosevelt
"knows how to appeal to the American mutt." That
remark indicated the attitude of the gentlemen who
sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" in 1912.

The workers of the nation must fight their battles
in a party of their own. Socialists will hold their
banner aloft until other organizations of the work-
ers decide that they want to help carry it.

William Lloyd Garrison

ON JANUARY 1, one hundred years ago, Wil-
liam Lloyd Garrison founded the *Liberator* and
through its columns he began an uncompromising
crusade for the abolition of chattel slavery. No
other man was so hated and feared by the planter
class. Because of its protection of slavery Garrison
declared that the Constitution was "a league of
death and a covenant with hell." He lived to see the
bondmen freed and then retired. He was a man of
one idea and sincerely believed that the social prob-
lem had been solved.

But within a few weeks after the first number
of the *Liberator* appeared he was engaged in a con-
troversy in its columns with a workingman who
contended that bondage was the lot of wage work-
ers in the North. Garrison would not admit it. He
declared that "there is a prevalent opinion that
wealth and aristocracy are indissolubly allied; and
the poor and vulgar are taught to consider the opu-
lent as their enemies. Those who inculcate this
pernicious doctrine are the worst enemies of the
people."

Had Garrison peered into the textile hells of his
own state or the reeking working class quarters of
Boston and other cities he would have had his
answer. But he would not see. On the issue of wage
slavery his views did not differ from the factory
masters of New England capitalism. Naturally, he
thought his work was ended when the Southern sys-
tem of bondage was destroyed.

Wendell Phillips took another course. He de-
clared that the overthrow of slavery was merely the
prelude to the greater struggle of the masses against
capitalism. That Phillips was right and Garrison
wrong is evident since the end of the Civil War.
The capitalist system of production is merely another
form of bondage and in the war against it the
spirit of Garrison, we regret to say, is not enlisted.

IN A NUTSHELL

New opinions are always suspected, and usually
opposed, without any other reason but because they
are not already common.—John Locke.

Forty Tammany detectives are now accused of
being criminal court "fixers." Perhaps they are a
resurrection of the "Forty Thieves" of the famous
Tweed Ring.

Governor Pinchot predicts the utility issue for
1932. Perhaps he is looking forward to its utility
for him in the election that year.

No less than 20 per cent of the jobs in New
York City are reported in dire need which also
measures the hire need of these victims of capital-
ism.

Now is the time of the year when we must apply
for our auto licenses. If you haven't got a machine
you know where you can get one.

Humanity sweeps onward . . .
Far in front the Cross stands ready, and the
crackling faggots burn,
While the hooting mob of yesterday in silent awe
return.
To glean up the scattered ashes into History's
golden urn.

—James Russell Lowell.

Really it isn't the right to work that we want. A
horse enjoys that. What we want is an assured
income and leisure to enjoy it.

The Five Year Plan that we favor is one that
will place a hundred Socialists in Congress in 1936.
All in favor say Aye.

If Senator Norris should decide on a third party
in 1932 and proceed to organize it the second party
to the bargain, the voters, would not be the first
in control.

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A Socialist Program On Unemployment

Suggest Plan of Activity Outlined; Popular Pressure On Congress Urged

What can Socialist branches and individual Socialists do during a period of unemployment to bring home to the workers effectively the lessons of the cause of unemployment, and, at the same time, help bring about as large a measure of remedial action as possible? At the request of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, Norman Thomas has prepared the following outline of action for Socialists.

1. Hard times and hard knocks do not automatically educate men. These hard times give us an opportunity to teach that Socialism is the only answer to unemployment. Neither technological unemployment due to machines or cyclical unemployment due to hard times can be cured so long as Profit is king. We must have planned distribution and production for use and not for profit. This is Socialism.
2. On the road to this goal and to give somewhat effective relief we Socialists have long advocated a program to which now belatedly non-Socialists are beginning to give ear. We pushed this program in our national campaign in 1928. It includes:
(a) provision for accurate and up-to-date count of the number of unemployed;
(b) elimination of the competition of the old through old age pensions and of children through rigorous anti-child labor acts;
(c) an adequate system of public employment exchanges—federal, state and local—with provision for re-education of workers in new lines of industry;
(d) the advancement of the five-day week by governmental example, by legislation and the power of the labor unions under circumstances which do not permit the bosses to compensate for the reduced week by a greater speed-up;
(e) a permanent program of public works to be begun when hard times appear;
(f) unemployment insurance which should preferably be national in scope even though this may require a constitutional amendment giving Congress power to enact legislation for the benefit of labor. Meantime we want effective state unemployment insurance.

Dump And Dumping

—By Adam Coaldigger—

EVERY day in every way, this cock-eyed world is getting more cock-eyed in every respect. In Russia they are trying to do in five years what it took us one hundred years to do and instead of complimenting the Bolshevik brethren on their enterprise, we shake in our boots for fear they may succeed. The job the boys over there have shot out for themselves is nothing more nor less than to turn 150,000,000 seventeenth century hoe farmers into a twentieth century industrial nation. If that is too much of a chunk to swallow whole, just imagine Henry Ford trying to duplicate his River Rouge plant with the aid of Mississippi share-croppers, who never handled more complicated implements than one-mule plows, and you have got a faint glimmer of what these Russians are up against.

Looks like a mighty tough job, doesn't it? But wait, I "ain't" through! Now, imagine that Henry Ford, instead of being a multi-billionaire, is as fat broke as an unemployed American coal miner with eight children, a sickly wife and a litter of puppies under the back porch, and that all the capital for the duplication of that gigantic River Rouge plant has to come out of the daily savings of those Mississippi hoe hands—and you got another think worth thinking.

But wait, won't you? The worst is yet to come. Ever since Adam and Eve were kicked out of Paradise, nobody—that is, the nobodies who do nothing but feed, clothe and shelter the same bodies—ever worked without somebody bossing them around and telling them what to do, when to lay to and when to lay off. In return for this service, the nobodies paid themselves with about all the no-bodies raised, cut down, rooted up or put together, leaving them only enough to keep body and soul together and to raise a new litter of raisers, cutters, rooters and put-togethers.

This thing has been going on for worse than 6,000 years under sundry monikers, such as slavery, serfdom and wage labor. But whatever the shell was called, the kernel remained the same. And that kernel is the knack of the few to eat their cake in the sweat of the many. Now these wild and woolly Russians are attempting to turn a whole social fabric, sanctioned by 6,000 years of usage, upside down by creating, out of nothing, so to speak, a boss-less and ownerless nation in which the captains of industry and the Napoleons of finance are elected just like we used to elect U. S. senators in the days of Andrew Jackson.

Compared with this attempt, our noble experiment of sobering up the American people is like digging a couple of Panama canals with paper teaspoons.

Of course, that Russian experiment, noble in its purpose, or what will you, isn't working any too smoothly yet. From all reports I get, the Bolsheviks are shooting almost as many engineers in Russia as our prohibition enforcement officers are shooting rum-runners and innocent by-standers. I'm also told that the jails over there are full of Mooneyes and Billings's and that the U. S. S. R. is no more safe for the Sassos and Vanzettis than is the U. S. A. But with all that, it's a great show—a show of 150,000,000 actors playing on a stage covering one-sixth of the earth's surface.

As things look now, it appears that the so-called five-year plan will succeed. But instead of applauding the actors for their mighty effort, there are all too many folk in the bleachers throwing empty pop bottles at the performers. The big idea behind this unsporting conduct is fear, of course. Russia, we are told, is already dumping all sorts of valuable things on the world market, such as wheat, coal, lumber and furs, for instance. Now, one would think that in a world when millions of people are actually starving and free-

leading to unemployment insurance and other unemploy-
ment bills that do not go as far as a Socialist demand.

7. In states where there is no Socialist representative in the legislature, Socialist spokesmen must take advantage of hearings before committees of the legislature, or statewide referendums to present constructive Socialist point of view on some states it may be possible persuade non-Socialist legislators to introduce bills along Socialist lines.

8. Socialist trade unionists, individually and collectively should seek opportunity tactically and persuasively to win their unions to the Socialist view on unemployment insurance and other Socialist measures.

9. Socialist speakers should be ready to speak before all of organizations on unemployment insurance. In some towns a speaker's bureau may be organized on a local scale which will seek out merely big meetings but club and church meetings, etc.

10. Socialists with some ability to write should send forth arguments in favor of unemployment insurance and Socialist immediate remedies as well as the Socialist analysis of reasons for unemployment. State and local secretaries of the party should communicate regularly with the national office about what they are doing, methods they have found successful, etc. The national office should act as the clearing house of Socialists to organize meetings and demonstrations of the unemployed. This should be done under careful plans which will avoid conflict with Communists and will distinguish us from Communists.

Billings Denies Parole Repressa, Cal.—(FP)—Ren K. Billings denies reports published in the San Francisco Chronicle that he may apply for a pardon from his life sentence in Folsom Prison. Application for parole would imply guilt, he says, and he seeks a pardon.

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