

Wis. Socialists, Progressives In Coalition

Bloc, Cooperating With Gov. La Follette, Aims at Wide Program

MADISON, Wis.—(FP)—More progressive legislation will be passed by the Wisconsin state legislature this year than at any time in the history of the state, Gov. Phil La Follette promised in his first official message to the state before the opening of the legislature.

The Socialist-progressive coalition has a large majority in the lower house and the same combination, which works together for the most part, seems to have achieved a similar majority in the state Senate. Although early indications were that the senate would be in control of the stalwart faction, later events gave promise that the Socialists and progressives might be able to hold control there.

If such a situation arises, it will be the highest peak of progressive action in Wisconsin since the days of old Bob La Follette.

Confers with Socialists
During the past few days, young Gov. Phil La Follette has been holding conferences with Socialist leaders, labor leaders and an advisory council. An important program of legislation is now ready to be pushed through the legislature.

Among bills that will hold the attention of the legislature there are many of national interest to liberals and progressives.

An income tax bill, formulated by Prof. Harold Groves, University of Wisconsin political science department, who was recently elected to the legislature, will provide for a reduction of property taxes, an increase in income tax, either in a direct form or in the form of a surtax, and more exemptions for those with small incomes. Among the things that will be immune to taxation for small income earners, are doctor and hospital bills which will be listed as tax exempt losses.

Duncan Hits Tax Out
Another bill will propose raising the inheritance tax to the point where it was in 1928 before "starvation" legislature of two years ago lowered it. At the time, lowering of the inheritance tax was labeled a "huge raid on the state treasury" by Sen. Thomas Duncan, Socialist, Milwaukee.

The abolition of property tax on automobiles and the raising of the gasoline tax to four cents is another measure proposed.

Socialists in the legislature will push their unemployment insurance bill, but if they are unsuccessful, will probably support what they consider the measure drawn up for right wing progressives by Prof. John R. Commons, state university economist.

Legislation against chain banking and chain stores, strengthening of the corrupt practices act, and the enactment of a public ownership program advocated by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities are other parts of the program of Wisconsin Socialist-progressive forces.

Socialist Dance in Harlem
Feb. 11

In the fascinating and intriguing atmosphere of Harlem, the Twentieth Century Assembly District of the Socialist Party will give a ball in the Dunbar Ball Room, 140th Street and 7th Avenue, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11th (Lincoln's Birthday eve). Horace Henderson's famous orchestra will furnish the music. Short addresses and an appreciation of Lincoln will be made by Norman Thomas and Heywood Broun.

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"Socialism Forward Drive" to Raise \$50,000 for Socialist National Work

Half of Fund Will Be Given to State Organizations—Thomas, Hillquit, Broun and Miss Gilman on Membership of Directing Committee—Three Months' Campaign Mapped Out

CHICAGO.—With Norman Thomas head of a special finance committee, and Morris Hillquit, chairman of the N. E. C. finance committee acting as chairman, Clarence Senior, secretary of the party announced that a national drive would be started on Feb. 1st to raise \$50,000 for the year's work of the national, state, and local organizations.

In naming it the "Socialism Forward Drive", Senior announced that in addition to raising the money so badly needed by all of the party divisions, he would strive to make the Drive an organizational matter. The Drive activities as planned will be used to revive the organization in the unorganized areas, and to "pep up" the groups already in existence.

State Organizations to Share
The Drive will be conducted from the National Headquarters in Chicago, and reports will be made weekly to the party press so that it can announce the names of persons and organizations contributing to the Drive. Monthly reports of income and expenditure will be made to all party officials and contributors, and a final report will be sent out also.

The amount raised will be divided fifty percent to the national organization, and fifty percent to the states. The state committee in each state will determine the division of funds and carry it out so that the locals will benefit.

Fred D. Warren, wizard circulation manager of the old "Appeal to Reason" has accepted a place on the special finance com-

mittee and is going to address personal letters to all of his former fighters for the Appeal, asking them to get into this Drive and to help in building the party in their town.

Broun, Miss Gilman on Committee
Other members of the Drive Committee are: Norman Thomas, Chairman; Heywood Broun, who is going to urge everybody who supported him in the last Congressional election to help in the Drive; Harriet Stanton Blatch, famous suffrage worker who turned her chief energies to Socialism when the suffrage fight was won; William W. Busch, state chairman of the California party and the dynamo behind the tremendous revival of the party organization in that state; Elizabeth Gilman, who received a great deal of acclaim for her courage in running for Governor on the Socialist ticket in Maryland last fall, and who is well-known in labor, educational, and peace circles in Baltimore; and B. Charney Vladeck, business manager of the Daily Forward, one of the best speakers in the party, and a man with a reputation for resourcefulness and ability much wider than his large circle of friends in the labor and Socialist movement.

The N.E.C. Finance committee, with the above comrades, is directing the Drive. The members are: Morris Hillquit, Alfred Baker Lewis, and James H. Maurer.

Thomas and Hillquit, in a letter to all contributors to the United Socialist Drive of 1929, call attention to the amount of work that has been done since then, the new enthusiasm in the party, the growth in membership, and the tremendous possibilities for Socialist work this year. They are asking each person who contributed to the 1929 Drive to double his contribution or pledge in view of the growth of the party and of the opportunities before it.

Checks should be made out to the "Socialism Forward Drive" and mailed to 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago.

\$1,227 Now Collected in N. Y. Drive

Most Branches Respond to Emergency Call of Party Office

THE New York Socialist Emergency Fund drive for \$5,000, has reached a total of \$1,227.10.

The following is an up-to-date accounting of the contributions of the various branches:

Manhattan:
Chelsea Branch \$82.00
6th A. D. 19.00
Upper West Side 21.00
14th A. D. 6.40
Morningside Heights 21.80
14-16th A. D. 105.00
17-19th A. D. 10.00
22-23rd A. D. 68.00
Bohemian Branch 3.00
German Branch 100.00
Italian Branch 12.50
Jewish Downtown 7.00
Jewish 4th A. D. 7.00
Jewish Harlem 10.00
Polish Branch 32 10.00
Russian Branch 5.00
Total Manhattan \$698.00

Brooklyn:
Midwood \$10.00
Williamsburg 33.00
Boro Park 22.00
9-15th A. D. 10.00
13-15th A. D. 8.00
16th A. D. 30.00
16th A. D. Branch 2 10.00
19-20th A. D. 2.00
22nd A. D. Branch 2 21.50
23rd A. D. 19.50
Polish Branch 15 10.00
Total Brooklyn \$248.00

Bronx:
2nd A. D. 9.00
3-5th A. D. 15.00
4th A. D. 10.00
6th A. D. Branch 1 20.00
7th A. D. 19.00
8th A. D. 8.00
9th A. D. 7.00
Jewish Branch 1 1.00
Jewish Branch 6.00
Total Bronx \$95.00

Queens:
Queens County Committee. 10.00
Astoria Branch 9.00
Elmhurst Branch 8.00
Sunnyside Branch 51.00
Flushing 6.00
Jamaica 5.00
5th A. D. 10.00
Total Queens \$99.00

TOTAL \$1,227.10
As this Drive is to close on Feb. 1st, all comrades and branches, who hold money for this fund, are requested to send the money in at once.

We know that many comrades have collected and some have donated money for this fund. We want this money in the City office—the office needs it—if we are to do the party's work.

Senior to Lecture on Socialist Parties Abroad

CHICAGO.—Clarence Senior, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, will speak for the Socialist Open Forum, 2653 Washington Blvd. His subject will be "Around the World with Socialism." He will discuss the activities of the Socialist Movement abroad. The meeting will be held on Wednesday eve, February 4, at 8:15 P. M. Admission is free to all.

The Forum is under the auspices of the 6th Congressional District Branch of Cook County Socialist Party.

Thomas' Long-Awaited Book Giving a Socialist Program For America Due in February

"America's Way Out" Will Be Issued by MacMillan Co. Late Next Month

THE latter part of February will be published the first complete statement to the American people of the Socialist position that has come of the press since even before the United States entered the "War to End War." For this is the date set for the publication by MacMillan of Norman Thomas' long awaited book, "America's Way Out—A Program for Democracy." Mr. Thomas has been working on this book in between and during campaigns and speaking tours for the Socialist Party and the League for Industrial Democracy for the past two years and he alone knows how long he has been carrying the germs of it in his head. However, during the summer of 1930 he finally found time to concentrate on the work of finishing up the book and since that time the book has been in the process of being published.

"America's Way Out" is a book for the general reader. It is an attempt to put to him the problem of America's future and the necessity for a Socialist solution of the problem. While no review of the book is possible at this early date some idea can be given of the contents. First of all is related the present situation in which both the old and the new capitalism are abusing the power given to man by machinery. Then are noted the relation between capitalism, nationalism and racialism. Various aspects of the revolt against capitalism, such as the rise of Socialism and the development of communism are examined and evaluated. The problems of the world, such as war and the working of democracy are told of before Mr. Thomas gets on to the development of his Socialist philosophy in what he considers a most important portion of the book. The application of Socialism to industry, to the individual, to our political theory and structure, and to international affairs are dealt with in comparative detail. The book continues with a treatment of labor and the cooperatives, and a discussion of political parties in America and concludes with a discussion of whether or not a better world can be built.

In this connection it is important to note that throughout the book Mr. Thomas stresses the point that the choice is not between collectivism and individualism but between different types of collectivism and the problem is to determine what kind of collectivism is consistent with democracy and whether that collectivism can be gotten peacefully.

When a book as important as this one is published it is interesting to note the reasons why it was written. Seen during a busy day at the L. I. D. office, the Socialist leader explained just what the reasons were.

First of all, of course, there were the subjective reasons. Mr. Thomas felt that he had to clear up his own mind and answer some of the questions that were bothering him; and also that it was necessary for him to set forth his position at greater detail than it was possible to do in a speech. Writing a book enabled him to do both these things. But more important than the subjective reasons was the objective one.

Mr. Thomas felt that a restatement of Socialist position was necessary in the light of post-war political and economic developments and that while there have been critiques of capitalism, such as the works of Stuart Chase, and there have been plans for the social development of one or another industry, like the reports on the power and coal industries, there has been no restatement of the complete Socialist position for some

fifteen years. Not that Mr. Thomas thinks that the time is ripe for one man to state the Socialist position in anything but a tentative manner. That is what he has attempted to do. He hopes that his book will stir up the discussion and thought necessary for an authoritative restatement of position. The book makes no attempt to go into the internal policies of the party. Its concern will be to reach the general reader rather than the Socialist Party member.

L. R.

Boston Socialists Oppose N.E.C. Stand on Russia

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

BOSTON.—The Boston Central Branch and Boston Young People's Socialist League in a resolution has expressed opposition to the motion of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party condemning terrorism in Soviet Russia and in that land alone.

"We are opposed to terrorism, and we recognize that the Russian dictatorship has practised terrorism," the resolution says. "But we are opposed to singling out Soviet Russia for condemnation on the score of terrorism when terrorism is practiced in other countries such as Cuba, Hungary, Italy and British India against those opposed to the ruling regime in those countries. We believe that Soviet Russia is seeking to work out a system of running industry without profit to private owners, and as Socialists we cannot agree that terrorism practiced for such an object, which is essentially capitalist, merits our condemnation as much as terrorism practiced in support of a capitalist or imperialist dictatorship."

Lecture Calendar

MANHATTAN
Sunday, Feb. 1, 8:30 p. m. August Claassen, "Controlling Social Evolution," 96 Avenue C. Auspices, Socialist Party, 6th A. D. Branch.
Tuesday, Feb. 3, 9 p. m. S. Bottomley, "Nationalization of Banks," 6 Van Marnick Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, Chelsea Branch.

BROOKLYN
Monday, Feb. 2, 8:30 p. m. Leonard Bright, "The American Labor Movement," 124 Avenue C. Auspices, Socialist Party Branch.
Monday, Feb. 2, 8:45 p. m. Louis Waldman, "Our Recent Bank Failures," Kingsbridge Heights, Jewish Center, 124 Avenue C. Auspices, University Avenue, Auspices, Men's Club.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p. m. William Karlin, "Labor and the Law," 100 Madison Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, 3-5th A. D. Branch.
Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p. m. Esther Friedman, "The Versailles Treaty and its Revisions," 20 East Kingsbridge Road, Auspices, Socialist Party, 8th A. D. Branch.

BROOKLYN
Friday, Jan. 30, 8:30 p. m. Dr. William E. Bohn, "A History of World History," 3620 Church Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, 18th A. D. Branch 2.
Friday, Jan. 30, 9 p. m. Dr. Simon Berlin, "Morality, Social and Individual," 3620 Church Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, 18th A. D. Branch.

Sunday, Feb. 1, 9 p. m. Nathan Chavin, subject to be announced, 2202 Mervin Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, Coney Island Branch.
Monday, Feb. 2, 9 p. m. Samuel A. De Witt, "Contemporary American Poetry," 55 Snyder Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, 21st A. D. Branch.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30 p. m. Bela Low, "Organic and Social Evolution," 1637 East 17th Street, near Kings Highway, Auspices, Socialist Party, Midwood Branch.
Friday, Feb. 6, 9 p. m. Theodore Shapiro, "The Economics of Art," 218 Van Sicken Avenue, Auspices, Socialist Party, 22nd A. D. Branch.

Friday, Feb. 6, 9 p. m. William Karlin, "Signs of the Times," Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman Street, Auspices, Socialist Party, 23rd A. D. Branch.
Friday, Feb. 6, 8:30 p. m. Dr. Simon Berlin, "Morality, Social and Individual," 3068 East Third Street, Auspices, Socialist Party, Brighton Beach Branch.

Forward Ball Will Be Held February 21

Lopez, Fannie Brice to Be Among Entertainers at Gala Affair

THE great annual event known as the Forward Ball, will take place on Saturday evening, Feb. 21, in the 71st Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street. Established under the auspices of the Jewish Daily Forward a number of years ago, this affair has always been the largest gathering of Socialists and sympathizers in the course of the year. The affair is in the nature of a masquerade ball and attracts hundreds of artists and models in their infinite array of striking original and beautiful costumes both on the part of individuals and groups, making up all sorts of attractive tableaux symbolizing various phases of the class struggle, current events, and idealistic presentations.

\$2,000 in cash and other valuable prizes will be given to those presenting the most original costumes and tableaux.
Vincent Lopez and his orchestra will provide the dance music. Fannie Brice, George Jessel, Joseph Schildkraut will be among the prominent stars of the theatrical profession who will be present. Last, but not least, thousands of Socialists and their friends from New York City and from many miles around will gather for an evening of festivity.

Tickets are now in circulation. The price is \$1.00 in advance—\$1.50 at the door.

Tickets are now on sale at every branch headquarters, and all Party institutions including the Jewish Daily Forward, 175 E. Broadway; Rand School and Party office, at 7 E. 15th St., City.

Refer Job Insurance to Local Unions in City
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employment insurance. No one can reasonably dispute the existence of honest differences of opinion regarding this phase of relief. No proponent of insurance can find support for dogmatic claims regarding its contribution toward the elimination of unemployment. Facts strongly protest extravagant claims of its curative qualities. But by the same token, there is no reason to believe that its payment would create a nation of serfs or malingers. We, as a body, should guard against extravagant statements in both directions. We should diligently avoid accepting propaganda as facts. We can feel certain that, if unemployment insurance is adopted, we shall have to proceed by the process of trial and error to make it conform to national needs.

After referring to the three-part system of contribution in England and the scheme of employer-employee payments in Germany, the report comes out flatly against the plan proposed by Professor Commons of Wisconsin whereby selected industries set up mutual insurance funds to pay stated sums to those employed in those industries. The report expresses fear of company benefit schemes and of the failure of such devices when they are most needed. Since the Commons plan will be presented in the State legislature this declaration is looked upon with much interest.

None of the delegates took issue with any of the recommendations except the part referring to unemployment insurance. Vice-president Mulholland who was presiding informed those present that up to Monday night when the Executive Committee took up the question only two locals had endorsed unemployment insurance and informed the city central of the action. These two organizations were Typographical Union No. 6 and Lithographers' Union

No. 1. Delegate Leftkowitz of the Teachers' Union opened the discussion by pointing out that practically all the recommendations of the committee had been endorsed before. He was disappointed that the unemployment insurance question was still in the stage of discussion. There was no need for the Central Trades to wait until the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor had acted. The A. F. of L. is the mouthpiece of the trade union movement and cannot be that unless it knows what its constituent bodies think. He urged that organized labor agree upon the principle of unemployment insurance and then get busy on working out a definite plan to submit to the legislature. He added that unemployment will not be eliminated until the workers receive the full product of their labor.

Fania Cohen of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union argued that workers should receive wages during periods of unemployment just as owners of industry continue to receive dividends taken out of surpluses accumulated in good times. The unions she said could not afford to take care of the unemployed themselves. Their treasuries will be depleted and they will be unable to resist attacks of employers. She reminded the delegates that two large internationals represented on the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., the Machinists and the Electrical Workers, had come out flatly for unemployment insurance.

Delegates Woskow & Printing Pressmen's Union No. 51 called attention to the fact that the State Federation of Labor at its last convention had endorsed unemployment insurance. The Central Trades and Labor Council should let the Executive Council know what its position is. To delay action is to take a backward step.

Delegate Steinberger of the Bookkeepers' Union argued that if the central body had to wait until the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. should declare itself, then the committee on unemployment should not bring in a report at all. He asked that organized labor endorse the principle of unemployment insurance and then get busy and work out a bill, otherwise organized labor will be the tail of somebody's kite. Bills are being introduced in the state legislature anyway and labor will have nothing to say about them. Delegates Dorsey and O'Neill of the Lithographers wanted the Central Trades to inform the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. that New York labor was for unemployment insurance.

President Ryan and several other delegates who supported the report of the committee expressed the fear that unemployment insurance might be a burden upon industry in this state and drive industry out. Delegates Leonard Kaye of Pressmen's Union No. 23, Gaa of the Painters, Smith of the Electrical Workers and Jandner of the Cigarmakers pointed out that ease of transportation, adjustment to technological improvements and degree of unionization were the vital factors. Beside the burden upon industry argument has always been used to oppose all social legislation.

Hugh Frayne, organizer of the American Federation of Labor for the New York District, addressed the delegates. He said that it was necessary to have a uniform bill and that, therefore, one should emanate from the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. If the Central Trades were to adopt a proposal tonight, it would commit or at least embarrass other cities up-state. He then plunged into a severe criticism of reliance upon legislative action. The moment the unions permit the courts to deal with their economic problems, there is no child in the building, printing and needle trades, because the unions will not sign agreements to allow it. In the canning industry we have been trying for years to legislate against child labor but it still exists. If we had spent half as much time in organizing there would not be child labor in canning. What labor wants is to get jobs for workers not doles. The real remedy will not come thru the legislature but thru the unions just as the eight hour day and minimum wage.

Pa. Socialists Moves Job Insurance Bill

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ing for immediate results, the Socialist representatives plan to continue their present policy, inaugurated last week at the opening of the business of the Assembly, when the Socialists authored their scheme for a system of Unemployment Indemnity which was the most advanced legislative proposal for unemployment insurance ever advanced in concrete form and detail in an American legislature.

Hit Sedition Act
In a brief fifty word proposal introduced in the House, Darlington Hoopes moved the repeal of the Sedition Act of 1919 and its amendment of 1921. The Pennsylvania Sedition Act, fruit of the war hysteria is one of the few measures carried on the books of any state today which makes mere opinion, and adherence to a recognized political party espousing that opinion, a crime. Five communists are today serving jail terms under this tyrannical act and six more are under indictment. Under this simple measure sponsored by the Reading Socialist, Pennsylvania's statute book would be wiped clean of this shame to a supposedly free state.

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Sherwood Eddy, Leader Of 'Y,' Joins Socialists

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into that well-dressed, well-fed assembly he could hardly have created more consternation than his forthright acknowledgment that he was a working Socialist. And then just to be sure that no one would mistake what side of the fence Sherwood Eddy is to be found on in the future, the guest of honor pledged himself to fight for the following:

"Right relations between man and man in basic economic justice to provide the good life for all. The protection of workers from the four great risks of unemployment, accident, illness and old age. The restoration of an increasing share of the wealth created by society to the community for social purposes. Racial brotherhood that shall guarantee justice and the good life for all, regardless of caste or color, including legal federal protection against lynching.

"Right relations in clean politics in place of the bootlegging, lawlessness, violence, crime, racketeering, bribery and corruption in some of our cities, including the reform of our courts and prisons. Right international relations, including a re-study of the whole question of debt settlements, relief for Germany, now threatened with revolution; the recognition of Soviet Russia. To stop war and competitive preparedness for it and instead to prepare for peace by means as sane and effective to that and as the present means used in preparing for war.

A Leader of Students
"Right relations not only between man and man, but between man and woman, including an adequate program of sex education, alike for children and adolescents, for married people who desire it. And finally, right relations between man and God in religion, which must be vitalized, rationalized, moralized and socialized."

As a parting shot, Eddy announced that in the event of a new war he would be a "militant pacifist" and would join up with Einstein's suggested two per cent in vigorous opposition to any war.

This latest recruit to Socialism has been going about the world taking notes, interviewing all sorts and conditions of people, speaking for peace and a just economic order ever since he was graduated from Yale in 1891. He had an independent income and after leaving college went to India for the Y. M. C. A. at his own expense. He soon became an authority on Oriental affairs. For ten years he has conducted a part of social

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The State Convention of the Socialist Party of New Jersey held Sunday, Jan. 25, in the Finnish Branch of Jersey City. Fifty-three delegates representing seven organized counties and the state were present. H. of local Hudson County elected chairman of the con-

agenda prepared by the executive committee was read. It provided for a thorough analysis of the results of the election and a report on the condition of the party in Jersey by State Secretary P. Wittel. A report of Organizer Henry Jager on the state during the past year and the outlook for the year 1931; report of the state organizer for maintaining the party; ways and means for increasing circulation of the "New View," the state paper issued monthly by the committee and nominating a candidate for governor in Jersey.

report of the state secretary showed that the dues paying membership of the party had increased from 375 reported at the convention in Camden to 500 at the end of 1930, a gain of thirty more than 33 per cent. The vote cast for S. P. candidates in the November election of 1930 shows a most encouraging gain over the previous year. In 1928 the party had congressional candidates in but 3 of the 12 congressional districts in the state polled a total of 812 votes. In 1930 there were candidates in the 8 congressional districts a total vote was 3,949 nearly as many votes as were cast for congressional candidates in the previous election.

Assembly vote shows an encouraging gain. In 1928 the party had Assembly candidates in but 21 counties and polled a total of 1,885 votes. In 1930 the party had Assembly candidates in five counties and polled 3,016 votes. In 1930 there were candidates in seven counties a total of 5,234 votes were polled a steady increase in the number of votes over the past three years.

report of State Organizer showed that the time is ripe for advance action. The sentiment for socialism is growing among the masses and the opportunity is at hand for organizing and guiding the discontented masses for action against militant Socialist Party.

organizer reported that a branch with a charter membership of 45 members is in process of organization at Linden, N. J. County is organizing a new branch composed of workers in the trades. A new branch has been organized in Passaic.

the organized community is growing up for advance action. The sentiment for socialism is growing among the masses and the opportunity is at hand for organizing and guiding the discontented masses for action against militant Socialist Party.

Dallas, British Labor M.P., Appalled at Backwardness Of U. S. Labor Movement

On Return to England, Laborite Writes of
Amazement at Breadlines and Lack of Security—Praises Socialist Party and the Rand School—Sees Progress Coming

George Dallas, Labor member of the British Parliament, wrote these impressions on his return home after a tour of the United States.

By George Dallas, M.P.
London.

A PART from the friend who met me at the boat, the first person who spoke to me when I landed in the United States at the beginning of August asked me if I knew where he could get a job. I was completely taken aback. He was a comparatively well-dressed young man. He was well spoken. He had travelled 800 miles up from the cotton factories in the south. Those factories had been working day and night a year or so ago and were now only working two and three days a week. He had been a clerk, but like most Americans, was willing to work at anything but could find no work of any kind. He had spent two days in Washington looking for work but no job could be found.

A few days later the Government published some figures showing the number of people unemployed. Immediately the figures were published, the official who was in charge of the work of enumeration resigned. His reason for doing so was the unsatisfactory method of compiling the figures, which he contended gave no true indication of the number of people who were unemployed. For one thing, the figures were over six months out-of-date and second, no persons were counted unemployed if the factory or workshop in which they had been employed had been closed down temporarily, even if the factory had been closed for three or four months and all the time the workers were out of work. They were not counted as unemployed; they did not appear in the figures. Again, if a factory reduced its number of workers by two-thirds, but expected to restart when trade recovered six or twelve months hence, the workers paid off were not counted as unemployed.

I had an illustration of this kind of thing some weeks later when I visited Detroit, the great motor manufacturing and engineering centre. In this district a few weeks earlier 60,000 workers had been paid off owing to the slump in the motor trade. It looked then that they might be out of work for at least six or nine months, but none of them counted as being unemployed. They were temporarily suspended. Down in Washington district, and passing through some of the agricultural States in the Middle West, there were little or no visible signs of unemployment, although there was great distress amongst the farmers because of the depression in agriculture which was affecting American farmers as much as British farmers. In some cases, because of the prolonged and severe drought, resulting in the destruction of the corn crops, the farmers in the United States were worse off than our own farmers. Still, even in these agricultural states there was considerable unemployment in the cities in their midst. It was, however, in the big industrial cities like Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, that there could be no mistake as to the extent of unemployment. The signs could be seen anywhere. In fact, in a city like Buffalo the signs were tragic, factories and workshops everywhere shut up and closed. Whole districts quite desolate.

It was quite evident in traveling through the country that the unemployment situation was of a most serious character. There was, however, on outstanding difference in the attitude of the American people and the British people to this question. In the United States people had a very strong reluctance to discussing unemployment. Unless in a most casual way they refused to recognize that there was any such thing as an unemployment problem. They have evidently considered the United States as synonymous with prosperity. I discussed unemployment in the course of two months with hundreds of people in all parts of America. In every case, almost without exception, the subject was brought up by myself. In two cases I talked to two big business people in different parts of the country. They both said, without any hesitation or disguise, there are over 5,000,000 unemployed in the United States. One person in Detroit said there could not possibly be less than 8,000,000 unemployed.

There being no accurate method numbering the people out of work no one can really tell the extent of unemployment. The condition of those out of work is deplorable. I heard lots of people talk about the demoralization of the "dole" in Great Britain without understanding anything about our system of

Unemployment Insurance. In the United States the unemployed have to depend entirely on private charity when they get it. One of the local Socialists in Buffalo pointed out a place to me where this year an unemployed man had stolen a few loaves of bread. He was a young man who had been out of work for some time. With his wife and a younger brother he was in a state of complete starvation. He went into a baker's shop, seized some loaves and ran off with them. A policeman who saw him drew his revolver and shot him dead on the spot.

In all the big cities there are voluntary charitable funds from which grants are made to help the unemployed. In those cities there are long queues of people waiting on getting assistance. These queues are called "bread lines." There may or may not be objection to what our opponents call the "dole," but what a horrible barbaric system in comparison to have young women with their babies in their arms standing for hours in queues in the middle of winter waiting on doles of bread for themselves and their children.

There is, however, a growing recognition amongst various classes of people that the nation no longer leave this question to private charity. In social legislation, however, the United States is at least a generation behind the times. Whilst the various Socialist groups in the different states all advocate social insurance for the unemployed, it is a curious fact that many of the Trade Union leaders are strenuous opponents of unemployment insurance. It would, in their judgment, undermine the sturdy independence of the American working man. It would astound the average Trade Unionist in this country to realize how reactionary is the American Trade Union Movement. It is extremely doubtful if the American Movement is as far advanced as the British Trade Union Movement of the last century. In all probability, economic conditions from now onwards will compel the American Trade Unionists to change their outlook on social and political affairs. This wave of unemployment is more severe and will continue for a longer period than any previous depression from which they have suffered.

The poverty and destitution may also make the American Trade Unionist feel the necessity of some independent political party. It is pitiable to see a nation of 120,000,000 people suffering from the effects of an effete capitalist system without a powerful conscious working-class political party to point the way out. There are, through the United States, heroic little bands of Socialists striving to build up a strong Socialist Party. The General Secretary of the American Socialist Party, Clarence Senior, is a young man brimful of energy and enthusiasm, bravely helped by his keen young wife. An indication, however, of the strength of the party (though it is growing) is evidenced by the fact that the secretary has difficulty in getting sufficient party subscriptions to pay the expenses and salaries of the central office in Chicago. The League for Industrial Democracy with headquarters in New York is run by Socialists, and for years has been doing splendid work, much like the Fabian Society in days gone by. Dr. Harry Laidler has for many long years been the staff and inspiration of this splendid organization. A good deal of its work has been done in the colleges and universities. The most alert and alive Socialist center in the whole American Continent is the Rand School of Social Science in New York. Here research work is done, classes are run, lectures are delivered. They have one of the finest Socialist bookshops in the world. It is doubtful if anywhere there is a busier hive of Socialist activity. Algernon Lee, who is the principal and head of this magnificent institute, deserves every possible credit for developing and carrying on the wonderful work they are doing for Socialism.

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11:15—Jazzmaster Programme
11:30—Friedelers Home Beautiful
11:45—Brandenburg's Black Diamonds
12:00—Sullivan Melodians
12:15—B. & C. Collegians
12:30—Dr. Lunenburg—Tall Tales
12:45—Minchey Melody Makers
1:00—Rappoport, Jap and Lac
1:15—Radio's Dancers
1:30—Gross Musical Gems
1:45—Prof. William H. Bridge—
"What Need Children Know"
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10:45—International Musical Moments
11:00—Marie Van Gelder
11:15—"Lucia di Lammermoor"
11:30—Fritzie Ward, Soprano
11:45—Singer's "Movie Parade"
12:00—George Goebel—"A Fool Asks Questions"
12:15—Milton Fiske and Playboys
12:30—James Audubon, Tenor
12:45—Leahy for Conqueror
1:00—Political Action
1:15—Smith and Lehman
1:30—Loy Condit and Orchestra
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2:00—Rappoport and Eller
2:15—Hanson's Talk on Dogs Lost and Found
2:30—Palmer Laughlin, Baritone
2:45—Shells and Chorus
3:00—Sammy Friedlander, Blind Songster
3:15—Ida Palmer, Women's Peace Society
3:30—Charles Hovey, Flute
3:45—Dan Roth, Baritone
4:00—Thompson and Thompson—Harmony
4:15—Sally Biles, Tenor
4:30—Theodore Whitman, Violinist
4:45—Clara Biles, Violoncello
5:00—Rev. H. J. Hartman
5:15—"Service"
5:30—Vera Muller, Soprano
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Annual Meeting Elects
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of Directors

THE annual meeting of the Union Health Center last Friday proved to be a most encouraging affair. The attendance was more than gratifying. Rose Schneiderman, James Quinn and Louis Schaeffer mingled with representatives from some of the largest labor organizations in the city. The Women's Auxiliaries to the various crafts affiliated with the Union Health Center were there, as was the Women's Trade Union League, and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, including Fania Cohen, Brothman, Spelman, Wander, Kurtzman, Levy, Perlmutter, Fremend, Fried and others. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Miller and Louise Bottstein.

Dr. Geo. M. Price, Director of the Union Health Center for the last eighteen years, stated that while the Union Health Center is doing its work under the handicap of a deficit, it might have feared worse, due to the financial crisis in the labor organizations. The financial condition of the institution, however, is serious and he urged the incoming Board of Directors to find a solution to this immediate problem. He further stated that the Dental Department under the direction of Dr. Max Price has held its own during the past year.

Pauline Newman reported for the Publicity and Education Department. She stated that in spite of the very trying situation in the labor unions, she had succeeded in securing the affiliation of ten large organizations, whose members and families, by using the facilities of the Union Health Center, help to keep it going. She reported further that she had spoken to large numbers of unions, and has distributed thousands upon thousands of pieces of literature. She expressed gratitude to the labor press, especially The Forward and The New Leader for opening their columns to the Union Health Center. She also acknowledged the interest of Max Danish, editor of Justice. She stated the forthcoming conference on labor and health to be held on April the 24th, at the Russell Sage Foundation promises to be a most interesting gathering. The sponsors of the conference include men and women who are respected for their interest and sincerity in all their activity. As soon as the list is completed they will be published. The speakers will include representatives of the labor movement and the profession.

The following have been elected officers and members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year: Chairman of the Board, Samuel Perlmutter, local 10, I.L.G.W.U.; Vice-Chairman, Albert E. Castro, Lithographers Union; Secretary, Thomas Mawson, Letter Carriers Association; Treasurer, Harry Wander, I.L.G.W.U.; Dr. Geo. M. Price, Executive Director; Members of the Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, L. Levy, Nicholas Kurtzman, Joseph Spelman, Samuel Fremend, Max Cohen and Boris Drazin, Electrical Workers Union No. 3, Frank Wilson; Women's Trade Union League, Rose Schneiderman.

has been organized A charter for Circle Two will be issued shortly. Circle One is continuing its work while educational programs and is helping the unions. A shipment of clothes to the Danville textile strikers has been made.

Reading, Pa.
The circle devoted its meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, to child labor. The Reading Yipsels are busy rehearsing a scene in the play "Red Rust," which is to be presented at the Orpheum, Feb. 1. Their next meeting will be held on Feb. 8.

FREE YOUTH STARTS DRIVE
The Youth Publishing Association, publishers of Free Youth, has started a subscription drive for 5,000 readers. The yearly rate will be 50 cents. Special rates will be given to Youth organizations and Yipsel circles if Free Youth will be bought in bundle lots. The first issue of the new Socialist youth semi-monthly will be out on the 15th of February. The first meeting of Free Youth distributors was held today Saturday, Jan. 31. One circle in New York City has pledged to buy and distribute every second week 500 copies. The association has arranged to cover a number of factories where there are employed hundreds of young men and women. Another circle plans to cover weekly a large biscuit bakery with copies of Free Youth. Circles are requested to send their bundle orders and individual subscriptions to the Free Youth office immediately. Address all communications and articles to Free Youth, Room 601, 7 East 15th street, New York City.

Newark, N. J.
Newark Y. P. S. L. continues its varied activities. Every Thursday evening, Henry Jager lectures to the group on Socialism and Economics. Friday night meetings are business and educational with an occasional social evening. The secretary has issued an invitation to forty organizations of young people in Newark and vicinity to a preliminary committee meeting for the purpose of planning a general youth conference on peace. This meeting will be held in Room 165, Lefcourt Building, Newark, N. J., on Monday evening, Feb. 9.
Oned to Speak in Brownsville
Continuing his answer to the "Millitants," which he began in last week's New Leader, James Onel will address

Campaign to Organize Button Workers Goes On

Despite the depression and the fact that a few of the shops have refused to sign the old agreement and locked out their employees, the Button & Novelty Workers' Union continues to wage a campaign for a better organization of the industry. Some of the owners of the locked-out shops are employing guerillas against the union

An Education Be Exciting?

There is a building on a quiet side street in New York before which the visitor stands with somewhat bewildered air. It is the new home of the New School for Social Research.

Designed by Joseph Urban, it is as our colleague Shipley points out, easily "the show building of the town." The exterior is somewhat after the fashion of the new type of German factory building, with everything sacrificed for window space. I do not think it quite comes off. But the interior is to represent a tremendously exciting and it is here that the parade Shipley and I fall out.

After paying tribute to the sunken dance studio of the egg-shaped auditorium, Shipley says: "Let's go to the working departments." On the second floor, the directory states, are the class rooms. Could find them? I saw only lecture halls of different sizes; quantity classes are evidently the aim of the education. Quite in line with the theories of last civilization. But Tom Benton's murals were general less quantity; they bear down upon you, roar New Joy, overwhelm you, in a room one-third the size of the lecture hall. They demand for proper viewing. Conceded that State is Benton's fault; here's the lounge! Delightful work, a double stairway and wide opening to the and library reading room, so deftly arranged and designed in color that one almost imagines the books kept on those two shafts of open shelf were counted and bound in colors to match. And what a pleasure state have one's sober study broken, every so often, by for bulldozed chatter, the gay laughter, perhaps the "The Nag of the cups, from the lounge above! How agitated you feel part of it all! Part of the great the state of eager adults, earnestly striving to make up for earlier lack of opportunity. Ain't life grand! New place indeed. To deny it is to put yourself as ignorant of the new tendencies, the new beauties in the arts. An effective show. Just as the information gleaned from the lectures there will make effective show, in what some call intellectual conversation. Looking at this building and the enraptured throng, makes one reflect that the New School education is not only showy but (perhaps because it is showy) profitable. The only thing one begins to doubt is that it is education. The architect, Joseph Urban, has achieved the effect of full, refined, innocuous urbanity."

Now evidently there would be little point in a discussion of architectural effects, if it were not that behind the fenestration of the New School, in the studied "urbanity" of interior there is, in the end, as acute a critic as Shipley, an indication of the trends of adult education in America.

He obviously believes that because students move in a milieu so blatantly modern, they will sacrifice some of that old-time solidity of thought and sobriety of study that one associates with true education. On the contrary I feel that the New School provides something which has hitherto been lacking in adult education, a spontaneity of color, a pace and go in the modern tempo. For adult education means anything, it means the education of new psychologies; a new attitude to life which the old formal disciplines failed to provide. Neither the austerity of the "red schoolhouse" nor the more recent tendency to prettify some of our public schools by hanging Perry prints and adorning their walls with portraits of our national heroes afforded the intellectual surroundings in which there could be free exchange of opinions or the incubation of ideas. Now comes the New School, adventuring, as far as any venture as architecture is concerned. Whether the same venturesome spirit will be shown in the instruction and there remains to be seen.

There is "loud chatter" and "gay laughter" in the lounge, so much the better. Good talk and laughter are fully as educational as copying from books what some other person has already stated for them, which seems to be the chief aim of some research. "The Drifter" in "The Nation" recently suggested that in place of any more schools of business, we establish a few Higher Institutions of "Business." I know that Shipley agrees with this point of view because he has just said so. Well, adult education can help put some intelligence into our misused classes, hooray for it. And if the New School seeks to "adult" education by means of eye-taking surroundings, again hooray for it. Times I wish we had in our own Socialist institutions more good taste. The idea that Socialism is best amid grimy, often revolting surroundings is to my mind pure hokum.

For "innocuous urbanity" well, we could use a lot of that around these parts. Rotations on the part of many otherwise common Socialists have kept some of regular men joining the Party. A lack of any sort of for other people's feelings, an attempt at hard-bolled in unconscious emulation of Communists, just plain, downright rudeness—plays of what, to put it mildly, we can only call "urbanity," militate heavily against us in the eyes of men and women we sorely need.

Not advocating that we rush up and embrace every new member of the Party or do any of the things Gaston acts. But there are certain courtesies of civilized living which it seems might well be observed by those professing to be persons. Time and again I have been a comrade who snarls at anyone who comes like a hound dog worrying a bone is a blow at heart. Sometimes after long conversation, such a "rough diamond" I have found is true. But if I were a recent arrival in ranks, expecting to find some sort of comradely, I wouldn't bother to dig beneath the surface but simply take it for granted that the man is a boor. And a bore as well, as are most

There are a lot of important matters that must be considered and the end of this diatribe is drawing

There's the debate between Heywood and Norman Thomas on the one side and Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays on the Mecca Temple, 131 West Fifty-fifth Street, Friday, January 30th, for which this is the last call. Get your tickets at the New School for Social Research, 112 East Ninth Street or the Rand School Bookstore.

There's the dance of the League for Mutual Aid and the New Webster Manor, 125 East Eleventh Street, next night, Saturday 31st, and the New York City Socialist convention on the afternoon of the same day where there will be plenty of discussion on the question of our attitude towards Russia.

With all these goings-on, all of us ought to be well occupied over this week-end.

McAlister Coleman.

From Our Foreign Correspondent

A Turn in the Tide for British Labor

By Fred Henderson
LONDON

THE position into which the British movement has drifted as a result of the ineffectiveness of our experiment in minority Government presents a standing temptation to all of us to see all our geese as swans, in our anxiety to discern any improvement in the position. Whether I am falling to this temptation and presenting a mere goose to you in mistake for a swan, time will show; but I am bound to say that with the reassembly of Parliament after the Christmas recess there does seem to be an improvement in the outlook.

It comes about in this way. The outstanding fact in the situation up to the end of the year was the complete and utter surrender of the MacDonald Government to Liberal party dictation; the exclusion of our own purposes from the legislative program at any hint of Liberal objection; and the impression made on the national mind by all this that we cannot be trusted to put up any sort of fight for our own purposes if the Liberals, who can make a majority in this Parliament against us, do not approve.

The new fact is that during the Christmas recess the Government has decided to risk it, and to introduce as one of the leading measures of the renewed Session a Bill in defiance of Liberal dictation against it. You will remember that after the general strike five years ago, a Conservative Government being then in power, passed reactionary legislation by means of which the trade union movement, depriving it of many of its rights of political action, interfering with its control of its own funds for political purposes, and making certain forms of strike action illegal. At the last General

Election we told the nation that one of the first things we would do if we became a Government was to restore these lost rights and release the trade unions from the handcuffs with which a master-class Government had shackled them.

Up till now, under peremptory Liberal orders, no attempt whatever has been made to fulfill that pledge; and this failure has been not the least of the factors which have angered so many of our own people against the Government. It is this trade union Restoration of Rights Bill which the Government has now decided to bring in, regardless of the fact that Liberal orders against it remain as peremptory as ever.

To be perfectly frank about it, you must understand that this is not an act of defiance standing by itself. It is part of a calculated Parliamentary manoeuvre. For side by side with this Bill, the Government is simultaneously bringing in another Bill for a change in our electoral system which the Liberals have been demanding. It proposes to set up the alternative-vote system of polling the constituencies, which the Liberals believe to be a change favorable to their chances at future elections. And the calculation is that they will not dare to throw the Government out until they have got this electoral change passed into law. If they throw the Government out on the Trade Union Bill, they would have to face the consequent General Election without the alternative vote; and since they fear that a General Election with the present electoral system unchanged would probably

wipe them out, it is reckoned that they will be compelled to let our Trade Union Bill go through as the lesser of two evils and the price paid for our surrender to them on the election-system question.

But though there is this sort of scheming behind it, the fact that the Government is for the first time standing up definitely to a fight for a measure which is really our own, and not just something which our opponents contemptuously allow us to bring forward because they know there is no kick in it, has created an excellent impression. There is nothing necessarily the matter with scheming so long as it is scheming for giving effect to something of our own real policy, and not merely scheming to hold office with nothing in particular coming of it. The Trade Union Bill itself is one to which the industrial side of our movement attaches great importance; but even more important than the Bill itself is the new attitude of the Government in standing up to a fight against what had become the intolerable Liberal demand upon it for a servile obedience to capitalist dictation. Here for the first time since we took office is a direct Government challenge to our combined opponents upon a major issue definitely related to the class conflict between masters and workers.

The introduction of this Bill, you will readily see creates a new situation on the reassembly of Parliament. I am not predicting what will come of it; possibly by the time this letter is in print the reassembled House of Commons

may have made decisions about it; and in any case the past year has been too full of disillusion to encourage premature views that our troubles are on the point of disappearing. But of the excellent immediate effect on the country of this Government stand for some right to call its own. There is no doubt whatever. That effect has been tested, and the test should encourage the Government to persist. The only bye-election during the past month has just been fought in Bristol, and it has been fought almost exclusively on this new decision of the Government. Our candidate was the new solicitor General, Stafford Cripps, who will have charge of the new Bill in the House of Commons, and practically all the election discussion centred on it.

And it is heartening to be able to record that it is very much the best bye-election result we have had since public opinion began to turn against us in the early part of last summer. We have held the seat with a huge majority; the combined vote against us is smaller than it was at the General Election; and though our own vote has also dropped, the fall is in nothing like the disastrous proportion in which we have been losing votes at bye-elections lately. The message to the Government is clear and ringing: "Now that you have found your courage, keep it and regain the national confidence you were losing."

All this serves to emphasize my appeal to my American comrades not to interpret the turn of British public opinion against the Government as being in any way

a national reaction against Socialism. I pointed out in my last letter that the MacDonald Government was not being judged and condemned for its Socialism but for its non-Socialism; that the verdict of the constituencies was not a verdict of resentment against the purposes of the Labour Party, but of discontent with the failure of the Government to make any headway with the achievement of those purposes. Under all the surface discouragements, I assured you that our electoral reverses revealed a strength rather than a weakness of Socialist purpose and intention; because the basic fact in those reverses has been the refusal of large masses of the electors to tolerate the shelving of Socialist action by a Government whose only electoral mandate was a Socialist mandate.

And here, promptly and with almost dramatic effect, is the clearest confirmation of that view. What this Bristol result shows is that it only needed a call by the Government for action on the lines of our own purposes to give us an immediate improvement in the electoral position. As this first sign of a Government intention to stand up to its job, even though it be only in a single particular, and associated at that with further compliance to the pressure of our opponents, our discouraged electors at once show a better response.

You never can tell what will come out of a piece of Parliamentary scheming; but on the whole I am inclined to the hope that my goose is a real swan after all; or at least a very promising cygnet, whose survival and growth will depend on the degree of courage with which it is nourished. The opening weeks of the reassembled Parliament will determine whether it is to be nurtured or strangled.

Scanning the New Books

Edited by LAWRENCE ROGIN

The Life Story of England's Best Known Writer

The Reporter Magnificent

By McAlister Coleman

WHEN Albert Einstein, George Bernard Shaw and H. G. Wells got together at a recent dinner in London, the owners of three of the most interesting minds in the world today were breaking bread together. The scientist, the creative artist, and the inspired reporter not the least among them.

So fashionable nowadays is it among our "young intellectuals" to dismiss Wells as a "mere journalist" that I hesitate to speak of him as a "reporter." But that he is, more and more so in these latter days, and because he is, this reviewer who believes that a bulk of the Wellsian reporting ranks high amongst the achievements of our times, welcomes a book that gives us the more intimate details of a most colorful life. Such a book is, "H. G. Wells," by Geoffrey West, (Published by W. W. Norton & Company, New York, Price \$3.00). For it is the usual fate of the reporter to remain anonymous. It is his business to stand on the sidelines taking notes and so far as possible to keep out of the picture. Of course, this is impossible in the case of Herbert George Wells. But there have been so many conflicting and in many cases contemptible stories told of Wells and his private affairs that it is good to have here a definitive biography that gives the man the proper perspective.

The biographer has from the outset chosen to concentrate on the day-by-day writings of Wells, giving us a mass of biographical material, some of it, I imagine, new and has as deliberately left out much of the background of the times through which he moved so momentously.

Of course, for readers of "The New Leader" some of the most compelling chapters will be those that treat of the career of Wells as a Socialist, the Coefficient and Fabian days, the disgust with the "quietism" of the Fabians, the return to the "New Republicanism" of his youth, the flirtation with the British Labor Party and the discovery that there was nothing but the old, unimaginative Parliamentaryism puttering away under Scotch Presbyterian auspices.

Today Wells is busied with his "New Bible." He has come a long, long way, fought many tough battles with poverty and sickness and the indifference of men. Now he leads the very best life in the world, "abundant, many-sided, satisfying upon every level and not in the least in its consciousness of work worthily accomplished and widely appreciated." He has taken unto himself the greatest assignment that any reporter ever tackled—a world history which tells the story of "mental synthesis and material co-operation, from the completely isolated individual life and death of the primordial animal to the continuing mental life and present day.

the social organization now growing to planetary dimensions, of the human species." Of this "The Outline of History," which has been bought, if not read by more than a million and a half people, is the first part. "The Science of Life," written in collaboration with Julian Huxley and his elder son, G. P. Wells, is the second and now he is at work on "The Science of Work and Wealth."

In this interesting fashion, Mr. West gives us his outline of the mental development of H. G. W.: (1) A development from the relative fatalism of "The Time Machine" to the assertion of mankind's practically absolute power given will—to control his destinies. (2) A growing insistence upon the need to devise means by which conscious human intelligence may gain and utilize that control. (3) An increasing realization of the transitory nature of all forms and institutions, and in particular, the change in political realities, pointing inevitably to a world organization brought about by the change of scale and economic range resulting from modern transport facilities. (4) The merging conception of the world situation as a continuous conflict between tradition and new conditions and the need for a new ideology to cope with the new conditions. (5) A movement from the acceptance of individuality as uniqueness to belief in a superhuman synthesis transcending and absorbing individuality in a growing and increasingly self-conscious collective Mind of the Race, in which Science represents the accumulated knowledge and men but transitory thoughts and which alone offers immortal (though impersonal) continuation and purpose.

I wish this book would be read by some of our own party dogmatists who live in their little worlds so far outside the magnificent Wellsian architecture. But I know that this will never be. Wells once kidded Karl Marx's beard and that makes him forever persona non grata. Just the same he is a great man and this is a good book.

Upton Sinclair Recovers From Serious Illness
PASADENA, Cal.—Upton Sinclair, noted Socialist novelist, has just recovered from an attack of hiccoughs which nearly ended his life. Sinclair was stricken with a violent spell of coughing while reading to a group of friends and the attack was not checked for four days and nights.

Sinclair had just finished a new book, "Roman Holiday," which is a novel based on the similarity between the social structure, traditions and customs of imperial Rome and the United States of the so the continuing mental life and present day.



H. G. WELLS
Drawn by Hugo Gellert.

Our Poetry

CHARLES A. WAGNER has gathered a good collection of "Prize Poems" (Boni Paper Books); though it seems bad taste for an editor to include a "prize poem" by himself when he leaves out a host of good poems that have won prizes in recent years (for example, Gwendolen Haste's in "The Nation"; the carelessness of this book may be seen from the fact that Mark Van Doren, who writes an introduction for "Prize Poems," and who was literary editor of "The Nation" when she won the prize, cannot spell Miss Haste's name). But while the sins of omission are great, the poems included are a good representation of our recent poetry.

Not of our best, for the best seldom wins prizes (there are a few exceptions to prove this rule). They are marked on the whole, by increasing subtlety, by analysis of persons or concentration of thought; and by social conscience. It's a jolly world, if you watch the sight.

And it's man's inalienable right To rot on a cross in Golgotha, forgot By God and men, or break apart and rot

In a rat-infested Flanders trench, Contributing his carcass to the stench. . .

This from Martin Feinstein's "In Memoriam" (Nation prize 1922) is seconded by the editor's war poem; and Thomas H. Ferrell has a grim piece, "This Foreman," about a man who has fallen from a steel girder. T. S. Eliot's "Waste Land" is here, with all its beauty of our barren civilization; and Forest and Robinson and a host of lesser lights but clear, such as Warren Gilbert's "The Joy Ride," a sudden baring of a "joy girl's" soul. Such a collection could hardly help being good; it could have been better.

"Firehead" (Payson & Clarke \$2.50) by Lola Ridge, whose "The Fifth-Floor Window" is in the prize poem book, was many persons pick for this year's Pulitzer award. It goes out of our time for its theme, being built of personification; but is wholly modern in character analysis and in line movement, reaching often to a rare beauty that makes the reading a rich experience.

JOSEPH SHIPLEY.

Fooling the Public

THE low state to which the ethics of bookmaking have fallen in this competitive profit-seeking world is sharply illustrated by the title "The Church of Industry" appearing without qualification on the jacket and cover of a book put together by Spender Miller, Jr., and Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher and published by Longmans, Green and Co. If the seeker after information in this field hastily buys this book, assuming according to the American usage that the term the church covers the whole field of organized religion, he will find too late, as did one student I know who could ill-afford the money, that it is limited to "an account of the Episcopal Church and the Church of England to Industry."

Of course he should have looked inside and found this out, but just what is the relationship of "the church" to industry when the buyer has to beware of the offerings of ecclesiastical authors. The complete mis-statement of the blurb, "Here we have in a single volume a record of the growth of the Christian Social Movement from the early decades of the Nineteenth Century—" cannot be charged entirely to the publishers. In their preface the authors state "The precise purpose of this volume, then, is to trace briefly the history of the Christian Social Movement as it developed first in England and subsequently in the United States. The subject is so vast that it has been found wise to limit the inquiry to it." Just what is a precise purpose that includes a vast field and then has been abandoned for a limited enquiry but is still announced as the object of the book?

The manifest confusion in this statement, however, only makes

Socialist Movie Show Postponed to Feb. 21st

The midnight movie show arranged by the Chelsea and Sunnyside, N. Y. C. branches of the Socialist Party has been postponed from this Saturday to midnight of Saturday, January 21st. The pictures will be "Cain and Artem," based on a Maxim Gorky story, Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms" an several short subjects. Tickets, at \$1 each, may be had from the Rand Book Store, 7 East 15th Street, or members of the Sunnyside and Chelsea branches.

Socialist Sunday School of Williamsburg

The opening term of the Socialist Sunday School of Williamsburg will start this Sunday, Feb. 1, at 167 Tompkins, at 10:30 A. M. All sympathizers and party members are urged to send their children to attend the Socialist Sunday School.

Tell them you saw their ad in The New Leader.

the title all the worse. That choice then leaves the authors either in the position of belonging to that wing in their communion which thinks that all other Protestants are not in a true church or of being the accomplices of the publishers in an attempt to push the sale of the volume beyond its own specially interested market.

Harry F. Ward.

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The Chatter Box

The Line

THE line grows,
It grows and swells,
The line of the jobless, the breadlines,
The clothesless, the houseless,
The line of the LESS!
Like the monster of fable that grew seven
Heads for every one it lost,
It stretches from cities, past factory towns,
Past farms, on and on,
And men fall in, and women, and children.
"Stop it," cry the well-fed, the smug,
The jeweled, "won't somebody stop it?"
The line grows,
It grows and swells.

A murmur rises from the line,
There are many murmurs, all familiar,
But this murmur, it is different,
It can't be, it is impossible,
Who ever heard of it,
It's inhuman, it's unnatural . . .
Laughter rises from the line!
The men laugh, and the women, and the children,
"Stop it," cry the fat boys, the politicians,
The line rocks with laughter,
"Stop it," scream the givers of charity,
The laughter becomes a shout, a thunder,
The line quivers,
The line moves—forward!

SOL PERRIN.

While the air is still reverberating with this Russian "pyatellika" or words to the same effect if my pronunciation is askew, it might only be fair to give this mite of comfort to the Social Democrats lately out of the Soviets.

It is in the form of a letter now being broadcast by Upton Sinclair in which he thoroughly repudiates the headquarters of the International Defense League, located at Berlin, which has just gone and done the usual Third International stunt of using names and facts without any authority in fact over their manifestoes.

Upton does not give the full import of the letter he objects to in which his name was used as a sponsor, but I gather from his indignation and haste to hawl the red rah-rah-rookies out of all the seven seas, that they just pulled a real raw one. Too raw for even so firm a friend of the Russian revolution as Upton has been all these trying years.

So there you are. We're damned if we do love them and we are just terrible if we hate them. All the more reason I guess to keep our heads and sit down on our passion, and just separate the grain from the chaff.

Geneva Gowns

I went to hear the parson in our town
(A shadow in a black Geneva gown)
And he was castigating rampant vice.
As though our social sinning were not vice.
His eloquence made all the guilty quail,
O, he was brave behind his pulpit rail!

On Monday I was hailed before the judge,
(He also wore a black Geneva gown)
His phlegm face was roiled like rancid fudge
And corrugated with a legal frown.
He said, "Three months will teach you not to fight!"
Then went to Murphy's wake and came home tight.

If it were not for gowns men wouldn't dare
To run their nasty fingers through my hair!
HARRY ELMORE HURD.

Wall Street

East of the clock of Trinity
The street is cleft through walls of stone
That may be more than masonry
But must be less than blood and bone.

Where is a man from noon to noon
To match his nerve and stand as he—
The iron Father, mute, immune,
Before this golden Treasury!

A tower splits the upper air
Above the swollen second block—
Manhattan's monument and prayer
By mortal hands reared out of rock!

Poseidon lounges on a ledge
Aloof to lords of lesser ponds:
To him a margin is the edge
On more than merely stocks and bonds.

Adown this street where Mammon walks
A passage cleft for only him,
Is common ground where money talks
In conference with seraphim.

CARL JOHN BOSTELMANN.

If it seems that I am making amends to my dear contributors by devoting so much of this column to their excellent efforts, let them know too that the pleasure is doubled, since everytime my space is so occupied there are those among our readers who have a thankful sigh as well. Not so much for the sight of good verse here, but because another week has gone by, and the Chatterer has left party problems, blisters and boils alone.

I need not complain here how often the blue pencil and the axe of elderly supervision has emasculated my work and my intent. I do not complain, because upon proper and careful conference with my critics of the interior, I have agreed upon the wisdom of deletion for one reason or another. The reasons have never been entirely satisfactory to me, but then who in Sam Hill and thunderation is "me." There has been muttering and even proposals to do away with this space on one score or another. I have clung to it out of sheer spite. I've never been fired from any job as yet. And I'm just a little too far advanced in life and vanity to enjoy a poke in the rear. However, Kerensky had his Lenin, Trotsky had his Stalin, and I hope for my genie of liquidation pretty soon.

That is of course, just as soon as I make up my mind that keeping mum about things that cry to the heavens for justice within our own ranks is next to being a member of Tammany Hall or the Vice Squad.

Perhaps, I won't be allowed to say it here. Perhaps, it would only be fair to the rest of the membership that I be treated with real democracy, and not be given an exclusive space for my own utterances while those whom I may attack or censure are left helpless for adequate reply in a paper that is inadequate in space at best.

This argument I have had neither the acumen nor the desire to refute. So for the nonce, poetry and idle comment.

Central Has Broadway's First German Talkie

The Stage

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In New Play at the Royale Theatre



That fine actor, Paul Muni, comes back to Broadway next week in "Rock Me Julie" which Green Gensler is bringing into the Royale Theatre. Featured with Muni is Helen Menken, and the cast which is big has many popular names in it.

A Gifted and Popular Artist of the Pianoforte



Considered one of the most enjoyable pianists in our midst, Alton Jones will be heard in a piano recital at Town Hall on Wednesday Evening, Feb. 11th.

"Ein Maedel von der Reeperbahn" to Have Premiere at the Central

Lilting tunes of characteristic German flavor are contained in the score of "Ein Maedel Von Der Reeperbahn," the latest talking picture importation from Germany, which has its premiere at the Central Theatre tonight, Friday.

This production is not a musical comedy but a vivid melodrama having its locale in the lighthouse on the Hamburg Coast. The musical numbers are introduced when in the course of the story the principal characters are transported to a cafe in the Reeperbahn district of Hamburg, a playground resort where sailors from the German fleet hoist their steins to the girls of Hamburg.

The stellar role in this product is played by Trude Berliner.

The German and Czechoslovakian Consuls and other attaches of the German Government in New York will attend the first presentation of the picture Friday evening.

the Jewish school, give scope for comedy, while "Farewell to Queen Sabbath," with folk songs, is such a dance festival as comes close to what such folk might wish in life itself. The enthusiasm with which Zemach's dances were received speaks in itself for the popularity of his school, of which he is an excellent exponent; and surely in the wide field of the art of the dance one may look at the two lines of the growth after Isadora Duncan, and feel that they are "both best."

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Around these personalities swirls a good satire of college days as too many college boys see them, cheering and jeering, careering and sneering, razzing and jazzing—amazing and hazing, and everything at fever heat—including last-minute study (the only kind, of course). Enough of a love story involving the dean's daughter, though not enough of Mary Lawlor's graceful dancing—pack all this into a play.

And with the play comes a comely chorus, deft in intricate and graceful dancing—the three State brothers again at their casual but clever hooding; and altogether an audience agreed that for good musical comedy: "You Said It!"

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Gilbert Miller, Impresario, Has a Distinguished and Glittering List of Hits to his Credit

Gilbert Miller, the internationally famous American producer who owns theatres in New York and London, and whose production of "Petticoat Influence," at Henry Miller's Theatre now is playing, is one of the commercial producers who also manages to make money out of putting on good plays.

To one ideal he is unwaveringly true. When he announces a new production, the theatregoer knows it will be discriminatingly cast, excellently staged, and played by the best actors and actresses money can secure.

In his selection of plays, he seldom cares to experiment with the works of untried playwrights, but offers the works of such established dramatic authors as W. Somerset Maugham, Ferenc Molnar, Noel Coward, Edouard Bourdet, Alfred Savoir, and Arthur Richman. One of his most recent acquisitions is "Marselles," by Marcel Pagnol, the young French school teacher, whose second successful play it is. Pagnol, it will be remembered, is the author of the popular "Topaze."

Every year Gilbert Miller goes abroad not once but several times, traveling widely on the continent of Europe and keeping in touch with all that is new in the theatres of England, Germany, France, and Hungary.

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Richard Barthelmess in "The Lash," thrilling romance of old California with Mary Astor, Marion Nixon, Fred Kohler and James Rennie is the screen feature.

step into the shoes of the late distinguished producer and succeed him as managing director. Their choice for the post was the young London manager, Gilbert Miller.

He still holds this office, although for some years he has been producing under his own name. A list of the successes he has had since 1921 would be too long to include, but some of them will go down in American theatrical history together with his name. In more or less chronological order they include Doris Keane in "The Czarina," Otis Skinner in "Ibany," "Blood and Sand," Eva Le Gallienne in Molnar's "The Swan," Ina Claire in Grounds for Divorce, Jane Cowl in Noel Coward's "Easy Virtue," Holbrook Blinn in "The Play's the Thing," Ethel Barrymore in "The Constant Wife," Bourdette's "The Captive," Jeanne Eagels in "Her Cardboard Lover," Ina Claire in "Our Betters," Billie Burke in "The Happy Husband," Leslie Howard and Margalo Gillmore in "Berkeley Square," Katharine Cornell in "Dissonance," and the world-famous "Journey's End," which he brought to America. It was he, too, who several years ago sponsored the New York engagement of Max Reinhardt's troupe of famous actors from Germany. A glittering and distinguished list, to which he expects to be able to add his newest play, "Petticoat Influence."

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Alton Jones, Noted Pianist, in Recital

Alton Jones, pianist, will be heard in a recital in Town Hall Wednesday evening, January 11. He will play Walter Nieman's Romantic Sonatas, "Opus 60." This will be the first performance in New York of this work. The program also includes compositions by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Chopin, Medtner, Rachmaninoff and Liszt.

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
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employment insurance as effectively possible. An announcement will shortly be made of the many activities in connection with this campaign.

23rd A. D.

At a well attended meeting of the branch on Friday, Comrade Dr. In-

man lectured on Russia. The lecturer was well received with considerable discussion following. Dr. Ingerman outlined Russia since the revolution. Her views seemed to be entirely different than those of the anchor. Preceding the lecture, Comrade Frank Crosswaith spoke, to the

branch on the necessity of organizing the Negro. Comrade Crosswaith's branch is running a dance on Lincoln's birthday Eve. The state unemployment insurance bill was read and referred to next week for discussion. The branch meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Brownsville Labor

branch membership was grieved to learn of the death of the mother of Benny Katz, one of the most active members of the branch.

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members of the Jamaica Branch will be called to a special meeting to consider ways and means of carrying on an efficient campaign in that section of Queens County included in the Congressional District. Comrade Seal, who is the candidate, is also member of the branch.

T. Flynn at Ethical Culture

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house of the Ethical Culture So-
ciety, 2 W. 64th St. The lecture
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