Timely Topics

By Norman Thomas

Chicago's Political Burlesque—Respectables and Mu-nicipal Misgovernment—New York's Scandals and Its Governor—In Congress—Muscle Shoals and Unemployment

CHICAGO. AM just leaving the city which Big Bill Thompson says he built. AM just leaving the city washes and the chicago primary campaign is, you can't dismiss it simply with contempt for the Chicago brand of urban democracy. Thompson's

principal opponent, Lyle, candidate of the 'responsible" Tribune to clean up the city, is from all that one hears in Chicago no better than Thompson, quite as much of a demagogue, less likely to give the Negroes and other national groups "a break," and at least 23 open to question as to his personal character. So billingsgate and libel suits flourish. Both principal candidates-especially Thompson-stage a good show. They've even got down to campaign meetings for "men only" and "women only" in Chīcago!

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The people like it? Yes, democracy of the esent order has its share of blame. But not far away is Milwaukee where the people Norman Thomas like something infinitely better and have it. Cincinnati has a progressive city manager on a plan democratically established and likes him. Detroit had a real election, not a

circus, when it chose Mayor Murphy. **PUSINESS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

THE biggest trouble in Chicago, as in New York and Philadelphia, is that the rich and powerful and on the whole the "respectables" generally, while they may not like Thompson's circus, or Capone's gang, or New York's vice revelations, would rather have Thompson or Tammany than take a chance on a real program of municipal Socialism which might arouse the masses. If the Thompson gang or Tammany get some graft, well, don't they earn it by keeping the masses amused and quiet for the benefit of landlords and utility magnates? Haven't the Insulis got what they

wanted from Thompson?

In other words, it will take aggressive Socialism to stir our great metropolitan center against the Democratic and Republican rings. In Chicago the party is slowly gaining ground. There may be a chance of our electing one Alderman. Collins for Mayor heads a ticket a Chicagoan can vote with clear conscience when the election comes around.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE

IT IS a great pleasure to see the activity at the National party office. Things are happening. Clarence Senior and his young helpers are doing a real job!

ROOSEVELT LOOKS TO 1932

AM a little out of touch with New York affairs, but it looks as if New Yorkers couldn't be very high hat about Chicago. Gov-If New Yorkers couldn't be very high hat about Chicago. Governor Roosevelt's move for an investigation in the Magistrates' courts in Brooklyn and Queens is good, but belated. I suspect that the Governor knows that if he wants to be president he will have to look a little independent of Tammany and McCooey, which it is fairly safe to do now that he is reelected. When will he think it safe to tackle our banking department and our inadequate banking laws? And what does he think of the adverse report of the Senate Committee on that Niagara treaty with Canada, which he so enthusiastically praised? We Socialists were the first to point out that this treaty or the agreement with the Niagara Power Company under it was not a victory as Roosevelt claimed over the company, but another big gift to it. The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has been slow. We need a new treaty with Canada to protect the falls. But we don't want it at the price of ion to a private company which Roosevelt approved.

THE N. Y. BOSSES STICK TOCETHER.

A bright light on the cynicism and moral rottenness of both old parties. Every Democrat hears his master's voice and votes to defeat an investigation that his party rightly fears. The Republicans can't make a real case for investigation because they fear investigation upstate, where in one small county one of their officials has got away, it is charged, with more than \$80,000. And imagine Sam Koenig as an authority on good government in New York City! Maybe some Republicans aren't as sorry as they prefend to be that Republican Boss Ward, of Westchester, stands by Democratic Bosses Curry, McCooey and Flynn, of New York City. Its bosses need to stick together.

SCLE SHOALS UP TO HOOVER
NONGRESS did a good job in passing the Muscle Shoals bill for
government operation of the power plant and transmission of The compromise which provides for leasing of the fertilizer ant to a private company which will have a bonus of 15 per cent. ore power than it needs for making nitrate for fertilizer is another matter. It seems by no means sure that Muscle Shoals is or can be equipped for the most economical way of producing nitrate for fertilizer, or that if it is a new fertilizer plant is needed at a time when existing plants claim that they can produce about twice the probable annual demand for fertilizer. To be sure, cheap fertilizer for farmers is important, but power rather than fertilizer is the chief useful product of Muscle Shoals. Now it is up to ver, who can use the old trick of a pocket veto if he so desires.

CONGRESS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

VER this Washington's Birthday, as I write, it would seem pretty certain that a Congress which could find money for an extension of the control o immense army and navy budget could do nothing specific for the immediate war against unemployment. It did finally pass the Wagner bills for counting the unemployed and for setting up a reserve fund for future public works. It appropriated no m toward state unemployment insurance, no money for direct relief of the unemployed-unless they happen to be war veterans-who need help now while other plans are being set up, and it made no great appropriation for public works over and above those which could have been begun anyhow. It is a shameful record. But what expect when the workers demanded so little and the A. F of L. did not even ask unemployment insurance?

"TAKE IT FROM THE STARS"

WE call this an age of science and some times an age of unbelief. Yet Evangeline Adams gets big money from the radio and otherwise for telling how the stars in infinite space shape our little destinies. And the Chicago Tribune, "the world's worst pardon, great—newspaper," gives away \$25,000 weekly in prizes from \$500 down to \$10 for Zodiac reading. All you have to do is to send in your name, address, birthday and "ambition." Doris Blake and the stars do the rest. The winners who have "the most interesting readings" all have noble ambitions, like taking care of homeless children, being a good wife and mother, etc. The readso general that they could be made to fit almost anyone. But \$10 is \$10 and \$500 is \$500; these are hard times and so the But \$10 is \$10 and \$500 is \$500; these are nard times and so the names pour in. A credulous generation lets the stars do it. No wonder we don't make a better record in the struggle for plenty, peace and freedom!

DEEPLY regret that my Mother's illness compelled me to cancel I DEEPLY regret that my Mother's illness compelled me to cancel certain dates. I hope to make it up to my South Dakota and lowa friends later on.

Thrift Is Delusion,

How the bankers fool the pub-lic with talk about thrift is shown of the use of twenty per cent of

put \$100 in the bank in 1896 at 41/2 flation

per cent compound interest, would today have about \$300. But that Prof. Fisher Shows \$300 would only be worth \$80 at 1896 standards. The worker by by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale in his latest book, "The Money Illusiatest book," The Money Illusiatest book, "The Money Illusiatest book, "The Money Illusiatest book," The Money Illusiatest book, "The Money Illusiatest book," The Money Illusiatest ion."

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Penn. Blocks Bread Cost

Socialists Cause Conster-

By Arthur MacDowell

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The two
Socialist members of the political observers on Capitol Hill.
The Socialists have, aside from incoduction of bills and two iutions and the careful answering of roll calls, not taken the floor of the Assembly or taken any extensive part in debate. The day following the Governor's address to the Assembly on unemploy-ment, Rep. Hoopes had risen to a ment, Rep. Hoopes had rest point of personal privilege to read a challenge on behalf of the Socialists of the Governor's claim Hosiery Worker Shot by that existing relief measures were sufficient to meet existing unemployment crisis. The Socialist leader on behalf of himself and Lilith Wilson declared that Rep. Limit relief of a genuine and effective relief of a genuine and effective character was obtainable only through state-wide, compulsory unemployment insurance such as was employment insurance such as was hostery worker, was shot to death and three companions, all on strike companions, all on strike companions. troduced by the Socialists. Clip-pings from Harrisburg papers of the morning following the Governor's assertion which told of the suicide of an unemployed family head and the confession by local welfare associations that they had spent the major portion of their budgets in the single month of

On Feb. 16th, Rep. Hoopes sub-nitted a resolution calling for an nvestigation of the high price of oread in Pennsylvania by the State Department of Agriculture. The resolution was laid over for printing. Wednesday Hoopes called p his resolution and in a sharp speech called for its adoption, Rep. Furner of Delaware moved to committee because of the request for an appropriation contained in it. Hoopes turned the laugh on the Delaware member by interrogat-ing him as to his reason for fail-ing to make a similar motion on his own resolution for an endorse-ment of the present Senate inves-tigation of utilities. He intimated that the motion to commit was memotion to "pickle."

The vote to commit was apparently passed on a yea-nay vote and the Socialist members at once moved for a roll call vote. The roll call proceeded in a half empty House and it was not until the Wayn 2.800 calling of the roll was more than half completed that political leaders awoke to the significance of being on record hostile to inquiry of the cost of bread. Then the leader of the Pinchot Republican forces, after hurried consideration, delivered a hearty "no" on the motion to commit; but it was then too late. The majority of both the Philadelphia and Pinchot Republican factions present were already on record. The news spread around the Capitol and was great House on record as opposing in-vestigation of the price of bread". One

Pellagra, Flu, Hunger Ravage Strikers' Homes

submitted to Washington head-quarters of the National Women's Investigation Trade Union League by Miss Matida Lindsay, its organizer at Danville, Va., show that pellagra, flu and hunger are ravaging the homes of the 4,000 textile workers nation by Putting Old who went on strike in the Danville mills last September, and who Party Legislature on called off the contest on Jan. 29. ex-strikers has thus far consisted in giving help to 365 families in one week and 300 families the past There are 1,500 cases of

Girl Striker Is Killed In Stroudsburg

Strikebreakers-Phila. Strikers Undaunted by Arrests

against the Mammoth Hosiery Co., were injured when fired upon by three scabs at Stroudsberg, Tuesday, Feb. 24.

A heavy rifle, a .32 calibre revolver, and a shotgun were the weapons used.

Although the shooting took January were also made part of the record.

Record Vote Asked

Record Vote Asked following morning, and the sheriff had not planned to make any. He was forced to act by pressure from a citizens' committee. Those ar-rested are John Dago, Clark Miller and Robert Arnold. They are held without charges pending the inquest.

The funeral on Saturday, Feb. 28, was attended by numerous mit to the Appropriations cor- members of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery

One hundred and fifty workers are still on strike. Their demands include no discrimination against strikers and revocation of a 20 per cent wage cut, which would bring the scale back up to within 10 per cent of the union rate.

MANY ARRESTS IN PHILA. (By New Leader Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA. - A militant waging a militant strike. union waging a militant strike. That's the story of Philadelphia's

When 2.800 operators walked out Monday morning from 30 open shop mills in the Kensington district of the city at the call of the full-fashioned workers' union, the courage of their action was reechood repeatedly in the stirring developments that followed.

men held the story awaiting expected retreat. It came. Numbers of members recorded as in morning. Wednesday it called one-

enn Moore, leader of the Pin- ond largest mill involved in the New York State has pitched inforces, who control the strike, scared the owners of the to the Socialism Forward Drive (Continued on Page Two) (Continued on Page Five)

An Announcement

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In Activity

Contributions Increase Markedly - Sinclair Sends Senior 11,000

(By a New Leader Corresponder.s)

CHICAGO,—The Socialism Forward Drive mail has been ARRISBURG, Pa.—The two flux and a rapidly growing number of the house of Representatives have pulled a coup that is the reason for much chuckling on the part of political observers on Capitol Hill. The Socialists have, aside from in.—The two two flux and a rapidly growing number of swelled during the past week by a buge increase in the answers to require the political observers on Capitol Hill. The Socialists have, aside from in.—The two two flux and a rapidly growing number of swelled during the past week by a buge increase in the answers to require the political observers on Capitol Hill. The Socialists have, aside from in.—The two two flux and a rapidly growing number of swelled during the past week by a buge increase in the answers to require the part of cases of the hunger-disease, pellagra, among the children. Only about 150 of the former strikers because the pulled a coup that is the reason political observers on Capitol Hill.

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"If the results from the Drive have up to the present, we will make our goal of \$50,000 by May Day in spite of unemployment and the actual physical distress of some of our members," Norman Thomas, who was in Chicago on a peaking tour, said.

"New friends are being gained by the Drive, and localities there has been no Socialist organization for years are now begin-ning to organize. If those who can afford any sum at all will only con. tribute their share as willingly as some comrades who have made real sacrifices for the sake of Socialism, the success of the Drive and a real 'come-back' for the party are assured."

Funds Are Needed to Carry on Fight for ty are assured."

50 New Locals Possible

"Already over one dozen former party members or sympathizers party members or sympathizers have written the Drive headquar-"We are using many lists of persons who had no contact with the party for many years and who ute or to help in any other way to send them to Drive headquar-

cago, Illinois, immediately.

"If everyone will help, we will not only raise our year's budget of \$50,000, but we can also have FIFTY NEW LOCAIS ON OUR

Maryland in the fall election: Fred wise. Gendral, Brookwood graduate who is now Pennsylvania state organizer; Joseph Hamburger, Jimmle Higgins contestant; John E. Sala, state secretary of Minnesota; C. A. Bushnell, member of the Colorado S.E.C.; Bruno Wagner, American agent for the International Federation of Trade Unions; and N. Chanin, president of the Work- will save it.

men's Circle.

Duplication Unavoidable

estigation of the price of bread". One mill, the Quaker, owned by With few exceptions, newspaper. the notorious union-hating Bromson happens to receive more than son happens to receive more than one letter he should remembr that

Pellagra, Flu, Hunger Ravage Strikers' Homes WASHINGTON, (FP)—Reports Brings Spurt Washington headWashington head-Takes Shape Again; U. S. Court Gives Aid

Socialist Branches Urged to Propose Agenda Items for National Conference June 19 to 21

CHICAGO,—The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party having definitely set the date for the National Conference as June 19-20-21, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a call has been issued by Morris Hillquit, national chairman, asking all locals and branches to notify National Headquarters within the next month of the items they wish placed upon the agenda of the conference. A preliminary agenda containing resolutions adopted by the branches and locals will be prepared and submitted to all subdivisions of the party for further amen

and revision. All suggestions should be sent to National Head-quarters, Socialist Party, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Il. The Washington meeting of the N.E.C. will determine the basis of representation from the states.

Labor Conference Sunday Will Plan WEVD Defence

Free Speech Station

ters in response to letters, expressing joy over the advances the Washington, D. C. against the secparty has made lately, and asking for information and assistance
in forming a local." According to
Clarence, Senior Drive Director:
"We are using many lists of per"We are using many lists of per-March S. in Washington. Among the organizations wh

have sent in protests, are not only now want to get back into the fight for a better world at a time when that fight looks more hope. when that fight looks more hope. all Socialist and progressive move-ful than it has in the past dec-ade," he said. He urged all per-sons possessing lists of persons who might be inclined to contrib-eral interests of all workers' ters, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chi- station was founded, Eugene Vic- the law concerning cellar and carrying out their plans and the tor Debs.

BOOKS!"

Among those who have sent in lists during the past week are Upton Sinclair, who sent 11,000 names; Elizabeth Gilman, member of the Drive Committee and Socialist candidate for Governor in Maryland in the fall election. Fred where the Committee on City Affairs.

The United Textile Workers of America, the resolution being signed by the president, Thomas ing standards. A number of civic and welfare organizations oppose these bills at a hearing before the Sentence Committee on City Affairs.

Wednesday, at Albany.

The station, according to a statement issued by Norman Thomas, Morris Hillquit and G. August Gerber, the active officers of the radio station, is in very and which require a toilet for

Every organization is urged to motion to commit; but it was then too late. The majority of both the Philadelphia and Pinchot Republican factions present were already on record. The news spread around the Capitol and was greeted in the Senate by profane amazement, one Senator inquiring as to "Who in H—— put the House on record as opposing in their attempts to break the vestigation of the price of bread".

Duplication Unavoidable
Although all lists that can possibly be checked against each of the old refined in the United Although all lists that can possibly be checked against each of the price of Philadelphia.

Strangely enough, their old for amazement, one Senator inquiring as to "Who in H—— put the House on record as opposing investigation of the price of bread".

One mill, the Quaker, owned by Prominent speakers as well as (Sen. No. 316, Assb. No. 484 "trust." This was a scheme one of the country's most famous amending Sec. 216). This restores hereby some two score companies

radio commission has involved the parts of the City. station in a costly contest. Detherals ranks for its main support. to Station WEVD, Debs Memorial Radio fund, 45 West 45th street, New York City. They will be acknowledged promptly.

Family Relief in Cities Grows Rapidly

WASHINGTON. - Eighty-four

On Housing Standards

Tammany Commissioner Fosters Bad Bills— G. O. P. Man Offers Another

legislation passed during the last fiance of the court order movements in the best spirit of the multiple dwelling law committed had been violated. Meanwhile, the the man in whose memory the tee are passed. The Bills to amend two companies have proceeded in the tee are passed. The Bills to amend two companies have proceeded in tions demanding that the station be permitted to operate, include the United Textile Workers of Amarica the Control of the Con ing standards. A number of civic and welfare organizations oppose these bills at a hearing before the more than other corporate inter-

The only two measures of a constructive nature offered and deserving of passage are those which would prohibit the use of windowof the radio station, is in very serious danger of being forced to

Objectionable Bills

The Multiple Dwelling Law, as amended in 1930, prohibits cellar Every organization is urged to participate in the protest confer- occupancy. It permits basement of the oil refined in the United

stands in urgent need of financial assistance. The decision of the law, and which still exist in many dependents out of business. So

three features to this bill which court actions and hostile form to the present law, where secret existence until the Obio such basement rooms are used in courts began to attack it again. conjunction with the entire floor It was then that the Rockefeller above by the same family. This and allied interests decided to would permit the use of rooms change their giant into a new without windows in basements for form. Presto! The Standard Oil sleeping purposes. Furthermore, Company of New Jersey was inunder the definition of a "family." corporated under the lenient New contained in the Multiple Dwelling Jersey laws with a capital stock American cities having 50,000 or more population spent a total of \$3,641,925 for family relief in November, 1930, as compared with requirements to be used, provided to the trustees, who now became the requirements to be used, provided to the trustees, who now became the requirements to be used, provided to the trustees, who now became the requirements to be used, provided to the trustees, who now became the requirements to be used, provided to the trustees, who now became the requirements to be used, provided the requirements to be used. Law, as many as four boarders of ten million dollars. It was a vember, 1930, as compared with requirements to be used, provided directors of the new corporation only \$1,648,354 in November of 1929, according to an unpublished report which was submitted on Jan. 22, to the President's Emergency Committee for Employment (Continued on Page Three)

requirements to be used, provided directors of the new corporation. The company in addition went into the oil business on its own account. Words, would permit the use of (Continued on Page Three)

N. Y. Standard and Vacuum, Separated 20 Years Ago, Merge Again

NAT'L MONOPOLY NEAR POSSIBILITY

Congress Aiding Rockefeller Interests Fight Off Shell Union Competition

By Louis Stanley

HE revival of the Standard &! Trust supposedly dissolved by court decree in 1911 seems assured. The inability of govern-ment to prevent the trustification of industry is again demonstrated and the contention of Socialists that nationalization is the only colution for the evils that arise under capitalism is once more up-

Two of the Standard Oil companies that were among those sep-arated by the dissolution order twenty years ago have reunited. They are the Standard Oil Com-pany of New York and the Vacum Oil Company. On February, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis gave these THERE is grave danger that old General Petroleum Corporation. tenement dwellers in N. Y. C. The merger had been announced a will be deprived of the benefits of year ago, on February 21, in detwo years, if bills sponsored by the decades ago. The United States Tammany Tenement Commissioner, Deegan, or those prepared by ground that the dissolution decree stock of the General Petroleum

Standard Oil-First Trust ests for the anti-trust laws on our statute books. John D. Rockefeller entered the oil business only three years after the first success ful oil well had been drilled at Titusville, Pa., in 1859. He and his partners expanded their bustrapidly until in 1870 they had the Standard Oil Company of Ohio incorporated with a capital stock of one million dollars. At that time the Standard of Ohio already the largest oil company in the every group are urged to attend. (1) The Downing-Steingut Bill Standard Oil geniuses invented the one of the country's most taillous radio engineers will address the delegates.

antending Section 1 to 1901 cellar and basement turned over their shares of stock to a board of trustees and rebers of members recorded as in favor of "pickling" crowded around Hoopes to explain that it was all a mistake as they voted wa Socialist Party branches have also been invited to attend the conference and it is hoped that successful was the Standard Oil (2) The Hofstandter-Moffat Bill (Sen. No. 288, Asseb. No. 421, trust in such other industries as station in a costly contest. Devoted to giving the minority groups in the United States an opportunity to express its views. WEVD has had to rely on men and women in Socialist, labor and liberals ranks for its main support liberals ranks for its main support.

Contributions are needed now more than ever and should be sent The bill would permit the use of Standard Oil Trust was declared. basement rooms which do not con- illegal in Ohio, but it continued a

\$10,000,000 Boston Unions and Asked of U.S To Aid Aged of Boston called an unemploymen conference in the American House

Attacks Henry Ford at bor Union present, as well as dele-Hearing in Washing- gates from a few of the Work-men's Circles and the Workmen's

WASHINGTON—(FP)—First Senate hearings on the Dill III (S. 3257) providing \$10,000,000 nnually to "encourage and assist the States in providing for pensions to the aged," conducted Feb. 24 before the Schall subcommittee of the Committee on pensions, ap-peared deeply to impress the Senators as to the immediate need for federal action. Abraham Epstein, executive secretary of the Amer-Association for Old Age Security, in charge of the argument for the bill, presented witnesses spoke for the organized labor movement, the organized social activities of the churches, and municipal authorities. In opposition House, announced that the resolutivities of the churches, and mum-cipal authorities. In opposition there appeared spokesmen for the National Association of Manufac-was at an end except for the movements. National Association of Manufac-turers and the National Metal es Employers' Association.

Edward F. McGrady, for the Edward F. McGrady, for the knuckles that house members will american Federation of Labor, not take any "sight unseen" chances on Socialist-sponsored measures.

Harry Riseman, Detroit attorney, speaking for Mayor Murphy's committee on unemployment relief and for the Michigan Unembyment Council, testified to the ment, is now before the General and for old age pensions as a re-Hef measure affecting the unemployed. He described "Henry Ford's Silent Partner"—the city of Detroit, which is paying out \$800,-000 each month to maintain ex-emford a universal eight-hour maximum for daily employment, allowing a pleyes of the Ford Motor Co. who are out of work. In 1929, when the Ford profits were \$89,000,000, ment for a time and a half rate mry Ford contributed nothing, of pay. Following the cue of the effort to attend the dinner.

d Edsel Ford only \$130,000, to Oregon 10 hour day act for women, the Hoopes measure would Delegations from various failed to donate. reconstruction, but the city,, his silent partner, has to devote 36 United States Supreme Court by the present of all its charity to supther percent of all its charity to supthe present Justice Brandels, then which Berger founded. porting the human half of the a private attorney, who set up a new current in American legal history by submitting a brief made Kennedy Hits Private Schemes

Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Bal-timore, speaking for the commissocial justice of the Cen tral Conference of American Rab-lis, pleaded for old age pensions a civilized advance from the sourcier, filth and cruelty of the emshouses. He remarked that it was significant of the ethical importance of the old age pension movement in this country that the three great divisions of the relicommunity - the Federal uncil of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and his own organization of the Jewis congregations, stood absolute-ly united in favor of this measure of belated justice to aged work-ers. These pensions, he declared, were only a deferred payment by the community to persons whose lives had been devoted to toil which built up the nation's prosperity.

As for private pension systems, they usually turned out to be a uised enslavement of the work. ers. On the Western Maryland Railroad, for example, he found the lockout of the engineers followed by a stoppage of pensions to to scab. Only the threat of excompany to restore these pay-

Arkansas field for one instance, that private pension schemes faded and David Medoff, popular Jewish S. away when the industry slumped. tenor and his company will com-the union opposed private pen-plete the program. Immediately Otto R. Hauser, Adolph Held, Rev. union opposed private pen-stipends, because they carried the threat of an order to scab. In Pennsylvania, he said, an old age pension law enacted by the legiswas declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court. whose own members were await-ing pensions from the state under an existing law which required no contribution from their salaries. He argued that enactment of this federal law would remove the arument against state pension laws or the aged. The Mothers' Penaffair containing many excellent articles and a great number of sion law in Pennsylvania had, fortunately, not had to run the gaunt-let of the courts. Opposition to old age pensions, he believed, was based on the employers' desire to escape just taxation.
Opposition from the manufac-

cialist propaganda and organizaturers was to the effect that an tion work in Bronx County. on would weaken the and lower the pride of Find Illinois Child the worker.

Labor Laws Unenforced Success is a bad word; its false re-semblance to merit deceives mankind —Victor Hugo,

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Socialists Organize Employment Conference To Aid Berger

(By a New Leader Correspondent) BOSTON.—The Socialist Party

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Schiller's Dance orchestra.

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Proceeds will be devoted to So-

CHICAGO. — Illinois' present

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lorable in these times of unem-

ployment, according to a report

Chicago civic committee of 200.

EINSTEIN SAYS

headed by Henry P. Chandler.

Costs Investigation

Dinner Sunday Night on Sunday, Feb, 22nd, and had Detroit Representative delegates from a number of union including the Boston Central Lathe Foundation

(By a New Lead Correspondent)

ASHINGTO...—Members of
the National Executive Com-Sick and Death Benefit Societies. A member of the State Commitmittee of the Socialist party, meet-ing in Washington, D. C., for their tee of the State Federation of Labor reported to the conference first quarterly meeting of the year that the State Federation of Labor will conclude a two-day session at a dinner to be given in their honor at the National Press Club on Sunemployment insurance although they had not endorsed the Socialday evening, March 1. ist bill. Michael Flaherty, a Socialist Party member active in the Boston Central Labor Union, pre-

Coming on the seventy-first anniversary of the birth of the late Victor L. Berger, one of the founders of the American Socialist novement, the committee will assist in launching at the dinner the Victor L. Berger National Foundation, organized to honor Berger's memory by creating a permanent fund for the advancement of his ideals and the perpet-

MemorialDrive

laughs at the near-panic of certain members. However, it is safe to expect after this rap on the Mrs. Meta Berger, widow of the member of the national executive committee, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, of Milwaukee, Morris Hill-Party. James H. Maurer, Socialist vice-presidential candidates in do The eight-hour day, cardinal de-mand of the organized labor move-1928. Howard Y. Williams, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, and the Rev. sudski rule, the Polish Socialists ner.

dation, has promised to make an

Delegations from various eastbe \$3,000,000 Comminity Cleas. Here, the Problem Reasure would be recommended by the firm again that the regular practice of hours longer than the legal limit was incorperties are outside the city, he have no taxes. He employs 4,000 fare, and ability of the citizen to the maintain his physical plant then the general general wellows to maintain his physical plant the problem of the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the comming of the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal limit was incorporated by the citizen to function effectively in civic matter than the legal lim when it is closed for repairs and ters. The case for the Oregon Act trip east for the occasion, headed

The dinner will start off the naup entirely of medical and technical authority opinion. The Socialist measure now before the Hoan. Darrow and others to se-Pennsylvania law makers also bases the eight hour provision firmly upon an expression of State responsibility in the matter of unpress throughout the nation, deemployment, "Involuntary unemployment", fend civil liberties, and assist in reads the bill, "is hereby recog-

nized as one of the most serious peace. nized as one of the most serious evils of our present industrial system, and it is the public policy of this Commonwealth to limit the the commonwealth to limit the foundation and assist in its hours which employed persons shall be permitted to work, in orprogram of activities are: Jane Adams, Professor John Dewey, der that the available work may Upton Sinclair, Elisabeth Gilman, be distributed among a greater number of persons, and the evils and James H. Maurer, who have accepted invitations to become vice-presidents; B. C. Vladeck, who will be chairman of the Board Bronx Socialists to Hold of Trustees, among whom there Annual Dance March 7 will be Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Hillquit, The annual affair of the Bronx cialist Party will be held in Mayor Hoan, Norman Thomas, Williams, William T. Evjue, Mrs. Hunts Point Palace, Saturday eveing, March 7. All signs point to Berger, Costello, and Senator the possibility of achieving a Thomas Duncan, of Wisconsin.

larger success at this year's affair.

An excellent program has been On the National Council there will be, among others: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, irranged, featuring Irma Duncan and her six popularly known as Cleveland; Professor Emily G. Isadora Duncan Dancers. Their Balch; Rev. Dr. John A. Lapp, of program will consist of a number Marquette University; Rev. Peter of their best selections. Another Ainslie: Oscar Ameringer, Lewis ments.

Thomas Kennedy, secretary treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, stated that his group known as "Around his organization had found, in the Broadcasting troupe; the well- Morris Berman, Professor Paul H.

Of their best selections. Another Ainslie; Oscar Ameringer, Lewis great attraction will be Eli Spivak Browne, Benjamin Schlesinger, and his group known as "Around Ladies Garment Workers Union, bis organization had found, in the Broadcasting troupe; the well- Morris Berman, Professor Paul H. known Soprano Raquel Shanek, Douglas, W. E. B. Du Bols, Henry and David Medoff, popular Jewish S. Churchill, Frederick V. Field, before and following the concert, John Haynes Holmes, Bishop Paul the decision to make the arrests lance music will be played by Jones Paul U. Kellogg, Leo Krzy. dance music will be played by Jones, Paul U. Kellogg, Leo Krzy-Tickets are now on sale at every Henry R. Linville, Owen R. Love-ocialist Party branch and head-joy, Robert Morss Lovett, John T. quarters, and also at the main McRoy, Alexander Meiklejohn, Dr. headquarters, 1167 Boston Road, Henry Neumann, Reinhold Nic-Bronx. Price of admission is \$1.00 buhr, Joseph A. Padway, Judge Jacob Panken, Amos Pinchot, Prof. Vida D. Scudder, George in advance; tickets at the door be printed and distributed at the Stern, Rev. Elliot White, S. N. oners was broken up by insults to talk. Ziebelman. Prof. Jerome Davis and threats passed out by the Vladimir Karapetoff, and Prof.

Paul Brissenden. Reservations for the dinner will vations may be made by wiring or writing Mr. Russell, Marx Lewis executive director of the Foundation, Room 303, Insurance Building, Washington, D. C.

Rand School Fellowship This Saturday evening the m ers of the Rand School Fellows ship are coming together to enjoy was in keeping. The "examina- an entertainment and dance in the Debs Auditorium of the Rand 11, carried forward this insolent School. This year has been a banner one, the student enrollment benefits. They were held incoming the student enrollment benefits. ing larger, the largest in the School's history. Henry Margolles, president of the Fellowship and other officers promise that the students and their friends will enjoy a colorful evening. Among the features wil be a program of Negro spirituals by Mr. Williams egro spirituals by Mr. Williams cers and gendarmes. Witos, the of an officer's automobile. Old and voluntary demonstration of the "Green Pastures" company.

Socialist N.E.C. Outrages Against Socialists And Ukrainian Villages Continue Pilsudski in Power

Will Launch Work of Pre-Election . Terrorism Comes to Light League of Nations May Get Race Issue

By Edward Levinson

HE blatant trumpetings o 1 post-war dictatorships have drowned out the weak protests of political and racial minorities against revolting acts of whole sale and isolated terrorism. The iron heels of Fascism, of the Soviets and of Horthy have developed routine steps that have lulled one-time critics into indif Atrocity stories ference. become commonplace. It is not to be wondered at then that Marshal Pilsudski has within recent months perpetrated a series of outrages on rebellious political opments and restive racial minorimore than a ripple of protest. Yet one group of investigators has compared the outrages committed upon the inhabitants of 800 Ukranian villages to the fiendish besquit, who succeeded Berger as national chairman of the Socialist the old Turkish territories. While the Ukranians now under Polish minion were being given refined lessons on the foolhardiness of doubting the beneficience of Pil-Elliot White, a member of the Foundation's national council, will be among the speakers at the dined some 80 members of the old Clarence Darrow, noted liberal Sejm were seized on various pre-leader, and president of the Fountexts. Among them were the president and vice president of the Socialist Party, a former prime

minister and a leading Christian Democrat. For two months they were incarcerated at the military prison at Brest Litovsk, where they were beaten, flogged, kicked, made to clean latrines, served poisonous food and offered the alternative of death when they

protested. Former Deputies Rounded Up The facts have come to light in series of exposures. Deputy tion-wide campaign that is Czapinski in the Sejm on Dec. 16, planned for the creation of the on behalf of the deputies of the bloc of the Socialist, Peasant, National Labor and Christian Demotive interpellation on the subject. Joseph Saxe, for the Brussels Peuple, has written a series of damning articles. Forty-six professons of the University of Cracow have made a brave protest. Locquin, the president of the Polish-Franco Committee, in Poland at the time of the elections, has added his evidence. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has sent two trustworthy investigators to the Ukravillages within the Polish

borders. From all these reports, the conclusion is inevitable that Poland is in the grip of a madman with sadistic inclinations. There is no lack of evidence that the atrocities were carried out at the to Dr. Pragier. "I could have you ersonal direction of Pilsudski. During the night of Sept. 10, state and military police seized

19 leaders of the opposition. All were former members of the Sejm. Norbert Barlicki was chairman of the central executive committee of the Socialist Party and had served Poland as a member of the Council for the Defense of the State: Alexander Debski was a welltician, Dr. Vladislav Keirnak had were made to go through the prepknown National Democratic policenty Witos, leader of the Peasant Party, had twice been Prime Minister. More prisoners were added Marsal Pilsudski revealed cki, Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Dr. had been decided upon by the government. No formal charges were made, no court orders were written. An instruction from Sklad-Neumann, Reinhold Nie- kowski, Minister of the Interior, Many persons are now in jail for set the wheels in motion.

Soule, Seymour Stedman, Morris destination unknown by the pris- regime that few could be induced guards. Dr. Liebermann was taken from the train and beaten. His clothes were torn from him. "You prisoners found military prison Brest-Litovsk, with Colonel Kosnanner of the arrest was illegal and the military imprisonment was in keeping. The "examinadisregard for the prisoners' legal municado, refused permission to talk with their families or legal

Brutal Beatings Administered

The most severe prison regula-



Remains of a cooperative store and a reading room in a Ukranian village wrecked by agents of the Pilsudski regime.

latrines practically with their bare hands. No prisoners were allowed to bathe. For a time a starvation beds without mattresses, long fast many cases the wounds have ganperiods were administered to those grened and either death or lifewho uttered slightest protest. "Inspections" were held at night, priest, tortured, was given up for when the prisoners were stripped dead. He lives on, unfortunately. naked and obliged to stand in the cold corridors while the guards cases which sought redress. Five vented their contempt.

During the night of Oct. 9. ormer Deputy Carol Popiel, a ortsoner, was taken to a dark, mpty room. As he entered the room he was seized and thrown on a table. A wet cloth was placed on the small of his back. As he League concludes: cried out, "Fear God!" the first blow fell on him. He received at least thirty blows with an iron instrument. Half-unconscious, Popiel little. Next time Marshal Pilsudthrough your head." Former deputies Baginski and Korfanty were given similar treatment. Dr Putek and Barlicki were also illin the face.

were made constantly to fear death. Colonel Biernacki oberved shot down against this wall and no one could say a word to me." To Deputy Barlicki, the Colonel said "You have so insulted Marshal Pilsudski that you have nothing to expect from the courts." Another reinforce these threats the finish-ing touch of sham executions were added. Dr. Liebermann and Popie!

The day of the election the pris-

Assimilating the Ukrainians Pilsudski's pacification of the 5,000,000 Ukraininans in Eastern Galicia coincided with the approach of the election. Investigs tion of the terror reign was made difficult by government ordinances punishing persons who give information calculated to injure the standing of the Polish mere possession of information. The prisoners were herded into The population knows so well the closed cars. The journey to a brutal character of the Pilsudski's

The government followed a gen eral pattern in its pre-election "pacification." In some cases the attack on the villages were made be received until Saturday night, dare to raise your voice against by cavalry, in others police squads be received until Saturday night. dare to raise your voice against by cavalry, in others poince squads at state," with the Ukraimans, Charles Edward Rusell is chairthe Marshal!" one of the police served. The villages surrounded white Russians, and Germans in and machine guns set up, apthe Western provinces happily Unconscious, the Socialist leader pointed soldiers would make the was carried back to the train. The rounds of houses and levy fines of accommodations awiting them at Co-operatives and reading rooms
Brest-Litovsk, with Colonel Kos-Brest-Litovsk, with Coloner Ros-tek-Biernacki in charge. All were civilians. Their activities and crimes, if any, were political. The cold water, and then beaten again. "In the cases of the man we saw the wounds were still unhealed and raw after two months," the women investigators report. Bones were broken and some deaths followed. mors from foreign sources with A young man was forced to "confess", falsely, that he had arms. The beating then ceased. When Poland on the day of the election. the police could find no arms in In contrast to these reports the his home, he was beaten to death. elections passed off in complete tions were aggravated by the offi- One man was dragged in the wake quietness and were a spontaneous

nann were set to work cleaning Medical treatment was refused. liet was imposed. Dark cells, who disobeyed were jailed. "In cases which sought redress. Five lawyers who merely listened to omplaints were jailed. The priests were particular objects for severe treatment, as leaders of people's fight for civil rights.

The report of the investigators

"This so-called pacification has been carried out with a ferocity was told, "Be glad that it was so in the early 19th century by the Bashi-bazouks in the old Turkish ski will order a bullet to be sent territories, and secondly these atrocities were not punishments inflicted for crime but were inflicted without trial and wholesale on an entire population. Thirdly, treated and the Ukrainian deputy that they were done by command Kohut, among others, was struck of the Government and were carried out strictly according to plan The guards interspersed these physical torments, with refined mental tortures. The prisoners the victims were denied all medical assistance. Fifthly, that every assistance. Fifthly, that every the meanwhile, the union has not been idle. Magistrate Coseffort has been made to prevent not been idle. Magistrate Costhe drawing up of any reports or tello had freed the 392 pickets, ar-statistics showing the extent of rested under the picket ban, two statistics showing the extent of the repression. The number of villages thus treated was between and 800. It cannot be stated with exactitude how many peasants and workmen were flogged, jailer told D. Liebermann: "If but it certainly runs into hundreds Marshall Filsudski gives orders to kill you, you shall be killed." To Imprisonments have also been carried out on a great scale, and when the prisons were full, the barracks and other buildings were

League May Hear of It

The ruthlessness accomplished its pur onstituencies the election lists of sions. Should he raise the the Eastern areas where the most of freedom. rile of the government's terroristic acts were perpetrated, Pilsudski "won" 84 seats. He may thus feel satisfied he has accomplished nis objects. They sought to create he impression that Poland is satisfied with its present regime, that stable parliament and government has been created that foreign oney-lenders need have no fears. In addition he sought to give proof" that Poland is a "nation-Western provinces happily mixed in the Polish melting-pot.

The issue may be drawn at the ext meeting of the council of the League of Nations. The problem of the Polish minorities is on the agenda. With a view to influen ng the proceedings, the Polish delegation in Geneva, the day after the election, issued a sardonic ommunique:

"The Polish delegation to the League of Nations is empowered to deny most definitely the ruregard to alleged limitations of electoral freedom and unrest in Old and voluntary demonstration of

10,000 Attend Ball Of Forward in N. Y. C.

The Forward Ball on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the 71st Regiment Armory, was a huge success, fully 10,000 persons attended. Beautiful masks and costumes were worn. The first prize was awarded to San Randolf, portraying victims of the crisis. Several other valuable prizes were awarded.

Credit for the success of the Ball is due to the large number of comrades who served on the various committees, all doing hard work to keep everything going smoothly, and to satisfy the large crowd. Special credit, though, is due to Comrade Abe Zucker as Chairman of the Ball Committee, Comrade Coryell as Chairman of the Gate Committee, Comrade Donald Hengood sum will be realized for Socialist propaganda as a result of ccess of the Ball.

Girl Striker Killed In Stroudsberg, Pa.

(Continued from Page One)
Apex mill, employing 2,000 workers, into bellowing for "protection." The Apex management visited Major Schofield, director of Public Safety, swore up and down there was no strike at their mill and demanded that picketing be halted pecause of the "danger to public

The police chief fell for their line and displaying the egotism of a Mussolini, immediately notified the Union that all picketing in the Northeast was forbidden.

Not content with that, Schofield. old the union officials they were crazy to call a strike when so many people were out of work. Warned by lawyers for the Union and the Civil Liberties Union that he had no right to break the strike, Schofield declared: "I know I have no right, but I have the power and 'm going to use it.' In the three days that followed.

392 pickets were arrested on the arrogant Director's orders although the very police that made the arrests admitted there had been no disorder or breach of the The Union met Schofield's strike-

isting tactics with a courage

that equalled his lawlessness. Within 24 hours, Governor Pin-not and William Green, president of the American Federation of

strike activit :: To such good extent did the Union arouse public opinion that which can only be compared to Mayor Mackey interrupted a pro-the previous atrocities carried out test meeting of the Central Labor Union Sunday afternoon to summon a delegation of strike leaders

and union officials to a conference.
While the entire Northeast was calling for Schofield's resignation and even the reactionary Ledger was criticizing the Direcfor in its editorial columns, the Smith. ecretary-treasurer of the hosiery federation and John Phillips, president of the State Federation of hosiery mills had signed union agreements, twelve others has agreed to negotiate a settlement the ranks of the strikers had welled to 3,800 and an unbroken picket line maintained around very struck mill.

The French had a phrase for it "Toujours l'audace"; the little boy in the street has a word for

udski and his political program.' The hope of the Polish Socialists emocrats and racial minoritie Government tactics at the session of the council of on election day were of a piece the League will lie with Arthur with its preparation. The Govern-ment party took 249 seats where foreign affairs of Great Britain. previously it had 132. In twelve He will preside over the discusthe Socialist and Democratic oppo- tion of the Pilsudski atrocities he sition had been annulled. Here the will have the warm support of the government gain was 49 seats. In European Socialists and all friends



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Jim Maurer Returns Fire Of The Times

Newspaper Critic of Socialist Administration Denounced as Hypocritical

(By a New Leader Corresponder EADING, Pa.—Speaking to an Maudience of a thousand at the Orpheum Theatre here, James H. Maurer, Socialist Councilman and head of the City Finance Department, paid his respects to the derson in charge of the accounting, Comrade Nathan Riesel as Chairman of Floor Committee. A work of the Socialist administrawork of the Socialist administration. The speech was also breadcast over Station WRAW and reached many other tho voters.

Maurer spoke for nearly two hours. In his opening remarks he declared: "Tonight we are going to find out whether the hypocrites are located at city hall or in the editorial room of the "Times" Sixth and Walnut streets. are also going to compare the achievements of the Socialists of Reading in three short years to the accomplishments of Democrats and Republicans over almost a century of uninterrupted municipal control."

The speaker then reviewed the work of the Socialist administrain detail, attacks made by the Times answering each criticism by facts and figures. Summing the discussion, Maurer said:

"In conclusion I wish to say mething more about the unemployed problem. Some people be-lieve that if the 18th Amendment vere repealed nd beer came back. then we would be prosperous again.
These people forget that we have had industrial depressions before this one. True, starting the brew eries would put a few thousand people to work, but it is equally true that if the rest of the million of unemployed could not afford to buy the beer, then even the breweries would have to shut down

"Others believe that if married women would be denied the right to hold down jobs, that would help Labor, had issued scathing de-nunciations of the Director's anti-if such married women's husband's earned enough to support their wives and children. But taking all would not be a remedy for indus trial depressions. The abolition of child labor would prove a far greater factor in furnishing jobs for men than the abolishment of married women labor.

"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 am employment due to machines not 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 pro-This is Socialism.'

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WASHINGTON - (FP) - Wil-W liam Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, de-clares that the Federation will "continue to work for a pardon for Thomas J. Mooney in spite of the misrepresentation of labor's attitude toward his case," as pub-lished by him in his recent pam-

Green said that hundreds of thousands of dollars had been de-voted by the organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L., to the Mooney defense and to the effort to secure his release from prison in California.

The Federation president branded as false the argument made by Mooney that the chief labor officials in California had consistently sought to keep Mooney in prison, and cited their success in inducing former Gov. Young to offer him a parole. It was Green's view that if Mooney had accepted this parole he would have put himself in the best possible position to secure ultimate vindication.

Green's statement was delivered in a tone of regret that the famous class prisoner had ventured to criticise Paul Scharrenberg, John McLaughlin and other conservative labor officials in California who have held high appointive offices under governors who have kent Mooney in San Quentin.

It was Green's opinion that in

view of the heavy contributions which labor unions had made to the Mooney committee's work, during the past 14 years, and in view of the regular action of Fed-eration conventions on the resoluions submitted by friends of the prisoner, the Federation spokes-men deserved credit as helpers of Green's statement is, in' effect, that in spite of provocation the Federation chiefs will seek a pardon from Gov. Rolph.

Mooney's pamphlet, telling the story of the hostility of conservative trade union officials toward his release, as he understands it, having wide circulation throughout the country. Echoes are coming to Federation headquarters in form of inquiries and resolu-

New Attack on Housing Standards

(Continued from Page One) practically every basement in old-law tenements which open on to shafts which are about 614 feet and which are utterly inadequate to give the necessary air. llars and basements which do

pot conform to the present law. Would O. K. Cellar Rooms ment House Department even though the basements do not conform to the present requirements of the law. This would permit the circuit Court at St. Louis for vio- are wholly unconnected with any states of the law. which it now applies. The bill is Jersey and thirty-seven other corbadly drawn and is so worded that porations were a combination in others could occupy such apart-restraint of commerce and, there-looked upon the merger in its very

law (Sec. 240, subdiv. 2) requires poly of such commerce, either that the ceilings of cellars in oldlaw tenements (where many fires start) be fire-retarded. Section 22 of this bill would amend the aw so that ceilings which are ered with exposed matched boards. and which are hereafter covered with metal of not less than 28rauge shall be deemed sufficiently agement of any said corporations, York and Vacuum will give "Sothis section of the law. This is an annecessary and unreasonable re-

opposed the fight to prohibit the The United States Supreme by Vacuum will also market the without windows in basements for Court upheld the decision of the gasoline being sold by the Standliving purposes are the same last court in May, 1911.

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Doles for Big Business



Standard Oil Trust

(Continued from Page One) class elements as they were being light and ventilation. (c) The bill gives the Tenement House Commissioner discretion to permit parties to agree to governmental missioner discretion to permit parties to agree to governmental court went on to state that Standpocupacy until April I, 1932, of opposition, to the squashing of ard Oil of New York specialized in Would O. K. Cellar Rooms

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The Basis of the Merger
It is true that it is more econo-mical under present conditions to

oundation. from continuing or carrying on or (4) The bill (Downing-Steingut, carrying into further effect the 320, Assb. No. 488) combination adjudged illegal hereemending the Multiple Dwelling by, and from entering or performgenerally. This bill is spon- ing any like combination or consored by both Commissioner Dee-gan and the Multiple Dwelling will be, to restrain commerce in Law Committee. One section of petroleum or its products among this bill contains a vicious and the States or with foreign nations, fangerous provision. The present or to prolong the unlawful mono-

> the parties to a potentially competitive party to this combination,

tation of petroleum or its pro- tion. duction of fire protection stand- ducts, which will have a like effect rds.

The forces which unsuccessfully joined."

bills are unobjectionable has un- York and the Vacuum Oil Com- selves. Vacuum is now engaged enactment of legislation which will constitute a permanent lowering of standards. Every individual and organization interested in the maintenance of the present standards and in better housing should oppose the last four bills described in this statement and support the two bills which would require a toilet for every family and would prohibit the use of windowless rooms.

I trict Court has held, however, that they knever, that they reger has nothing to do with the original combination. It is "an entirely new undertaking." Conditions in the oil industry are different now from what they were twenty years ago. Now we have "integrated companies having an ownership of crude, refining capacity, producing gasoline, lubricants and other petroleum products, selling to each reformance."

I trict Court has held, however, that the present sledislation before Congress that will curtall the importation of foreign oil for three years. This is aimed at the Venezuelan oil that the Shell Union is bringing into the country. The United States Tariff Commission gave support to the proposed bills by a_x report it submitted to Congress on February 7, on the constitute a permanent lowering of standards. Every individual and organization interested in the present merger has nothing to do with the original combination. It is "an entirely new undertaking." Conditions in the oil industry are different now from what they were twenty years ago. Now we have "integrated companies by a_x report it submitted to Congress that will curtall the importation of foreign oil for three years. This is aimed at the Venezuelan oil that the Shell Union is bringing into the country. The United States Tariff Commission gave support to the proposed bills by a_x report it submitted to Congress on February 7, on the control of oreign oil for three years. This is aimed at the Venezuelan oil that the Shell Union is bringing into the country. The United States Tariff Commission gave support to the proposed bills by a_x report it submitted to Congress on Febru leum products, selling to each retailer or to the consumer as near a complete line of products as the consumer uses. The unquestion-Taking Shape Again able tendency is, as to a very important class of owners of automobiles, to sell direct to the consumer and to sell both gasoline and oil at vation of economic conditions, the

velopment of and the changed tion of Big Business is the solu-competition and business condi-tion for the evils of labor exploita-bach turns the wheels. are wholly unconnected with any desire to create a monopoly."

The Basis of the Merger

ments with the janitor.

There are at the present time more vacant apartments in old-law tenements in New York City than ever before. This is the ideal time to have the transition from cellar and basement occupancy take place. As a matter of fact, the transition has in many intances already taken place with a place. As a matter of fact, the transition from the tenants of cellars and basements and the cry chiat the present law will create ardsbip is in most cases without foundation.

(4) The bill (Downing-Steingut, Sen 20, Assb. No. 488)

The National Notes

The National Office issued four the merger in its very superficial aspects when it did not go beyond this consideration. The charters last week. Several deficit aspects when it did not go beyond this consideration. The charters last week. Several chief che, had Norman Thomas at their meeting Feb. 28. Thomas' subject to the At the last meeting the Council of two new circles. A Youth colleant that have the transition from the tenants of court ordered the combination to be dissolved thru a distribution to the companies, still dominated, as are all the Standard oil companies, still dominated, as are all the Standard oil companies, still dominated, as are all the Standard oil companies, still dominated, as the very deficial aspects when it did not consideration. The court ordered the combination to the dissolved thru a distribution to the dissolv ness in the Far and Near East subscribe for Free Youth a and in South Africa. The Vacuum it in the local library. READING, PA. and in South Africa. The vacuum it in the local library.

Oil Company sells thruout the United States and the rest of the world its well known brands of "Gargoyfe" and "Mobiloil." It either owns or has arrangements with a various stations averywhere it. The local library.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Reading circle had a talk on capitalism which circle had a talk on capitalism which the first annual dance were distributed. At the next meeting the members will have a discussion on Capitalism of the company of the c

with service stations everywhere in the United States. It is the only company in the Standard Oil group that has this advantage of nation-wide marketing channels and it covers territory that the other Standard companies taken together do not reach. Only two other companies in the field approach Vacuum Oil in this respect, and the state of the mimeor of the monthly issue of the mimeor graphed bulletin issued by the Circle, "Red Youth," is at hand and we share the meeting for August Claessens. At the last meeting election of officers were, Cyril Kleiman, other companies in the field approach Vacuum Oil in this respect, and Beatrice Shapiro, financial secretary.

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company monopoly under the sys-tem of capitalism. of Oregon; Emanuel Switkes, in

Socialists Push "Unemployed"

Branches Help Carry Sales to 200,000-Organizations Urged to Handle Magazine

THE Unemployed, the magazine published by the League for In-dustrial Democracy has reached nation-wide recognition as the vital radical expression on capitalist hard times. Sales of the two issues thus far issued, the first in December, the second during February, have reached the 200,000 mark. In over fifty-two cities, men and women have with enthusiastic energy been spreading the publication. The demand is still on the increase with scores of requests coming in for a third issue.

Socialists in many cities have been eagerly distributing "The Unemployed." In some cases only the jobless of men and women have been the only salesmen; in others party branches have undertaken the sale with the proceeds going to meet deficits and the cost expanding activities.

Socialists have used The Unemployed to focus popular attention on the problem om unemployment. Among the cities actively engaged in distribution are: Albany with Herbert Merrill in charge; Baltimore where thousands have been distributed under Joel Seidman, the Johns Hopkins Liberal Club and Morris Polin. Alfred Baker Lewis and Kay Bennett have electrified staid old Boston with the magazine. In Buffalo there is magazine. In Buffalo there is Comrade H. J. Hahn, while Chicago has been the leading city in the number distributed under Ethel Senior and Karl Borders.

Phil Zeigler, editor of the Railway Clerk's magazine, has been fortunately spread far and wide. The forces supporting the objectionable measures are so strong that prompt and efficient cooperations and efficient cooperations. The forces supporting the objection and efficient cooperations are so strong that prompt are so strong tha

American and Venezuelan oil employed by thousands in Los The powerful Standard interests by controlling imports, service sta-Coleman of Milwaukee has begun

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Reading; R. C. Fuhrberg in Seat-tle; Helen Elise Biemiller in Syracuse; Edna Rye in Thief River Falls, Minnesota; Thomas Olsen in Troy, N. Y., and Robert Shosteck tive. Hundreds of requests pour in from out-of-the way places for small orders. The wide activity in behalf of "The Unemployed" is an unmistakable evidence of "Socialism Forward in 1931.'

The magazine offers probably the most profitable and effective avenue for Socialist activity that devoted to unemployment and can be taken at this time. The current issue contains articles by such well-known Socialists as Morris Hillquit, Upton Sinclair and Reinhold Niebuhr. Socialist branches and individual Socialists where branches do not act, are urged to communicate at once with the League for Industrial Democracy, 112 East 19th street, and make arrangements for handling the magazine in their com-

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The League of Youth of the I. L. Pinave been in touch with the National Office and after being told of our activities were convinced of the wissiom of affiliating with the Young People's Socialist League of America.

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BOSTON

An innovation in running a Sociable has been started by the Yipsels, Admission was by height. A flat charge of 35 cents was made for those \$ ft. or under; for every inch above 5 cents extra. The Yipsels and reciting poetry, original and otherwise.

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other companies in the field approach Vacuum Oil in this respect, the Texas and the Shell Union which is controlled by the British concern, the Royal Dutch-Shell. The union of Standard Oil of New York and Vacuum will give "Socony" products a national distribution.

It is understood that with the various Standard companies still being run by the Rockefeller interests the filling stations controlled by Vacuum will also market the gasoline being sold by the Standard companies operating in the various territories to which they confine themselves by some kind of understanding among them.

The model of the season will be held by the circle on March in the form of a dance. The members are selling tickets and want the best in the field this year. They already have a crowd practising. They already have a crowd practising. They expect to bring a winning team for the Ann-rad Jamboree and to beat the best in the League. Other circles by Vacuum will also market the gasoline being sold by the Standard companies operating in the various territories to which they confine themselves by some kind of understanding among them.

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A Socialist Defence of the Soviet Union

Five Year Plan and Dictatorship Held in Logical Accord With Needs and **Background of Russian People**

following article on like the one contributed by Bela Low, is submitted in use to the invitation exided by The New Leader for two articles, one critical of and the other sympathetic with the being worked out in program being worked out in Russia. The only condition was that the articles should be written by members of the Socialist Party and both writers are party members.

By Richard M. Briggs BECAUSE of the sensationseeking nature of the capital-press, what is called the Five-Year Plan has been vastly oversized in importance, nately many Socialists tend to imitate this attitude. One would think the whole Socialist revolution depends on the "success" or "failure" of this innocent budget. Il unit of the Soviet Gosplan, Industrial Planning Board. The splan is a system of planned wherein every industry, tory, mine, etc., in the riet Union is run on a budget as production, costs, quality of etc. all planned for years central head, so that the needs of every branch of economy can be coordinated with the rest. The olan has been in operation since 1923, with ever-increasing scope and success; the rough figures are in preparation far shead to make the Soviet n the most-powerful industrial The only reason nation on earth. for the popularization of the five inite, visible goal, something to As for failure, by its very na-ture the Gosplan is not the kind of thing that can "fail," it is mere-

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of economy may fall

em for a time. This hap-nstantly and is not at all rate estimating. Check fig-are kept weekly; if a departent is falling behind measures are taken to speed it up; if a de-partment exceeds its quota the budget is raised. The goal is alkept a little in advance of The only thing past performance. The only thing that can fail is the tempo of the whole plan, and this is not serious.
Actually the tempo of the present five year unit has been revised uprd twice. The tempo is limited As to the accomplishments of the plan so far, at the present of the Soviet Union increases 25 30 per cent a year, or doubles less than three years. The United States in a good year increases 4 per cent. (This year we decreased 25 per cent.) Soviet production is now about 10 per at of ours, so at the present faction we may expect their production to exceed ours in about ten They will then have acomplished in twenty years what most progressive capitalist try has done in one hundred-Nor is there any reason to them. believe they cannot maintain the present tempo. In agriculture they much sooner than in ten years. Russian industry is just now be-ginning to get the millions of had in 1905. These were the only the revolution. The backolder generation is in their rate of progress.

The editor of The New Leader has asked for articles on the Five Year Plan. However, the article of Comrade Bela Low in the Feb. 14 issue barely touches the Plan. Is rather an exposition of what the writer does not like about Russia (which seems to include about everything). As this seems to suit the editor's purpose I shall also take the liberty to broaden the scope of this article. We shall return later and correct some of the worst injustices of Comrade Low's

The question is not whether the plan will fail, but whether such frenzied haste and its accompany-ing waste and hardship is necessary. The Bolsheviks reason that they are in a state of revolution, in constant danger of attack by the capitalist world, and consequently the Soviet Union must be made in-dustrially independent and selfsufficient as rapidly as possible. They consider themselves to be in a race against the time when the capitalist world shall decide to obliterate them. Are they right?
That is the real Russian question.

The answer is no less the answer to the question of whether the dictatorship is still necessary. Dictatorship in Russia was the natural, inevitable outgrowth of the historical background and of the events of the revolution and counter-revolution. In any social take power then force is obviously necessary to hold power. We who like democracy need olution if force is necessary to emocracy need not delude res on that score; if a fight the only way the workers have mselves then there will be an end to democracy until the aght is over and the workers are shakably in power. The Bol-eviks show that dictatorship by working class is a necessary revolution. Their program calls of the people. They were an iso-for a gradual lessening of the dic-lated group in St. Petersburg, a tatorship as the workers' state becomes stronger and more free from with capitalist and aristocracy

of government. A Soviet is simply a council, a committee. The growth of violent revolution. If iolence comes all constitutional nd representative systems break down, and emergency workers, ommittees, or Soviets in Russia. ake charge.

Our break with the Bolsheviks s on the necessity or inevitability of violence. We have some hope peaceful revolutionary change; they do not. Both views are again the result of our various historical backgrounds and present environ-ments. Marx certainly was expecting violence to be used in most of Europe . On the other hand he indicated the possibility of peaceful change in England, Holland and If violence is necessary we will have dictatorship, terror, Soviet system and all that goes with it, to put Socialism solidly in power. If we can win over our constitutional governments peacefully, then democracy can be preserved and extended to industry. For we who hope for the latter, everything depends on preserving international peace. It can hardly be questioned that in the event of another world war we will emerge with Fas-cism in the victorious countries and Bolshevism in the defeated. Likewise, hope for a successful vio lent revolution depends on the coming of that war, for it will be impossible for the workers to seize any state that can command military power. Violent revolu-tions are only possible after miliort of the figures and other ex- tary defeat and disruption of the

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It is merely a question of
U. S. R. then are two: first, were the Bolsheviks justified in seizing power in Russia in 1917? Second, have they now reached the stage where they can relinquish the dictatorship as their critics demand, and take things My own answers are yes easy? to the first and no to the se question. In what follows I shall try to justify these views.

Czarism collapsed in the winter of 1916-17, due to military defeat, which was largely brought about sheds, and the technical effi-by the refusal of the army to car-ry on without food or equipment. home crying for peace and bread; the Czar abdicated. The Social Democratic Party of Russia was bubles aplit in two factions on the ques-tion of the war; the Mensheviks or minority, and the Bolsheviks or majority, representing about 40 per cent and 60 per cent of the party, respectively. The minority under Kerensky took power and set up a provisional government; with them were many capitalist class elements and petty aristocracy. Their first act was to decide to continue the war which had overthrown the Czar before They thus alienated the army and the masses, who wanted nothing but peace. At the same time the Soviets or emergency workers' committees appeared in the factories and villages as they who have been brought up real workers' organizations existing in the country. The Soviets demanded that the government call ward older generation is passing.
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the capitalist and militarist govbeing democrats, Kerensky assumed more power and offices to question: have conditions now being Soviet system is simple, primi-tive, direct, again a logical out-himself than any subsequent dic-reached the stage where force can to resign, and the party has re-

tator until Mussolini. Chaos, starvation and more mili-Thus getting the army and the masses Menshevik or minority faction and of failing to recognize the true proletarian and anti-war character of the Bolshevik revolution. This naturally caused the Bolsheviks to nature. As Lenin outlined it, dic-Third. And thus far neither side the hands of the working class, finally defeated there have been should be their big aim. tinues and grows.

the only possible method of estab- power. lishing a government. The last of the hostile forces were not driven ernments of the world. Far from out of Russia until well into 1921.

tary defeat resulted. Meanwhile tion past? Russia's critics seem in the Communist Party itself; that France finances the huge to think so, for they demand imarmy "bread, peace and land," and mediate establishment of political vere with party members than or that the ridiculous string of to the workers and peasants "all democracy such as took the west-other citizens, power to the Soviets." Thus get- ern world centuries to obtain prisoners, any ern world centuries to obtain. They forget that Russia is Asiatic, solidly behind them they rapidly grew in strength until in November they took power with hardly a struggle. The immediate reaction of the capitalist press of the world shows which revolution was Socialist. Of all the Socialist was a peasant if he does not miss out of Soviet prisons are curiously safe to free all political prisoners was the second to the world shows which revolution was the second to the socialist of the second the second the second the second them they rapidly green they shall be done to the socialist of the second them must be carefully the sexamined and its source considered. The Bolsheviks are not fools, they are not imprisoning anyone who would be of value to the Socialist to State without good reason. Let-sheviks. It may be that it is now the second parties in the second International, free speech, you are rewarded with the Russian Bolsheviks and the a vacant grin. It never occurred American Socialists were almost to him that there was free speech. alone in unqualifiedly opposing the war. The International made the before, the Russian peasant or position to the Soviet State, and

prodigious quantities of misinfor-The seizure of power by the closheviks was therefore the nat-the working class, and conse-

of the counter-revolution and in- year, since he conceived the state tervention following the Bolshevik to be merely the weapon with assumption of power made force which the ruling class maintains

In the Soviet Union today, dictatorship is not nearly so severe as imagined. Stalin holds his office by strength, not by terror. Like Lenin, he has twice offered be avoided? Is the danger of fused to accept his resignation.

counter-revolution and intervenprisoners, any information con-cerning them must be carefully silent on the question of what the prisoners are charged with. Certainly no true Socialist in Russia lap milk with the lamb, perhaps serious mistake of accepting the worker is as free as a butterfly. it is not likely that the Soviet gov-As to the dictatorship itself, for causes other than such active opposition.

Roumania, the "Hearst document' forgeries, the seizure of the Manchurian Railroad by the Chinese (probably engineered by Euro-peans), the lack of diplomatic relations with important powers, the recently disclosed gi-gantic sabotage and intervention plot, and the constant stream of be compared are Russia before the lies that fills the capitalist press of the world. It is not for nothing idiotic to try to judge Russia by As for political petty "republics," Latvia, Esthonia information con- and Lithuania were set up along the Baltic by the Versailles out-

> guard and exiled aristocracy, perhaps the wolf will now begin to capitalist world is only fooling and really loves the Bolsheviks, for awhile.
> Of course, the Bolsheviks make mistakes, but they are learning.

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There was the raiding of the working class, and conseSoviet embassy in London and the Rykov and other right wing leadural consequence of the incapacity quently the dictatorship will dis
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cal parties in swestern countries.

and inevitable accompaniment of the support of any large fraction mands of the people. The events that the State itself will disap-sador in Poland, the seizure of to cooperate with Socialist politi-Soviet ships in the Black Sea by The proposal was, of course, defeated and Rykov was forced to confess his "heresy," but Stalin has a quaint way of using the very ideas he opposes most strongly, a few years later.

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in Russia obviously the things to revolution and Russia now; it is any other country. If we can be-lieve Marx, the course and nature of the Socialist revolution in any country are directly dependent on the historical background of that country, and the political institu-tions at any time are decided by the nature of the economic conditions and of the methods of production. Socialism and capitalism are both phases of Industrialism, neither one can exist in a predominantly agricultural country like Russia. Likewise the political institutions prevalent in industrial have Socialism and political democracy, not before. That is an-The Russian Revolution took the And it will continue to develop along lines prescribed by Russian

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Since it is not all published yet, I

can not imagine what the Com-

A few remarks about Comrade

rade is going to say next, but will try to find out what has been said tatorship is already covered. It is curious that about the only people who are not horrified at the terrible condition of the Russian workers are the Russian workers. Comrade Low's statement that "the standard of living for the Authoritative figures show real ments, send the children to prep higher than 1913, the average work day more than two hours not concern ourselves with soci- shorter, four day work week, you want but affairs of the mind two to four weeks' vacation with saw it in the paper it's wrong' cheap books and papers, cheap amusements, free parks, etc., all Nation, and the Christian Scientific and non-existant under the Czar, True, Monitor, as Comrade Low says, they get as much unemployment insursecure jobs instead. There is no anything labeled Riga, the problems of the struggling involuntary unemployment in Rus-Helsingfors, or Bucharest. living, will not be even touched sheet, the New York Times, re-upon." in Russia, Moscow Workers' News, b

> Strange, if, as Comrade Low ays, w three times as much as "elsewhere"

ing to Russia to find jobs.

buy industrial equipment. No one knows that better than the Russian worker, and he also knows why. He knows that by giving up a little now he will have much more later. The Russian workers are building for the future. the whole world will reap the multiple harvest of their sacrifice This they understand, and are content. Their fine social spirit infects even American workers who go there: several "shock brigades" of American workers have been formed in Russian factories.

Comrade Low's article winds up with a very enlightening passage on "how will Socialism come," which explains how valuable capitalism is to the development of Socialism. We await with passionate eagerness the con of the article to see what this has to do with the Russian Proble When we look toward future

more important than the relations between Socialists and the Soviet Union. Between now and the next world war the Soviet system will countries are impossible in unde-veloped countries. When Russia most of Asia, the Balkans and has developed industrialism it can other primitive regions, while in have Socialism and political demindustrial countries Socialists will grow in power. Consequently it is other reason why the Bolsheviks of tremendous significance whether are rushing industrial development. the present stupid misunderstand ing grows or diminishes. Should course it did because of Russian it grow to the proportions of a conflict we may be assured that Man is hopelessly a damned fool and can't be changed. conditions and the behavior of the among the younger generation. world toward Russia, not according to the wishes of any group. that we may grow to understand each other and cooperate to build a Socialist World. What a force yould be the combined power of the two Internationals! ism may well shake before that thought.

In the event of another world var (and there is little prospect at so far. The discussion of the dic- present of preventing it) Russia will doubtless remain neutral until attacked, but Russian propaganda will be very likely to decide the issue. It is then that we Socialists will be forced to choose between Bolshevist methods and Capitalist dictatorship, or Fascism. Is it not better to choose now while we can, to cooperate with the Soviet Union

In conclusion, there is a wooful lack among Socialists of real inwages to average 45 per cent formation about Russia, which is now inexcusable: there are many reliable sources of information these days. A brief summary of ology and economics. It's not rents for workers much lower and the socialist axiom: "if you floor space per resident greater, eral the Socialist axiom: "if you and emotions that occur in a pay, six hour day in dangerous and still holds for Russian news, though world inhabited by those who have unhealthful work, free medical at- there are important exceptions: assured incomes. They are the tention, free schools, abundance of e.g. Walter Duranty in the New York Times, Louis Fisher in the Monitor, Federated press dis-patches in Labors news and elsewhere. The United Press has now ance as the German workers, in fact, they don't get any; they have For the rest, distrust it, especially That notorious Communist are two English papers published sheet, the New York Times, re-cently announced a decree whereby the wages of Russian coal miners weeklies. Then there is the Ex published by Amtorg, an excelle mirrors the times and the place an eight hour day. Another article that the novelist occupies in it. the Soviet Union Information Bu reau at Washington. For those who like pictures there is the Russian production costs U. S. S. R. in Construction, a times as much as "elsewhere" monthly of tabloid size entirely de-Beran Wolfe and Dr. Fritz Wittels,
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The Pattern of Modern Novels The Place of Labor in the Literature of the Day

By Ben Blumenberg

THE Communist Manifesto speaks of the scholar and the tainers in the arts had no illusions old order in the realms. as to the source of their bread and their wives, mistresses and miliof the writers. The painter, poet, tions but for bread. sculptor and dramatist glorified lived and along with this glorificasprung.

Learning and the arts were in a knowledge of Latin, is an inheritance from the days when knowledge of that language denoted the scholar and the profeshad no opportunity or need of ac- novels of Hugo, Eliot, Stowe and making their efforts pay, as to

class, the traders, a need devel-

of the arts, it was to the rulers question the masters, their rights Creel was calling on high heaver ping blood and dirt at every pore," Literature was not a social force

lived and along with this glorification, there often was evidence of Even today the novels of Scott, came boss censor during the war. class from whom the retainers Dickens are interesting not so same profession and Charles doubtedly there has been a vast als and in the novels of the so-Dickens in affecting that abstrac- some extent the times are re-With the invention of printing tion, the social conscience. As well claim that the countiess mirror a narrowly materialistic, with the rise of a new economic thousands of sermons, written and cynical age in which all social spoken on civic righteousness have ideals are absent. oped for wider diffusion of knowl- influenced the conditions of politiedge. The rule of thumb no longer cal life as much as one election about Uptown Sinclair when he

national government, or to gain rescuing part of the peasantry In every age literature must

man of science as the vassals of from "the idiocy of country life," necessarily reflect the interests of the sordid grubbing for it, will not the modern capitalist class. Howeve, neither the employed nor the employer is aware of this relation. The exceptions are few. In the middle ages and after, the remiddle ages and after the interests of the sordid grubbing to fit, will not the standard of living for the majority of the workers is lower than under the Czar" simply is not true. Even the most rabid and enforce World Peace?

In conclusion, the clash of interests there are to know that the incomes received by the characters is sufficient to apitalists do not make that claim. In conclusion, that it is not receiving its just the dominant economic class. In the dominant economic class. In the clash of interests there are to know that the incomes received by the characters is sufficient to and enforce World Peace?

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In conclusion, that the dominant economic class. In the dominant econom share of the swag and a squawk The writer under the new order is emitted. Such was the muckbutter. Leaving aside the fact had limitations, as he had under raking period when Ida® Tarbell for many centuries the the old, though his field was a was exhibiting th tentacles of the church was almost the sole patron wider one. There were few to Standard Oil Company, George that the artist had to look for support. In painting and sculpture the subjects were kings, nobles, which "came into the world dripcitizenry against the malefactors tary figures. Poems and dramatic as Marx put it, fought for their of great wealth, while Lincoln works were dedicated to patrons new masters, not to uphold tradi- Steffens was jabbing his pen into the "shame" of the clies and colleges. Ida later deleted her histhey and until very recent times novels tory of Standard Oil and also euloundisguised contempt for the very Lytton, Torllope, Thackeray and out-prussianizing all others in the much because they hazily mirror in for writing biographies of those certain periods, but because of our who had "arrived" in the musical the keeping of the few. To this interest in the old fashioned peodor world. Literary windmill tilting day the snootiness associated with ple who read them or of the resulted only in disillusion. Its wealthy who collect the first editions of these novelists. Unamount of sentimentality handed called sophisticates. Some of the ional man. The villagers, th herd, down to us on the influence of the writers in the latter class are

There was something naive made the discovery that "Money Writes" in the book of that title. He charged that writers of the present time, almost without exception, write solely for money and that the transactions in which they engage are as crude will speak on "How To Be that title. The charged that writers of the present time, almost without exception, write solely for money and that the transactions in which they engage are as crude will speak on "How To Be that they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about six times are so inefficient they can still grow industrially about s do. In short they completely failed to establish any kind of the new economy. The period of machine. which they engage are as crude as any done in the market place. Naturally the writers who took notice of Sinclair's indictment, panned him. They were partly or wholly honest in this as few of them understand or give thought to the social and economic influences shaping their work.

Just why a writer should be exected to have higher ideals than an editor, teacher, lawyer or physician, is not clear. The writer who is able to sell his work serves a longer and more heart breaking apprenticeship than in the other professions. The rewards, except to an insignificant proportion, are Unless the writer is something of a genius he cannot be a social rebel. He takes the status quo for granted. If he questions it at all, it must be done with care and, subtlety. This means a smaller audience, greater difficulty in securing a publisher, favorable contracts, royalties and reviews. The publisher is a merchandiser and his standards do not differ from those of other business Why expect writers and publishers to be "soldiers of the common good" in a society that glorifies the grabber for individual gain?

The novelist has his work cut out for him. He says in effect: "Readers, gentle, admiring and otherwise. For plot there's the ime tested triangle. Here are the characters. You are not going to they make their living. Mon

maintain two or three establishand finishing schools, etc. We will only people who have experiences of being recorded. workers appear in the novel, they will play the part of menials, with amusing accents and perform like with Salvation Army virtues. The reader is assured that mass, their struggles to make a

This is the formula for the ousand or more novels that the were increased from \$3 to \$5 for nomic Review of the Soviet Un presses grind out each year. Truly a six hour day, which is almost he literature of escape that also equal to the Jacksonville scale for bi-weekly on economics, and th insured" German miners were go-

The Group has made arrange nents for two exceptionally good lectures to be given by Dr.

> "The workers are often proud of that which they should be ashamed and ashamed of that which they should be proud."

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Where the Depression Ends

CAPITALISM may be depressed but not the Socialist movement. From all over the country letters come to The New Leader revealing opportunities to reach the masses with Socialist education. New subscriptions and renewals continue to come in, although they are often accompanied with letters citing the bleak conditions facing the

The Women's Branch of the party in Jamaica has contributed \$15 to send short time trial sub-scriptions to a selected list of names. This branch is one of the very best working for The New

Two other workers for our paper are doing a fine job with trial subs. Alfred Baker Lewis up in Boston again arrives with two yearlies and twelve three months trial subs. Out in Chicago Ed Lowenthal has paid for trial subs to the number of a hundred and has sent in his fifth list of ten names with more to come.

Meantime James Oneal's "Workers in American History" is going fast and the supply is getting low. So many have gone out during the past few weeks that we cannot mention them but excerpts from a few letters will be of interest to our friends.

In one California town Oneal's book is being studied by a group of Quakers who are planning practical line of work when it is finished. Fred-erick Reustle of New York is a new reader who passes his copy each week to friends whose interest promises new subscribers. How many others The New Leader to friends?

M. A. H. of New York thinks our news section could be improved but that our editorials and Nor-man Thomas' column are a real joy. Up in Bangor, Maine, a subscriber renews for five years and writes that he is ashamed that he had neg-lected his renewal. Another subscriber in New Jersey fines himself 25 cents for having neglected his renewal. Meyer Halushka of Chicago gets across with a two years' sub and expresses approval of "so splendid a paper."

From Indianapolis a reader renews and calls the roll of the editor and regular contributors and de-clares that their "subtle irony, keen sarcasm, in-telligent outlook and scholarly mien" make a reader feel like saying "Hoch to you." From Wood-bridge, N. J., a subscriber declares that "The New Leader is my guiding light in this world of capitalist darkness and depression."

Other messages might be quoted but space will not permit. Our hearty thanks go to all who are helping to expand the circulation of The New Leader. There is still room for many more en-listments and remember that the Oneal book is still available as a premium for each new yearly subscription. Use the coupon below.

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Pulladelphia, We Love You

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VE heard Reinald Werrenrath sing the other night and we were impressed by the dearth good songs for anyone who does not want to jazz, blues or mammies.

ley? It would seem so, When Mr. Werrenrath had se some contemporaneous ditty it was one of ho I'm a pirate bold" things or someg up to date and snappy like "My sword is for

I'll bet a grown-up man feels like a bit of an idiot ng a good baritone on this infantile tripe. Cernly the contemporary scene should be rich in emes for the writers of our nation's songs. If the alled effect which seems to be much sought after desired, why not good, rousing bust-outs some-

w Mrs. McCarthy and five of her children

tent out for a walk at the end of the day.

hey went through old Chelsea in search of McCarthy
tho was drinking the last of his longshoreman's pay." You can finish that off any way you want and our few singers who feel themselves above aething to put their lyrical teeth into.

We were down in Philadelphia over this last eek-end and right now we want to enter a cheer r the grand work that is being done there by ndy Biemiller, Franz Daniel, Maynard Krueger, nd the other youngsters who are succeeding in utting the Socialist Party back on the Philadelphia miller, Franz Daniel, Maynard Krueger,

Franz was pinched a few days before we got here for distributing leaflets on unemployment paritable instincts of such Philadelphia millionaires the Stotesburys, the Snellenbergs, etc.

This of course is the worst sort of lese majeste d they hurled Franz into the local Bastille and arted to charge him with "sedition" and a lot of er high crimes. One cop looking over the imup mighty tall sive bulk of Franz who stands nd husky asked him why he didn't join the cops 'make an honest living."

They put him in the patrol wagon at the city all and started him off to another jug in the com-any of second-story men, pickpockets and the unrivileged and incautious generally. Inadvertently hey forgot to take his leaflets away from him and route Franz had all his fellow-captives folding the "seditious" literature while he poked the flets through a little port-hole at the top of the ice van. In such fashion did the surprised pop learn about the causes of unemployment and Socialist cure therefor.

This is the sort of fighting spirit that the party ds. Keep your eyes on Ph rls. There will be big doings there.

Philadelphia millionaires seem to be exceptionally scionable lot and yet sensitive to boot. One of em was so upset by the Socialist propaganda that hurriedly came across with a good-sized pile of for the unemployment relief campaign. At the had sent around a lousy check for one thouand dollars which was indignantly rejected by the ector of the fund. Is there anything more ironic an the sight of a millionaire loudly applauding erbert Hoover's drivel about "self-help" and how is the fine old American tradition that the unmployed should starve to death without calling or heir government for help and how private charity dle the situation and then contributing noth or worse than nothing to the self-same private harity and beating it to Florida?

And just to show you what this "Greatest other," the Red Cross is doing to help her individistic brood, we print this item sent to us by wington Hall from "THE LAMAR LEADER" of nar, Arkansas:

"Twenty-one thousand people in St. Francis aty. Ark., are living on the scant rations suplied by the Red Cross, which consists of bread and
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lied by the Red Cross, which consists of bread and Red Cross and the town charities are deluged rith pleas for aid from destitute townspeople. Yet ar or a single grain of its 100,000,000 bushels of leat and the Red Cross says it will refuse governnt money even if it is offered."

Alongside of this, Hall, in his very live sheet, THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRAT" publishes

TIRLOCK, Calif.—(AP)—Rotary and Exchange men will egg each other on with a view to icing the present surplus of prospective omees of this vicinity and stabilizing the po Clad in armor and carrying baskets of the club members will hurl the missiles at

h other until about one hundred cases of eggs only a fragrant memory." Make your own comment," says Hall. And we e made it and this being a family paper, we are going to put it in print.

course this is one way of stabilizing industry at had not occurred to us in the course of a con-lerable investigation that we have been making of e into this subject.

The egg-throwing Rotarians are however no more mentally fantastic in their approach to the lem than a lot of our "best minds" who have en giving their proposals for stabilization and tionalization. The answer is, folks, that there ain't ing to be no stabilization and no rationalization without a mighty thorough-going nationali-

We have been pretty busy lately reading all of e books on Russia that have been literally pouring the presses so we haven't had time for any in sive reading of a volume which has just been laid our desk bearing the euphonious title, "A Munasok Szocialis Es Gazdasagi Visconyai Budapes-en." The book consists of 1,143 pages, not including ne Scandinavian, and we have only worked up to age 322 which is all about "Szekcsfovarosi Auto n" and is pretty hot. It seems that these stobuszuzem have just been raising hell around dapest, the same as here, and it is high time that ng were done about it.

are also in receipt of an invitation from the Dean of the Enumeration," a gent in a dress-suit named C. J. Hoffman, who wants us to come around nd hear him lecture on the subject, "Who is Your aster?" We are also informed that "you can see he Dean personally and ask him any personal ques-ion you desire." Any question, Dean? That's a nighty big order. For example, we know darn well who our masters are. What we want to know is to get rid of them in the shortest possible man We think we know that too, but what we want Dean to tell us is the best and shortest way to that knowledge around. How about it, Dean?

Don't forget the dinner to A. J. Muste on March th at the Hotel Woodstock in New York City. A.
is a grand soul and we want to see a grand crowd re to hear him and Harold Laski on real workers' McAlister Coleman.

While the Planes Soar, Italy Falls!

By G. E. Modigliani

A S is known, the Fascist Gov-ernment, facing a constantly ncreasing treasury deficit, decided at the beginning of Decemper to reduce the pay of all ciarmy and the Fascist militia, as 'in rumentum regni," are not affected by this decision) in order to save a little more than 900,- the State's finances, and on the 000,000 lire (worth about 51/4 other, it was necessary to reduce cents apiece) a year

Almost at the same time the workers were cut from 8 to 25 per cent. by government order and

verybody might share the sacriover up this class blood-letting, the Fascist Government and press duction. always have received fiscal favors their losses by saving on wages. ompensating them almost in full.

After this had been done and Fascist policy is bound to aggrathout any of the interested per- vate the economic crisis in Italy. ons being able to interrogate

Bluster of Mussolini Effort to Conceal **Economic Instability of Regime**

Atlantic flight to Prazil.

vilian employes of the State (the 3,000,000,000 lire from the earnings of all those in Italy who live exclusively by their labor: but this has been done because on the one hand it was necessary to balance all prices, and to begin by cutting the cost of production by reducing Almost at the same time the wages of all industrial and farm of circulating capital used for production and general purposes.

In this way, explained Mussolini, without any consultation with the State will be able ') continue those interested. And the pay of to spend all it wants to for armathe private employes (white collar ment and Fascist politics and the workers) was also ordered reduced drop in prices will facilitate both domestic business and the exporta-At that time it was said that tion of Italian products. In other hese cuts were ordered so that words, the head of Fascism has confessed that the highest ecofices required by t'- occasion nomic and financial wisdom of the But, in fact, these ar- regime has been reduced to comof the exigencies of capitalist pro-

staged the comedy of the obligatory and immediate reduction of live worse so that the State may all retail prices. Comedy, I say, be able to oppress them still more ecause everyone knows how easy ferociously and lead them toward it is for a merchant to make up a new and more tremendous war. on quantity or quality what he has to lose in price. And in Italy selves, especially the small and pelled to reduce rents, either taxes to the regime and to be conhaven't reduced them or have re- tent if the Fascist Government duced them very little, and then gives them a chance to recoup And here is the very tragedy of the Italian situation. This stupid

that the profiteers of the Fascist to the current depression.) Yes, said Mussolini, the Fascist dictatorship don't allow to be The same official statistics show the end of last November of 5,-Government, at one stroke, has cut even mentioned. That's why the that during the second half of 1930 061,000,000 lire, even after the

> But they are fooling themselves. The Fascist statistics themselves are enough to prove that in Italy today the progressive economic ruination of the country is beginning to shake the financial solidity of the political regime.

It is no longer necessary to demonstrate the ruin of Italian industry, commerce and agriculture. Everybody knows the figures on unemployment. Officially there were 552,000 jobless the end of equally. But, in fact, these are regime has been reduced to observe the solution of the disaster over taking the first from 20 to 30 per cent. to those although in order to disguise and entire burden of State finances and a million farmhands who do pracof unemployed on All the workers will eat less and Feb. 1 was 721,976, according to a the political foundation of the re- the case of the same amount of Rome dispatch of Feb. 16.)

And as unemployment gauges the misery of the workers, so bankruptcy measures the downfall has to lose in price. And in Italy everybody has seen recently that the landlords, apparently com-

their spectacular and daring trans- its regime. And this is something following heavy losses, partly due

ruinous economic measures now at times, in August and October, State had withdrawn 4,513,000,000 being tried were decided upon, as there actually was a falling off in lire from funds, which ought to be always, by only the political hie- the total capital invested in stock held intangible, in the Bank of d the limited companies. Everybody knows that Deposits and Loans, clique of big speculators, compos- savings are flying from the banks box of the nation; the Bank of ing the only group profiting from and taking refuge in the ordinary Naples, the money-box of the mithe present regime, without any savings institutions which, in gratory workers, and the social class or interests being allowed to Italy, are not allowed to invest insurance reserves. But this make their protests felt, or even their deposits in industry or comtive figures are more and more tary expenses.

Just a few more figures to finish rarely given in the official statistics. And rural property now is with. During 1931 and the beginworth less than half, and often ning of 1932, the Italian Governabout the Fascist conquest of the

country. tically nothing all Winter long. gime are not so well known. And ust because these data prove that gime is no longer so solid, it is treasury bonds. This explains why worth while citing some of the more illuminating.

1,524, and in October, 1,894. And the end of these five months the the outlook for the future is black, budget showed a deficit of 812,- Italy. indeed. The other day more than 300,000,000 lire. And it should not be 300,000,000 lire were withdrawn in forgotten that this deficit is being wenty-four hours in Milan and piled up within a budget totaling Genoa from the second biggest but little more than 21,000,000,000 Italian bank, following reports of serious disturbances on the Stock disaster would have been still come the police measures, the in-Exchange. (On Jan. 24, Ricardo greater if the famous "battle for human persecution and the pitiless sons being able to interrogate him, Mussolimi issued a defense of this policy at the very time when Italian fleet of flying boats were taking off on oppression and of war, i. e. weaken in the flat of flying boats were taking off on the taking off on the flat of flying boats were taking

on which brought in 234,000,000 lire more than the treasury's esti-

But all this is nothing in com parison with the situation of the treasury, which had a debit at the end of last November of 5,doesn't hinder this bankrupt remerce. And everybody knows that in Italy stocks, except the few enjoying monopolies, like the current budget of 1930-31 for shares of the electric concerns, are armament, without counting probnow quoted so low that compara- able increases and the secret mili-

less than one-third, of what it was ment is due to pay off 9,000,000,when the Italian agrarians brought | 000 lire of treasury bonds. Assuredly it will not pay them off. It will issue consols in place of On the other hand, the figures money. This will mean a loss of the first time, because in 1927 the government did the same thing in the Fascist Government can no longer find anyone in Europe or America to lend it a cent. desperation were being felt in

> And as the desperation of crimi-nals always is translated into ferocity, the more desperate the

The Chatterbox

More Sounds

There is so much of sunlight in your ways,
And so much need for warmth and clarity
Within this time of cold and darkened days, I dare not dream the things that stir in me.

Or else desire to gather and Assess May bear me down upon the frozen plain From which you raised me when your loveliness Gave benediction like a summer rain

So am I torn between a love for you And this compassion for the grievous days Whose lot would lighten if they only knew
How much there is of sunlight in your ways.

And surely they will claim you when they see How you have lightened all the life of me.

The attack in England against parliamentary tactics and democratic methods of government is the forerunner of what we may expect right here if Congress and the state legislatures continue their criminal muddling through the chaos that exists in social and industrial life today. Social-fascism is the new philosophy. Oligarchy is the new promise of freedom. It is a crazy-quilt pattern of things that confronts our bewilderment. No one is doing much about it. Nothing will be done. Except just when the change takes place. And then, all the protest meetings, all the scurrying and hurrying around for recruits to battle against the dictatorship in fact will be of little use. Social democracy is in for bitter days here and abroad. And it will take courage and patience of a rare kind to buffet through the

And all of the outcry and passion against der cratic methods is due to the ugly state into which democracy has fallen. Steam rollers, caucuses, intrigue, private ambitions, personal lust for power, the building up of clique mechanisms for control , all these and outright dishonesty have contributed to creating the cynicism and disfavor with which the masses regard all parliamentary bodies,

Nothing has been more indicative of the futility of the better, than the case of Labor rule in England during the last few years. Political compromises, grandiloquent gestures in uselessness, bickerings and trades for a longer tenure of impotent rule have aggravated the case for the mass and only dragged the reputation of the party down to street corner and pub derision.

Here in America, we have come to a similar state only that the Republican party is getting the ha-ha now, and the Democrats will get it later . . . surely

So that we Socialists who firmly believe in parliaments and political means will have a doubly difficult task to face as these days go on. Not only do we have the job of teaching Socialism to an individualistic people, but we must also refurbish and make clean the now besmirched escutcheon of Democracy.
But then we are inured to hard tasks . . . and so we mush on.

Manhattan

Manhattan-They bought you years and years ago ... for what? Twenty-four bucks and a jug of gin

You grew and grew through all the rounds of life-Your muscles bulged and in your face rang laughter with its share of pain.

You gave the rich the bounties of the land. You gave them plenty of food with which to round Their stomachs with contentment. You gave them Places to cavort-to laugh-to dance-to drink-to please the vanities

Of well dressed parasites and leeches. You gave them Special this and special that and cars and buildings big, to live within,

And planned in all the splendor of the castles of old You gave them country homes and lakes and forests and brooks and luxuries-

All that money can convey. You gave them these and winked your eye.

You gave the poor, oh, countless tears and pains. You took their children and then painted white their faces.

You laughed at fathers, mothers growing gray with anguish. You smiled and then caressed the daughters who for

They wanted deeply-sold themselves to reprobates That you protected. You took the many sons
And then instilled within their minds an education Feeble and consistent with your laws that wanted That the rank and file of students be alike

You then sat back and closed your eyes to sleep. You then sat back and let disciples of your wishes Proclaim the standards of your ways. You then sat back . . .

Manhattan_

The writing on the wall will some day greet your eyes. Will some day strike the very depths where beats A small, anemic heart; will some day reach your

very soul. (As puny as it be) to rouse you from your a And placid place, Take heed-the day of days will come.

They bought you years and years ago . . . for what? Twenty-four bucks and a jug of gin.
Then know, the price that we shall pay
Oh, God, exceeds the first a thousand, million ways.

The writing on the wall will some day greet your

Take heed-the day of days will come -DOUGLAS B. KRANTZOR.

By the way, for you thousands who did not attend the New Leader birthday dinner on Lincoln's Birthday, there is still left the opportunity of sending in birthday greeting in the form of a new subscription for the paper. And Lordy, how we can use a presents these days . . . What say you, dear contribs and readers?

If the votes cast for the capitalist parties in 1928 have a nice fund for the relief of the unemployed.

One consolation we have is that the Socialist movement has not joined the army of the unem-ployed. It has more work than it can do.

One of President Hoover's rugged individuals umped into the river recently because he could not get a job. His individual initiative brought him to the morgue.

Well, Canada has retaliated by jacking up the tariff on automobiles and some American ma turers are thinking of moving their plants to Can-ada. Referred to Matthew Woll and his tariff league as a special order of business at its next session

Scanning the New Books Edited by LAWRENCE ROGIN

American Labor and Anti-Trust Legislation

Judicial Extension of the Law

THE political activities of labor in interpreting the act so that it of such a character the they have the intent nental aid. The courts have hown their bias against labor in orable to labor organizations and condly, they have declared uninstitutional or otherwise nullide the effect of laws passed for purpose of aiding labor.

It is probable that the two ways. First, they have inter-preted the common law and also Sherman act. Under the proviied the effect of laws passed for strike.

true that it is in the mis-interpre- site effect because it allows pritation of one law of Congress that vate parties to sue for injunctions, the courts have done the most something they could not do undamage. That law is the Sherman der the Sherman act. anti-trust law and its amendments.

This fact has generally been offer to correct the evils which ad\$2.50 known but the complete story of mittedly exist in the situation as the work of the court in that connection has just been told in the courts apply the "rule of reason." (Harper & Brothers; \$3.00).

alt the book is very well done any which was made up of judicial avenue. and quite favorable to labor. decisions.

Space does not permit going into detail about the conclusions reached by Mr. Berman or about his method of reaching those conons. Most of them are imortant enough to be repeated here riefly and the reader who desires more detail can refer to the book

The first conclusion of importance is that a complete study of the congressional debates on the er, who organized the huge Moon-sherman act shows that Congress ey-Billings demonstrations last headquarters. He requests speak-did not intend that the act should year, will have his headquarters ers for the banquets. apply to labor and that the courts at 7 East 15th St., New York City. III.

in the United States have been did so apply were not following of Congress. After een able to get very little in the pointing this out the author shows way of favorable legislation from the development of the applica-our national and stage legislative tion of the law from the early bodies. The notorious anti-labor cases, like the Pullman cases, attitude of our courts has both through the entire history of the nullified most of what they have cotten and discouraged them from other, sympathetic strikes, boyving to get any further govern. cotts, organization campaigns, and

It is probable that the courts brought out, is the misinterpre-ave done the most harm to the tation of the labor provisions of use of labor by the first method, the Clayton Act, which Samuel Through it they have declared ille- Gompers referred to at its passage al such all important weapons of abor as the strike, the boycott. Instead of freeing labor from the and the sympathetic strike among injunction provisions of the Sherners. It was in this manner that man act, as it was supposed to, the the injunction was born. It is also Clayton act has had just the oppo-

publication of "Labor and the which they have used in deciding which they have used in deciding the deciding the deciding which they have used in deciding the decid were to apply this rule they would Mr. Berman has made an exhaustive study of the problem question of whether or not the presented by the application of the purpose of the activity was rea-Sherman act to labor unions. He sonable in the eyes of the judges. tackles the problem from all an-gles; discussing whether it was applying their social philosophy to to labor judges had the same social philplied to, its effectiveness, and, suggestion is but a plous wish. It Hotel.

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At Dinner to Muste

Progressive thought and action the intent of Congress that the the case before them. If the including the workers' education ovements, will be compared by nions, the chronological story of osphy as the author no doubt the Professor Harold J. Laski, of the its interpretation by the courts in solution he offers would be of some University of London, at the Testiabor cases and in the more im- value but with the judges what monial Dinner for A. J. Muste, portant non-labor cases, the type they are and without much hope head of Brookwood Labor College, labor activities it has been ap- of their getting any better the on March 6th, at the Woodstock

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The Director of the National Drive

tivities in the state during his Spurt in Activity Eastern trip to attend the N.E.C. meeting, Washington, D. C. Feb. meeting, Wa 28-March 1. Word has just been received pontment of a state wide commit-tee of four prominent Socialists and a Drive Director who has

made conspicuous successes in or-ganizing the jobs he has been given by the party. Harry Kritz-state and to cooperate in any other

Fighting for a Slave Society WHEN Marx and Engels pub- a railroad that would tie the

the underlying material factors. of Northern capitalism threatened. This is the theme or a study by Herbert Wender, Ph.D., (Southern Commercial Conventions, 1837-1859. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. \$2).

existed no matter what form the agrarian mode of production might Capitalism has always tribecause of its more gentry made the latter shiver. economic artillery which Some tMought of some arrangement th. \$2.50.

Colman — Lumber; Little, powerful economic artillery which Some thought of some arrangement batters down all archaic forms of by which these whites could obumphed production.

The problem of the Southern rul. land, thus attaching them by ok. ing class was to preserve their so-economic ties to the slave system the cityleges of but nothing came of it. As a dele-\$2.50.

Wilford H. Crook—The General Strike; University of North Carolina Press. \$6.00.

Harry Carman—Social and Economic History of the U. S.; D. C. Heath. \$4.00. only by encouraging capitalism in to entertain a more favorable feelthe South but this would destroy ing toward the peculiar institutheir own social system and their tion." power would also pass into the hands of a capitalist class. Most of the ruling gentry knew this. A the Civil War the "fire-eaters" gether but the general fears were

admirably expressed by one dele-gate in 1839 who said: gate in 1839 who said:

To our view it is clear that if the dreams of the Southern commercial conventions should ever be realized the planter society would perish at once. Nothing maintains slavery but the influence extended upon it by the dominant class at the South. It is right because the ruling class declare it to be right. In other parts of the world it is wrong because the fashion of society decause the fashion of society decause the fashion of society departs of the world it is wrong ac-cause the fashion of society de-nounces it. Let the planter class feel itself inferior to the merchant and the manufacturer and it will no longer dare to defend an insti-tution condemned by them. On the other hand there was the

tures that has always been ex- ashes. vill confer with him about the acnibited by an aristocratic landed Bow, one leading intellectual re- capitalist enterprises!

Trade with Europe and hopes of

W lished the "Communist Manifesto" in 1847, American society road and railroad building, timid

was already staging a struggle support of factory enterprise and that admirably flustrated their interpretation of history in terms of considered, but ever in the back ground a One phase of it was the struggle them. Give that gentleman enof the ruling class of the South to couragement and the gentry knew save itself from the extinction that he would push them out of which the growth and expansion the picture. Then there was the ragged white proletariat, millions of them, the "poor whites," sullen

many of them hating the ruling upstarts but equally hating the Negro because the latter had a The conventions were held with more assured place than they did the hope of rescuing the planter in the planter system. system from its absolute and rela- try became general in the South tive decline of economic and politi-these whites would become wage cal power in comparison with workers whose interests would be ongress. Dorrance.

Lowes Dickinson—After 2,000 Northern capitalism. It was the self-dickinson—old conflict between agriculture that gave them jobs than the planand capitalism which has always ter system which made them outcasts. The prospect of this white pro letariat being ranged against the

> tain a slave or two and a patch of As the old order entered the shadows in its last decade before

few were in favor of letting down gained more and more influence the gates to the enemy in the hope in the United States and England, that a capitalist class and a plan- more to a determination to reject would share power to- the perilous temptations of bourgeois riches. The landed order was the "natural" order, even "God's order," and it was the sacred duty of the "South" to defend it to the last ditch. In passing it may be observed that when the orators referred to the "South" they always meant the handful of ruling magnates and nobody else. demanded the reopening of the African slave trade, thought of importing Chinese coolies, and of ringing in Negroes under inden tures, but all expired in futility The roaring of guns settled the de bate and when the fighting was ontempt for trade and manufac- over the planter system was in

And the sequel? It is amusin class. That same contempt was to observe the sons and the granddisplayed by the landed aristoc- sons of the old gentry paying homracy in New England before the age to the bourgeois gods of the rise of the factory system. As De- North by investing their funds in tainer of planter interests said shades of Yancey, Calhoun, Hamnear the end of the slave system, mond and others now look down Southern gentlemen would not upon these apostate descendants mulate the English hawker, ped- who have bartered the ancient National Drive ler and drummer since those pur- creed for bourgeois ease and suits were unbecoming to aristo-cratic taste and talent." dividends, there certainly must be deep mourning behind the Veil. JAMES O'NEAL

"Rango" at Rivoli is Thrilling and Exciting

Continues at the Cameo



rades of 1918", Germany's thrilling anti-war film de atre, where it has been received with m. Hans Joachim Moebis and Gustav o Theatre.

The Week On The Stage By Joseph T. Shipley

MUSICAL COMEDY ON MOVIES violet beside an orchid. And Gus 'AMERICA'S SWEETHEART." Book by Herbert Fields, music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Lorenz

for it trafficks lightly with hollow Hollywood in the days when talkies first took the land. And the opening speed of the evening promises effective satire of the talking pictures, which move swiftly in popularity in spite of all adverse coment. But sex and sweet sentiment soon make the evening less a satire than a sort of musical movie on the stage. But it is good to note how, these days, almost every comedy stops its story for a horselaugh at the (more costly) farce

from the White House.

The fun "America's Sweetheart" provides, taking it on that level, is subject of snobbery. The twelfth varied and good. The three young ladies from the mountains of the bluest blood, is having his usual varied and good. The three young ladies from the mountains of the ladies from the mountains of the louest blood, is having his usual South—Hilda, Louise and Maxine Forman—drone nasal discords into amusing harmony; they have a future. Jeanne Aubert may be depended upon to infuse sex-con-for Prescott is to read the newly sciousness into an embalmed mum-found deed to the property, which my: she'd turn a Pharaoh's tomb Much More," "I want a Man"—
her songs and words and ways are
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"ALE-AND FAREWELL!"

By Franklin Russell. At the Avon. There is kidding in "The Great Barrington," often more pointed than deft, but often drawn—we hope deliberately-to the edge of the ludicrously overdone, on the Prescott Barrington, millionaire of several persons, leaving the thea-

was not bought, but presented to phallic symbol. "There's So the first Prescott "for distinguishmore innocent, like a daisy and a actual events of 1630, and learn that the first Prescott Barrington was a thief and a murderer named Higgins, who created his name and story, and was given the estate for marrying a servant Peter Van Doorn had got with child. The two closet—and the daughter of the twelfth Prescott embraces her

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During a year spent in the unxplored wilderness of Sumatra lming "Rango," now at the Rivoli. Ernest Schoedsack found that the nenace of the tiger keeps the naives in constant terror.

"The dwellings, habits, education and legends of the Malay tribes have been inspired by the tiger," asserts Schoedsack, co-director with Merian C. Cooper of "Chang." "To the native he is a striped fury, responsible for an average of fifty deaths annually in the tribal illages of northwestern Sumatra

"The Malay huts are raised from welve to fifteen feet above the round, and the tiny doors and indows are closed securely at night, in spite of the heat, to pre-vent the hungry cats from imroving their menu."

Native legends spun about the mysterious potency of tigers, pre-sented a serious problem in Schoed-sack's jungle camp. Some natives helieve that all tigers are the re incarnation of departed spirits and a curse follows those who kill them. Other tribes believe in the "pawangrimboe" which means tiger-familiar, a beast invested with the benevolent capacity to watch over and portect villages and individuals. When it was absolutely necessary to kill a tiger for safety, Schoedsack usually had to perform the feat unassisted, the natives fearing a curse more than the tiger's claws.

Flo Lewis Added To the Hipp Bill

Flo Lewis, the red-headed flapper, who has just returned from an extensive foreign tour that took ner as far as the South Seas, will return to R-K-O vaudeville this Saturday, via the Hippodrome.

sweetheart, John Jones.

Anybody with a sense of humor will find delectable fare in this play; and anybody with a social sense will recognize that it's as true as "Don Quixote." We heard tre, say: "If half these stuck-up families knew the story of their past, I bet—."

MORE HORRORS OF WAR COMRADES OF 1918." German

talkie at the Cameo, from the novel "Four From the Infantry," by Ernest Johannsen. The news-story, carefully tuck-

American showing of "Comrades of 1918." There is no need to tell the story—nor to know German—the story—nor to be stirred by this film. Ellis, Erle Bunn, "Vivi," Jess Le Vorska, Robert Graham, Ed Le Saint, Clarence Muse, Edmund Significant C time-levels are brought neatly to gether, with the discovery of s (literal) skeleton in the family body buried, the lieutenant going mad: these are moments one to unlikely to forget (at least until the careful propaganda is begun, to prepare nations for the next war.) For not even the closing handshake of the two enemies can clasp the world in peace, nor all the desire of all common men, against bloody treaties built out of revenge and greed, against a world organized for profit rather than progress. The "war to end war" is not military, but political, social. of 1918," practical scientists with social ideals, like Einstein, must be supplemented by many a Debs and a Gandhi before "profit" is beaten and peace and progress secured. Until then, man continues to grow more efficient, not more

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"A Woman Denied", an adaptation from the Italian of Gennaro Mario Curci by Jean Bart, was presented at the Ritz theatre last Wednesday by Jimmie Cooper. Among the very fine names ap-pearing in the cast, are Mary Nash and McKay Morris, above.

'Dracula" on "Hipp" Screen-Karyl Norman Part of Big Stage Bill

week with Bela Lugosi in the title Manners, Helen Chandler, Dwight Frye and Edward Van Sloane are rominently in the cast.

Karyl Norman, "The Creole Fashion Plate" in one of the most beautifully staged and gowned presentations heads the eight-act vaudeville bill. Eddie Pardo, Broadway's smart comedian; Georgie Tapps and his Dance Mannequins, eight exuberant steppers with Marion Lane; Dezso Retter, the world's champion laugh wrestler; Jimmy O'Brien and Jack He-witt, songland's personality boys; Enos Frazere, daring aerialist and two other R-K-O features com-

The Last Parade" Vivid Tale of the Racketeer, at Mayfair

Columbia Pictures' tense picturization of modern gangland, "The Last Parade," will have its New at news-story, caretally tuck-ed in an inconspicuous spot, that 12,500 bodies from the World War Theatre, February 27. Jack fiolt February 27. Jack Holt lie rotting unburied in a hangar in France, makes especially timely the horrors of the Cameo's first Cummings in the feminine lead. Cummings in the feminine lead. Erle C. Kenton directed and the balance of an imposing cast in-

> "The Last Parade" is a vivid and and contains a powerful moral lesson. The picture is played against a background of the underworld, fashionable night clubs and the inner sanctum of a big city police

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Two Good Reminders The production of "Gods of the

Lightning" at the Provincetown Playhouse is a strong reminder "Dracula," the startling mystery of the Sacco-Vanzetti murder by at R-K-O's Hippodrome this Massachusetts—set down for all time in Upton Sinclair's "Boston." week with Bela Lugosi in the title role. It is Tod Browning's crowning achievement and present's fic"Anarchy," the Boston martyrs and know nothing. tion's strangest character in the weirdest screen thriller. David in California, still alive, are Mooney and Billings, victims of the same class war, but still to find the rec order of their story. Perhaps will come, also, when they have been buried, adding to the toll pre-

sumptuous power takes.

And at the Waldorf Theatre is a dramatic version, as good, per-haps, as can be made, of the epic that arraigns American civilization: Theodore Dreiser's "An worth and Ricardo Cortez are featured in this drama of a girl a young man caught in the pressure of capitalist society-no superman, no villain, but an average product of the age—pounded by the forces that rise inevitably out of this system, tempted and twist-ed and torn; when he is about to leave his cell for the electric chair. and the minister asks him, before God, if he is guilty, the bewildered lad can only say, "I do not know." Without himself passing judgment, Dreiser has written a wide and searching indictment of American capitalist life. "Boston," by Sin-clair, "An American Tragedy," by Dreiser-two searing things as they should not be-but

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"Father's Son" will remain at the New York Strand Theatre for a second week, it was decided late today, after a check-up of weekend and holiday receipts. The fig-ures showed that in its first four days at the Strand, "Father's Son" far exceeded the entire week's intake of "Viennese Nights," and in view of the excellent notices the picture was accorded, it was deided to hold it over.

Leon Janney, Irene Rich and Lewis Stone have the featured roles in this drama by Booth Tarkington, adapted from his story "Old Fathers and Young Sons." William Beaudine directed

'The Gorilla" Held Over at the Warner; Also "Lost Gods'

"The Gorilla" will be held over second week at the Warner Theatre. The rest of the supplemen tary program remains intact. This includes a secondary feature titled "Lost Gods." a five-reel record of search for lost civilizations in the great desert.

Lila Lee and Joe Frisco are co featured in "The Gorilla." which was directed by Bryan Foy from Ralph Spence's famous stage play. Harry Gribbon and Walter Pidgeon appear in their support. Frisco and Gribbon are cast in roles of

'Illicit' Moves to the Beacon Theatre

"Illicit" which recently con cluded a successful engagement at the Winter Garden Theatre, opens simultaneously Thursday night at the Beacon and Brooklyn Strand Theatres. Barbara Stanwyck, James Rennie Charles Butter romance. Archie Mayo directed.

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Above is a scene from "Lost Gods", the picturization of Count Byron Kuhn de Prorok's expedition which unraveled the mysteries of ancient Carthage of 4000 years ago. On the same program is "The Gorilla", with Lila Lee and Joe Frisco, picturized from the stage success of some seasons back.

Gypsies to Go Modernistic at Village Ball her gypsies.

Even the gypsies have gone modernist. At least they have gone modernist for Romany Marie's "Gypsy Ball," which takes place at Webster Hall on Friday evening, March 6th.

The leading representatives of the modernist gypsies at Romany Marie's ball will be Buckminster Fuller and Mis Evelyn Schwarz. They will appear in costumes made of modern industrial materials.

pear at the ball in a primitive gypsy costume. Konrad Bercovici. oted writer of stories on gypsy themes, is planning to come with several tribes of gypsies who are wintering in the vicinity of New York. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the famous arctic explorer, who has spent many years of his life with the nomads of the far north, has

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Alba Novella in Role of Nedda in Sound Picture of 'Pagliacci'

Alba Novella, the young lyric oprano, who portrays the part of edda in Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," showing at Leo Brecher's ral Park Theatre, is endowed rith natural gifts as singer and tress, enabling her, at the age of enty-one, to interpret an im-tant role with the artistry of ger of many years' experience. The screen version of a grand ist be carefully cast: the a must be young, an excellent totress and possess a beautiful totes. Albe Novello fills all these nents; in fact, she is one the rare artists endowed in outh, to whom such a responsi-

When only eighteen years old he made her first grand opera undiction and for none other than ir. Gatti-Casazza at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. To the amazement of this experienced opera producer, and the entire Metropolitan Opera Company staff, she proved to be a revelation. "As soon as she begins to sing the is transformed into another person, the part she is portraying." The director of the sound-film says Miss Novella has eves like Gloria

Harry Delmar Now At the Palace to Produce 2d 'Revels'

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Harry Delmar, musical comedy and talking picture producer, cur-rently at the RKO Palace Theatre with his latest vaudeville revue, today annonced production of a second "Harry Delmar's Revels." The first "Revels," which marked lmar's debut as a musical producer, had a successful run on Broadway three seasons ago. Del-day, February 27. cts to offer the second edition within three months.

The Palace star was directing one of his Pathe "shorts" at the time of the Pathe studio fire, last

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Local Wayne County will meet March 5 at 527 Holbrook Ave., at 8:30
D. m. There will be an election of Secretary for Local Wayne County.

Pennsylvania be Jugoslav Federation reports of the branch with twenty charter in Midway and an organizated among the Jugoslav

field among the Jugoslav coal rs who will report new branches

dily.

Scialists in Fayre are awanging mass meeting in the Methodist roch for Herman J. Hahn of Buf-.

Comrade Hahn is arousing the site within several hundred miles of

In Columbia's New Pic- Ted Healy, Due Soon ture at the Mayfair



The Mayfair's new picture is another story with an ur world background. Jack Holt, above, is supported by a large

recently, after an absence of several seasons. The producer an-nounced, also, that the rotund Charles Kemper, comedian in his says the conductor. Yes, replies Palace revue, will be a feature of the forthcoming "Revels."

"Zwei Herzen im 3/4 Takt" Continues at 55th St. Playhouse

Hearts Swinging in Waltz Time," going to remove from the bag. is featured this week at the Roxy Theare as part of the stage presentation over, you can rest assured that an stage effect ever produced. "Days of discase Franciase is the stage of this film with Henry Roussel and Bella Dona; Marian Bellet and and Jean Murat in the pricingal supporting roles. M. Roussell almost realistic stage effect ever produced. "Days of discase the stage presentation" and the most realistic supporting roles.

in "The Gang's All Here," Talks on This Funny Man Business

Comedians are always an interesting lot. They seem to go on through life care free and happy. Smiling until the last breath and with the knowledge that they only have contributed to the joy of their fellow men.

There's a fine recollection for the finish and somehow it seems that there will be a particularly starry crown awaiting the funny men in the next world. The make this sphere a better place in which to live. It is a matter of record, sad and morbid lot, and there still remains the old classic about the clown, Pagliacci, who was obliged to make the crowd laugh-even though his own heart was breaking.

And Ted Healy, funniest of the clan, who tops the musical comedy "The Gang's All Here," which will be seen at the Imperial Theatre on Tuesday evening, February 17, says that it's a cinch-this being the funny man-yes, indeed it is

boy's mother trying to fool the conductor into letting her little boy ride for half-fare. He looks older, worried."

That's the way with Ted. He Theatre. says he never steps out on the On the screen is a rousing, riot-

entirely different sort will be of the Covered Wagon."

In New Picture at the Central



Starting today, the Central Theatre will show L. E. Goetz' Production of "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room. William Farnum, Lionel nore and others are shown in a scene from the picture.

forthcoming for the second at- "Tiefland" to Be Given tempt. Ted says he never knows when

his stuff is going to be funny.
"I just tell them stories, and worry," he confided.

"Sometimes the stories hit and they roar and hold their sides. Sometimes they dont's- and I

"You know the story about the Laugh Week at The Fox Brooklyn

stage without worrying. Will he ous, romantic farce, "It Pays to be able to please them? Has he Advertise," taken from the famous good enough jokes to appease the appetites of the people assembled? biggest hits Broadway ever saw.

over, you can rest assured that an stage effect ever produced, "Days so directed the picture from the

By German Opera

Eugen d'Albert's opera, "Tiefland," which was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House more than twenty years ago with Emmy Destinn, will be offered by the German Grand Opera Company, Thursday evening, March 19. The cast will contain Margarethe Baumer, soprano; Carl Hartmann, mer soprano; Carl Hartmann, tenor, and Max Roth, baritone. Dr. e for half-fare. He looks older, so the conductor. Yes, replies mother—that's because he is the day of the looks older, so the conductor. Yes, replies mother—that's because he is the day at the Fox Brooklyn in which Minnie Maddern Fiske

> "La Nuit Est a Nous" Still At the Little Carnegie

Up at the Little Carnegie Play- CLOTHING CUTTERS' UNION "Zwei Herzen im ¾ Takt" ("Two
Hearts in Waltz Time,") German
screen operetta, enters the sixth
month of its run at the 55th Street

Agpetites of the people assembled?

Of course, after he has been on
the stage for a few minutes be
cases to worry, because the
laughter that rings across the
laughter that rings house, Leo Brecher's modernistic playhouse on West 57th Street, "La month of its run at the 55th Street laughter that rings across the Playhouse commencing next Friday, February 27.

Incidentally, the waltz theme of this German production, "Two fleet of quips and gags that he is Hearts Swinging in Waltz Time," going to remove from the bag. And if the first rag does not seem and Bella Dona; Marian Bellet and and Jean Murat in the production and Jean Murat in th

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ing "The Road to Socialism" was well received by a large and enthusiastic audience who entered into the spirited discussion following the lecture. The final talk of the series on the topic "Socialism in the U. S." will be delivered this Tuesday, March 3, at 9:00 p. m. sharp, at the headquarters, 1637 E. 17th St., near Kingshighway.

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Brighton Beach Branch

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Comrade Samuel Seidmän will speak
on "Socialism in Our Times," at our
forum held every Friday evening, at
\$200 p. m. sharp, at 3068 East 3rd
St., near Brighton Beach Ave.

23rd A. D.

There will be no lecturer this Friday evening. The meeting will be
devoted entirely to matters pertaining
to the weifare of the branch. Branch
meetings are held regularly every Friday evening in the Brownsville Labor
Lyceum, 219 Sackman St. On Friday, March 6, the speaker will be
Leonard Bright, subject "Unemployment Insurance." On Tuesday evening, March 3, Samuel H. Friedman
will hold the first session of the class
on "Elements of Socialism" to be conducted under the auspices of the
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Lecture Calendar

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Friday, Feb. 27, 8:15 p. m., Morris
Hillquit, "Troubles at Home and
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Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 p. m., Prof.
Elias L. Tartak, "Dostoyevsky—Novelist and Thinker," 8 Van Nest Place,
near Charles St. Cheisea Branch, Socialist Party,

Bronx

Friday. Feb. 27, 8:30 p. m., Samuel A. Dewitt, "Chain Stores and Mergers—The Liquidation of the Small Busines Man," 1167 Boston Road, 4th A. D. Branch, Socialist Party, Monday, March 2, 8:30 p. m., Henry Jager, "Why We Have Hard Times," Social Hall, tea-room, Amalgamated Cooperative Houses, Socialist Party Branch.

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of Human Nature," 1st of a series of
lectures on Heredity and Environment,
4218-Third Ave. near Tremont Ave.
7th A. D. Branch, Socialist Party.
Thursday, March 5, 9:00 p. m.,
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The most distinguished speakers in e history of the Rand School have peared on its platform this year. Morris Hillquit, National Chairman, Morris Hiliquit, National Chairman, Socialist Party, who hardly needs an introduction, will sum up the series of lectures on American Civilization Today, on Monday, March 2, at 8:30 p. m. His topic will be "Industrial Development and Political Philosophy".

phy."
William P. Montague, Professor of William P. Montague, Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University, will deliver a series of three lectures, Monday, March 9, 16, 23, at 8:30 p. m. Professor Montague has the faculty of bringing philosophical thinking into vital relations with our daily thoughts, feelings and problems. His topics are: (1) Rival Methods of Seeking Truth, (2) The Law of Increasing Returns in Ethics, (3) Promethean Religion: A Program for a Religious Revolution. PAINTERS, DECORATORS OF

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Anita Block, reader of Foreign Plays

for the Theatre Guild, lucid and vi speaker, will give two lectures Monday, March 30, and April 6, 8:30 p. m., on "Important Plays the Current European Season."

Mark Starr, of the London Labor College and Brookwood, who will ar-rive from England in a few weeks, will give a series of five lectures based

"The History of the American Radical Movements," Saturday, March 14, at 2:30 p. m. His course, "Political Parties in America," will begin March 17. Donald Henderson, one of the new members of the faculty, will give a course on "The State as an Economic Factor," on Wednesday, 8:30 p. m., beginning March 18. Peter Mueller-Munk. silversmith, will give a lecture on "Metals: Proportions and Productions," and will exhibit some of his productions on March 3, at 8:30 p. m. In the Studio.

Student Fellowshin, The State 19:30 p. m. Student Fellowshin, The State 19:30 p. m.

i the Studio. Student Fellowship. The first dance f the Student Fellowship will be held his Saturday night, ebruary 28, in he Debs Auditorium. Tickets in adance, 75c, at the door, \$1.09. Friends of the school are urged to attend.

The Women's Committee of the the Debs Auditorium. Tickets in advance, 75c, at the door, \$1.09. Friends of the school are urged to attend.

The Women's Committee of the School is planning a field trip Tuesday, March 3, at 2:30 p. m., to the Tiffany Art Studio on West 23rd St.

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All of the other contestants remained in the same relative position in which they were mentioned last week, although the more active ones increased the number of credits.

The final stretch will take place up until midnight March 1, and only those contestants in places where there is a county or city central committee that must pass on the applications will be credited with applications malled after March 15. hood.

The last meeting of the Squirrel
Hill Branch was preceded by a houseto-house canvass among old party
members and others. The meeting
was enthusiastic and well attended:

Strong members were envolved, and

ast one Socialist councilman elected in Los Angeles, is the of the City Campaign Com-The committee is running New Jersey New Jersey
STATE COMMITTEE
A meeting of the State Committee
Will be held Sunday, March 8, 2:30
p. m., at 105 Springfield Ave., Newark. Preparations for an efficient state campaign for Governor and other important business will be taken

**Candidates Night" under the auspices of the 6th Congressional District Branch has been postponed till Thursday night, March 5, 8:15 p. m. "IT Socialists Ruled Chicago" is the theme for discussion. The speakers are: John M. Collins, Socialist candidate for Mayor; Clarence Senior, Socialist candidate for City Clerk; Tyman Schneld, Socialist candidate for City Treasurer. Admission is free. Questions and floor talks will follow the main addresses. The meeting will be held at 2653 Washington Blvd.

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The Socialist message to the voters. Chicago was broadcast over Statom WoFL, Saturday evening, Feb. 28, in the clubrocapt of the same of the congage him should communitie immediately with Socialist Head-sarters, 2653 Washington Blvd. See present, much interesting businesses was discussed and 27 new memors were admitted.

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Chairman Carison of the Committee, indicated that it will be held on Saturday and critical states Secretary Merrill represented the party at the Senate Judiciary Committee. Bection Boards for their failure to publish the entrolled as Scialists and program has been arranged. Herman to the will be feel to make a member of the branch, will give a series of humorous recitations, and other talent will be held on Saturday of the colors of the colors and critical states are reasonable for their failure to publish the entrolled Sciences are promised for their failure to publish the entrolled Sciences and the print the print of which the entrolled Sciences and the print of the colors of the several political parties. When Secretary Merrill made the point that the Socialist Party was accustomed to use union-made water-mark paper for its designation petitions and that it might be immossible of the several political prop ess was discussed and 27 new mem-ers were admitted.

Clarence Senior, National Secretary, ooka twice in Hammond, to an au-ience of 150 at the Women's Club, and to 200 at the open forum. Local mrades are planning a follow-up Chairman Carlson of the Onondaga County Election Board, who did most of the talking for the Election Commissioners' Association, declared that the purpose of the bill was to enable Boards to sort designation petitions readily. The bill also requires the names of candidates to be typewritten or printed on designation petitions, instead of being written in.

NASSAU COUNTY

Professor Donald Henderson, of Columbia University, was the speaker at the Forum, Feb. 19. His topic was "Third Parties and the Socialist Movement." The discussion concerned the present situation. ful meeting in Gary several weeks ago led to a demand for a return engage-ment will speak again Sunday evening, March 8. Sympathizers should get in touch with Miss Hazel Wooten, Route

Movement." The discussion concerned the present situation.

A supper was given at Headquarters, 1503 McNeil Avenue, Inwood, unday evening, Feb. 22, with an unsually large attendance. Wm. Karni lectured on "The Historical Deelopment of Socialism" with reference to previous struggles for political reedom and the abolition of slavery, ommonly associated with the two ational leaders whose birthdays were slebrated this month.

The speaker this Thursday evening as McAllister Coleman, who speaks 1"A Radical Looks at the World"

was McAllister Coleman, who speaks on "A Radical Looks at the World." This lecture concluded the present series, the second sponsored since the opening of the Forum last Fall. The program for the third and concluding series will be announced next week.

Bualo by weekly broadcasts every

Sunday morning on social topics and is getting a good fan mail response PITTSBURGH Jimmie Higgins Contest

While the Jimmie Higgins contest entered its last week, everyone showed a spurt. All contestants retained their place in the ranks of the first ten except those holding the last four Places. Joseph Hamburger, Chicago Seventh place and dislodge Herbert Efstein of Los Angeles from tenth

An entertainment and supper has been arranged for Saurday evening. Feb. 28, at headquarters, 105 Springfield Ave., by the women comrades of Essex County. These monthly affairs for the benefit of the headquarters are always very enjoyable. Everybody is cordially invited. ESSEX COUNTY

New York State
ELECTION LAWS
The first county upstate to publish its enrollment of voters is St.
Lawrence. The number enrolled as
Socialists more than doubled com-

A local has been organized at Three Rivers with a charter membership of elegan. The members will cover the 200 of 2,000 homes with Socialist landes distributed regularly. The Socialist Party of Michigan is circulating petitions for unemployment insurance to force a state vote in the subject by initiative.

New York City

THE TOPK LTY
CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
The monthly meeting of the City
entral Committee will be held on
yednesday, March 4, at 8:15 p. m.,
t 7 E. 15th St. PITTSBURGH

In accordance with the new decentralization policy of Allegheny County, by which the old Debs Branch is divided into branches formed in different parts of Allegheny County, a new and flourishing branch now exists in the Squirrel Hill District, one of the better residential localities. This district contains a good many present and many former members of the party, and the new branch will afford them an opportunity to do intensive work in their own neighborhood. MANHATTAN

Chelsea

The audience at our midnight show thought the affair was successful. The committee in charge could not feel the same unqualified gratification. Our aims, we must confess, were tainted with a good measure of commercialism, and somewhat bass-ly attuned to the clink of lucre. Consolations are still solicited. Acknowledgments are due to Mannie Borsook, Jean Whitehorn, Lyman Young, Helen Turitz, Ruth Shallcross and Edward McName for their unsparing efforts. For this Saturday night, Feb. 28, the Social Committee announces a "House Warming Party" at our head-quarters, 8 van Nest Place. Admission free—except,—a book, picture. dish, cup. chair, desk, etc., for the socialization of our center.

Prof. Elias L. Tartak of the Rand School will take as his subject for the Discussion Group, Tuesday, March 3, "Dostoyevsky, Novelist and Thinker" (50th Anniversary of death.) Chalk up every Tuesday evening in that intimate diary of yours.

Thursday, March 5, Comrade Hawkins will lead the class in "Socialist Thought and Theory," for the third session of the six in the course. Registration is still open, fee for course, \$1.00.

Our Endowment Fund is gradually increasing. A pledge card does the trick. We need your power of attor-MANHATTAN

increasing. A pledge card does the trick. We need your power of attor-4th A. D. The branch sustained a great loss in the death of Joseph Achtsam, former Treasurer. Comrade Achtsam was one of the oldest members of the branch. The largest part of his life was devoted to active service to the Socialist and Labor movement. He died on Feb. 23; the funeral was held on the 25th.

6th A. D.

A social gathering, juncheon and

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with humorous episodes in the life of a Socialist campaigner.
On Sunday, March 1, at 3:30 p. m., a meeting has been arranged in the headquarters, 100 w. 72nd 8t., to which the enrolled Socialists have been invited. Several well-known speakers will address the gathering.
ADD—UPPER WEST SIDE ——At the meeting, March 3, at 8:15 p. m., James Oneal and Max Delson of the Washington Heights Branch will speak on "What Is a Militant?" Discussion will follow.

Yorkville Branch

Discussion will follow.

Yorkville Branch
On Friday evening, Feb. 27, Morris Hillquit, National Chairman and International Secretary of the Socialist Party, will lecture, at the Yorkville Temple, 157 E. 86th St., between Third and Lexington Avenues, on "Troubles at Home and Abroad." The lecture is to begin at 8:15 mm Advisory. at Home and Abroad." The lecture is to begin at 8:15 p. m. Admission free. Please bear in mind the follow-ing dates: March 27, lecture by Nor-man Thomas, at the Yorkville Tem-ple, 157 E. 86th St. Admission free. April 11, Annual Ball at the York-ville Temple, 157 E. 86th St. Admis-sion \$100.

sion \$1.00.

BRONX

General Membership Meeting
A general Party membership meeting, which all Bronx Socialists are urged to attend, will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 2:30 p. m. in the County Headquarters, 1167 Boston Road. The business includes final

preparations for the county ball to be Refreshments will also be served. Adheld on March 7 in Hunts Point Palmission free! All are cordially in-

preparations for the county ball to be held on March 7 in Hunts Point Palace; the organization of the Membership Drive; and report of the Excutive Committee and county organizer. All efforts are now being concentrated to make a success of the County Ball. This is the one large undertaking at which funds are raised for all sorts of work in the County. All members who still have ads for he Ball Journal as well as money received on tickets are urged to settle on Sunday.

2nd A. D.

A meeting was held last Tuesday evening in the office of Dr. Mollin. It was fairly well attended. A lecture was delivered by Organizer Claessens. The branch accepted the resignation of Abraham Mollin as branch organizer and passed a resolution of the contractions.

a mass meeting, and so in the next few weeks.

3-5th A. D.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3. Final returns on the Bronx Ball tickets and ads must be made at this meeting. All unsold tickets are to be turned in. An open discussion will be held on the subject: "Should Socialists live an Exemplary (i.e. Socialist) Life." It ought to be interesting. The meeting will be held in Hollywood Gardens, 896 Prospect Ave., 8:15 p. m.

Members are exceedingly happy with the success of their two forums, and held on Sunday mornings and

Members are exceedingly happy with the success of their two forums, one held on Sunday mornings and the other on Thursday evenings. Both the other on Thursday evenings. Both forums are immensely successful and are visited by people from all sections of the Bronx. A mailing is being sent out to all enrolled Socialists in the 3-5th A. D., urging them to become members of the Party, advertising the March 7 ball, and telling them about the two forums.

the two forums.

A meeting was held last Friday evening. Plans were made for an intensive memburship drive, a mass meeting in the near future, and canvassing of enrolled Socialists in an effort to increase the membership. A special committee was elected to obtain new headquarters. The report on the recent first Anniversary Celebration Indicated splendid moral and financial success. Organizer Claesens acquainted the members with the plans of the County Committee.

7th A. D.

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The A. D.

Preparations are being made to obtain a record crowd for the series of lectures to begin on Friday, March 6. Organizer Classens has been engaged for aseries on "Heredity and Environment." These lectures will be widely advertised and it is hoped to obtain a record crowd. This is the same series that was delivered with considerable success in the Rand School, 6th A. D. New York, and in Bensonhurst. This will be the only time that these lectures will be delivered in the Bronx. The lectures cover the popularization of the recent literature on the absorbing topic of human nature, its potentialities, plastic characteristics. The topics are as follows: March 6, "Our Natural Heritage, Facts of Biology;" March 13, "Nature and Nurture;" March 27, "Our Social Heritage," April 13, "The Summary and Conclusions." These lectures will be held in the headquarters of the branch at 4215 Third Ave, near Tremont, and will begin promptly at 8:30 every Friday evening.

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3th A. D.

The 8th A. D. during a very successful meeting, made preparations for the new membership drive to get 100 new members by April. The lecture program following the short business session will continue and on Thursday evening, March 5, Jacob Bernstein will lecture. All members are busy selling tickets for the County affair and getting ads for the Journal. On March 19, August Claessens will lecture on "The Essentials of Socialism." Members will please make returns on tickets sold and return unsold tickets for the affair of Feb. 14, to the headquarters, 20 East Kingsbridge Road. A social will be held tonight at the above headquarters.

Amalgamated Cooperative Branch Henry Jager will lecture Monday, March 2, 8:15 p. m., at the old tea-room, next to the Amalgamated Library on Sedgwick Ave., on "Why Have We Hard Times." Admission

The Women's Committee is doing good work in pushing the sale of County Ball tickets, under the leadership of Mrs. Weinstein and Mrs. Gans. Their devotion to the Party promotes good team-work, and it is expected with the combined efforts of the men and women of the branch that all of the 200 tickets will be sold. Further reports will be given later.

sold. Further reports will be given later to the special meterical and passed a resolution of thanks for the splendid service he rendered since the organizer to thanks for the splendid service he rendered since the organizer to the pranch. The new organizer is Philip Pasik. Comrades Mollin and Ratowsky were elected to the branch executive committee.

Plans are being made for an intense Membership Drive, for obtaining a meeting room, arrangements for a mass meeting, and other activities in the next few weeks.

3-5th A. D.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3. Final returns on the Bronx Ball tickets and ads must be more all tickets and and must be meeting. All unsold tickets are to be turned in. An open

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time he will be one of the best party speakers. We recommend his to other branches.

On Monday, March 2, William Parsons, one of our able members, who was at one time president of Erasmus Hall High School G. O., will speak on "Disarmament."

Midwood

The 4th of the series of lectures delivered by Bela Low, the topic be-

A meeting of the branch will be held Friday evening, eb. 27, at 8:00 b. m. in the Workmen's Circle Center, 212 20th Ave. Important matters will come before the membership. An effort will be made to increase the membership of the branch by using the new enrolled voters' list. At the forum last Sunday evening. August Claessens began the series of lectures on "Heredity and Environment." For the first time this season, every seat was taken and the forum committee was elated with the splemdid audience that attended this first committee was clated with the splen-did audience that attended this first

Through the good work of Comrades Cross, Sinarski, Lillian Kapian and Anne Gould, the place was jammed and Comrade A. I. Shiplacoff delivered an intensely interesting talk on the work being accomplished by place and the Palestine Labor Movement. There is much experimentation along educational, agricultural and industrial lines. The leaders in these movements are none others than the Paole Zionists—who are Socialists and affiliated with international Socialist and labor organizations. The branch will hold its Packags Party, Entertainment and Dance in the headquarters on Sunday evening, March 8. Comrades are requested to keep this date open. On Sunday morning, a wang of the boys and girls will set up tables in front of the headquarters and secure patitions for Unemployment Insurance. At the next meeting of the branch, Comrade Bradford Young will talk on his favorite topic—the History of Waste.

This Saturday night, Feb. 28, there will be a social-bridge party and general games at our headquarters, 55 Snyder Ave. Admission is free. Retreshments will be served. A good lime is assured to all. Bring your ritends—everybody is welcome.

Our last meeting was one of the best we have had of ar even though the was a holiday night. The attendance was the largest we have had on weeks. Henry J. Rosner delivered particularly a profound talk on "The Failure of the Bank of U. S." If this comrade keeps up this way, in a short thing he will be one of the best spanishes.



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"Recognizing Labor"

EVERY new administration at Washington feels it necessary to "recognize" labor by a few appointments to office. The same is true of many city administrations. Of course, it is kind to even "recognize" Brother Labor considering that he counts for so little in politics. On the other hand, those who are "recognized" are those

who faithfully help the professionals.

Once installed in office the "labor leader" must repay his benefactors and Secretary of Labor Doak is doing his bit to justify his "recognition" by Hoover. Limited and inadequate as the Wagner bills are with reference to unemployment they are a gesture in the right direction. Doak himself supported the proposals before he entered the Cabinet but now he serves Hoover by urging amendments that would disembowel them, Even the labor chiefs at Washington are aghast at this fruit of "recognizing labor."

But this is not the end of Doak's service to reaction. His department is responsible for illegal raids of workers of foreign birth, thus reviving the terror of the Wilson Administration. The raid of the Finnish hall in this city was illegal. Working class gatherings are the victims of these raids. Suspects are seized without warrant, the Bill of Rights being used as a footman by Doak's agents.

However, nothing better can be expected. Labor is not "recognized" by the politicians of capitalist politics without a price and that price is that the appointee shall use power against the workers and help to gut any legislative proposals however mild they may be. Evidently Hoover knew what he was doing when he "recognized" Doak.

Out of the Past

A WRITER in the New York Times presents some views that transfer us back to the Federalist Party of Washington, Hamilton and Fisher Ames. One can almost visualize him crawling out of a New England tomb, saying his piece and then retiring to his resting place.

He is disturbed because of the decline in prestige and power of the British throne, the stripping of the House of Lords of power, and the ascension of the House of Commons. The throne "is but a ghastly spectre of its ancient authority" and England is drifting towards a "mobocracy."

He turns to the United States and observes similar tendencies. We have let down the gates to millions of immigrants and the extension of franchise has gone so far as to include women. If mohocracy becomes "regnant in this land, all that we cherish under the symbolism of liberty will disappear." He appeals to the last words of John C. Calhoun, ablest exponent of the old slaveocracy, who warned against "a great consoliflated, national democracy." Then back to the tomb to rest with the old powdered wig aristo-

What the writer really means is not "liberty." He associates this word with the rule of land owners and owners of capital while "mobocracy" means the ascension to power of those who are exploited by owners of land and capital. One is "liberty" and the other is "mobocracy." These words are defense mechanisms behind which lurk meanings which he must conceal. It would be stupid to speak frankly because the millions who have the ballot are in England and the United States required to support his idea of "liberty" if it is to survive.

This voice out of the past, however, expresses what some members of our ruling classes think. Their ideal of peace, security and "liberty" goes back to the days when silk breeches, ruffled lace. silver buckles and powdered wigs constituted "gentlemen," who were created to ride workmen and peasants as packhorses.

The Posture of Politics

HISTORY is never repeated but occasionally one period will reproduce some phases of a previous one. Fifty years ago Western farmers had been so looted that they were burning corn for fuel. In 1877 occurred the nation-wide railroad riots. Coming so soon after the Paris Commune, with strikers in control or partial control of a number of cities, and with the phenomenal rise of the Knights of Labor, the forces of capitalism were frightened.

Today Western farmers face a similar, even worse, situation. In the earlier period they were Republicans. In 1928 they rolled up an enormous vote for Hoover. They are again burning corn for fuel, many have none to burn and are dependent upon charity doles to keep alive. The first crisis developed rebel wings in both parties in the West which captured local groups and then emerged as the Populist Party. The Eastern wings of the two parties were controlled by the banking and capitalist classes. The election of Garfield in 1880 and of Cleveland in 1884 kept political control in the hands of Eastern capi-

With the worst industrial crisis in our history facing us, both parties are again badly shaken by rebel wings in the West. City workers are discontented but whether they will prove political rebels in 1932 remains to be seen. Meantime, Republicans and Democrats at Washington are obviously servants of capitalist and banking in-

The political situation is interesting. Hoover wants to succeed himself. Roosevelt wants the Democratic nomination. He is "safe" for capitalism but he may be knifed by Tammany if nominated New York State is essential to win Owen D. Young of the Radio Corporation is next in line and his stock is rising. His corporation has a pirate record, flying the Jolly Roger as an industrial Captain Kidd, and scooping in millions for himself and his fellow corsairs.

What is interesting in this period is that the Democrats, once carrying the banner of the small capitalists, today seriously consider the nomination of a multimillionaire. This would have been unthinkable in 1880 or 1884. Even the Republicans, the leading guardians of capitalism since the Civil War, have never considered the direct promotion of a junior Morgan or Rockefeller to the presidency. They prefer small town politicians like Harding and Coolidge or an engineer.

This development is all the more interesting as it occurs at a time when millions of voters face destitution. We hope that the program goes through and that the Republicans will also turn to a corporation buccaneer for a candidate. It will simplify the argument of the Socialist Party in the campaign of next year.

As Others See Us

THE views of Professor Halvdan Koht of Oslo University, who sailed for home last week. have provoked considerable comment. He had observed a marked change in the "mental attitude" of the American people since he visited the United States twenty years ago. Then there was optimism. Today the effect of the industrial depression "seems to go so much deeper into the souls of people" and there is the general impression that "unemployment has come to stay."

Added to this is the fact that many workingmen no longer think of opportunities to rise out of their class. He had observed a more strict caste system in this country than ever before. The net impression upon Professor Koht was a sinking of the United States to a level of economic prostration with Europe and recognition by many Americans that class stratification is becoming definite in this country.

These observations correlate with the views of many students of American capitalism and they are the reverse of the rosy interpretations made by politicians and editors a few years ago. Our capitalism floated on a sea of world misery for a decade after the end of the World War and now we are compelled to face the same problems that afflict sick capitalism everywhere.

There is little doubt that the opportunities to ascend from a lower class to an upper one are being closed. Even members of the middle class are being pushed from their position into the ranks below. This process must foster class consciousness on the part of the working masses and this mental attitude is required if they are to act intelligently in their own interest. In other words, current economic change cooperates with the development of a Socialist movement

IN A NUTSHELL

On Washington's birthday ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia was heard over the radio throughout the country. Like Hoover's prosperity, the bell is cracked.

Al Capone's gangsters participated in the Chicago primary on Tuesday. Chicagorillas are important eirs of the party that nominated Lincoln in Chicago in 1860.

Cheer up! Announcement is made that the cost of funerals is on the decline. It is reported that farmers in the West are consulting price lists in

An important fruit of Hoover's prosperity is eing sold by the unemployed on the streets in every

Owen D. Young of the Radio Corporation is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. Standard Oil should present the claims of Crown Prince John D. Jr. for the Republican nomination. A friendly rivalry between two royal houses. radio and oil, would be fine entertainment in 1932.

Economics Made Easy

Foster, Catchings, Snuff and Silver A Retired Worker Takes His Pencil in Hand

DEAR EDITOR:

for my seeming intrusion on your valuable time. In fact, I know you bothering you. But listen-I am dead line of 45, and will have nothing to do now till I am 70, when I can get in on that old-age pension. Being a man of preponderous energies and ambitions I tweedle my thumbs for 25 years. I have decided to use my abilities and canacities, such as they are, on editors. And when I'm not writing. I'm reading. My wife incidentally still has a job, so we eat. For a short while though I was a little apprehensive on account of that Swartze fellow up at Albany, who introduced that bill to prohibit all married women from holding jobs. Now that he got his, I can breathe easier and got his, I can breathe easier and few words alone are worth the compromise on the \$20,000,000 tion of the New York Times, and hay for a year's subscription to eems to settle all controversies . .

Like all my fellow men who things in this world of ours. I again, duck eggs.

"The expansion of bank credit counts for our prosperity," say

I like that phrase, or axiom. I wish I would go to work and quit Maybe after I have rolled it bothering you. But listen—I am around for a few weeks I will wash and the standard of the standa around for a few weeks I will get one of those who has passed the dead line of 45, and will have nothing to do now till I am 70, our block here in Brooklyn.

around for a few weeks I will get credits plus wages and raw maler credits

did not buy these luxuries because because we bought these luxuries."

few words alone are worth the only all those poor deluded mutts who have stood in line waiting have ceased to be of any impor- to borrow on the expanded bank tance in this workaday world, I credits they had with the Bank of hate to give up all my interest in United States had read this article human activities and the onward they could have bought apples and this letter everything was nice and sweep of civilization and manifest made a lot of money selling them, clear, due to the smooth and well destiny and the problems that get and thus have continued to buy chosen words that Foster and under the great engineer's hair luxuries and kept business good. Catchings use, but now I fear I'm shirt. In other words, I refuse to The mistake here was that the deing canaries for the D. A. R. Be- ates of the bank got it and a mil- A little banana oil will help, too. think and write about the big now we are in a hell of a pickle

The same happened in Bingshead and not plan to go back- | gold? ward."

like to roll it around on my tongue. snuff. Snuff is a luxury. To pro- the point." "It is mainly in that way that other precious metals. Well silver me again quote Foster we have contrived to use instead is down to 26c. per ounce. Silver ings. of waste our savings," continue during the high spots of prosperity Foster and Catchings; and to was \$1.37%. Without the aid of tric refrigerator industries are not clinch the statement add: "We snuff boxes the net profits on snuff horrible examples. They are in-

point to say that we prospered is an equivalent of 54 cents per Robinson's and President Hoover's them.

> "rehabilitation." I want you to follow me very carefully now, Mr. Editor. I'm such necessities are already over banana oil. Have you ever tried

too want to have something to say about the coming millenium and how to get out of the ecoforgot to make the bank credit price of silver has gone down to get out of the eco
The same happened in BingDue to the situation in India the price of silver has gone down to war, because every thirteen pounds in this country. Roosevelt called Well then, let's get to work. nomic morass we are now flour- and saved wages of the depositors 26c. Snuff is on the up and up, of food eaten by the American the first White House conference dering in. Like Foster, Catchings to expand with new industries; the Automobiles and radios and frigiand Shotwell, like Wiggin, Andy same over in New Jersey and daires are up a blind alley, so to England. But that has nothing to down in Kentucky, and in fact, all speak, so we have not much to do with snuff boxes...except over the country. This ought to look for from those items of our you might take a pinch of snuff pot shot at the mudhens that have be as significant as the fleas in expanded industries and payrolls. If the Great War gets under your fluttered into our slough of dean engineer's hair-shirt, or as The couturiers of Paris have gone skin. spond and laid a lot of sterile Messrs. Foster and Catchings so back to long dresses and the shoe duck eggs.

Well, I think I have proved our clearly put it: "The way out of industry...well the less said about case: There is only one luxury our troubles is not to render existing capital useless, but to create snuff boxes and the pegging of that is snuff boxes. and wages in connection with the still more capital. In short, the silver. You may ask: Why not expansion of new idustries chiefly way to go ahead is to plan to go use steel snuff boxes, or brass, or

For instance, take the item of Lucifer Butts says; "that's just having just allowed a 50

"The automobile, radio and elecin 1930, after income taxes had spiring examples. In the future as we prospered. It is more to the been paid, were \$2,331,000. This in the past we shall make real progress by increasing our equipshare on the "A" stock. I have ment for producing luxuries. And no record of what the "B" stock buying more of these luxuries. You know, editor . . . that strikes brought in dividends . . . \$5 or \$6 And bringing forth more invenhome with me. Yes, sir. As I sit perhaps. What the producers of the raw material for snuff will flat watching the applesauce so it get will be determined when Sectoreating more bank credit and won't burn, I can feel a glow of optimism warm my innards. Those prestidigitated a while with Senator use our wages instead of saving

rubber, more boots and shoes, more copper and cloth when all No there will be no

There you have it Mr. Editor.

Now then, I dare you to go out and buy a snuff box. I'll bet you 67—is still high. go into the cat breeding business positors were forty minutes late but I think we can manage it if a good five cent cigar you will in spending their credit. The affili- we stick to snuff and snuff boxes. not find one. And the snuff businot find one. And the snuff busi-ness is on the up and up. And quate training received by our ing economic-minded, I want to lion less frigidaires were sold, and I lubricate my typewriter with silver is on the down and down. There is a gold famine too, be- cians and midwives. cause France won the Peace of And, of food eaten by the Albertan on the health and welfare of chil-soldiers, eight were furnished by on the health and welfare of chil-fingland. But that has nothing dren in 1909. Taft signed in 1912

Well I think I have proved our

Yours for the inevitable better day,

OLE SNUS HOPPER.

But..."Ha, ha," as Professor Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE NEW LEADER MAIL-BAG

THE VIRGINIA MOVEMENT

Editor, The New Leader:
In the issue of Jan. 31 in the "Soclalist Party at Work" department,
under the sub-head "Virginia" appeared the following: "The membership in our state has increased 125
per cent in the last four months,
since David George returned to the
state and took over the state office."
This is one of those hair-truths
which leave an unpleasant and unjustified impression on the mind of st
the reader. I do not know whether
such was the writer's intention, but of
certainly the idea is given that the
work of the former state secretaries
had been unsatisfactory.

I do not wish in any way to de-

work of the former state secretaries had been unsatisfactory.

I do not wish in any way to detract from the excellent work done by Comrade George both at this time and his previous stays in Virginia. However, it must be borne in mind that Comrade George is the only state secretary Virginia has had since the reorganization of the party here in 1928 who was able to devote his entire time to the work of the party. David Lidman, my wife, Mrs. A. R. Ricks, and myself, who have held this office at various times, have been able to give only a minor portion of our time and energies to the work.

I think I may add that we have done so without any thought of compensation, either of a financial or laudatory nature. The latter statement could also apply to Comrade George.

George.

The statement quoted above could Brooklyn, N. Y.

during the past few months. C. A. RICKS, S. E. C.

Democratic Party, the following from the 18th Brumaire:

"In Feb. 1849, to make a united front against the bourgeois forces, the petty bourgeois and workmen formed a coalition. A joint program was drafted, joint electoral committees founded and joint condidatures were arranged for. The revolutionary point of the Socialist demands of the proletariat was blunted, and these demands were given a democratic gloss. Conversely, in the case of the democratic demands of the petty bourgrain of the petty bourgers.

As to the means and aims of this party Marx writes as follows: ("Demo-cratic institutions are demanded as a means not for abolishing the two extremes, capital and wage labor, but for the mitigation of their opposition, and for the 'transformation of their from memory) that active support of discord into a harmony. Various ways the advocated, and the different demanded as a condition of entrance may be advocated, and the different may be advocated may be advocated in the may be advo may be advocated, and the different proposals may be adorned with more or less revolutionary trimming, but the substantial aim of Social Democracy is to transform society by the democratic method, the transformation always kept within the petty bourgeois orbit. But do not run away with the idea that the deliberate purpose of the petty bourgeois case is to enforce the process of the petty bourgeois case is to enforce the process of the pr idea that the deliberate purpose of the petty bourgeois class is to enforce its own selfish class interes. The petty bourgeois believe that the special con-ditions requisite for their own libera-tions requisite for the salvation of modern society. They think that in no other way can society be saved and the class war averted." (Marx).

The case being that the present idealogy and course of action of the Socialist Party fits Marx's description and being that I am a class-conscious.

and being that I am a class-conscious, revolutionary member of the working class, will I be justified in leaving the Socialist Party?

This letter and its answer will be anxiously looked for in the next issue of The New Leader by myself and

The New Leader concerning Virginia during the past few months.

C. A. RICKS, S. E. C.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Editor, The New Leader:

When I picked up my copy of The New Leader this morning, I came in contact with such an assortment of "Liberal" journalism as was wholly incompatable with my idea of what an organ of the working class should be. I attribute my present situation in the Socialist Party, that of not knowing whether I am a Progressive Liberal, Social Democrat or a Socialist Party, that of not knowing whether I am a Progressive Liberal, Social Democrat or a Socialist between this emphatically necessary Educat, when the latter was never taken up and conscientiously cleared by the party and its press for all involved.

Only recently, have I found through books regarded as among the classics of Socialist literature, namely, the Commade Oneal and the lefth Brumaric of Louis Europau of Socialist literature, namely, the Commade Oneal states that one of Socialist literature, namely, the classics of Social Democratic Party, inclusive with this information was the history of a specific period of the relations of this party to the proletariat, namely, 1484-1851 in France.

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The statement quoted above could as easily and much more satisfactorily have read "since the state has had a full time secretary in the person of David George."

Such a statement would give Comrade George full credit for his accomplishments and at the same time would avoid the uncalled-for reflection upon former holders of this office.

I write this protest not because of the single sentence here quoted but because fit is one of several such implications which have appeared in The New Leader concerning Virginia during the past few months. we discovered that our candidate was not on the ballot. In describing how this partially neutralized the campaign in the 19th, we mentioned how our electorate (which by the way, Comrade Oneal is a proletarian electorate) reacted to an organization which didn't even know who its candidates were, and in passing predicted that the Citigens' Union was not going to be enthusiastic in supporting candidates of a party which apparently wasn't even sure whether they were on or off the ballot. If this be reformism, make the most of it.

Now the implication behind Comrade Oneal's statements is that our resolution requested that the party be more careful in selecting candidates who would not allenate petty bourgeois voters. Nothing could be further from the truth, we the most peculiar.

hensible from such a distinguished historian as Oneal. We should like to point out that the first resolution did not even mention the five year plan; and emphatically did not imply that the economic progress of the Soviet Union was to be accepted uncritically, was to be set upon a pedestal and

the Russian Socialist state should be demanded as a condition of entrance in the new Socialist international. Specifically, the resolution attacked the participation of members of our party in such ventures as the Hotel Pennsylvania conference; where under the leadership of disgruntied Russian exiles, they damned right and left the struggling Soviet Union. This sort of action we felt and still feel plays into the hands of Russia's ironing of capitalist ememies. We feel tigs both un-Marxian and fundamentally anti-Socialistic.

Turning to Comrade Oneal's interpretation of our second resolution, namely, "that in nominating candidates we should keep in mind the Citizens' Union and electorate in gently and the practice of nominating candidates without first obstaining their consented the practice of nominating candidates without first obstaining their consensus creates "an impression of Socialist incompetence among campaign volunteers, the Citizens Union, and the electorate." Whether this mention of heart the inded class Citizens Union does not bear the interpretation the writer is both un-Marxian and fundamentally anti-Socialistic.

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the eral," again, I claim that this is patently misleading. It is not what the resolution said: and, further, it should have been perfectly obvious that it was not what the resolution meant.

From this misinterpretation, Oneal proceeds to a lecture on the fallacy of seeking middle-class votes, and ends it with the cloquent accusation that the resolutions show "a perfect correlation between pseudo-radicalism and middle-class opportunism."

In this resolution, we attacked the resolution, we attacked the resolution we attacked the negligent irresponsibility of certain party officials in nominating candidates for office without previously securing their consent. We pointed out the effects of this practice in our own district, where at the last moment we discovered that our candidate was not on the ballot. In describing how this partially neutralized the campaign in the 19th, we mentioned how our electorate (which by the west Com-

PHILLIPS ON GARRISON

sighted. He saw the inevitable con-flict between capital and labor. Gar-rison did not see it. But it is inac-curate to say that he "would not see it." He never knowingly shut his eyes to any truth. His great influ-ence was due to his unfilinching cour-age and absolute integrity. Wendell Phillips said, "His moral nature was as marvelous as the intellect of Pas-cal."

In Garrison's time the lot of the The Garrison's time the lot of the free laborer was not nearly so bad as it is now. Many years ago (though long after Garrison's day) Louis D. Brandels gave an address in which he said, in substance:
"In the last 50 years, a great change has come over this country. We have become a nation of employees. Half a century ago, the average American could look forward to being an independent man by the time he was 50. Now all that is changed."

At Garrison's funeral, Wendell Phil-

At Garrison's Auto-lips said:
"Young men, it is not given to you to remember the blackness of the dark-ness of ignorance and indifference that brooded over what was called the moral element of the American peo-poral to guich him; moral element of the American people. Trade endeavored to crush him;
the intellectual life of America disowned htm. The church was a thick
cloud looming over him in the darkness. Out of it thundered and lightened a malignity that could not find
words to express its hate. He had
no means. Where he got, whence he
summoned, how he created the ele-

Hoover Versus the Children

By Mrs. Florence Kelley General Secretary of National Consumers' League

DELAYS, due to Pres. Hoover's personal intervention, will probably cause the Jones' bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the pro-tection of maternity and infancy, to die on the calendar. If the president had promoted instead of delaying the continuance of the appropriations which lapsed with the Sheppard-Towner legislation in 1929, thousands of lives of infants would undoubtedly have been

Hoover is famous as the Mr. friend of children. Such hypocrisy is incredible—unimaginable.

In Europe the index of infant dex of the degree of civilization. When the Sheppard-Towner Act was passed in 1920 the United "Are they (the industries) to States stood tenth among civilized produce more necessities? Are nations in this respect. The act tion of the New York Times, and that a year's subscription to that magazine of controversy that this Controversy Magazine. If deserving and dignified word of they to produce more wheat and caused a marked drop in infant death rates in the 45 states which eventually came under its provisions, and the other three—Massachusetts, Connecticut and Illinois -were put on their mettle to make good records also. Oregon now has the fine figure of only 48 deaths per 1,000, though one state, Arizona, has a rate as high as 130. and the country's average rate—67—is still high. Maternal mortality remains high too, owing doctors, gynecologists, obstetri-

Before Mr. Hoover, five succesaccording to sive presidents had helped to bring the bill creating the Children's Bureau and appointed Julia Lath-rop as its head. Wilson had for Wilson had for econstruction work a hundred million dollar grant from Congress for which he was not to account, and he turned over \$100,000 of it to the Children's Bureau. noney went for conferences in all parts of the country on standards f child welfare to be voluntarily accepted by states, municipalities and volunteer agencies. Many of the best of them are now widely in

Harding signed, in 1922, the the Federal government matched dollar for dollar up to \$1,240,000 given the resolution that interpretation but he was more fair to the branch than the last the "efforts" and "actions" of the Soviet Government.

The second acceptance of annually, the money appropriated by the states for maternity and representatives of the Federal government. Coolidge urged Congress to prolong for two years the appropriation for the bienniun June 30, 1927 to June 30, 1929.

> Under Mr. Hoover, the third of White House Conference on the Health and Welfare of Children was made the occasion for a drive to destroy the Childern's Bureau. The report of the medical committee of the conference transferring to the Public Health work, leaving it only vague welfare activities. Under a decision of the United States Court no money can be appropriated for welfare unless the purious defined. The Hoover White House Conference

saying that the president would prefer no action to be taken until PHILIPS ON GARRISON

Editor. The New Leader:
William Lloyd Garrison was far from being a man of one idea. He was a warm advocate of woman's rights, when that doctrine was even more unpopular than the abolition of slavery. He was as strong a non-resistant as Gandhi. He had a whole stableful of unpopular hobbies.

Wendell Phillips was more far-sighted. He saw the inevitable conflict between capital and labor, Garlier between capital and labor. the reports of the White House them to the press. Senator Jones finally got his bill through the Senate in January, 1931.

Pres. Hoover's obstructionist tactics have held up the work that was reducing the infant death rate.

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try affame. He made every single home, press, pulpit and Senate chamber a debating society."
Phillips said it was really that "printer's boy" who inspired all the other workers, and was responsible for the final victory. Those who wish to get an idea of the great work that he did should read the whole of Phillips's address on that historic oc-

casion.
ALICE STONE BLACKWELL.

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Assassination on the scaffold is the worst form of assassination, because there it is invested with the approval of society.—George Bernard Shaw.

It is not enough to take steps which may some day lead to a goal; each step must be itself a goal and a step likewise.—Goethe.